

Mike Voth Memorial  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire  
April 3, 2024

Attendance – 23+2  
Agenda – no changes  
Call to Order – Mike Korger  
Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Graff  
Prayer – Joe Graff  
Moment of Silence – none  
Deceased members – Marlyin Thoms  
Welcome Veterans and Guests – Jim Prybylski and Ron Staszczuk

Reports

Secretary – Dan Zeigler  
A motion to approve the Feb-Mar. 2024 minutes was made by Joe Heil and seconded by Ralph Ottum.  
The motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil  
Heil provided the financial information on accounts. He was “Thanked” for his report

President – Mike Korger

- The Chippewa Valley Marine Club held a meeting on Mar. 3, 24 at Post 305
- A final meeting will be held on Mar. 26, 24 for this years’ Vietnam Veterans Day at Post 305. Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Gary Wetzel will be a speaker at the event.
- Our Annual “Veterans Fall Raffle” tickets have been made, and are ready for sales to start

Vice-President – Ken Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford

- Chapter 5 AVVA Representative Election was held. Joe Heil nominated Rick A. Talford for the position. Micki Rumberg seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made for this position. By acclamation, Rick A. Talford will continue on as the Chapter 5 Representative. The “Oath” was then read in completion of the election.
- Budget numbers are down a bit, but a fundraising effort will take place at the A&W near Woodman’s on April 9, 2024.
- Agent Orange and Paper Safe Folders were brought to the meeting and available for anyone to take.
- Membership is holding at 30, with 29 Life Members

Meetings

National Meeting – no information at this time  
Region 6 – no information at this time

State Council – the next meeting will be held June 22, 24 in Waupaca, WI at 10am (Par 4). There will be State Elections held at this meeting. Delegates will need to be chosen soon for this meeting.

VA/Benefits/Claims – position open

Pete Breed spoke to members, explaining that a veteran may go to “ANY” CVSO they would like to. You are not forced to use your counties office.

Minority Report – Dave Zien

- April 4, there will be a tour with Gary Wetzel, starting at 12pm.
- Monday April 22, Derrick Van Orden will be presenting 5 medals to 102 year old Neil Korn at Post 305.

Membership - VVA 125 AVVA 30

#### Old Business

Veteran’s Home – Rory Schutte

- Meetings are held each month on the third Wed. at the Chippewa Falls VFW
- Masks are required once again at the home
- The courtyard dedication will be held June 25, 2024 at 10am. The WI Gov. may be in attendance

Highground – Joe Graff

The annual spring cleaning is scheduled for April 8-11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

VVA #5 Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil

- Hoodies have been purchased
- Long sleeve shirts have been purchased
- Chapter jackets are available. One was purchased for the VVD event, to present to Gary Wetzel

#### New Business

Fairs-

- Buffalo Co. booth has increased to \$150.00. The fair is scheduled for Aug. 1-4<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- NWSF – Mike Korgor will get application completed (date TBD)
- Clark Co. – Ralph Ottum will get application completed (Date TBD)

High School to Heroes – Joe Heil

- The Chapter has approved (3) tables to be sponsored for the event at \$250.00 per table
- This will be held at Wild Ridge Golf Course on Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, beginning at 5pm. (planned attendees- Mike K., Mike S., Mike S., Joe G., Al W. and Rick T.)

Vietnam Veteran’s Day – Joe Heil

- A \$250.00 donation to the event has been approved
- Registration will begin at 8am on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Post 305
- The program will run from 9-12pm, with a meal being available afterwards for \$9.00 (Grilled Cheese and Soup)

Hmong Veteran’s Day – Joe Heil

- The Color Guard has been requested to attend May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Cadott and Neillsville

VVA Goals/Outreach – none

Fundraiser – Joe Heil

- Tickets have been purchased for \$144.00
- The TV, Grill and Shotgun are still needing to be purchased

#### Chapter 5 Election

President – Mike Korger

- A nomination of Mike Korger to be President was made by Billy Buss. No other nominations were heard, so by acclamation, Mike Korger will be the President.

Vice-President – Ken Piel

- A nomination of Rodney Pettis to be VP was made by Mike Korger. No other nominations were heard, so by acclamation, Rodney Pettis will be the VP.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

- A nomination of Joe Heil was made by Mike Smith. No other nominations were heard, so by acclamation, Joe Heil will be the Treasurer.
- An assistant is still needed

Secretary – Dan Zeigler

- A nomination of Dan Zeigler was made by Jake Gundlach. No other nominations were heard, so by acclamation, Dan Zeigler will be the Secretary.

#### Board of Directors

- A unanimous ballot was cast for Mike Smith, Rory Schutte, Al Weix, Ralph Ottum and Joe Graff.
- This motion was carried without objection.

#### Delegates

- A unanimous ballot was cast for Joe Heil, Mike Smith, Joe Graff and Mike Korger (Alternate)
- This motion was carried without objection.

The next Election will be held April of 2026.

Committee – Joe Heil

- The scholarship committee will be meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10am. (Post 7232)
- There are currently (5) applicants for three scholarships available

Communications – none

Good of the Order

Rick T. – The current website for Chapter 5 is out of date in many areas. This will need some attention and contact with Cal Briggs.

Rory Schutte – There is need for new flags at the Cadott memorial. A motion to purchase (5) VVA flags for this site was made by Rory Schutte and seconded by Mike Smith. The motion carried without objection.

Joe Heil – The Patriotic Council will be meeting to set the arrangement for the Memorial Day Parade. There is a need for a trailer this year to make it easier for some vets to attend. The parade is scheduled to start at 9:30am on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Post 53 will take the lead this year.

50/50 drawing – Mike Korger \$12.00

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

Next meeting will be held May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 6:30pm at Post 7232