

Mike Voth Memorial  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI  
April 5, 2023

AVVA

Attendance – 5

Discussions;

- 1- Quilts made by Micki and Sally for sale at meeting
- 2- Fundraising ideas
- 3- Representatives health

VVA

Attendance – 21 + 1 guest

Agenda – no changes

Call to order – Mike Korger (6:40pm)

Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Korger

Prayer – Joe Graff (absent – health), Mike Korger

Moment of Silence –

Deceased Members –

Welcome Veterans and Guests – Jeff Lemieus

### Reports

Secretary – Dan Ziegler

The minutes were sent out by email. A motion to approve was made by Joe H. and seconded by Pete B. The motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

All accounts are in good standings. Heil was thanked for his report that covered February and March 2023.

NOTE- Three E.C. North Ball Players came to the meeting to sell coupon sheets. They cost \$20.00 each and several members made purchases.

President – Mike Korger

Korger spoke of the Vietnam Veterans Day event. The attendance was near 200. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Hmong will be holding their Veterans Day in Cadott, and would like a color guard to attend. The event will be from 10am to noon.

Vice President – Kenny Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford

Talford spoke of the Quilts brought in by Micki and Sally that were available to purchase. He spoke of their accts. being in good standing, and requested the Chapter consider the purchase of the flag poles, tops and bases. **A motion to provide \$550.00 towards this purchase was made by Rory S., and seconded by Bill C. The motion carried without objection.**

National Convention – Orlando, FL (fall 2023)  
Region 6 Meeting – May 19-21, 2023 in Johnston, IA  
State Council Meeting – June 24, 2023 in Waupaca at Par 4

VA/Benefits/Claims – Dave Mayenchein (stepped down from position)  
Pete Breed spoke about the Pact Act lawsuit that has begun. There was a lengthy discussion then about the VFW redistricting the northern part of the state.

NOTE- if anyone has interest in this position, please contact Joe Heil.

Minority Report – Dave Zein

Zein spoke of Jeff Smith joining the Auxiliary at Post 305 and spearheading some legislative actions. He spoke of the Veterans Tribute in Altoona, as well as a gathering for Combat Veterans on July 15, 2023 in Cadott. He asked about the color guard being present for the Federation of Women's Club on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Zein informed those in attendance that Post 305 will be closed to public meetings from April 24<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>. Appreciation Week had some attendance. There does not appear to be any interest by legislatures in regards to HWY 8 being named after the mid-east conflicts. Some sad news to report is in regards to the support letters for James "Mac" McBee. Over 600 letters were sent out, with only 2 letters of support being returned.

Membership – VVA 125 / AVVA 28

#### Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory S.

Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of each month at the Chippewa VFW. There was discussion regarding the patio/courtyard and the acceptance of donations for plaques.

Highground report – Joe G. (absent)

Logo/Clothing – Joe H.

Heil is providing a list of items to Ralph O. to bring to the company that will be handling our clothing.

#### New Business

Goals/Outreach –

Fundraiser – Joe H. (Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023) - Tickets will still need to be purchased at this time.

Chapter elections – April 2024

Committee – Joe Heil

The scholarship applicants have come in, so the committee will need to meet soon to choose the winners for 2023.

Newsletter deadline –

## Good of the Order

April 26<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day at the Capital

April 26<sup>th</sup> – High School to Heroes Banquet (4 additional members needed to attend)

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Toxic Exposure Town Hall

Note – A plaque was provided to Joe Heil in recognition for all he has done for Chapter 5 over the years. This was presented at this years' Vietnam Veterans Day and re-read to those in attendance at the meeting.

50/50 - \$9.00 (our guest was the winner)

Closing prayer – Mike Korger

Adjourned 7:57pm

Next meeting will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at Post 7232 at 6:30pm