Monday, June 3, 2019

Please note the location for breakfast today!!
Come and have breakfast with other chapter members at the Chat-R-Box in Kellner.
Breakfast starts at 9 a.m.

Chapter Membership Information
Life memberships are now $50.00. There is no longer a yearly membership.
YOU MUST SUPPLY A COPY OF YOUR DD - 214 WHEN APPLYING. NO 214, NO MEMBERSHIP!
NATIONAL SAYS THE 214 IS DESTROYED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT.
Contact Ron Clark at 715-421-4615 if you have membership questions or need help.
Breakfast Note / Next Meeting

Breakfast this month. Our breakfast meeting will be held at the Chat-R-Box in Kellner. The date is Monday, June 3rd. Breakfast starts at 9 a.m.
Please come by and join us!

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American Heroes Cafe' Activities
Crossview Church – Wisconsin Rapids

The cafe is open and coffee and donuts available for your enjoyment! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!
(See activities to the right - >)

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A "Warbird Rendezvous" will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the Central Wisconsin Airport in Mosinee. Warbirds from the Oshkosh EAA fly-in will come to CWA for a static display of their airplanes.

This is a NO charge event. Money for the Never Forgotten Honor Flight will be raised from the sale of Warbird T-shirts and NFHF merchandise. Food and refreshments will be available as well.

Brat Fry's and Corn Festival

The last VVA Brat Fry will be June 22nd at the Quality Foods located on West Grand Avenue.

VFW Post 2534 will have it's last fund-raiser during the Kellner Corn Fest in August.

Upcoming Cafe Activities

June 3rd, 10th, 17th and July 1st - Military Mondays at the Rafters game. Veterans and active duty military receive a free ticket, Rafters hat, hot dog and a fountain soda. Sponsored by Elks Lodge No. 693.

Orange Blossoms June 7th & 8th. Thanks to all who have signed up to help out.

June 5th – VA Town Hall presented by Tomah VA

June 12th – A variety show will be presented at 0830 by a local group of youngsters. The show will last for approximately 30-45 minutes. In addition, Mary Ingmann, daughter of Medal of Honor recipient Einer Ingmann & Anita Red Cloud, daughter of Medal of Honor recipient Mitchell Red Cloud will attend the Café.

June 26th – NO CAFÉ Vacation Bible Study Week

June 28th, 29th & 30th – Necedah 100 Celebration. This is in remembrance of the 1919 Necedah activity when Necedah welcomed the troops back from World War I and all the founders and settlers for a week that year. The unveiling of a Veterans Memorial Wall will be held during the celebration.

July 17th - Brewer game against the Atlanta Braves is a sellout. However, the Café has purchased 4 tickets and will be raffling them off in two-ticket sets. Tickets will be $5 each or 5 for $20. Drawing will be June 19th.
If you want to attend as a single, you will not have any problem selling the other ticket as there is a waiting list already started.

Wood County Veterans Service Office
For help understanding or applying for your Veteran's benefits
Office locations: The Courthouse in Wisconsin Rapids and Norwood Annex, 1600 Chestnut Street, Marshfield.
Wisconsin Rapids Phone: 715-421-8420
Marshfield Phone: 715-384-3773
E-mail: veterans@co.wood.wi.us
VVA Monthly Raffle

The “Monthly Drawing” is now being done among those who are present. The 50/50 Drawing continues to be done as before.

At the May meeting Bob Holtz won the "Monthly Drawing" of $25 and Rich Ehler won the 50/50 Drawing.

Looking Ahead

Jun 3rd - Breakfast at the Chat-R-Box, 9 am.
Jun 7th & 8th - Orange Blossom Distribution.
Jun 13th - Chapter Meeting at 7 pm.
Jun 14th - Flag Day.
Jun 16th - Father's Day.
Jun 20th - VFW Post Meeting at 7 pm.
Jun 22nd - VVA Brat Fry.

Jul 4th - Fourth of July Celebration.
Jul 11th - Chapter Summer Picnic and Meeting.
Jul 18th - VFW Post Meeting at 7 pm.
Jul 20th - "Warbird" Fly In - CWA, 8 am to 1 pm.

Biblical Quotes - For we all are sinners

A Nun Grading Papers

1. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came in pears.
2. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

(Courtesy of Tom Heiser)

Current Chapter Officers

President - Bill Haack; Vice-President - Dave Posey; Secretary - Tom Heiser; Treasurer - Bob Skerven; Sgt-at-Arms - Allan Brown.

