



Vietnam Veterans of America of Northeast South Dakota

(Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans)

Chapter 1054

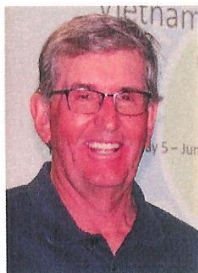
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Meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month:
7 pm at the Elk's Lodge, 300 West Kemp St., Watertown, SD

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Website: www.NESDVVA.org

July-August 2020



Notes from Jerry:

As I start writing my first newsletter, I can't help but think back to March 2011, when Chapter 1054 first started. We didn't think we could get the 25 members needed to start the chapter but look where we are now. This Chapter wouldn't have gotten started without the dedication & hard work

of our founding members. The leadership of our officers and Board of Directors over the years has shaped this Chapter into what it is today, one of the most active & top Chapters in the country. Thanks to All.

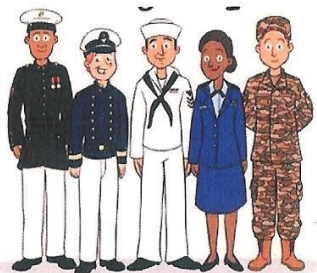
The June 13th Flag Day turned out to be a great success with a total of about \$6400 raised. Thanks for your hard work Watertown and Milbank area members. We have other events planned for the summer with the 4th of July parade, and the summer picnic in August, so stay tuned for more details.

Please keep Jack in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to take treatments. He would love to have you give him a call or stop and see him.

Lastly, we have a lot of committee openings so don't be afraid to take part. It's a great time to get involved & a great way to get to know our fellow members & help the Chapter progress & move forward. I know there are members out there with great ideas on how to make the Chapter better.

Have a great summer!

Jerry Denman
President of Northeast South Dakota
Chapter 1054



You're Invited Summer Picnic



Saturday
August 22, 2020
Noon
Elks' Lodge

Please bring spouse, or special friend
and a dessert to pass. Hamburgers,
brats, salads, and chips provided.

VVA Board of Directors:

President: Jerry Denman, Wtn 880-3630

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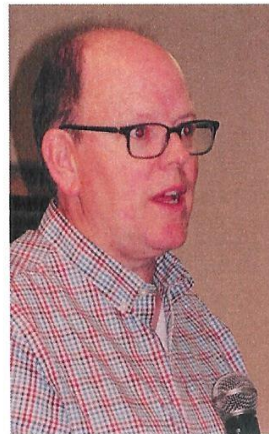
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Message from Dr. Sneden:



Staying safe during the pandemic. We continue to work closely with our patients during this time. Please, safe social distancing. Avoid crowded places. Wear a mask when in public. Keep your hands off of your face. Wash your hands with soap. Use hand sanitizer when needed. Call ahead before you go to medical clinics as walk-ins are now limited. With a few medications we can limit the spread of infection and keep everyone healthy.

John Sneden, MD

Message from Todd Rose, VSO

Oh Happy Days! Here at the Veterans Service Office! It is summer, and let's enjoy it while we can. What a great time for Veterans and their families. Memorial Day, Flag Day and the 4th of July in a little over a month. Gotta love seeing the Red, White and Blue flying our Flag, but make sure your flag is proud to fly. If it is worn and tattered and has served it's time with honor please retire it and enlist a new Flag to serve. There is a Flag disposition mail box on the south side of the Codington Co Court House and we will sure they are retired with honor.

The Codington Veterans Office is open and welcoming our Veterans and their families. I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with several Veterans in the short time I've been in this position. Stop in and say "Hello" (Peg loves to chat). We are located on the North side of the Wtn city Auditorium 125 S Bdwy. Our hours are 0800-1700, Mon-Fri and we always have time for our Veterans. If you need to set up a time to sit down for a little longer time, call us at **882-6289**, we can make that work too.

Here is my second point, most military members have heard or use mottoes. I always liked Be, Know, Do. In the short time I have been here I have learned that several Veterans don't have or know where their DD214 is, not to mention when I have asked a spouse or daughter if they know where it is or what it is.. DO make copies and share with your family. Below is a link to a booklet through the VA that provides some additional thoughts a Veteran might want to think about:

https://www.cem/va.gov.cem/docs/factsheets/planning_Legacy_Booklet.pdf

Have a great summer, be safe and don't forget to thank a Veteran and their family. Thank you!



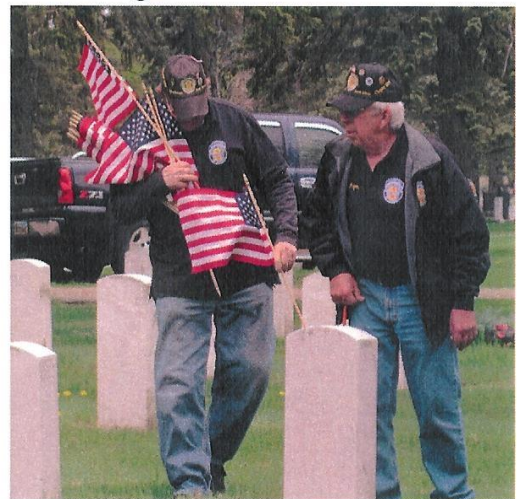
VVA Chapter Holds Elections

At our May meeting we elected new officers to serve the Chapter. They include: Don Zafft, Chaplain; Jerry Denman, President; Denny Brenden, First Vice; Gordie West, 2nd Vice; Mary Modica, Acting secretary and Doug Modica, Secretary.



