

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 324 - 240552 - Milwaukee WI. 53224.

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Meeting Notice

15 MARCH 2023

5555 W. Good Hope Rd.

Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Chapter Meeting 7 - 8 p.m.

15 MARCH, 2023

Future Meetings

19 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, Aug 16,

Sept. 20, Oct 18, Nov 15

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John is listed in the phone book - good luck finding one

NOTICE: NEW MAILING ADDRESS

We had problems with the Post office so we were forced to rent a new box, - a new address.

P O Box 240552, Milwaukee WI. 53224.

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE APRIL MEETING

Vietnam Veterans Reunion

Saturday, July 15, 2023

At The Highground Veterans Memorial

UH-1 Huey landing

SCHEDULE:

10a – 5p “Vietnam Experience” exhibit by Carl Boger Jr. with Historic Military Impressuibs,

This exhibit will be at The Highground Fri. July 14 – Sun. July 16

Static Display UH1-Huey Hlicopter

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch will be served (please RSVP)

Send Theresa an e-mail or call 715-743-4224

Northwoods National Cemetery

<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/Northwoods.asp>

A new veterans cemetery has opened in northern Wisconsin. The Northwoods National Cemetery is along Highway 51 south of Minoqua.

Upon request, military funeral honors can be provided by the Department of Defense. At a minimum, the Department of Defense military funeral honors ceremony consists of a two-person uniformed detail folding and presenting the flag and the playing of “Taps”. Taps is played by a ceremonial bugle, or

electronic recording (CD or tape) if a live bugler is unavailable. Arrangements for military funeral honors are the responsibility of the funeral director and/or the family. After confirming your service time with the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, (800) 535-1117, please schedule military funeral honors by contacting the following: Department of Defense Honors – (877) 645-4667.

FYI FROM DOC

"WELCOME HOME" PROCESSION

Starts At North Entrance To The War Memorial Center
750 N Lincoln Memorial Dr, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Vietnam Veteran or a Family member of a Vietnam Veteran Invited
Lunch & Parking Is Free For All Who Have Signed Up

Please Register To Reserve Your Spot

www.warmemorialcenter.org/events

Or

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vietnam-veterans-day-ceremony-welcome-home-tickets-548013582377>



VIETNAM VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Welcome Home **March 29, 2023**

50th Anniversary **Free Event**

Bring posters, banners,
and flags for the
procession

www.eventbrite.com
Register at
EventBrite

11:30 a.m. Welcome Home Procession
followed by lunch, and Vietnam Veteran
"Lived Experience" Panel

Location: Milwaukee County War Memorial
750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Contact: Questions? Call the Milwaukee Vet Center
414.902.5561



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VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Milwaukee Chapter 324
February 15, 2023

Meeting called to Order at 7:00 pm by President Pat Ciofani
Minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting reviewed and approved
Treasurer's Report – Pat Moore - \$4907.39 in our checking account

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VVA Membership Update – We welcome Laverne Martin to our chapter
Allied Veterans Meeting Update – Our \$49 annual dues was paid at this past meeting
Website – Contact Pat Moore to post items of interest to the chapter

NEW BUSINESS

New PO Box – Issues with the post office losing our renewal check have been resolved
Stand Down March 11, 2023 – Moved and passed to donate \$200 to the Stand Down
Elections – Elections for officers will be held in April
Adjournment – 7:30 pm

US Supreme Court Rejects Veteran's Challenge to Disability Claims

By Patricia Kime, Military.com 23 Jan 2023

The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously rejected a veteran's argument that his disability compensation should have been made retroactive to his date of discharge because his condition rendered him incapable of filing a claim within the required one-year window after leaving military service.

In a 9-0 opinion announced Monday, the justices rejected the arguments of Navy veteran Adolfo Arellano, saying that his case and others like it don't meet requirements for an exception from the rule that allows veterans to have their compensation backdated to the date they left service if they file within a year of separation.

In an opinion written by Justice Amy Coney Barrett, the justices noted that in writing the law that included the one-year requirement, Congress made some exceptions, for cases of death and awards to spouses or veterans' children, or if new evidence of disability emerges.

"Despite its attention to fairness, Congress did not throw the door wide open in these circumstances or any other," Barrett wrote. "In all but one instance, Congress capped retroactive benefits at roughly one year."

Arellano served in the U.S. Navy from 1977 to 1981, a period in which he was assigned to an aircraft carrier that experienced a collision that "killed and injured several of his shipmates and nearly swept him overboard," according to court documents.

He developed post-traumatic stress and bipolar schizoaffective disorder and applied for disability benefits 30 years later.

The Department of Veterans Affairs approved his claim and paid him retroactively to 2011, his date of filing.

Arellano appealed, saying he should have received payments retroactive to his discharge, since his service-connected mental health conditions prevented him from filing a claim sooner. He argued that the statute of limitations should have been waived since he wasn't mentally able to file a claim before the time limit expired -- a legal concept known as "equitable tolling."

