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July	Event
3	Chapter Meeting Cancelled
9	Oak Hill Grave Flag Removal
10	Chapter Meeting 6 PM @ VFW
16	Rockford Speedway Honor Guard

August 2022

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August	Event
2	National Night Out 5-8 PM
7	Chapter Picnic 4:30 @ VFW
7	Chapter Meeting 6 PM @ VFW

Chapter Meeting Rescheduled

Due to potential conflicts with the Annual VFW 4th of July Fireworks Party the VVA Chapter Meeting scheduled for Sunday, July 3, 2022 has been rescheduled.

New meeting date for the July Chapter Meeting is Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting is at the VFW Clubhouse,

Memorial Day activities and programs were an unqualified success.

Thank you to all the chapter members and others who participated in the activities, events, parade and ceremonies. There was even a very good picture of Roger's truck in the parade on the front page of the Janesville Gazette.

President's Report

Want to give a shout out to all who helped clean up the VVA trailer, Dick Kath took a whole trailer full of "junk" to the dump and there is room now for more "stuff".

Your chapter represented the VVA at the Patriotic Concert. It's always an honor to carry our American Flag along with other flags we own. Branch Flag presentation is always an honor for all branches of service.

If anyone wants to be added to the non-official email, telling of things going on let me know and you will be added.

Janesville Police Department's NATIONAL NIGHT OUT a time when we play a small part in helping our police force have a fun time with local children. It's August 2nd at Traxler Park Janesville. If interested in joining us, set up is at 4:00 and the event runs from 5:00 till 8:00 pm. All are welcome to help or just come down for some fun.

Everyone have a happy 4th of July and a good summer.

**Bob Engstrom
Chapter #236 President**

National Night Out

The Janesville Police Department will hold its annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. in Traxler Park.

The chapter will once again have its Penny Toss Game Booth where every child will win a prize and a chance to win a bicycle. Six bikes will be given away at the close of the event in both boys and girls style. The bikes come in Small, Medium, and Large wheel sizes.

Funds to support this event come from our VVA Chapter #236, The Janesville Patriotic Society, VFW Post #1621, VFW Auxiliary Post #1621, American Legion Post #205, and donations from other individuals and local businesses.

Set up is at 4:00 P.M. before the event.

Volunteer to help with this event. Dress comfortably and wear something displaying a veteran or your organization's motif.

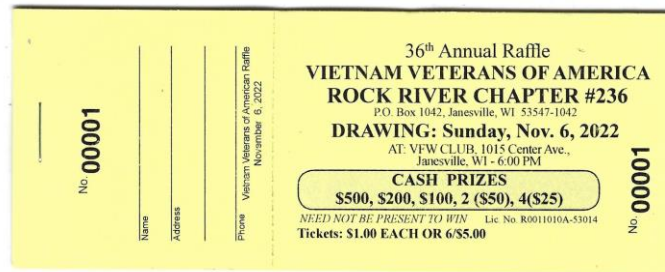
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Rockford Speedway Color Guard

The chapter Color Guard will present the Colors during the playing of the National Anthem at the Rockford Speedway in Loves Park Illinois on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. This event is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the speedway. For more information come to the July chapter meeting or contact Dick Kath. Stay and enjoy the racing afterwards.

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Make the 36th Annual Chapter Raffle a Success



Our chapter is conducting its 36th Annual Raffle. The funds raised are used to support our chapter's activities in the community. Raffle Tickets are now available from Kevin & Cheri Abb, Raffle co-Chairpersons. You can pick up your tickets at any chapter meeting. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or 60 for \$50. The drawing will be at the Nov. 6, 2022 chapter meeting. 5,000 tickets are available. To make this 36th Raffle a success, everyone needs to purchase and sell these tickets.

Wisconsin State Raffle Laws do not allow us to send you raffle tickets through the U.S. Mail. In order to sell tickets to our members who do not live in Janesville or cannot attend a chapter meeting we have the following procedure. At the end of this item there is the home address of Tom Stehura, Chapter #236 Treasurer. Follow the steps below.

1. Send Tom a note:
 - stating the number of tickets you wish to purchase,
 - return address labels to put on **each** of your tickets,
 - your telephone number for contacting you with questions,
 - and a check made payable to **Ton Stehura, VVA Chapter #236 Treasurer**
2. Tom will:
 - deposit your check in the Raffle account
 - put your mailing label each of the tickets you purchase
 - place your ticket stubs in the drawing drum
 - keep the tickets on file for future reference, if needed.

Tom will send you your ticket numbers, by e-Mail or a Text Message if you include that information in your letter. If you wish to be notified by U.S. Mail include an extra label.

**Tom Stehura
VVA 236 Treasurer
1309 Manor Drive
Janesville, WI 53548-1416**

With everyone's participation we can make this raffle a success!

The Janesville Patriotic Society

Veterans Plaza Memorial Walkway, Traxler Park

You can honor a veteran by purchasing a brick in the Medal of Honor Walkway at Veterans Plaza in Janesville's Traxler Park. Information on how to order a brick is below.



Honoring veterans with their name on a brick on the walkway.

For more information or to order a brick honoring your veteran,
send your request to:

Janesville Patriotic Society
Brick Order
P.O. Box 2414
Janesville, WI 53547-2414

Include your
mailing address

Name
Address
City, State Zip
e-mail & Phone No

or e-Mail: toms27@charter.net to receive an Order Form

Veterans' Graves Flag Removal

We will take the small American Flags off of the veterans' graves in Oak Hill and Mt. Olivet Cemeteries on Saturday morning, July 9, 2022. Meet at the Oak Hill Cemetery chapel at 8:00 A.M. Be sure to dress for the weather and wear comfortable footwear. See you all there.



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VVA Life Membership for \$50 (AVVA for \$100)

At the December meeting the chapter voted to pay the Life Membership Fee for all NEW members. If you are interested in becoming a member of V.V.A. Chapter #236 complete the application below and mail it, with a copy of your DD-214, to Tom Stehura at the chapter address on the bottom right corner of the form. Send no money.

AVVA Membership Applications are available on line at the **AVVA.Org** websites in the Forms tab. Contact Rosemarie Titus if you have questions or need assistance.



Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc

Application for Membership

Welcome to all Veterans who served during the Vietnam Era

Membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between **February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975**, or in any duty location between **August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975**.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Gender: _____

(OPTIONAL) Chapter Number: 236 Sponsor: _____

VVA has only one category of membership:

☒ **Life Membership: \$50**

ATTENTION New members:

You must submit a copy of your DD- 214 form along with this application and dues payment.

Payment Method: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover)

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Return the required documents and payment to:

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