Three new board members were elected to serve and they included: Greg Overby, Clark; Darrell Boyle, Wtn; and Randy Holiday, Hayti. The other board members include: Jim Strom, Goodwin; Bob Syring, Willow Lake; Glen Folk, Milbank; Ed Timm, Elkton; Jim Hanson, Wtn; and Phil Braeger, Wtn, 1st Vice. Congratulations to all those elected to service Chapter 1054.

Memorial Day...Cemeteries full of flags.



Bud Walkins & Roger Skatvold



The last couple of years VVA joined forces with the VFW and American Legion to put flags on as many of the Veterans graves as possible. Pictured here are several of those who came and spent time putting out the flags. The project was spear headed by Dean and Lori Halajian. Mt. Hope, St. Mary's, South Shore, Kranzburg, Hayti, Florence, and other cemeteries were also in receipt of flags.

Flag Day Sunday June 14th

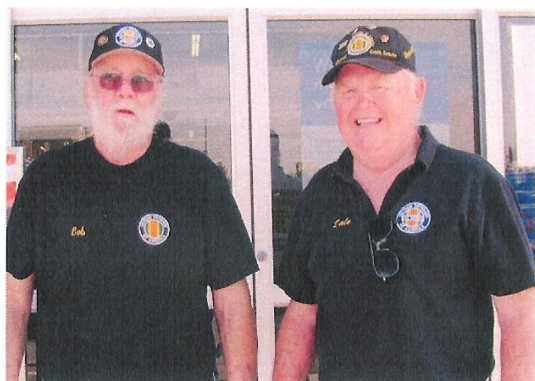
This year Flag Day fell on Sunday so the Saturday before 41 VVA members passed out flags to customers at HyVee, Walmart, Runnings, County Fair Foods and in Milbank. Everyone got a free flag and several donated to our group, generating over \$6300.00.

Milbank hasn't done it for a couple years but this year they had 5 members, Eugene Schmig, Noel Cummins, Bob Frink, Glen Folk and Bill Schumacher who passed out flags and brought in \$1077. (Included in the total above)

A special thanks to everyone that helped out. Even with the virus and everything, we had a fun filled day. Lots of laughs good stories and beautiful weather. Thanks to all who made the day a success.



Earl Grover and Darrell Boyle



Bob Syring and Dale Fonken



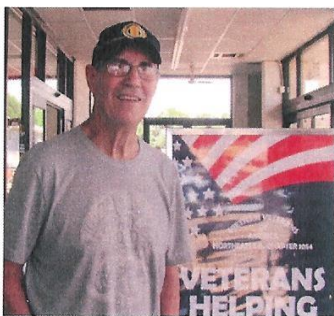
Dennis Anderson and Vern Weiteman



Earl Grover and Tom Lewno,
Thanks Earl for pulling 2 shifts



David Lenard and Cindy Lenard



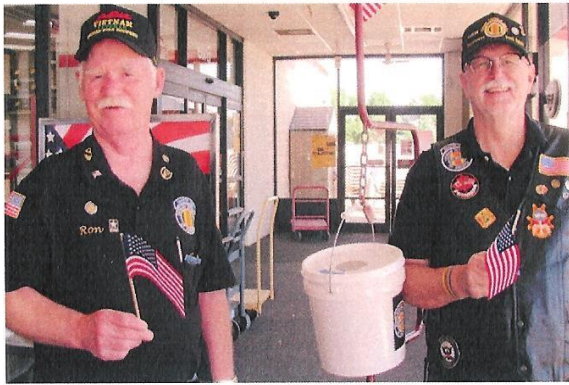
Paul Day



Harley Gulbraa & Larry Longstreet



Sherry Janssen



Ron Bohls and Al Janzen



Gordie West and Connie Miller



Jerry Denman, Denny Solberg & Denny Brenden



Bud Walkins and Richard Haggeman



Randy Holiday, Jim and Kathy Hanson



Herb Carstens and Ken Kubat



Paul Ramse and Bud Walkins
Thanks to Bud for working 2 shifts. Rob



Doug Modica and Phil Braeger

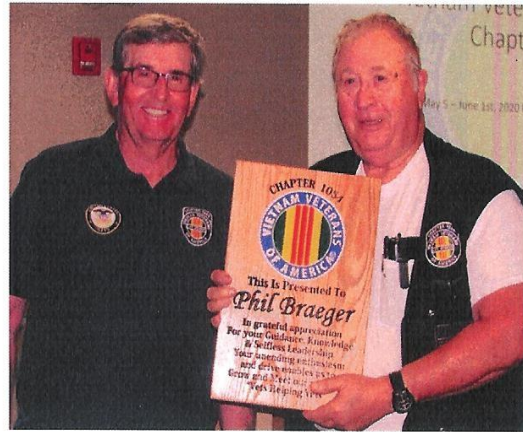
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If a Veteran you know or a close relative of a veteran passes away please call Kay at 886-3040 to send the family a sympathy card on behalf of Chapter 1054.

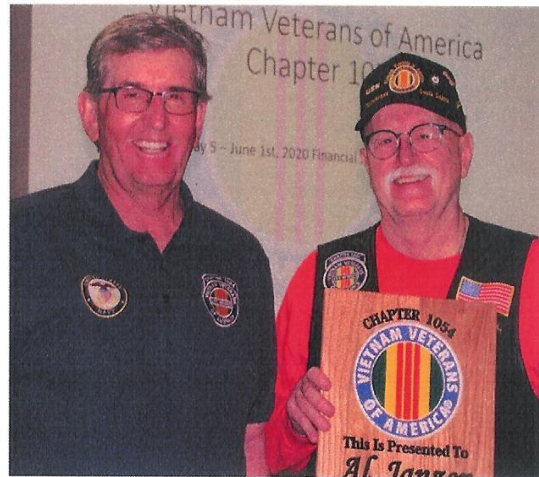


Jim & Barb Strom, Bill Cunningham and Dean Halajian

Thank yous go out to:



Plaques were given out, one to Phil Braeger for stepping in and filling out the term for Jack Kempter. He took on the duties of both roles, President and 1st Vice. Thank you for your service Phil.



A second plaque was presented to Al Janzen, the Veteran Service Officer for Codington Co for several year. Thanks to Al for all his time dedicated to the Vietnam Veterans. Presented by Pres. Jerry Denman

July 2020

- 6/30 Codington Co Vets Council
- 1 Radio Program
- 4 4th of July Celebration Parade 2 pm
- 6 American Legion Aux.
- 8. VFW Aux
Milbank VFW
- 9 American Legion
- 13 American Leg. Riders
DAV
- 15. VFW
- 16 4:30 VVA Board of Directors
7 pm VVA Monthly Mtg
- 20 Sons of Amer. Legion
Marine Corp Aux
- 21 Milbank Am Legion
Marine Corp League



Aug 2020

- 1 Milbank DAV
- 3 American Leg. Aux
- 4. Vets Council
Coast Guard Day
- 5 Council Radio Program
- 7 Purple Heart Day
- 8 American Legion Riders
DAV.
- 12 VFW Aux Mtg
Milbank VFW
- 13 American Legion
- 17 Marine Corps Aux
Sons of Am Legion
- 18 Milbank Am Legion
Marine Corp League
- 19 VFW monthly meeting
- 20 4:30 VVA Board of Directors
7 pm VVA Mtg
- 22 Chapter Picnic

Monthly Meeting Locations (alphabetical order)

- American Legion-American Legion in Watertown
- Codington County Veterans Council VFW Wtn
- DAV American Legion in Watertown
- Marine Corp League VFW in Watertown
- Milbank American Legion American Leg in Milbank
- Milbank DAV the American Legion Hall in Milbank
- Milbank VFW VFW in Milbank
- VFW VFW in Watertown
- VVA Chapter 1054 Board of Directors 4:30 pm Elk's
same day as monthly meeting
- VVA Chapter 1054 monthly meeting Elk's Lodge
300 W Kemp 7 pm, 3rd Thursday of the Month

Application for Membership Chapter 1054

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ work/cell phone _____

Branch of Service _____ Email _____

Type of Membership (Please check one)

_____ \$50 (Lifetime Membership) _____ AVVA Membership is \$175 for those
under 60 years of age. AVVA Membership is \$100 for those over 60 years

Must submit copy of Drivers license.

Method _____ check _____ Money Order

_____ Credit Card _____ Mastercard _____ Visa _____ Discover

Credit Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ Pin # on back _____

Signature _____

Eligibility: Membership is open to US Armed Forces Veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between Feb. 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 or any duty location between Aug. 5, 1964 & May 7, 1975. You must submit a copy of your DD-214 with this membership. VVA is a non-profit, Veterans service organization. Programs and services are funded by member dues and public donations.

Re-Up as a Life Member

Wills for Heroes

A free monthly legal clinic for veterans and their spouses to receive simple wills and powers of attorney. This clinic is for income qualifying individuals and by appointment only. The next clinic is Nov 15 from 9 am-4 pm Call East River Legal Services 605-336-9230.

Robo Calls

For the vets who want to know when a robocall from VVA1054 is coming to them, they should enter the phone # and caller ID to get VVA10545 showing.

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Bob Frink

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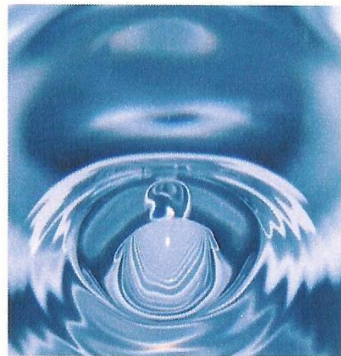
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