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### September 2019

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September	Event
1	Chapter Meeting 6.PM - VFW
14	Street Flag Removal
20	POW/MIA Ceremony
21	Support the Troops Rally

### October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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October	Event
6	Chapter Meeting 6.PM - VFW
11	Orange Blossom Sales - Day 1
12	Orange Blossom Sales - Day2

### Letter from the President:

We just got done with the National Kids Night Out. Had a Great time with the Kids.

This next statement is my opinion. From what I have learned from the National Convention is to disband VVA. Our Chapter was and still is against this move. We have come a long way just to give it away. We took the initiative to start VVA but our leaders think they are the politicians and give everything away that we established over the last 30+ years.

We will be doing Orange Blossoms again this year if you have a couple hours to help out give Garry Meister 752-7372. ( Oct. 11-12 )

The Chapter Raffle is going on so if you want to sell some ticket or buy some give Pat Riley a call at 754-2777.

On Sept. 8 there is a program going down at the Eclipse Center in Beloit to honor Vietnam Veterans At 4 o'clock.

Builder for Peace,  
President Bill Neilsen

## New Life Membership for \$50

Renewing Annual Members and NEW members (with a DD214 submitted), will only have the \$50 LIFE membership when they join.

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 assistance.

### 2019 Orange Blossom Schedule Friday Oct 11 and Saturday Oct.12

HI To All,

Thank you for volunteering to help with Orange Blossoms. If you are in the 3:00-5:00pm slots, take the tripod, board, Orange Blossoms and money with you and contact Garry Meister @608-774-0350.

I will try to be at closings about 4:45-4:55 each day to collect items, if possible.

I may have my wife Nancy pick up items at Blackhawk CCU on Friday at 4:55.

#### October 11

##### Woodman's Liquor Door

Fri: 9:00-11:00	Pat Riley
Fri: 11:00-1:00	Al Pacheco
Fri: 1:00-3:00	Gary Utterberg
Fri: 3:00-5:00	Bob Maves

##### Woodman's Bakery Door

Fri: 9:00-11:00	RK Mitby
Fri: 11:00-1:00	Roger Manecke
Fri: 1:00-3:00	Bob Engstrom
Fri: 3:00-5:00	Pat Brown

##### Festival Foods - Main Ent. By Liquor Store

Fri: 9:00-11:00	Gary Utterberg
Fri: 11:00-1:00	Duane Harvey
Fri: 1:00-3:00	Bill Neilsen
Fri: 3:00-5:00	Rosemarie Titus

##### Blackhawk Community CU - West Court St.

Fri: 9:00-11:00	Bob Abb
Fri: 11:00-1:00	Dennis Decker
Fri: 1:00-3:00	Mike Johnson
Fri: 3:00-5:00	Tracy Puntney

Garry Meister

608-774-0350 Cell

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#### October 12,

##### Woodman's Liquor Door

Sat: 9:00-11:00	Pat Riley
Sat: 11:00-1:00	Al Pacheco
Sat: 1:00-3:00	Tracy Puntney
Sat: 3:00-5:00	Duane Harvey

##### Woodman's Bakery Door

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Sat: 11:00-1:00	Bob Engstrom
Sat: 1:00-3:00	Pat Brown
Sat: 3:00-5:00	Tom Steruha

##### Festival Foods - Main Ent. By Liquor Store

Sat: 9:00-11:00	Dennis Decker
Sat: 11:00-1:00	Jake Jacobson
Sat: 1:00-3:00	Rick Waugh
Sat: 3:00-5:00	John Kettle

##### Blackhawk Community CU - West Court St.

Sat: 8:30-10:30	Mike Johnson
Sat: 10:30-12:00	Mike Johnson

## **POW/MIA Day**

The Chapter will conduct a POW/MIA Day Remembrance Ceremony on Friday, September 20, 2019 at Veterans Plaza in Traxler Park, Janesville Wisconsin. The Remembrance Ceremony will begin at 6:00 P.M.

## **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

The chapter will be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army's Christmas fund raising campaign.

This year we will ring the bells at Woodman's Supermarket in Janesville on December 20 and 21 from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. We will be at both the Liquor Store and Bakery entrances.

Sign Up for a 2 hour shift by calling Bob Maves at 608-7527414

Support the Troops Rally Saturday, September 21 from 10 to 11 A.M. at Milton Lawn Cemetery in Janesville Wisconsin.

## **Eagle Scout Project Update**

Kyle Warda, a Life Scout, from Troop 539 completed his Eagle Scout Project on August 24, 2019. His project involved landscaping the Medal Of Honor Walkway in Veterans Plaza, Traxler Park, Janesville, WI. Kyle planned and executed the widening of the area by eight feet on the sides, the movement of 30 Cubic Yards of landscaping stones (over 66,000 lbs), and planting 130 perennial plants to beautify the walkway. A secondary goal of the project was to make it easier for the Parks Department to mow and maintain the park. Kyle worked with the City of Janesville Park Department and to Janesville Patriotic Society to make sure the goals of both groups were met. If you have time, stop by and see the fine job he did.



*Life Scout Kyle Warda*

  
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