

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

OSHKOSH, CHAPTER 437 REPORT

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In September, our chapter held its annual POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony. Our guest speaker this year was Josh Andreini, an U.S. Army veteran from the Iraq War. This year the turnout was a little smaller than usual.

Both VVA and AVVA had our Orange Blossom Drive again at two different Kwik Trips in Oshkosh. We did five different Kwik Trips during the summer.

Our AVVA members started to provide a meal for the Day-by-Day warming shelter for the homeless. Some of the VVA members also help them. AVVA does this once a month from September to April.

In October, one of our members, Richard Daseke who is the Jr. Vice Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart presented to Duane Canon, the president a Certificate of Appreciation for all his hard work in all the Veterans organizations that he belongs to and the VVA where he have served as President of Chapter 437 for many years. Additionally, the dedication work he put forth the maintenance of memorials within the city of Oshkosh.

For two days we had our annual Orange Blossom Drive at three different grocery stores. We did good, and this drive will help us with our Christmas projects.

The Oshkosh Sons of the American Legion brough in the Traveling Wall by the American Veterans Traveling Tribute. Some of our members helped put the wall up and helped find names on the Wall for people during the time it was in Oshkosh.

For November, our chapter was the Color Guard for the Oshkosh North High School again in the morning for their Veteran's Day program. Then in the afternoon we were the Color Guard again for Perry Tipler Middle School for their Veteran's Day program. Our chapter has been doing both schools for several years.

We also lost one of our members, David Langkau who had been at King Veteran's Home.

One of our members' wives had a terrible accident and we donated some money to help with her medical bills.

December our chapter will be doing our Christmas projects which consist of helping two veteran families, King and Tomah VA facilities, food pantries, and non-profit organizations in Oshkosh.

Our Christmas party will be in January when it isn't so busy. Then it is at that time that we present the VVA and AVVA Member of the Year Award.