The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims denied Arellano's claim, and he appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which split its decision on the case in a 6-6 opinion, with half the judges arguing that the policy is set by law and the other half arguing that it should be eliminated.

The Supreme Court justices said they took the case because of the split at the federal appeals court level.

Arellano's attorney did not respond to a request for comment by publication. While there are some legal options for Arellano to revisit his case using different legal arguments, the Supreme Court's unanimous decision limits his options.

Pentagon Research on Why Your Coffee Spills While Walking

By Blake Stilwell, Military.com, 24-2-23

Your average master chief petty officer can probably hold a coffee mug on a rowboat in the middle of a hurricane without spilling a drop. Yet, apparently, some in the Pentagon questioned how others could spill coffee by simply walking. So they commissioned the best minds in the defense department to conduct a study and find out why.

At the low, low cost of only \$170,000, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) studied the issue with researchers at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) to find out why an uncovered cup of coffee will spill while someone is walking with it. They found that any low-viscosity liquid can spill when subjected to human biomechanics.

In 2012, two fluid physicists at UCSB, H.C. Mayer and Rouslan Krechetnikov, conducted tests to observe the conditions under which coffee spills, with variations in walking speeds, cup sizes and liquid levels in those cups. They also examined the physical properties of the coffee and cups themselves.

While coffee may just appear to be dirty water, it actually acts very differently from water while it's in a mug. The researchers noted the natural frequency in which coffee sloshes back and forth in a cup, caused by its viscosity, or the friction caused by the thickness of the coffee on a given surface. The frequency of the sloshing in the mug actually matches the natural human gait.

Each step taken while holding a cup of coffee amplifies the coffee's motion, so sudden stops or stumbles greatly increase the odds of the liquid splashing over the rim. Mystery solved.

The researchers not only uncovered the mystery of why there are brown discolorations on your uniform and how easily they got there, they also offered some science-based solutions to keep your uniform clean or your Navy whites white.

1. Don't walk fast.

This is a fool's errand. One might think that moving faster than normal is going to help get them to where they're going without spilling a drop, as if the coffee isn't going to realize it's being moved if they take it by surprise. Except the faster you walk, the more likely it is to reach the oscillation level that will spill the coffee. Instead, walk slower.

2. Don't take your eye off the ball.

You came to the coffee mess for the coffee, so

why would you be paying attention to anything else? Researchers counted the number of steps taken by subjects holding their coffee while having some watch their feet and others watch the cup. They say you have to watch that cup.

They found that watching the cup as they moved increased the average number of steps taken before a spill. One of the authors theorized that watching the cup allowed the holder to adjust their gait to slow the sloshing of the coffee.

3. If you have to move fast, start slow.

Chances are good no one is holding a coffee mug in the middle of a firefight, but there are a lot of reasons we might have to pick up our pace a little. Maybe the commander is walking toward your section. Finance personnel might suddenly remember they forgot to lose your travel voucher. Whatever the reason, if you're suddenly in a hurry, starting off fast will cause a tidal wave in your mug.

4. Get an unusual cup.

Only one of these fools is coming out unscathed. (U.S. Navy/Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Brigitte Johnston)

This is America. You don't have to conform to the standard coffee-mug design. Previous research done on liquid sloshing (for missiles) found that a different shape, a flexible container or a series of rings to act as baffles can suppress the natural coffee slosh and keep you from shelling out even more money at the base dry cleaner.



The Army Won't Let Some Crews Name Their Own Tanks



By Drew F. Lawrence and Steve Beynon, Military .com, 8 Mar 2023

The III Armored Corps, headquartered at Fort Hood, Texas, released a new policy earlier this year restricting which tank crews can name their vehicles.

The policy, which took effect Jan. 23, limits the ability to name tanks to crews who score in the highest bracket during gunnery -- a qualification meant to measure how effective a crew is in combat.

“Naming a fighting platform is a long-standing tradition that we value; we are adding to that tradition by requiring more of ourselves,” Lt. Col. Tania Donovan, a spokesperson for III Corps, told Military.com over email Wednesday. “Our nation expects nothing less.”

VA Phones

VA Press Release, 19 Jan, 2023

The VA has updated its phone systems at medical centers nationwide. This includes the Milwaukee VA Medical Center and outpatient clinics. The new VA Health Connect effort will change how phone calls are received and routed. You may hear a different voice than you are used to when calling. Rest assured, the VA professional you speak with has access to the same tools and training. You and your fellow Veterans will continue to have access to the full range of in-person services through your local VA healthcare facilities.

This is not a substitute for an emergency department. Veterans with medical or mental health emergencies should call 911, the Veterans Crisis Line at 988, or go to the nearest emergency department.

Pharmacy and Clinical Triage services are now available 24/7. Primary care scheduling is available from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Speak to a VA Health Connect professional by dialing your VA care facility and select option 1 for Pharmacy, 2 for Scheduling, or 3 for Clinical Triage.



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