Ritchay

Funeral Home
715-423-1414
1950 12th St. S.
Wis Rapids, WI

“Family - to - Family Service”

Feldner/Ritchay

Funeral Home
715-886-3161
615 1st St
Nekoosa, WI
VVA Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2019
(Courtesy of Tom Heiser - Chapter Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Thomas Sachs.

There were 27 members present. The meeting opened according to ritual.

Frank Maly was welcomed as a new member.

A motion was made by Wally Sosin, seconded by Bill Haack to approve the minutes as presented by Dave Posey, Secretary Pro-tem, from the April 2019 meeting, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ron Clark and seconded by Dave Posey to approve the April Treasurer’s Report, motion carried.

We have 91 members. New memberships also need a copy of their DD214 which is sent to National. National tells us that the DD214 is used to confirm eligibility and is destroyed within 30 days.

Our Chapter is in charge of the Memorial Day ceremony at the Mausoleum, and Veteran’s Day at Veteran’s Park.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Haack gave an update of the events at the Heroes Café.

No Café June 26th due to the church having Vacation Bible School.

Town Hall for Agent Orange there has not been a date set.

Tom Sachs will be going to the VVA National Convention.

Al Brown is looking at doing a Brat Fry for a class reunion at Mickey’s Tip Up.

NEW BUSINESS:

First reading of the proposed Dissolution amendment to our Chapter 101 Constitution. There will be a vote in June on possible approval. State is also working on this as well.

Ron Clark won the Points Participation for 2018-2019.

Flags will be put out at the cemeteries at 10:00 am. Restlawn 5/17 and Forest Hill 5/18.

Flags will be put out at the VFW Post on 5/20 at 9:00 am.

Monthly Breakfast will be June 3 at Chat-R-Box new location in Kellner at 9:00 am. It is located one block north of the old location.

Honor Flight is this week, meet at VFW Post at 6:00 pm.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Retiring Commander Tom Sachs swore in the new officers:

President: Bill Haack; Vice-President: Dave Posey
Secretary: Tom Heiser; Treasurer: Robert Skerven
Sgt. At Arms: Al Brown.

Note: VVA Election Report was sent to State and National on 5/15/19.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jim Zwicke, seconded by Don Schillinger to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Next meeting is June 13, 2019 7:00 pm.

Monthly meeting drawing winner - Bob Holtz. 50/50 drawing winner - Rich Ehlert.

Bridges of Valor

On Memorial Day in 2018, five bridges in Chippewa Falls were dedicated in honor of all five military service branches. The bridges, now called the Chippewa Falls Memorial Bridges – including the bridge on Central Street, which is dedicated to the U.S. Army; the bridge on Grand Avenue, which is dedicated to the U.S. Air Force; the bridge on Columbia Street, which is dedicated to the U.S. Navy; the bridge on Jefferson Avenue, which is dedicated to the U.S. Marines; and the bridge on Bridgewater Avenue, which is dedicated to the U.S. Coast Guard – honor all who have served.

Chippewa Falls native Scott Sullivan, who comes from a military family, spearheaded the dedication of the bridges.

“After touring many military museums across the country, and particularly the WWII museum in New Orleans and the Battleship USS Alabama in Mobile, Alabama, it sparked my interest to get this done for our city,” Sullivan said.

He felt if other cities and states were dedicating bridges to their military history, he would like to do the same for his hometown. Sullivan initially proposed the bridge project to the Chippewa Falls City Council, which recommended that he work with the Patriotic Council and the Chippewa County Veteran’s Services Office. The project was primarily citizen-funded, and also received a $1,500 donation from the Chippewa Falls Elks Lodge. The City of Chippewa Falls donated the labor to hang the signs.

Sullivan noted that Chippewa Falls has a rich military history, and that 5% of all Medal of Honor recipients and three generals from the State of Wisconsin hail from Chippewa Falls.

