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January	Event
5	Chapter Meeting 6.PM - VFW
	Military Honors Training @ 5 PM
8	Patriotic Society Meeting 6 PM @ VFW
18	Meat Raffle. (See info below)

February 2020

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February	Event
2	Chapter Meeting 6.PM - VFW

Special Notice:

January 5th Chapter meeting -- VFW Clubhouse 6:00 pm

Military Honors training Sunday Jan 5th 5:00 before chapter meeting

Available to anyone interested in refreshing their Military Honors Skills. Flag Folding and Presentation, Honors Coin Presentation, Rifle Detail Procedures, Uniforms, etc.

Anyone interested in joining or just refreshing be there by 5 P.M.

Letter from the President:

Once again we come to the end of another Year. We had a wonderful year, between the ceremonies, Panel Discussions, Support our Troop Rallies, Orange Blossoms for Scholarships.

But, on the other hand we had some our members passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

I want to Thank everyone who supported the Christmas Party with lot of raffle gifts and door Prizes.

I want to thank Jake Jacobson and his son James For making the Great bag toss game and presented to a Great Veteran of our Chapter. He is a person that will help out with anything the Chapter is involved with. **Al Pacheco** this was well deserved. Thank You for your service to our country and our chapter.

I also want to Thank Delia Pacheco for her great art work that she does to raffle off at the Christmas Party.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and to Have a Great New Year.

Builder for Peace

Bill Nielsen

Al and Delia Pacheco (With Game Board)



2019 Chapter Raffle Winners

The winners for this year's Chapter Raffle were:

\$500 - Terry Polinske

\$200 - Phill Spense

\$100 - Belle Gagner

\$50 - Drew Hallmark

\$50 - Margie Chambliss

\$25 - Holly Hallmark

\$25 - Ruth Eicksteadt

\$25 - Brenda Stone

\$25 - Brandon Disch

Thank You,

Everyone who helped the chapter during this, our annual Fund Raising Activity, by selling and/or purchasing raffle tickets.

A special THANK YOU to Pat Riley, Raffle Chairman.

VVA Meat Raffle

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Beginning at 1:00 P.M.

At the East Point Sportz Pub

3501 East Milwaukee St., Janesville, WI 53546

Everyone is invited, so bring a friend.

Enter the Raffle to win some very fine meat.

See you all there!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Thank you goes out to everyone from the chapter who spend 2 hours ringing bells at the Salvation Army donation Red Kettles at both doors to Woodman's Market on December 20 and 21. The chapter is proud to support this cause. During our two days of bell ringing the chapter raised \$3958.51 in donations. Three cheers to Bob and Joanie Mazes who coordinated this activity for the chapter.

Hip, Hip, Hooray!!

Christmas Party 2019

Our annual Christmas party this year we had a very good attendance, I don't know the final count, the food was plentiful the band was good, and the atmosphere was full of Christmas spirit. Big thanks for making the event a success, to James Jacobson who made beanbag throw that was just great. So many donations, big thanks to Al Pacheco for collecting many of them. I am not sure how we came out money wise hopefully OK. Thanks to everyone who attended and who helped make this year a success.



Al Pacheco proudly posing behind the game boards made by Jake Jacobson and son James>

Support Troops Rally. (Remembering our soldiers on Christmas.)

Thanks to Tom we had a good turnout, had 10 people show up, wave flags and wave to traffic as they went by. Patriotic Society paid Comac \$150.00 for two 3X3 signs saying "HONK FOR OUR TROOPS". We had honking horns blaring all the time, was great even the police and city trucks honked as they went by..

Christmas Presents for Parker and Craig High School

The chapter presented 14 Christmas gift packages to 7 Parker and 7 Craig High School students this year. The chapter donated 6 packages, the VFW Post 1621 donated 4 packages, the American Legion Post 205 donated 2 packages. There were also 2 packages donated by individual chapter members. Four of our members donated \$100 and three donated \$50 each. The value allotted for each package was approximately \$120. Many of the members, who did the shopping, spend more than that amount

There was sort of a different gift giving from Parker High School. One of the students had, I believe, a brother in second grade, who would not have a Christmas this year because of family hardships. We took care of this youngster, got him things an 8 year old might want and need. Got it to the school along with the other gifts and hope all these students had a great Christmas. Sometimes we forget all we have and what others don't have.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Rock River Chapter #236 Scholarship Application

The next two pages contain the application form for the chapter's 2020 scholarships. If you have a student who wants to apply for one of these scholarships, print and complete the two page form and submit them to the address listed on the form.

Be sure to include a copy of your **DD214** along with the application.

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High School Scholarship Application

14-\$ 300.00 scholarships from the Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates of Rock River Chapter #236 and 2- \$300.00 scholarships from the Tim Kettle Memorial Scholarship Fund plus 1-\$300.00 scholarship from the Albert Kath Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund plus 1-\$300.00 scholarship from the Max Perkins Memorial Scholarship Fund are available for Graduating High School Students in the 2017- 2018 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 18, 2020

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 _____

List of schools or institutions you plan to attend.

Name	City/State	Applied / Accepted
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Name: _____

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What is your Major or Field of Interest?

Why have you chosen the above field of study?

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

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

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

Will you be seeking financial aid to further your education?

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

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

****IMPORTANT****

Eligible applicants for this scholarship are the children/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 TOP OF APPLICATION

POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN March 18, 2020

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