

## CHAPTER 448 REPORT

Chapter 448 lost three members in the last three months. Tom Bokelman, March (AVVA), Jim Bokelman, (May), and Otto Quandt, (May). They will be missed at Chapter 448 functions.

The Chapter had one Brat Fry so far with another scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> in Newburg. These are our fund raiser for the chapter and have been very successful. There will be one more in September.

We also have our annual meat raffle which is the fund raiser for the Chapter Scholarship. The chapter started a scholarship program with Concordia College in Mequon. 448 is the only VSO that participates in the program. Since it was started it has become self-sustaining. The scholarship fund was set up to assist veterans in continuing their education. Last year it was expanded to also assist the veteran spouse and children.

May 18 found us at several stores in the West Bend area to sell the Orange Blossoms. This was a very successful day and helps the chapter to continue with donations to various organizations in Washington and Ozaukee Counties. We were able to locate a place to provide the flowers for this program. They came from a Chapter in West Virginia, since Medals of America no longer has them.

Our Memorial Day Program once again was well attended and the weather held off so we did not have to move the program indoors.

Chapter elections were held in April and we now have two new Board of Directors that stepped up.

We participated in the Newburg Fireman's Picnic the first week in June. This is when we repay the Fireman for the use of Fire Hall. Friday and Saturday members work the beer stand and on Sunday lead the parade.

July 13 is the annual 448 picnic at Little Green Lake. We have always had a great turnout and good time.

Have a great and wonderful summer.

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## **SITREP**

March 29<sup>th</sup> I was in Necedah at the Veterans Hall to speak on my time in Vietnam. There were a lot of Vietnam Vets there since it was VN Veterans Day. We were able to hand out the 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Pins to the Vietnam Vets in attendance..

Mid-April, Region 6 Director, John Margowski, Wisconsin State Council President Mike Demske and I traveled to Silver Spring, MD for the CSCP/BOD meeting. We had a very busy three days of meetings. The main topic of discussion was the Leadership Conference in Reno, NV in August. There are some great seminars scheduled for the week. The aging veteran is one that will cover the vet and significant others. The information for the conference is on the VVA web site.

Scott DeArmin, Election Chair, Nicole Kennedy, Membership and I met to discuss the 2025 National Convention and how we can make the registration process easier for the delegates. We will be working on using a Q-Code system to hopefully speed up the registration and voting.

Membership has reached 91,285 and continues to grow. There are several new chapters in the process of being formed across the country. The new Finance and Election reports are now posted on the website and can be filled out and submitted online.

Chapter 448 held their elections on April 28 and we have two new directors, Rick Nelson and Gary Wendegatz. Congratulations to those that stood up to take a leadership role in the chapter. The Finance and Election Reports have been submitted to National and the State Council.

The first Brat Fry on the season did well even with the cool weather that day. A big thanks to all those that helped out. Your time was greatly appreciated.

The Memorial Day Program is coming along and once again should be well attended.

May 31 – June 2 I will be in Marquette, Michigan for the Michigan State Council meeting. They celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. From what I have been told a Medal of Honor recipient is the speaker for the banquet.