(From Volume One - Chippewa Valley - May 15, 2019)
Orange Blossom Information for June 7th and 8th

Orange Blossoms June 7th & 8th.
On Friday June 7th there will be 2 pick-ups this day.
8 AM shift will have all supplies at the service desk at each station. Please pick up supplies and proceed to your assigned area.
Baker Drive IGA – Dave Posey
W. Grand IGA – Dennis Fuehrer
Walmart North – Donna Haack
Walmart South – Bill Haack
Pick & Save – Jim Michels
Pritzl’s – Dan Cheatle
I will make the first money pick-up around noon at all stations.
I will make the final pick-up starting at 5:45 PM. I will restock Orange Blossoms for Saturday.
I will start each pick-up at Pritzl’s and pick-up in the following sequence:
Walmart (both)
Pick & Save
West Grand IGA
Baker Drive IGA
On Saturday June 8th there will be 2 pick-ups this day.
8 AM shift will have all supplies at the service desk at each station. Please pick up supplies and proceed to your assigned area.
Baker Drive IGA – Kathy Kolo
W. Grand IGA – Dennis Fuehrer
Walmart North – Bob & Kathy Guyant
Walmart South – Donna Haack
Pick & Save– Jim Michels
Pritzl’s – Ron & Don Borree
Ace Hardware – Judy Monje (10 AM)
Festival (Marshfield) – Cliff Randall (10 AM)
I will make the first money pick-up around noon.
I will make the final pick-up starting at 3:45 PM. I will pick-up all remaining supplies.
I will start each pick-up at Pritzl’s and pick-up in the following sequence:
Walmart (both)
Ace Hardware (I will not pick up at noon but I will be there shortly after 2 PM)
Pick & Save
West Grand IGA
Baker Drive IGA
Festival of Foods (Roger Sampson) will end at approximately 2PM and he will bring the money to the VFW Post for counting.

Please bring a lawn chair and any refreshments. I will be around frequently for bathroom breaks and I will have a cooler full of water in case you forget to bring some. Hopefully it won’t rain (or snow) but if it does, don’t stand in the rain. Move inside the exterior door. All stations have a basket area that is not inside the store. If there is a problem, please call me on my cell. Do not hesitate to call me if you encounter any problems. Everyone should have a copy of the schedule so if your relief is late, call them before you call me.
From The Past to Now

The young, naked napalm girl who is the subject of one of the Vietnam War’s most iconic photos will speak in Madison next month with the man who photographed her in 1972.

Kim Phúc, 56, will speak at the Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St., on June 8 at 5:30 p.m. The photographer, Nick Ut, will also be there to speak about his Pulitzer-prize photo.

Phúc, who now lives in Toronto, was photographed at age 9 fleeing a napalm bombing that left her severely burned. Ut, who retired in 2017 after a 51-year career with The Associated Press, shot the photo on June 8, 1972. He was 20.

“I want to let people know how beautiful (the) world can be if people can learn to live with love and hope and forgiveness,” Phúc said in an interview with the Wisconsin State Journal. “The challenge for everyone is if the little girl in the picture can do that, everyone can. Every day we have opportunity to be better friends, better people. We can make a difference.”

The event — to be held 47 years to the day after Ut took Phúc’s photo — marks her first time speaking in Wisconsin, according to the Children’s Library International.

The nonprofit organization, a main sponsor of the “Celebration of Peace and Mindfulness” event, raises money to build libraries across the world. The event is free to the public, though donations are accepted. Proceeds go toward the construction of a children’s library in Phúc’s former village.

The two often try to celebrate the June 8 anniversary together and have become close friends over the years. Ut, now 68, traveled to Canada just a few weeks ago to visit her, he said in an interview.

Phúc will sign copies of her 2017 book, “Fire Road: The Napalm Girl’s Journey through the Horrors of War to Faith, Forgiveness and Peace,” that will be available for purchase.

The book describes how a South Vietnamese plane soared over her village, dropping napalm from above. Phúc ripped off her burning clothes and ran down a highway, straight into Ut’s shot.

With nearly a third of her body burned, Phúc lost consciousness and Ut drove her to a hospital. Staff there told Ut she was too far gone to help, but he demanded she be treated.

“He saved my life,” she said.

Phúc returned home to Trang Bang, her small Vietnamese village, after 14 months in the hospital undergoing excruciating skin grafts and surgeries. Her father handed her a clipping of the photo from a Vietnamese newspaper.

“I was really embarrassed,” Phúc remembered of the first time she saw her photo. “I wished that picture (was) not taken in that moment. It’s ugly and I am naked and crying.”

It took years, not until she held her own child in her arms, that she said she recognized the power of her photo and how it can be used to protect children from suffering.

An Associated Press account of the decision to publish says that the image was “unprecedented” for the news wire because of the agency’s policy against nudity. Ut’s colleagues determined the photo’s news value overrode their policy and it was widely distributed.

