



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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Nov-Dec 2019



Notes from Phil, Sr. Vice

Just an update on Jack, as he has been going through a lot lately. He has spent some time in the VA Hospital trying to get everything in order and get rid of the infections so that he can get his knee put back in. Monday he goes down again for some

more tests on the nodules on his lung, if benign, then he can have a date set for the knee replacement. Remember him in your thoughts and prayers. He is our Brother and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Since the last newsletter a couple of important things have happened we want to acknowledge members for. We want to thank Denny and Kay Solberg for the work and efforts to see through a successful trip to Washington DC. for the Veterans of Chapter 1054. Everyone sounds like they enjoyed the trip and want to thank them for putting this together for our club.

Also we want to thank Gordie West on securing the Canadian Wall and all those that have helped him secure financing, the luncheon, the Veterans Day program and all the activities for this weekend. It will be a great tribute to all the Vietnam Veterans from the US and Canada. We are all looking forward to the big weekend.

At the Vets Council meeting it was decided that the legislative Round Table will be here in Watertown on Thursday Dec 5th at noon at the American Legion. No RSVPs are required for members to come, so we hope several will come and share their concerns with our legislators in the area.

An update on Agent Orange. The Dept of Defense has changed the date to Sept 1, 67 for all Korea during that time in the cold war. Also any Naval ships serving between 1962-1972 that entered a deep water port in South Vietnam such as DaNang are eligible and could have been subject to Agent Orange exposure. Finally Blue water Vets who feel they have been exposed should contact their representative service agents such as the American Legion, VFW, DAV, or VA or the SD State Veterans Dept. for more information to the changes of eligibility.

The Christmas Party is coming up so look for details in the newsletter and enjoy the photos of those that went to DC.
Phil Braeger



Vietnam Veterans Christmas Party

Sat. Dec 7, 2019
6 pm
Elk's Club

Tickets will be \$15 and available at the
Nov. meeting or can be purchased
in advance from Denny or Kay Solberg
or at the Classroom Connection

We will again have our auction so
if you have something you would like
to donate drop it off or bring it to the
Nov meeting

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Message from Dr. Sneden:



The new VA Clinic will be open on Oct 21st with new services and a lot more room. Please enter from the south side of the building. Don't forget to get your flu shot and your shingle shots. Make sure you let us know if you are going south for the winter so we can help get your medications and information in case you need it at your second home.

Enjoy you winter.

John Sneden, MD



Veterans/First Responders 6th Annual Appreciation Dinner was held on Sept 19th 4:30-7:30 pm Ernie Edwards Rediness Center



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Chapter 1054 provided part of the color guard at the Sea of Goodwill Appreciation Dinner. Above are Darwin Clyde, Jerry Denman, Bob Syring, and Greg Dubois.

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We also had a booth about our organization. Ray Feist and Darrell Berning.



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Address Changes.....

If you have recently moved could you please drop us a note with your new address...either to k_solberg@yahoo.com or VVA Newsletter 323 1st Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201



We visited the WWII Memorial and found the South Dakota Pillar.



Galen Bauman brought his daughter, Alissa

Free Redlin Print
to all Veterans donated
by the Redlin Art Center
to all Veterans during the
Canadian Wall display.

Visit the
Canadian Vietnam Wall
Fri. Nov 8- Mon Nov 11
at the **Redlin Art Center** Watertown, SD



Nov 8th Opening Ceremony will be at 10:30 am at the Redlin Art Center.
Nov 9th Veterans Appreciation Dinner noon, County Fair Banquet Hall sponsored by
Thrivent Financial, Heather Venenga
Nov 11th Veterans Day Program, Extension Bldg Keynote Speakers, 10:30 AM
Speaker: VVA Veterans From Canada
Free lunch following at the VFW, 808 S Bdw

Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1054, VFW Post 750, American Legion,
Wtn BID District, Milbank DAV, Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1121,
Glacial Lakes Energy, Doc's Bar, & Redlin Art Center

Washington DC Trip includes 51



Watertown Airport before we left.



Johnny Rockets Kevin Pommer, Peggy Ogan, Carol & Jerry Denman



Celia Wait Schroeder, in front of White House



Sue & Jerry Riley



Butch Steen & Jerry Oстераas



Everyone was helping each other get to our place.



Nancy Longstreet, Jan & Allen Birkeland, Lynley Halajian and Steve Wicks



Another honor flight from Illinois at WWII Memorial



Thanks to Dr and Gerry for watching over us.



Lots of visiting and stories Jerry Denman and Steve Wicks



Butch Steen and Larry Schuster

We found ourselves at the Wall, Holocaust, American History, Capital, Gettysburg, Kennedy Center, White House and so much more.



Crocker, Bradley & Lily boys on trip



A friendly group from western Minnesota



When we arrived home to Watertown we were welcomed by our Chapter, friends, relatives, community members and government officials.



Color Guard from 1054 awaited us at the airport.

Several groups of friends were together. While several knew each other before we left, all knew each other when we returned.

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.

Nov 2019

- 1 Military Appreciation Month
- 2 Milbank DAV
- 3 Daylight Savings
- 4 American Legion Aux.
5. Vets Council
6. Vets Council Radio Program
8. Opening Ceremony for Canadian Wall
- 9 Veterans Lunch noon County Fair
Banquet Hall
10. Marine Corp. Birthday
11. Veterans Day 10:30 am
American Leg. Riders
DAV Milbank
13. VFW Aux.
Milbank VFW
- 14 American Legion Monthly Meeting
- 18 Marine Corp Aux
Sons of Amer. Legion
- VVA Board Meeting**
- 17 Constitution Day
Milbank Am Legion
Marine Corp League
- 19 Milbank Am Leg.
Marine Corp Meeting
20. VFW Monthly Meeting
- 21 **VVA Chapter Meeting**
- 28 Happy Thanksgiving
29. Holiday Lighted Parade 6:30 am



Dec 2019

- 2 American Leg. Aux
3. Vets Council
- 4 Council Radio Program
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
Milbank DAV
VFW Christmas Party 2-4
VVA Christmas Party 6 pm
- 9 American Legion Riders
DAV.
- 11 VFW Aux Mtg
Milbank VFW
- 12 American Legion
- 13 Ntl Guard Birthday
- 16 Marine Corps Aux
Sons of Am Legion
- VVA Board of Dir. in Wtn**
- 17 Milbank Am Legion
Marine Corp League
- 18 VFW monthly meeting
- 19 **VVA Board of Directors**
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 31 Happy New Years



Sharon & Clifford Knox



Solberg's, Scheller's & Tarbox



Judy & Darrell Finstad



Lori & Lynley Halajian in front of the White House

So much to see and so and learn but we sure had a good time trying.



Judy & Harley Gulbraa in front of the wall

Warriors Never Give Up has a few more openings if you are interested for a pheasant hunt for limited mobility and disabled veterans. This is Nov 2nd if you are interested call 904-718-3146 or email grichard@warriorsnevergiveup.org

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
 (1st 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 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.

Do you know a Veteran that's been ill?
Contact Don Zafft at 605-873-2312
and he will send a Get Well card.

State Veterans Cemetery holds Groundbreaking



14 Chapter 1054 members attended the groundbreaking ceremony in Sioux Falls. Pictured above are VA Secretary Whitlock, Larry Rhoden, Lt. Governor, Governor Kristy Noem, Ken Tuenessen and Terry Paulson, Chair of the Veterans Council.

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