



VietNam Veterans of America

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Chapter #479 has started the year 2022 with a fresh outlook to getting back to pre-Covid normalcy. We have changed our banking from Wausau to the Forward Bank of Athens for convenience and a better interest rate. We have scheduled a full plate of Fund raisers, area parades, veteran outreaches, and special events. We were recently able to raise \$1000 for the tornado victims in Stanley Wisconsin, and received widespread recognition for doing that.

Our Winter Social was a success with 25 attendees and signing up 1 new member. Our chapter was mentioned in the Highground Newsletter for the purchase and placement of a chapter stone there.

I would like to mention that I approached the Medford Culvers Restaurant where we had a successful 'share night' obtaining over \$600 for a 4 hour event. Perhaps other chapters might want to try something similar, as both Hardees and Culvers support veterans this way. We have been invited back in 2022 and have started a positive relationship with them both.

Secretary Willman represented the VVA at a Hmong/Lao funeral for one of their leaders, and was warmly welcomed. He is also invited by the Hmong/Lao Veterans of WI to attend a ceremony at the State Capital in May.

Respectfully Submitted:

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