

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 324 - PO Box 18631 - Milwaukee, WI 53218



Meeting Notice

19 June, 2024

5555 W. Good Hope Rd.
Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Chapter Meeting 7 - 8 p.m.

19 June, 2024

Future Meetings 2024

July 17, August 21, September 18

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John is listed in the phone book - good luck finding one

VVA-324 Fundraising

This is the only fundraiser by the chapter. More people equals more donations. We need your help.

Distribute Orange Blossoms at American Family Field

Think of veterans (like your father) giving poppies in front of the grocery store. That's what we do.

For particulars please contact Pat Moore.

Second date: September 29th

The Milwaukee Brewers are pleased to announce the continuation of Military Sundays for the 2024 season. Any active-duty military member or veteran can receive up to two free Terrace Level tickets by showing their military ID at the ticket office prior to any Sunday home game.

This offer is available only on the day of the game. the ticket office opens at 10 a.m subject to availability.

The Wall That Heals

Event by Hartland Chamber of Commerce 175 E Park Ave, Hartland, WI 53029, United States

The Wall That Heals exhibit is coming to Nixon Park in Hartland WI. This is the only host site in the state of Wisconsin in 2024. The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. Name rubbings will be offered.

The Wall That Heals is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., and includes a mobile Education Center. The Wall That Heals will be escorted into Hartland on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Once assembled, it will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public beginning May 30th until Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Our goal is for each visitor to come away with an exceptional overall experience and an understanding of the Vietnam War and its impact on the men and women who served, along with the impact to their families, friends and our country. All Veterans are encouraged to visit.

Volunteer Opportunities are Available.

More information can be found at <https://hartland-wi.org/events/the-wall-that-heals/>.

Sponsors: Bravo Company USA, Inc; Town Bank; American Legion Post #294; Bank Five Nine; Dave Droegkamp Heating; Big Fish Contracting; The Tribute Companies; WI Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Milwaukee Chapter 324

May 15, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by president Pat Ciofani

Attendance – Pat Moore, Richard Muras, Laverne Martin, Ed Boyes, Pat Ciofani, Dennis Szymanski
Minutes of April 17, 2024 meeting reviewed and accepted

Treasurer’s Report – Pat Moore - \$4438.96 balance in our checking account

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allied Veterans Update – Pat Ciofani

