

Mike Voth Memorial
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI
August 6, 2025

AVVA

..No meeting held this month..

Representative Rick A. Talford has been out since July with Heart Health issues.

VVA

Attendance – 7 (1 AVVA – Micki C. - acting secretary for meeting)

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order – Mike Korger (6:40pm)

Pledge of Allegiance – led by Joe Graff

Opening Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence – none

Welcome Veterans and Guests – none

Reports

Secretary – Dan Ziegler (absent)

A motion to approve the minutes as sent by email was made by Jake G. and seconded by Rory S. The motion was approved without objection.

Treasurer – Mike Smith

The expenditures and income for June and July were explained, and Smith was “Thanked” for his report.

President – Mike Korger

Korger spoke of attending veterans’ funerals in Chippewa Falls. He also noted that the National Convention was in progress currently in New Orleans. The Delegate Release form for Chapter 5 was NOT completed and sent to the State Council for the convention. The death notice forms for three members of Chapter 5 have been filed with State and National. (Joe Heil, Kerm Morgan and Ernie Werlein) Mike Smith is working on getting an updated roster for the Chapter. The Raffle License has been applied for to continue our annual fundraisers in the future. The 50/50 raffle license was not applied for, as the chapter will no longer hold this monthly raffle.

Vice-President – Rod Pettis (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford (Absent – Heart Surgery Recovery)

Meetings

National Convention – New Orleans Convention is currently underway. The big topic is the future of the VVA. A proposal was put together in April 2025 by the BOD, that will be given to membership during the convention to vote on. The Future Plan lays out the intent on creating a guideline on moving forward.

NOTE- The proposal was rejected by membership vote in New Orleans at the Convention. They will continue trying to come up with a future plan and bring it to the 2027 Convention that is planned for Washington, DC.

Region 6 meeting – a meeting was held in Janesville July 12th, with members being provided the April 2025 BOD Future Plan Proposal. Discussion was held for members to bring information back to their respective chapters. The meeting was attended by Jake G., Joe G. and Mike S.

WI State Council – the next meeting will be held September 13th, 2025 in Waupaca at Par 4.

VA/Benefits/Claims – need a chairperson (no report)

Minority report – Dave Zien (absent)

Membership – VVA 126/ AVVA 29

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte

The Committee plans on purchasing blue polo shirts for the committee members. September 5th will be a t-up with the troops event.

Highground report – Joe Graff

August 1-3 41st annual heroes bike ride tour

August 2 legacy stone ceremony

August 3 Vietnam veteran reunion, heroes ride welcome

August 16 25th annual ride to remember cycle ride and rally

VVA Logo/Clothing – Rick Talford (absent)

Anyone wishing to get chapter merchandise can contact Rick at 715.829.3540

Kellen's Fundraiser check has cleared the bank.

Vietnam Veterans Day Committee funds have been placed in the bank (\$3,616.02)

New Business

Membership review is being worked on by Mike Smith

Chapter BOD position has been filled by Jake Gundlach

Finance and Election reports have been filed with State and National

VVA Goals and Outreach – no report

Fundraising – none for 2025

Chapter Elections – April 2026

Committee's – no report

Communications – none

Good of the Order

Prestige Auto Veterans and Customer Appreciation event is August 14th at 5-7pm.

Al Weix is currently at the Veterans Home recovering from Pneumonia.

Prayers for Tom Neuenfeldt, Kenneth Piel and Rick Talford in recovering from health issues.

Altoona's container park is now open.

Upcoming events – none

50/50 – the Chapter will no longer hold drawings each month. The cost of the annual raffle permit/license exceeds the benefit of holding the drawings.

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

The next meeting will be Sept. 3, 2025 at 6:30pm at VFW Post 305 on Starr Ave.

Adjourned at 7:35pm.