

Mike Voth Memorial
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI
February 1, 2023

AVVA

Discussions;

- 1- Possible ways to create funds for Veteran needs
- 2- Raffle will not require licenses, if there is no event held
- 3- Patriotic quilts and sofa pillows were discussed
- 4- Continued discussions next month

VVA

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order – Mike Korger

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence –

Deceased Members – None

Welcome Veterans and Guests – None

Reports

Secretary – Dan Zeigler

The minutes from Nov./Dec. 2022, as well as minutes from the State Council Meeting were discussed. There were no corrections needed, so a motion to approve was made and seconded. The motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

All accounts are in good standings. It was noted that the recipient for a scholarship had not turned in grades, so the funds have not been paid out at this time. Discussion for a Treasury Assistant was then held. AVVA Member, Micky Rumberg has agreed to assist in any way she may be able to. She will need programs for her computer and access to bank statements. Further work will be done, to set everything up. **A motion was made by Al Weix to donate \$750.00 to Denise Wentz (PTSD/Guide Dog Training). A second was made by Rory Schutte. The**

motion carried without objection. Another \$750.00 was agreed to be donated to The Equestrian Center. (No motion was recorded). Heil was “Thanked” for his report.

President – Mike Korger

Korger spoke of a few items. 1- Bowl Winkles held the Highground “Winter Bowl” event this year, as Marshfield bowling alley has been sold with plans to tear it down. The event was successful in raising \$1,800.00 for their Veteran Retreats they hold each year. Joe Graff and Rick Talford attended, to assist in the fundraising at the event. They assisted in raising \$380.00 in “Pick a Prize” ticket sales. 2- Korger has filed paperwork for the Honor Flight out of LaCrosse. He thought helping a Veteran at the Vets Home with the ability to go, would be a good idea. 3- Marquart chose five programs in the area to give donations to this year. Unfortunately, through the voting, Chapter 5 was not a recipient. 4- Korger spoke of the grocery store in Chippewa Falls (Family Fair) providing discounts to veterans. Stockmans in Osseo also have discounts for vets.

Vice-President – Ken Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford (Absent-under the weather)

National Meeting – No Information

Region 6 Meeting – No Information

State Council Meeting – March 18, 2023 in Waupaca at Par 4 – (Note – Joe Heil has stepped down as Region 4 Director. Joy Foye will take over.)

VA/Benefits/Claims – Dave Mayenchein (absent)

Minority Report – Dave Zien

Zien provided information on multiple topics. (1) Legacy Stone applications for the Chippewa Valley Veterans Tribute were provided to those in attendance. (2) VFW Post 305 membership applications were also provided. (3) Camp Victory 1st Annual Sugar Bush Orientation will be held Feb. 25th-26th from 10am-3pm with lunch being provided. (N9839 Sterling Ave. Willard, WI 54493). You may call and reserve a spot at 715.267.6832. (4) Veteran Post Service Officer and Provider Training will be held at VFW Post 305 on Feb. 11th at 8am-12pm. (5) Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Week will begin on March 27th – 31st. Monday will start with breakfast at Post 305 (7am), then traveling to the Chippewa Valley Veterans Tribute, Patriot Park, Rockpile, lunch at 29 Pines, Bobville Talent Park and finishing with a tour of the Country Jam site. Tuesday will start with a breakfast at Post 7232 (7am), then traveling to the Area Historical Tribute, Highground Veterans Park, Camp Victory, Heroes Tribute, WI Veterans Tribute, Veterans Memorial and finishing at the Leinenkugel Lodge. Wed. will have everyone gathering at the Eagles Club in Lake Hallie for the Annual Vietnam Veterans Day event. This years’ event will be the 50th Anniversary of the end of US involvement in Vietnam. Thursday and Friday are still being organized at this time. Zien finished up with information on Legislative works in progress. Adding 72 beds to the Chippewa facility is being worked on, as well as designating Hwy 8 as the Mid-East Conflict Hwy to recognize the Persian Gulf veterans.

Membership – VVA 125/AVVA 28

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte

Joe Heil was the recipient of a plaque for all he has done with the Recreation Committee at the home. It has been reported that the home is “Covid Free”. There is remodeling being done on the outside of the home that is costing more than expected, but is being paid for.

Highground report – Joe Graff

Graff reported the Highground held their Winter Bowl in Eau Claire, at Bowl Winkles. The Highground’s work week will be held May 10th – 13th this year. The aspects of a new building on the grounds, has become less likely at this time.

VVA Logo/Clothing – no report

New Business

VVA Goals/Outreach – no report

Fundraising – A meeting will be needed soon to get everything in line for this years’ fundraiser. (1st meeting will be on Feb. 8th at 10am). Al Weix will be donating a doll house and train set again this year.

Chapter elections – April 2024

Committee – The scholarship application form will need updating. The Augusta School District has requested the forms already. Discussion on adding other schools, such as Osseo, were then held. Mike Korger will speak with the School District.

Chapter newsletter deadline – sorry, there is no newsletter at this time. There will be only the minutes sent to members by email. Please get your email to Joe Heil if you would like the minutes sent to you. Thank You

Communications – none

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Al Weix – He spoke of how he deals with his PTSD, making wooden crafts. He has made 39 trains at this point, as he wishes to make people happy with them. (Dave Zien, Mike Korger and others have received them) His goal is to give away 100 trains.

Joe Heil – Al Lamovic would like to start a newsletter from Camp Victory. Anyone interested may give their address to be added to their mailing list. A question was then posed, if anyone

objected to the Chapters listing being given to Lamovic. There was no opposition against providing the information.

Rory Schutte – Schutte spoke of the Altoona Girls' softball team. He asked if a donation could be provided to them. **A motion was made by Joe Graff to provide a \$100.00 donation to the Altoona Girls Softball Team. A second was received from Dan Zeigler. The motion carried without objection.** These funds will assist the team in their training camp in Florida. Schutte then asked if the Chapter would have interest in donating towards the Altoona Senior Lockdown Party. **A motion by Rory was made for a \$100.00 donation, with a second by Robert. The motion carried without objection.**

50-50 Drawing –

Closing prayer- Joe Graff

Next Meeting will be held on March 1, 2023 at Post 7232 at 6:30pm.

Update – The S130 John Deere mower has been ordered for the 2023 Raffle. The Meat for our meat/grill/freezer package has also been secured. Further information will be provided at the March 1st regular meeting.