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First Formation

Events for September and October, 2017

Sept 1: 40 & 8 regular meet-
 ing, 6:30 meal, 7:30 meeting.
 Call Larry Winger for loca-
 tion, 604-5140

Sept 1,2: Forget me not
 drive, RC Walmart, DAV 32

Sept 4: Womens Relief Corp
 president Jill Vestuto and
 member Jane Adams will
 march in Hillsboro parade.
 Sept 4: Viola post 447 will
 march in Readstwn Labor
 Day parade.

Sept 8: Lone Rock post 383
 taking tickets at RC fair,
 fundraiser for Vets memorial.

Sept 8: Womens Relief Corp
 meeting 11AM, Brewer Li-
 brary

Sept 11: Legion 383 Lone
 Rock, Vet memorial meeting,
 village office 6:30 PM

Sept 12: VFW #2267, RC
 Legion hall, 6:30 PM meal,
 7PM meeting

Sept: Viola post 447 regular
 meetings. 1PM Auxiliary,
 7PM legion.

Sept 14: Vietnam Vets #7, RC
 Legion hall, supper 7PM,
 meeting follows

Sept 14-17: Vietnam Vets Re-
 union, Kokomo, IN. Contact
 Bob McCarthy, 537-2720

Sept 19: Legion 383 Lone
 Rock, regular meeting at li-
 brary 7PM

Sept 19: Legion 491 Cazenovia,
 meeting 7PM legion hall
 with auxiliary. Featured
 speaker will be from the 3rd
 District and will make a pres-
 entation about the Sons of the
 Legion in preparation for the
 new Cazenovia chapter.

Sept 20, Legion 383 auxiliary,
 regular meeting 5PM Masonic
 hall

Sept 21: RC Legion 13, RC
 Legion Hall, supper at 6:30,
 meeting 7:30

Sept 22: Womens Relief
 Corps to meet at King Veter-
 ans home and place a plaque
 to honor former national
 WRC president Shirley Grant.

Ride sharing available from
 RC. Contact Jill Vestuto at
 647-9005 or jvestuto@mwt.net
 Sept 23/24: Vietnam Vets #7,
 Brat stand at Oakwood Fruit
 Farms

Sept 23: Viola post 447, 10
 AM, auxiliary selling pies and
 legion selling chicken at legion
 hall.

Sept 24: Vietnam Vets #7,
 Marching in Gays Mills Ap-
 plefest parade: Lineup 1PM
 Parade start: 1:30

Sept 24: 3rd District Fall meet-
 ing, Ewing—Olson post,
 8:30AM, 514 Willow St,
 Arena, WI

Sept 28: DAV 32, Meeting at
 RC Legion Hall, meal 5:30PM
 followed by meeting.

Sept 29– Oct 1: Brat Stand at
 Oakwood Fruit Farms, Lone
 Rock post 383, to benefit Vet-
 erans memorial

Oct 1: Vietnam Vets #7,
 marching in Boaz Parade

Oct 3: County Legion meet-
 ing, Lone Rock library,
 7:30PM

October 5: 40 & 8 regular
 meeting, 6:30 meal, 7:30 meet-
 ing. Call Larry Winger for
 location. 604-5140

Oct 6: Wisconsin Blood Bank
 blood drive, Schmitt Wood-
 land Hills, 10AM-2PM, Co-
 sponsored by Vietnam Vets #7



From HQ

By Karen Knock, VSO

How to Get Your Drivers License Veteran Identifier

Character of Service: The Character of Service Field on your DD214/DD215 must show, Honorable, General under honorable conditions, or Honorable under General. (Other than Honorable conditions will not allow you to certify through this process.)

Length of Service: You must have at least one period of service that encompassed at least two continuous years of "active duty" or 90 days of "active duty" during a Statutorily-Designated Wartime Period, where the character of service meets the requirements above.* For this purpose, "active duty" means active duty (other than active duty for training) military service in the armed forces of the United States or in forces incorporated as part of the armed forces of the United States. (Full-time National Guard duty does not qualify as "active duty" under federal law. Active federal military service performed by the National Guard members under Title 10 of the U.S. Code may qualify as "active duty.")

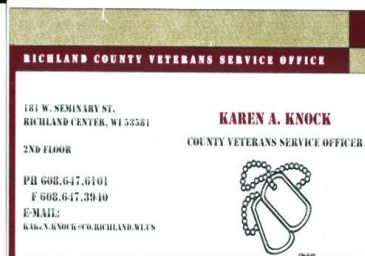
Contact: Contact your

local Richland County Veterans Service Office to obtain certification of your veteran status for the identifier. (I have a form here in the office that I fill out and the Veteran then takes it to the DMV.)

Richland Center Dept of Motor Vehicles is located in the small mall up across from KFC/Taco Bell.

26136 Executive Lane.

Hours are Monday and Wednesday 7am - 5pm.



