



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 437

Chapter Report

Dec. 1, 2018

For Oct. we had our annual Orange Blossom Drive at three different stores in Oshkosh. This year was the first time Walmart would not let us be there. We did good this year for donations and getting a little over \$4800. It would have been lots better if we had Walmart. The money we raised will be used for our Christmas projects.

We lost another member in Oct., Paul Kiefer. This is our third member that we lost this year.

Our AVVA members has been helping bringing a meal to the Day by Day Warming Shelter for the homeless. They do this once a month from Oct. till April. Some of our V V A members help also.

For Nov. we participated in the Veterans Day program at the Winnebago County Courthouse. Some of our members also attended some of the Veterans Day programs at some of the schools and at the Oshkosh Senior Center. We had two VVA and two AVVA members, Duane and Betty Canon and Jeff and Dee Dee Freund attend the Oshkosh High/West Veterans' Honor Hall Ceremony. Anyone who attended Oshkosh High or Oshkosh West High School could have their name on the Honor Hall walls by the branch of service, rank, years in the service and from what class they graduated. Our President, Duane Canon was interviewed by WBAY-TV along with others that attended the high school. We are adopting three veteran families that are in need for Christmas from the CVSO. We also helped the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Center with a new commercial dryer as their old one was in bad shape.

For Dec. our chapter will be working on our Christmas projects. We will be donating to a couple food pantries, the Salvation Army, the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Center, the three veteran families, the Day by Day Warming Shelter and a couple more non-profit organizations.

We will be having our annual Christmas party in Jan. again after all of holiday's events are done.

We want to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".