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Support the Troops Rally
Chapter Meeting 6 PM - VFW

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April 3
Patriotic Society Mte 6 PM - VFW

April 7 @ 4:30
Select Scholarship Recipients

New Life Membership

VVA is only offering LIFE memberships for $50. If you have been getting a 1 year membership for $20 you will need to pay $50 at your next renew or be dropped from the VVA. If you paid $50 at your last renewal you will become a LIFE member automatically without any further payment. NEW members will only have the $50 LIFE membership when they join. (with a DD214 submitted). VVA and AVVA Membership Applications are available on line at the VVA.Org or the AVVA.Org websites in the Forms tab. Contact Tom Stehura or Rosemarie Titus if you have questions or need assistance.

Letter from the President:

As we prepare for another year, I sure wish we could get some new faces as Officers and Board members. Don’t forget the Troop Rally at Milton Lawns on March 16, at 10:00am.
The Wall that Heals will be in Dundee IL the weekend of the 4th of July. Our Chapter is invited there to do a Ceremony.

Another one of our Veterans Org. (Veterans United for Veterans) will be having a Bike Night at Boardtrackers HD on the 13th of August. Put that date down on your Calendar and come out for some fun and music.

Builder for Peace,
President Bill Neilsen
VVA Scholarship Applications are due in March.
You can get an application at your school’s Guidance Office or write to Garry Meister, 1285 N Parker Drive, Janesville WI 53545 or call him at (608) 774-0350

Applications must be postmarked by March 20, 2019.

“Support the Troops Rally”
Four times a year the Janesville Patriotic Society member veterans gather at the entrance to the Milton Lawns Cemetery to show those who are in the service that we in Janesville are standing behind them. These rallies take place on the third Saturday of March, June, September, and December from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. The participants stand on the sidewalk alongside Milton Avenue holding American Flags, signs, etc. to let the passing vehicles know that there are men and women who are standing on the line in defense of our country. JOIN US if you can.

Notification:
Barbs Flowers has gone out of business. All future flowers purchases for the chapter should be made at Centerway Floral.

Opening for future Badger Honor Flights are available. If you are interested contact Bob Engstrom for more information, Schedule, and Application Forms.

The Janesville Patriotic Society:
(Is a Non-Profit, Without Stock Corporation formed under Wisconsin Statute Chapter 181. It is composed of 22 area veteran organizations.)

The Purpose of the Society is to:
• To promote and coordinate the patriotic observances of: Memorial Day, Veterans Day, POW/MIA Day, Placing Street and Cemetery Flags, and any other events and services that honor veterans.
• To foster a spirit of harmony between the various "Member Organizations" and in general to effect a "United Patriotic Sentiment" within the community.
• To be the custodians of funds for the maintenance of the following monuments: WWI Doughboy, Veterans Plaza in Traxler Park, The Medal of Honor Walkway, The Veterans Cemetery section in Oak Hill Cemetery, and any other monuments, land, or such items that honor veterans.
Parker and Craig High School Xmas Gift Program:

I just wanted to let you know that one of the boys that the Vets adopted came to pick up his gifts. When he saw them he beamed! He then says, “WOW...for the first time in forever my depression went away.” He has been smiling all week! Thank you so much for all you did for the kids! Deri

So much for taking your time to do something for me and my family! I appreciate it. Thank you lots!!

~love Abadia

Dear Craig Cares: Thank you for the Christmas gifts. From, BB-M

Dear Sponsor,

Thank you so much for your gifts, gift cards, candy. I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
I have come to the realization that I am no longer able to carry out all the duties that are my responsibility as a member of Chapter #236. While each duty in itself is not difficult to handle, the cumulative effect of all of them together has become quite burdensome. Combined with my other responsibilities with the Janesville Patriotic Society, the American Legion and the VFW, I am forced to give up some of these duties. As soon as I can find someone to take over some of these duties, I will step away. But if after a reasonable time period, no one steps forward, I will cease doing them. We can discuss this at a future Chapter meeting.

Sincerely,
Tom Stehura

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Thank you so much for your thoughtful gifts and gift cards. I really appreciate this. I hope you have a very happy holiday season!

Sincerely,
[Signature]

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Thank you so much for your thoughtful gifts & gift cards. I really appreciate your generosity! It means so much to me because I truly needed all of this. I am looking forward to using the gift cards for groceries. I hope you have a very happy holiday season.

Sincerely, Kyla [Signature]
Badger Honor Flight (VVA 236 Members)

Al Pacheco, (Note the Pressed Uniform)  Pat Riley at the Iwo Jima Memorial

Chapter Member John Kettle  Chapter Member Garry Meister

Chapter Members on Honor Flight  Bob Engstrom  Jake Jacobson

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