Fund Raising – Our first Brewer’s fund raising event is June 30th

Website – Contact Pat Moore with items of interest to the chapter

OLD BUSINESS

Election and finance reports will be filed on new forms

NEW BUSINESS

Reminder of Memorial Day Events

State VVA Council Meeting – June 22nd

Discussion on Chapter donation possibilities


No August Meeting

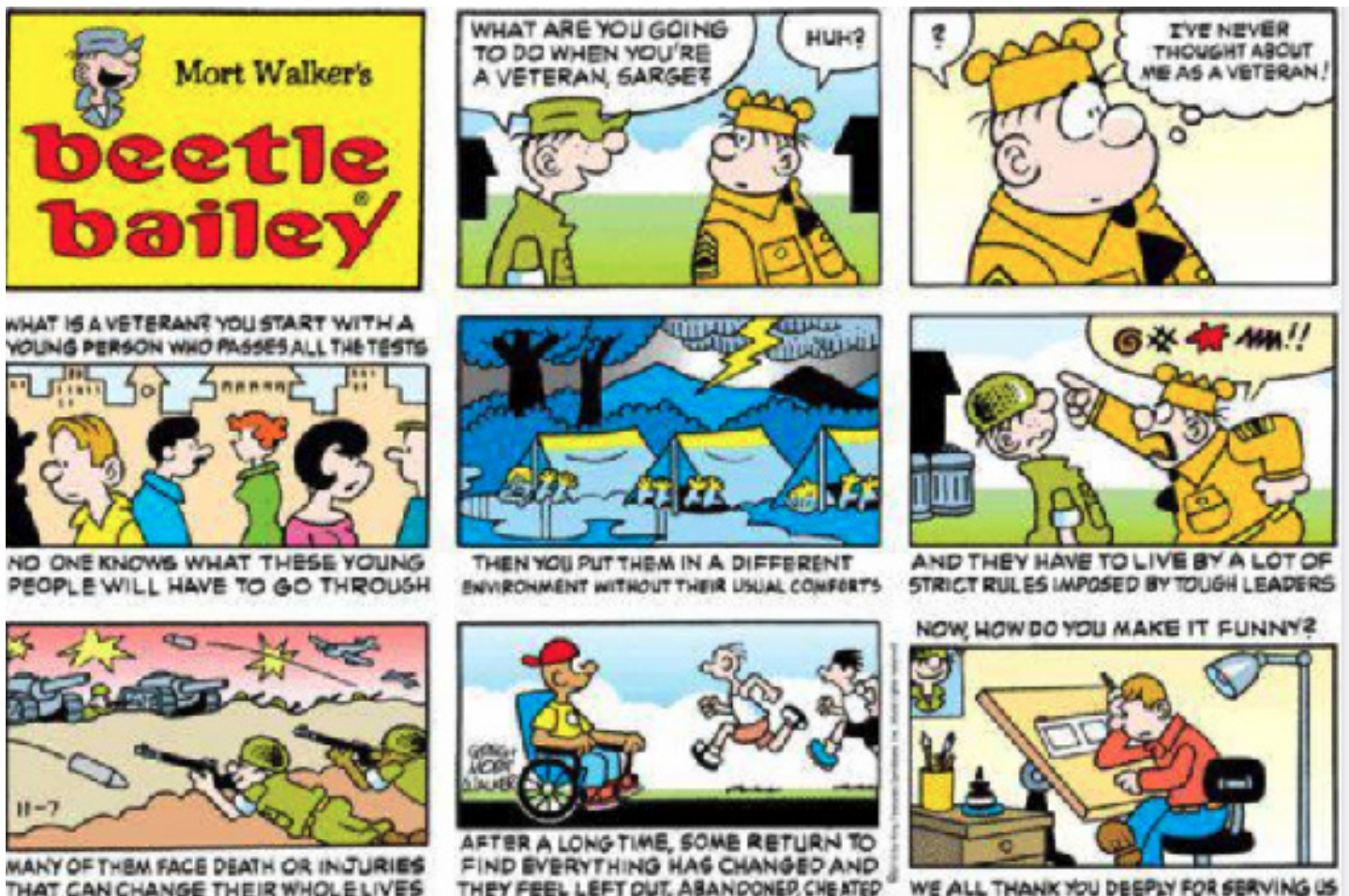
Adjournment – 7:30 pm



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Vietnam Veterans Reunion 2024

On Sunday, August 4, 2024, The Highground will host its annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion combining Vietnam exhibits and an opportunity to meet other Vietnam Veterans. There are typically 100 or more Vietnam Veterans who come together for the lunch.

WORKING ITINERARY:

Vietnam Experience Exhibit: 10am-2pm

Static display Huey: 10am-2pm

Huey landing TBA (possibly at 10am and dependent on the weather)

Lunch: 11am-1pm

*Doug Bradley Book Presentation: 1pm (We Gotta Get Out of This Place: The Soundtrack of the Vietnam War: 1pm)****

Please check back for updates! More information about the reunion including presenters and exhibits will be available here, highlighted on our Facebook page (facebook.com/TheHighgroundVeteransMemorial) and provided to those who RSVP with an email address.

Lunch will be provided at no cost to Vietnam Veterans who RSVP prior to July 31.

Veterans can include one guest. To RSVP, contact Theresa.museum@thehighground.org or call 715-743-4224.



