

May 2008

Vietnam Veterans of Southern Minnesota  
P.O. Box 3383  
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[WWW.VVSM.ORG](http://WWW.VVSM.ORG)

Membership meeting Tuesday, **May 6**, 2008 VFW 950, Mankato at 19:00

**Memorial Day Schedule, Monday, May 26, 2008**

**09:00** Korean Memorial River Front Dr. and Main Street Mankato

Area Post's visits to County Cemeteries, look for schedule in the Mankato Free Press

**11:30** World War II Memorial Wheeler Park North Mankato

**12:10** Vietnam Memorial Stoltzman Road Mankato

The guest speaker at the Vietnam Memorial is Dr. Michael Rath a two-tour Iraq Veteran.

Memorial spring clean up 09:00 Saturday, May 17, 2008 Armed Forces Day

Veterans Memorial Place in Mankato is in its formative stages, and this is a place where you will be able to purchase a personalized Memorial Paver for the walkway. American Legion Post 11 Mankato or any local Veterans Post in Mankato will be having more information soon. This is going to be a special addition to the "Veterans Memorial Bridge."

Mankato is in the process of receiving a charter for a new Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter President Jim Mason at 345-6663 or Secretary Tom Peterson at 388-8192 are the local contacts.

If you are planning a summer trip to Duluth Minnesota stop by the Railroad Museum to see the Vietnam exhibits. It is in its last year and members of VVSM, Tom McLaughlin, Gregg Schmidt, Adam Schmidt, Bob Becker, Clayton Hanson and many others were the people who brought it to Mankato and transferred it to Duluth, it is something worth seeing.

Thank You to Thomas Hallett, Thomas McLaughlin for their input to area schools.

VVSM Color Guard Members Wayne Sharp, Glen Peterson & Andy Anderson for their participation in area Veteran Color Guards.

Here's a request from our members. In order to save the club some money if you would like to get the newsletter by electronic mail, please send just your email address to [WWW.VVSM.ORG](http://WWW.VVSM.ORG) (just reply to the send email). Also, we will be posting the newsletter on the web site.

Remember "Minors" in your charitable giving, and donations can be sent to Minors 822 N. 5<sup>th</sup>. Street Mankato 56001. Or contact VVSM member Eric Steinmetz 387-5855.

If you are not a member of an American Legion, VFW or VVA please consider joining.

Blue Earth County Veterans Service Officer Gary Evenson (507)-304-4246

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, Veterans Outreach South  
12 Civic Center Plaza Mankato Minnesota 56001, (507)-345-8258 Susan Sorenson Director

Directors: Gregg Asher, Wayne Sharp, Greg Schmidt, Thomas McLaughlin, Dennis Segar

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THOSE WHO REMAIN WILL NOT BE ALONE  
OUR UNREPATRIATED AMERICAN PRISONERS WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN