



Vietnam Veterans of America of Northeast South Dakota

(Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans)

Chapter 1054

PO Box 1062, Watertown, SD 57201

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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

Email: vets@NESDVVA.org Website: www.NESDVVA.org July-Aug 2019



Greetings everyone

Fellow Veterans, once again I am writing the Presidents corner for our President Jack Kempter, who has been undergoing a rough ordeal with the infection in his leg and loss of blood internally! But the news this time from Pres. Jack is all good. It appears the infection in his leg is gone, and the

treatments to stop the blood loss internally have been effective. I just talked to Jack and he told me all this himself.

This year for the 4th of July all the Veterans organizations had their respective colors on a trailer in respect for the aging of some of the Veterans and the heat we have been having. We also had a trailer for those Veterans that would just like to be in the parade. The VVA had Vietnam period military vehicles along with the VVA bus.

The monthly meetings the last two months were chaired by myself and Darrell Berning as 2nd Vice due to absences. In June the big even of the years was the drawing for the Elk Hunt. (I didn't win again, darn it). and we had the Ford (sponsored by Watertown Ford) test drive for the community and members to help us raise funds. We also had an excellent turn out for Flag day flag give away at various locations here in Watertown. Their donations were very generous enabling us to expand our needy veterans support this fall and all year long.

It is also appropriate that we thank our various supporters like Trans Canada pipeline for all the donations. Also Glacial Lakes Energy for gas for the bus and the Watertown Foundation for their continued support over the year.

One last thought, on this upcoming Independence Week, let us all thank our Creator and our forefathers for their vision in creating a country such as this and the blessings that has been bestowed upon all of us fortunate enough to live in the United States of America. Let us also never ever forget those veterans living and dead who fought for this country and sacrificed so much to not only make this a Great Country but to also keep it a great Country.

God Bless the United States of America.

2019 Test Drive a Ford a Hugh Success!



Thanks to all the Vets that helped with this years Drive a Ford promo. Pictured above Greg Overby, Dennis Anderson, Bud Watkins, Doug Modica, Jim Hanson, Herb Carstens, Ray Feist, Dean Halajian, Don Pasch, Phil Braeger, Jerry Caulfield, and Gordy West. Not pictured is Randy Holiday, & Larry Longstreet. We apologize if we have forgotten anyone but do appreciate your support and time.

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Message from Dr. Sneden:

Time to address an issue

Is your mailing address with the VA a post office box? If so, this may make you ineligible to receive services in the community based upon mileage.

You can still receive VA correspondence to a post office box but we need a physical address in order to qualify for mileage-dependent services.

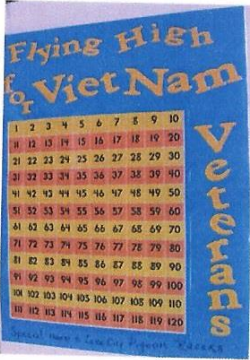
John Sneden, MD

Don't miss our **Annual VVA Picnic** on Sat. Aug 24 at 11:30 am at the Elk's Lodge. Please bring a dessert to share with everyone. Everything else will be provided. Free to all members.

Elk Hunt Winners Drawn

At the June meeting winners of this years Elk Hunt were drawn: They are Todd Sprang Elk Hunt, 2nd Richard Wenzlice, \$2000, 3rd Tom Jerzak \$400, 4th Andy Den Boer Rock Valley, Ia, 5th Steve Strege, Milbank, \$400, 6th Denny Mack, \$400, 7th Dan Revering, Webster \$400.

Thanks to Randy Holiday for heading up this fund raiser and the following for selling multiple books of tickets. Dean Halajian, Greg Overby, Don Pasch, Phil Braeger, Gordy West, Glen Folk, Earl Grover, Connie Miller, Bob Syring, Merle Nieman, Jerry Caulfield and Darrell Berning.



Pigeons Flying High for the Vietnam Veterans

The Lake City Pigeon Club let their pigeons go on Memorial Day in Sioux Falls and they flew back to Watertown. The first 5 birds that returned home won \$100. They included:

1. Lori Halajian,
2. Jerry Denman
3. Brian Pieper
4. Dean Halajian
5. Randy Whitrock

The funds raised will go to the trip to Washington DC.
Thanks to the Lake City Pigeon Racer Club.

Memorial Day 2019

VVA Chapters 1054, and 1121, along with the VFW and American Legion placed approximately 1500 flags on Wtns Veterans and surrounding cemeteries.



Kathy Hanson, Jim Hanson, Phillip Bramer, Lori Isaac, Tony Isaac, Darwin Clyde, Lori Halajian, Jose Romeu, Doug Modica, Jerry Zaug, Dean Halajian, Not pictured: Burt Seifel, Al Jansen, Connie Miller.



Darwin Clyde, Al Janzen, Roger Skatvold, Larry Longstreet, Earl Cass, Doug Modica, Bob Lantgen.



The Memorial Day Service was held in the city Auditorium because of weather. Presenting the colors for Chapter 1054 were Darwin Clyde, Earl Cass, Jerry Denman and Greg Dubois.

