

Mike Voth Memorial
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI
December 7, 2022

AVVA

Discussions;

- 1- A donation of fifty plus, handmade blankets (made by Sally Johnson and Micky Rumberg) was made to Klein Hall residents. Plenty of hard work went into the making of the military style blankets. A "HUGE" Thank You by Chapter 5 members was given. Other miscellaneous items were also brought in by members. (socks, shoes, t-shirts, etc.)
- 2- State Council Meeting on Dec. 3, 2022 was held. State Rep. Pat Furno informed those in attendance that Region 6 Director Rick A. Talford had stepped down from the position. Barb Coan has stepped up to take the role from her Deputy position. The reasons Talford stepped down were 1) The memberships money rec'd by the Organization, was being completely used up for travel by the BOD. 2) The Incarcerated program does not receive any funding at all. 3) A program called "Heartbreak to Hope" was introduced through the Veteran Magazine (2) months before the BOD even knew about it. This program would be placing non-therapist into the position of a therapist, which Talford voted against.
- 3- Our Budget is in good standings. The ability to raise more funds is still being affected by Covid at this time.
- 4- Membership numbers are unknown on the National level, due to them not being sent to Talford since he stepped down. The Chapter is maintaining our numbers.

VVA

Attendance – 20

Agenda – no changes

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence – WWII Veterans (Pearl Harbor)

Deceased members – none

Welcome Veterans and Guests – none

Reports

Secretary – Dan Zeigler

A motion to approve the emailed minutes was made by Joe Graff and seconded by Rory Schutte. The motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil (Absent)

November and December reports will be received in Feb. 23

Micky Rumberg has agreed to sit down with Joe H. to work as an understudy for the position.

President – Mike Korger

Korger spoke of some activities (past/future). The Patriotic Council will hold an event for Pearl Harbor Day. He also attended many Veterans Day events around the Chippewa Valley.

Vice-President – Kenny Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford (see report above)

National Council Meeting – all (4) meetings scheduled for 2023 will be held in Waupaca, WI.

Region 6 meeting – nothing has been scheduled

VA/Benefits/Claims – Dave Mayenchein (absent)

Minority Report – Dave Zien

Zien spoke on a few topics. The Chippewa Valley Marine Club, the Post 305 corn beef and cabbage feed fundraiser on Mar. 18th, where the proceeds will assist in cost for the Honor Flight, Visit Eau Claire's interest in what has been done for the Hmong in the area (Hispanic and Native Americans in the works), Dec. 13 National Guard Birthday (386th), and finishing up, Zein spoke of James "Mac" McBee and the Honors he deserves. A letter will be drawn up in support for McBee and brought to the next meeting.

Membership - VVA 125 / AVVA 28

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte

Schutte spoke of the Holiday Funds to hold the annual Christmas Party.

Highground – Joe Graff (no report)

VVA #5 Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil (absent)

New Business

VVA #5 Goals, Outreach – Joe Heil (absent)

Fundraising – Joe Heil (mtg. to be held soon)

Chapter Elections – April 2024

Committee – Joe Heil (absent)

Chapter Minutes deadline – Any information that is wished to be added to the minutes should be gotten to Rick A. Talford (ASAP) after the meetings are held.

Good of the Order

Rory Schutte – Schutte spoke of a plaque being made for Joe Heil, that will be hung at his blind, at Camp Victory. There is also a Certificate of Appreciation for Heil being put together by the Recreations Committee at the Veterans Home.

Ralph Ottum – Ottum explained that there is a website online for Marquart Motors, for voting. This vote will be held, in regards to having (10) recipients getting donations of \$5,000.00 each. Go online and vote for your favorite organization.

Joe Graff – Graff made a motion to give Sally J. and Micky R. \$1,000.00 to assist in the costs associated with all the blankets they made. A second was received by Dan Zeigler. The motion carried without objection.

50/50 drawing was not held this month.

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

Next meeting will be held on Feb. 1, 2023 at Post 7232 (6:30 pm)