

Mike Voth Memorial
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI
August 3, 2022

AVVA

Attendance – Eric and Sally Johnson, Peg O and Rick A. Talford

Discussion

- 1- Membership is at 10,098 for National, 1026 for Region 6 and 340 for WI
- 2- Camp Victory donation of \$250.00 was approved by unanimous vote.
- 3- Heartbreak to Hope was discussed, and it was felt this was NOT a good program as slated. The program was released to the Veteran Magazine in June, for the July/August edition. This was well before the National BOD was even informed of the program. The BOD first saw this program for discussion in August. The release of this program for print was done prior to any board knowledge or vote.
- 4- Pizza Ranch has been contacted without any response yet.
- 5- Agent Orange books and pamphlets for children of Agent Orange, along with the paper safe booklet will be ordered and put together as a kit for those who wish to have them.
- 6- National Leadership Conference is set for Aug. 9-14, 2022
- 7- Finances are in good standing
- 8- Incarcerated membership was discussed. There is a feeling we need to get these members active, instead of having 500 plus members only being a number. Nationally, there is no funding by the AVVA to this program.

VVA

Attendance – 17

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order by Mike Korger (President)

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer by Joe Graff

Moment of Silence for Tom Lee and Wally Sabota

Welcome guests and veterans – no new attendance

Reports

Secretary – Dan Ziegler

- 1- The minutes from the July meeting were discussed with no changes. A motion to approve was made by Rory Schutte and seconded by Ralph Ottum. The motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

- 1- All accounts are in good standing. Heil was thanked for his report.

NOTE: Heil also provided some concerning news on his medical condition. He has cancer and treatment has not been getting ahold of the cancer. A new medication is being tested, with an X-ray upcoming. If the X-ray shows continued growth, then Joe is expecting to get grim news. 24 months is expected to be the diagnosis. The Chapter will need to decide what to do next, as a new Treasurer will be needed.

President – Mike Korger

- 1- Korger missed military night at this year's Country Jam.
- 2- Tom Lee funeral was attended well
- 3- Spooner military rights were also completed for Tom Lee
- 4- Time to get and sell raffle tickets
- 5- NWSF was attended, with opening ceremony and flag raising
- 6- There will be a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier program in Spooner at the pond on Aug. 27, 2022
- 7- Appleton VVA will be working with the vocational school on Veterans Day. A panel presentation will be happening with a question and answer period

Vice-President – Ken Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford

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National Meeting – Joe Heil

- 1- August 9-14th, 2022

Region 6 Meeting – Joe Heil

- 1- Nothing has been set up at this time

State Council Meeting – Joe Heil

- 1- The next meeting will be in Waupaca, WI on Sept. 24th, 2022 at 9am. (Par 4)

VA/Benefits/Claims – Dave Mayenchein (absent)

Minority Report – Dave Zien (absent)

Membership – VVA 126 AVVA 28

Old Business

Vets Home – Rory Schutte

- 1- Rock the Riverfront went well
- 2- The vets home is under mask mandates again

Highground – Joe Graff

- 1- August 13, 2022 will be an open house at Camp Victory (11-3pm)
- 2- The first female hunt will be set for Oct. 11-12th, 2022 at Camp Victory
- 3- August 5 – Heroes Ride
- 4- August 6 – Legacy stone placement
- 5- August 20 – Ride to Remember
- 6- Graff also spoke of the need for donations for Camp Victory

VVA Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil (no report)

New Business

VVA goals and outreach – Joe Heil (no report)

Fundraising – Joe Heil

- 1- Everyone needs to chip in and help with our raffle sales.

Chapter Elections – Joe Heil

- 1- April 2024 (need secretary, treasurer and assistant treasurer)

Committee – Joe Heil (no report)

Communications – Joe Heil

- 1- A Thank You letter was received by a scholarship recipient

Good of the Order – NONE

Special Award – A gift card for \$75.00 was given to Rick A. Talford (AVVA Representative) for the hard work and time given to the chapter over the past year.

50-50 drawing – Al Weix (9.00)

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

Next meeting will be on Sept. 7th, 2022 at 6:30pm at Post 7232 (Folsom St.)

Adjourn at 7:30pm