Ut said he knew he had something special when he took the photo.

UW-Madison history professor Alfred McCoy, who specializes in Southeast Asia, said “Napalm Girl,” as the photo has come to be known, is one of the most important of the millions taken by photographers during the Vietnam War.

For 30 years, U.S. military forces used in combat white phosphorus and napalm, a gasoline thickened with additives that sticks to the skin as it burns.

But within little more than a decade of Ut’s photo, the United Nations banned the use of incendiary weapons, a timeline McCoy called “amazing hyperspeed” for an international convention.

“Why did people look at that photo and feel horror?” he said. “Anyone who looks at that photo can look at it and feel our own skin being burned. It’s one of those things that really validates the power of photojournalism as a force for change. The accidental meeting of those two, the power it had, not just in their lives, but in all of ours — it’s extraordinary.”

The U.S. was one of the last to ratify the ban, on January 21, 2009, about 26 years after the international community had already ratified the treaty, McCoy said.

Phúc’s talk has a local tie-in. Anti-war protests began when hundreds of UW-Madison students staged a sit-in protesting job recruiting on campus by Dow Chemical, which manufactured napalm for the Vietnam War.

Children’s Library International plans to host other events with Phúc across Wisconsin in the coming months, volunteer Glenn Diedrich said.
From President Haack

Dissolution of VVA National and the local chapter. For information and discussion. VVA National has begun talks about the dissolution of Vietnam Veterans of America, state councils and local chapters. The information below deals with this issue.

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Since the National Council of the VVA is taking up the subject of dissolution, I would like to present an amendment (addition) to our by-laws that covers this subject. Any changes or additions to Chapter by-laws are addressed in Article IX of our current by-laws which states the following:

Article IX Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of those members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

I would therefore like to present the following amendment (addition) to our by-laws at the May 9, 2019 meeting. It will also be published in the June newsletter. This proposal can be reviewed and voted on at the July meeting.

Article X Dissolution

The Chapter may be dissolved only with the authorization of its board of directors at a special meeting called for that purpose. A subsequent approval by a two-thirds vote of the members present at this meeting will be required to dissolve the Chapter. Once dissolution has been approved by the voting members, the board of directors shall oversee all financial transactions of the Chapter. All liabilities and obligations of the Chapter shall be paid and discharged, or adequate provisions shall be transferred or conveyed to the designee(s).

This does not mean that Chapter 101 is going to dissolve, it simply outlines a procedure to follow when and if the Chapter's mission can no longer be performed.

Respectfully;

William “Bill” Haack, US Navy (ret.)
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Disabled Veterans Eligible for free NPS Lifetime Access Pass
(From Vantage Point Blog - Dept. of VA)

Spring flowers are blooming, the summer travel season quickly approaches and Veterans are joining the 330-million yearly visitors enjoying U.S. National Parks.

Many Veterans, with a service connected disability rating, are entering Federal parks for free with the Lifetime National Parks Access Pass from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. Good for entry into 400+ National Parks and over 2,000 recreation sites across the country, the Lifetime Access Pass is another way a grateful nation says thank you for the service and sacrifices of Veterans with disabilities.

The Access Pass admits disabled Veterans and any passengers in their vehicle (non-commercial) at per-vehicle fee areas; and, the pass owner plus three additional adults where per-person fees are charged. In addition to free entry at participating parks, the Access Pass includes discounts on expanded amenity fees; such as camping, swimming, boat launching and guided tours.

Veterans who have a VA disability rating, (10 percent or higher) are eligible for the Lifetime Access Pass—with two ways to apply.

Disabled Veterans can apply in person at a participating federal recreation site. Simply present photo identification (Drivers license, State ID, Passport) and documentation proving a permanent disability (VA awards letter, VA ID with service connected annotation, VA summary of benefits, or receipt of Social Security disability income). That’s it. The Pass is free and issued at the time of entry.

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Deer Baiting

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NPS Lifetime Pass by Mail for Disabled Veterans

If applying by mail, send a completed packet and $10 processing fee to the United States Geological Survey (USGS). The packet should include:

- The Access Pass application form
- Proof of residency
- VA disability award letter, VA summary of benefits, or proof of SSDI income

Pass delivery expected 10-12 weeks after receipt.

Make sure to have photo ID available when using your Lifetime Access Pass and enjoy the majestic scenery and abundant recreational opportunities our National Parks provide.

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