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**March 2024**

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**April 2024**

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March	Event
3	Chapter Meeting @ VFW @ 6 PM
13	2024 Scholarship Applications Due
31	Easter Sunday

April	Event
7	Select Scholarship Recipients 4 PM @ VFW
7	Chapter Meeting @ VFW @ 6 PM
11	Patriotic Society Meeting 6 PM @ VFW

**Chapter #236 President's Letter**

Hi everyone;

Hope this letter finds everyone in good spirits. Your chapter is an ever-changing and an ongoing chapter that serves ourselves as well as the community. The major thing that needs to be addressed is the elections of your new officers for the coming year. I have served my three year term and it's time to let some new blood takeover get some new ideas to move the chapter forward. I really enjoyed working with the present officers, board members, and committees. So think of taking a position as an officer, or board member for the coming year.

Being a part of the combination VFW/VVA Military Honors detail is always very rewarding, if you're thinking of joining the team just contact myself or John Kettle, Mike Johnson either can give you information on joining.

Thanks for your support in the past years and continue to serve your chapter.

Bob Engstrom – VVA chapter president

## ***Second Final Final Announcement***

**No one has stepped forward to take over the Chapter Newsletter so I decided to publish the Vol. XXXVII No. I issue myself. I felt that this issue needed to go out due to the information related to the Chapter Scholarship Program and the Chapter elections for the 2024-2025 year.**

**This will be an abbreviated issue with not much information. It is the first issue of our 37<sup>th</sup> year as a chapter. I still hold out hope that someone will step up and say,**

**“I’ll Do It!”**

**but I am not holding my breath waiting for this volunteer(s) to step up.**

## *Chapter Officer Nominations and Election*

The chapter will hold its annual election for Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Representatives on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at its regular monthly meeting. Nominations were opened at the February meeting and will stay open at the March and April meetings. At the February meeting the following members were nominated. ( \* indicates the first time the person has volunteered)

**President:** John Kettle, (said he will not accept)  
**Vice President:** Mike Eggleston \*  
**Secretary:** Micheal Johnson  
**Treasurer:** Tom Stehura

**7 Board of Directors:** Roger Manecke  
Garry Meister  
Jim Dopkins \*  
Dennis Dopkins \*  
Patrick Brown  
Al Pacheco  
Eugene Thomas

**State Council Representatives:** Micheal Johnson  
Bob Maves  
Tom Stehura

**Election Committee:** Micheal Johnson  
Bob Maves  
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**It is never too late to step up and help lead the chapter.**

# **Scholarship Applications**

**All scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, March 13, 2024 in order to be considered.**

**Make sure your applicant encloses all the required documentation. This includes a copy of the DD214 from the related veteran and a picture for the announcement that will go into the newspaper when the winners are named.**

**The review committee will meet on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. at the VFW Clubhouse, to review the applications and select the recipients for the 2024 scholarships. All members can participate in the selection process. Come join us in making the selection of the recipients.**

**A copy of the Scholarship is included below or can be obtained from your high school Guidance Office.**



## High School Scholarship Application (Page 1)

23- \$300.00 scholarships from the Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates of Rock River Chapter #236 and 1- \$300.00 scholarships from the Tim Kettle Memorial Scholarship Fund plus 1 - \$300.00 scholarship from the Max Perkins Memorial Scholarship Fund are available for Graduating High School Students in the **2023- 2024** school year **and to Graduated High School Students from prior years who have never been awarded a scholarship from Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #236.**

**Applications must be postmarked no later than March 13, 2024**

**Mail to:** Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

Rock River Chapter #236

1285 N. Parker Dr.

Janesville Wisconsin, 53545

Application Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in family \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children home or in school \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Class Rank (i.e. 25/250) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Individual who makes you eligible \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: Parent, Grandparent or Sponsor: (Circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

List of schools or institutions you plan to attend.

Name	City/State	Applied / Accepted

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**High School Scholarship Application (Page 2)**

What is your Major or Field of Interest?

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Why have you chosen the above field of study?

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Have you attempted to earn money to help finance your future education, and if so, how and where?

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What extracurricular activities have you participated in since your freshman year?

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Have you received any special awards or recognition since your freshman year? (Honor Society, Scouting, ETC)

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Will you be seeking financial aid to further your education?

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Will you be applying for additional scholarships? If so, list those to which you have applied.

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**PLEASE ENCLOSE A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH** (For the newspaper if you are selected)

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

**Eligible applicants for this scholarship are the children/step-children/grandchildren/step-grandchildren/or great grandchildren of prior active duty service personnel who were on active duty during the Vietnam Era. The Vietnam Era is defined as the time between 1 January '59 and 7 May '75. To verify the applicant's eligibility, proof of service between given times must accompany this application (DD 214 or other official papers).**

**MAIL TO ADDRESS AT MIDDLE OF FRONT PAGE OF APPLICATION**

**POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN March 13, 2024**

This scholarship is sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates Rock River Chapter #236 and the Tim Kettle, and the Max Perkins Memorial Scholarship Funds.



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

The chapter will 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 membership form. **Send no money.**

It costs you NOTHING to join. **Don't wait! Do It Now!**

AVVA Membership Applications are available on line at the **AVVA.Org** websites in the Forms tab. Contact Rosemarie Kettle 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 *November 1, 1955, 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: \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

**Vietnam Veterans of America**  
PO Box 49030 · Baltimore · MD · 21297-4930

*Add Local Chapter information here*

Revised: Sept 2022

Chapter Address:    **Vietnam Veterans of America**  
**Rock River Chapter #236**  
**P.O. Box 1042**  
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**Janesville Patriotic Society**  
**May 2024 and Memorial Day Activities**  
**Tentative**

**May 11, Saturday – Street Flag Placement**

- Begin any time after May 1<sup>st</sup>. All flags must be up by May 11<sup>th</sup>..

**May 20-24 Monday through Friday - Oak Hill Veterans Cemetery  
(Al Pacheco and Pat Riley will coordinate the Days and Times)**

**May 22, Wednesday, 9:00 A.M. Milton Lawns Cemetery**

- Mike Johnson and Bob Maves will coordinate for Milton Lawns
- Rain Date if needed

**May 25, Saturday - Oak Hill and Mt. Olivet Cemeteries**

- Place small American Flags on the graves of all veterans.
- Meet at the Chapel at 8:00 A.M. (No Rain Date.)

**May 26, Sunday – Janesville Tank Company Ceremony**

- Setup at 6:00 P.M with Remembrance Ceremony at 7:00 P.M.

**May 27, Monday – Memorial Day**

- Oak Hill Cemetery at 8:00 A.M. - Remembrance Ceremony @ Veterans Section.
- Setup at 7:15 A.M. Take down after the ceremony.

**May 27, Monday – Memorial Day**

- Milton Lawns Cemetery at 9:30 A.M. - Remembrance Ceremony by VFW 1621

**May 27, Monday – Memorial Day Parade**

- 11:00 A.M. (Route W. Milwaukee to Traxler Park).
- Line up beginning at 10:15 to 11:00 A.M.

**May 27, Monday – Memorial Day Ceremony at Traxler Park**

- 11:30 A.M. after parade arrives at the park.
- Luncheon after the ceremony at the Janesville V.F.W. Club

**July 13, 2024, Saturday Oak Hill & Mt. Olivet Cemeteries**

- 8:00 A.M. Remove small American Flags from the Veterans Graves.  
**(Always need help for this, Please Join us if you can.)**
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