To the Future (poem)

By W. D. Ehrhart

On behalf of my species, I'm sorry
for the mess we've made of this
planet. It must have been a nice
place before we got here. Even as
scary
as the dinosaurs were, they didn't
cause their own demise the way
we've engineered collective suicide.
What else to call it? How could we
avoid
the warning signs? Talk about
denial.
But we did. Year after year. For
decades.
Until it was too late. And then all
hell
broke loose, the mad scramble to
evade

the hurricanes, tornados, flooding,
glaciers melting, ice caps shrinking,
oceans rising, burning forests,
burning prairies, burning cities.
Those with the guns took what
remained
of food and water—as if their might
could
somehow alter the laws of
physics—
'til they too were drowned or
starved
or broiled alive. Whatever you are,
wherever you are, if you're reading
this,
I send my apologies, and wish you
wisdom greater than ours.

Sunday, June 30, 2024



9:30 am - 5 pm

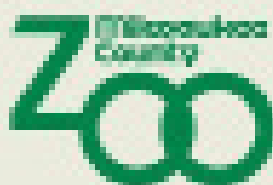
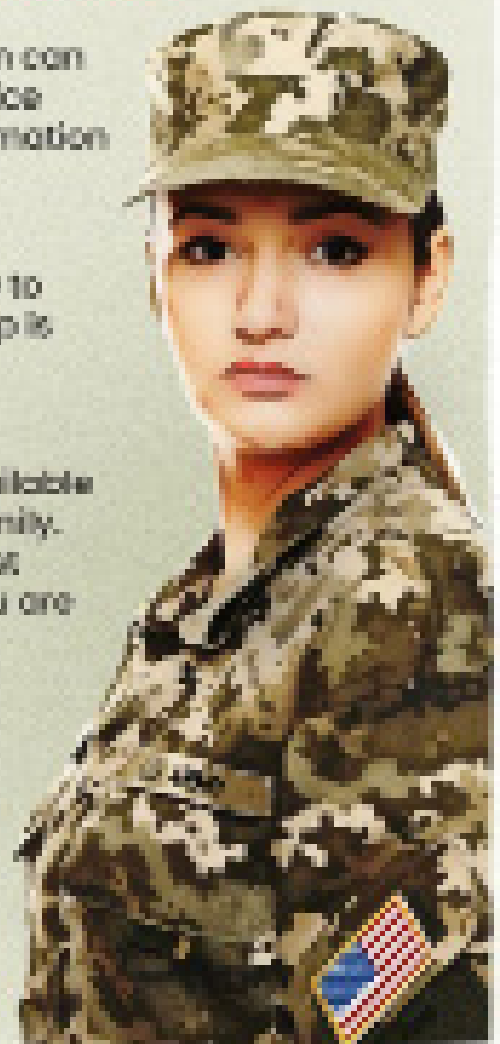
MILITARY & VETERANS FAMILY DAY

Milwaukee County Zoo

Enjoy free Zoo admission and parking

Tickets available May 28 - June 28

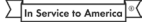
- ★ Active military and veterans residing in Wisconsin can pick up tickets at their local County Veteran Service Office (CVSO). Contact your local CVSO for information on obtaining tickets.
- ★ Don't miss the Veterans Benefit Expo from **9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** where veterans can learn how to get the benefits they deserve. This one-stop-shop is presented by the Milwaukee County Veteran Service Office.
- ★ **Important:** Tickets are required for entry and available for immediate family only. Limit 10 tickets per family. Tickets are limited and will be distributed on a first come first service basis. Only obtain tickets if you are sure you will be visiting the Zoo on June 30.



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Milwaukee, WI 53200



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Anyone can join! Membership Options:

Veterans:

Life Membership for all veterans \$50 (with a DD214 submitted).

Anyone Else:

- Associate Member - 1 year \$20 • Associate Member 3 year \$50 • Associate Life Member \$250
- Associate Life Member Installment Plan (\$50 Deposit; \$25 per month for 8 Months)

Please Print

Name _____ Membership # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

I would like to help Chapter 324 by donating \$ _____

Make checks payable to VVA324 and mail with this completed application to:
 VVA Chapter 324 - Membership, **P O Box 240552, Milwaukee WI. 53224**