Update Lone Rock Veterans' Memorial

Location, shape, and size of memorial is marked out. We hope to get the cement poured soon and the first monument installed this fall, hopefully on Veterans' Day

—Alan Eggers, Commander, Lone Rock Post 383



September 15, 2017 is POW/MIA National Recognition Day. VFW Post 2267 and Auxiliary will kick off their "Buddy Poppy" Drive please honor the living by remembering those that have passed by donating towards the Buddy Poppy Drive.

VFW 2018 Raffle Calendars are for sale at a cost of \$20.00, and gives you a chance to win \$50.00, \$500.00 up to \$1,000.00 with drawings on Fridays. All winnings are posted on the VFW website. If you win your name goes back in for another drawing. See Kevin Novy Local Post 2267 Calendar sales Chair person or the Commander.



Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Essay themes due October 31

A. Voice of Democracy essays are due October 31, 2017 from the students and needs to be given to the local post no later than this date. Established in 1947, our Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 40,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of \$2.1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program. The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school.

This years Voice of Democracy theme is: "American History: Our Hope for the Future". (for grades 9-12). all are open to Home schooled students also.

<http://vfwwi.org/uploads/Documents/VODStudentEntryForm.pdf>

B. Each year more than 132,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$54,500, with each first-place state winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level. The essay contest encourages young minds to examine American history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. The

Patriots Pen theme is: America's Gift to My Generation Open for grades 6 through 8th grade all are open to Home schooled students also.

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A promotional poster for a shooting tournament. It features a man in a green shirt and cap aiming a shotgun. The text on the poster reads: "VFW District 3 Presents BEST SHOT 3 GUN TOURNAMENT 10 rifle shots, 2 shotgun shells, 16 handgun rounds September 9th, 2017 @ 10am No Optics-All Skill Open to the Public \$20 Entrance Fee Registration @ 9am Boscobel Area Sportsman Club, Boscobel WI".

Election Results: National Association Blind Veterans

Chairman: Tom Peralta, Richland Center
Vice Chairman Donnette Shroeder, Middleton
Treasurer Mike Smith, Pleasant Prairie
Secretary Ken Owens, Fondulac
Chaplain Charles Gribbs
Sergeant at Arms Dave Ryba, Milwaukee
Judge Advocate Aaron Bittman, Brookfield
Membership Chairman Elizabeth Bell, Beloit
Lobbyist Gary Goyke, Madison
Fund Raising Chairman Patricia Zirkle, Stoughton
Events Coordinator Linda Stanley, Neenah

GOAL: 5 new members per county

Events (Ctd. From page 1)

Oct 6-8: Vietnam Vets #7, Brat stand at Oakwood Fruit Farms to benefit Lone Rock Veteran's memorial

Oct 7: Vietnam Vets #7 marching in Center Color Fest Canyon of Lights Parade, 7PM

Oct 7: Womens Relief Corp president Jill Vistuto to visit Corps 32. Boscibek and GAR hall.

Oct 8: Legion 491 Cazenovia, card party resumes 1:30PM

Oct 9: Legion 383 Lone Rock, Vet memorial meeting, village office 6:30 PM

Oct 10: VFW #2267, RC Legion Hall, 6:30PM meal, 7PM meeting

Oct 10: Viola 447 regular meetings, 1PM auxiliary, 7PM legion.

Oct 12: Vietnam Vets #7, RC Legion hall, supper 7PM, meeting follows.

Oct 13-15: Brat stand at Oakwood Fruit Farms, Lone Rock post 383, to benefit Veterans' memorial.

Oct 14: Vietnam Vets State Board meeting, AM, New Glarus. Contact Bob McCarthy for time. 537-2720

Oct 17: Legion 383 Lone Rock, regular meeting at library, 7PM

Oct 17: Legion 491 Cazenovia, meeting 7PM Legion hall with auxiliary

October 18: Legion 383 auxiliary, regular meeting 5PM, Masonic hall,

Oct 18 (tentative): Viola 447: 4:30to 6PM, Pancake supper at legion hall.



Oct 19: RC Legion 13, RC Legion hall, supper at 6:30, meeting 7:30

Oct 26: DAV 32, Meeting at RC Legion Hall, meal at 5:30 PM followed by meeting

Nov 5: Pancake Breakfast 7AM, 40& 8, RC Legion Hall, followed by Meat Raffle at 1PM..

This was written by a Vietnam Veteran rider on the 30th anniversary of that conflict. Its specific author is anonymous.

Vietnam

We believe in the Vietnam brotherhood, which was created by strangers, fighting in-country Vietnam, spilling their blood, losing their innocence and thereby becoming brothers; memorialized by The Wall, PTSD, Agent Orange, and time.

In the thirtieth year, we have come together, to ride for those who cannot, focused on supporting and loving one another, our families, friends, and strangers, as our peace and thanksgiving.

And the brothers said, AMEN.

Richland Center Nation's First Purple Heart City