The placement of the wreaths were placed by each of the organization. Vietnam Veterans

Dean Halajian, presented Chapter 1054's, Dennis Solberg, presented the VFW and Connie Miller presented Women's Veterans.

21 gun salute were of all groups with Clayton Ellington and Carter Kneeland representing our club.



Each issue of the newsletter is downloaded to our website nesdvva.org for a copy in full color.

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.

Flag Day was June 14th



June 14th was Flag Day--We want to give a big Thank you to all of you that helped pass out flags at HyVee Food stores, County Fair Foods, Walmart and Running's. We gave out approximately 6000 flags and took in about \$4500 as a fund raiser. This is a great project to help people understand patriotism and how important it is to fly to FLAG proudly.



Dean, Lynley, and Lori Halajian



Cindy Lenards and David Lenards



Al Janzen and Phil Laumeyer



Vern Wiedman



Darrell Doyle and Jim Hanson



Phil Braeger and Doug Modica



David Moore, Bud Walkins and
Connie Miller



Anita & Ron Faehn

Thanks so much for all that helped promote our flag for Flag Day.

Flag Day Promo shares lots of flags!



Dale Fronken & Bob Syring



Maze Snittjer and Paul Ramse



Larry Longstreet & Jim Hanson



Jim & Barb Strom



Earl Cass & Ron Bohls not pictured Deb Cass



Gordy West & Randy Holiday



Curt Berg



Earl Grover



Darrell Berning & Don Pasch

July 2019

- 1 American Legion Aux.
- 2 Vets Council
- 3 Vets Council Radio Show
- 4 Independence Day
- 6 DAV Milbank
- 8 American Legion Riders
Wtn DAV
- 10 VFW Aux.
Milbank VFW
- 11 American Legion
- 15 Marine Cop Aux
Sons of the American Legion
VVA Board of Directors
- 16 Milbank American Legion
Marine Corp League
- 17 VFW
- 18 **VVA Chapter Meeting**



August 2019

- 3 DAV Milbank
- 4 Coast Guard Day
- 5 American Legion Aux.
- 6 Vets Council
- 7 Vets Council Radio Program
Purple Heart Day
- 8 American Legion
- 12 American Legion Riders
DAV
VVA Board of Directors
- 14 VFW Aux
Milbank VFW
- 15 **VVA Chapter 1054 Meeting**
- 19 Marine Corp Aux.
Sons of American Legion
- 20 Milbank American Legion
Marine Corp.
- 19 VFW
- 24 **VVA Chapter Annual Picnic**
11:30 am Elk's Lodge

Communication with members

Our chapter has about 570 members and associates and we would like to keep in contact with all of you. We think we have most of your phone numbers for robo-call reminders, but we're working on verifying that. 570 robo calls are not only time consuming for Sherry to send and maintain, but also cost us some long distance charges. Because we'd like to avoid non-service phone calls, whenever you change phone numbers, please tell Sherry at 605-753-0200 or at Janssen@wapa.gov with your name and new phone number.

And Kay mails out about 500 chapter newsletters every other month. We're also working on chasing down some bad addresses were returned. Please tell Kay at 605-886-3040 or at k_solberg@yahoo.com when you have a change of address. Returned newsletters waste time and money.

On the other hand, we have 281 good email addresses that do NOT 'bounce back.' E-mailing costs us NOTHING! So, we'd like to make announcements and our newsletter accessible to more of you by email. This would reduce the cost of printing, mailing and having to pay to get forwarding addresses of bulk-mail, return to send newsletters.

The direct advantage to you is:

1. You can see the newsletter in glorious COLOR!
2. You can forward the newsletter email to friends and relatives when you see a great story or a picture of you!
3. You can print any page or pages you want in COLOR (or Black and White)
4. You can feel good about saving our chapter money.
5. You can still get a black and white copy mailed to you if you ask.
6. By knowing your email address we can more quickly and easily contact more members by email for last minute, important messages and special events. So, ONLY if you are one of the 290 that have NOT received a recent e-mail from our webmaster (since we obviously don't have your e-mail address!), please send your name and e-mail address to us at vva1054secretary@gmail.com if you DO get e-mail.

Our Chapter thanks you!

Editor's note: What is being proposed here is if you have an email you will no longer receive a printed copy unless you contact us and let us know your desires. (Kay 886-3040 or email k_solberg@yahoo.com) if you want to continue to receive a printed copy in the mail.

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 Cliffords in Wtn
(1 st Mtg of the quarter) 1054 meets in Milbank
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 under 60 years of age and \$100 over 60. 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

Patriot of Nations Ride brought the Flag to all 50 states. Earl Cass brought the flag to the Veterans Memorial where a ceremony was held to raise the flag, songs by Leiha Pietz were sung and the VVA Chapter 1054 gave a 21 gun salute.



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The Canadian Vietnam Wall is coming to Watertown, South Dakota Weekend of Veterans Day.

The Vietnam Wall of Canada will be on display here in Watertown. Gordy West is chairing a committee that is bringing this group to the Terry Redlin Center. He is looking for a few members to help with this committee. If you are interested please contact him so that different activities can be arranged while they are in our community.



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