

Mike Voth Memorial  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI  
August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

AVVA-

Attendance – Eric and Sally Johnson, Marilyn Mayenchein, Peg Ottum, Lois Packard and Rick A. Talford

Discussion;

- 1- Membership has not sent any updated information to provide this report.
- 2- Finances are in good standings.
- 3- Action items – The members decided to approve expenditures for the WI State Patrol bike program at the NWSF in the amount of \$100.00, as well as a donation of \$50.00 toward the Mondovi Community Youth Center.
- 4- National Convention – all plans are still to hold the convention in person, with the new virus variant being a possible decider.
- 5- Sally Johnson spoke of her husband's passing on Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The National recognition of Agent Orange is Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> each year. In 2016, Johnson's name was added to the VVFM in Washington.

VVA

Attendance – 23

Agenda – no changes

Call to order at 7:10pm by Mike Korger

Pledge of allegiance and prayer by Joe Graff

Guests – Theresa Steinke

Reports-

Secretary – James "Mac" McBee (absent)

The report was sent out by email to those who have email. A motion by Joe Graff was made to approve the minutes, and a second was provided by Kenny Piel.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

The accounts are in good standing. The VVA members agreed to donate \$50.00 towards the Mondovi Community Youth Center, making the total donation from chapter 5 (\$100.00). The motion was made by Joe G. and seconded by Dan Z. A discussion about a meeting held with Randall Bansley (WI State Gaming Commission) was then spoken over. A few points that came from this meeting are as follows-

- 1- Raffle tickets are legal binding contracts, that can't have minors names listed on them when guns are on the raffle. State and Federal laws must be followed as to age and legal possession of

a firearm. Mr. and Mrs. Should not be allowed on tickets, due to court actions fighting over who gets the prize. If a felon purchases a ticket, they are guilty of another felony.

- 2- There are numerous things that are illegal – Shake of the day, ANY machine that pays out, wheels, benefit raffles and mailing tickets through the postal service.
- 3- Any prize over \$1,000.00 should be listed on the tickets, as well as any prize over \$600.00 must be accompanied with a W9 and 1099 tax form.
- 4- All raffle information must be kept for 4 years. Raffle ticket printer invoices must be kept.
- 5- 50/50 raffle drawing that are held monthly need to have a report, as well as bank statement to prove deposit.
- 6- The person listed on the ticket, is the ONLY person that can pick up the prize. Any winners that are minors are VOID.

These are just the main points that were discussed, and should be paid attention to in case of an audit, as set by law.

President – Mike Korgor

Korgor reminded everyone that there is still need for help in selling raffle tickets. He spoke of an open house at the Highground on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. It was also noted that the Wal-marts in Rice Lake and Lake Hallie are no longer allowing the veterans to sell outside their buildings.

Vice President – Kenneth Piel

The Augusta student that will be receiving a scholarship from chapter 5 was not able to attend the meeting, but will be coming next month to accept the certificate.

NOTE- Joe Graff spoke of how Kenneth has made the flag and wishing well for the raffle and he made a motion to give Piel \$125.00 to help with material costs. A second was received by Rory S. (Approved)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford

Talford provided information on the donation to the WI State Patrol, as well as the Mondovi Community Youth Center. He requested the VVA match the \$50.00 donation to make a \$100.00 total donation from Chapter 5. The matching donation was approved by the membership in attendance. The National Convention is still planned to take place in person at this time, with the new virus variant being watched carefully.

National convention – Nov. 2-6, 2021

Region 6 – no information received of meeting

State Council – Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> in Waupaca, at the Ramada Inn.

NOTE- Joe Heil spoke at this time and informed membership that he will be on the Honor Flight this fall.

VA/Benefits/Claims – Dave Mayenchein

Mayenchein brought brochures to the meeting on Camp Victory, and explained the upgrading done on site. There will be an open house on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Minority Report – Dave Zein (Absent)

Membership – VVA 123 AVVA 27

## Old Business

Vet's Home – Rory Schutte

The board will again start holding meetings in Jan. 2022.

Highground – Joe Graff

Aug. 14 – open house

Aug. 21 – motorcycle ride

VVA logo/clothing – Joe Heil

Heil informed the members he will bring the glasses that were ordered into the meeting next month.

## New Business

Fundraiser – discussed earlier in meeting

Chapter Elections – April 2022

Committee – Joe Heil

The high school scholarship recipients are from Fall Creek and Augusta. There is the nursing scholarship at CVTC and the Werlein scholarship may be awarded to a veteran in Buffalo Co. Dave Zein had asked if the VVA has any input toward the scholarship at CVTC. Heil stated he would look into this and return with more information. Heil then added after discussion with a couple members, the scholarship check for the Werlein scholarship would go directly to the school.

Newsletter – Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>

Communications – none

Good of the order –

Joe Heil will contact Pizza Ranch again to see if fundraising is being allowed yet. He also spoke of a Vet's Ball that may be held in March at the Florian Gardens. The members were then asked if there would be interest in going to Country Jam to sell raffle tickets next year, as there sounds to be an opening for the chapter to attend. The response was positive to attending.

Mike Korger spoke of the Chippewa Valley Marine Club event being held at the Lake Hallie Sportsman Club on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-5pm.

Rory Schutte talked about the Neillsville Bowling Alley holding a fundraiser on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> to help homeless veterans.

Joe Heil spoke about the Sturgeon Fest going on in Jim Falls from Aug 30- Sept. 2.

Ralph Palmer told everyone about the Blue Marble Pub having a fundraiser on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> for Klein Hall.

Joe Graff asked for continuing prayer for Tom Neuenfeldt.

Sally Johnson spoke of Bob McRoberts, and the health issues he is facing. The meetings on Wed. (1pm) at the LA Phillips Center have resumed again, and everyone is welcome to attend them.

Rory Schutte and Joe Heil spoke on the event at Prestige Auto. The letter was submitted, but no date has been set for the event yet.

50/50 - \$12.00 Lois Packard

Closing prayer by Joe Graff

Adjourn – 8pm