

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

February 7, 2024

AVVA

Attendance – Peg O., Sally and Eric J., Micki R., and Rick T.

Discussions;

- 1- Budget is getting low, so we will need to start looking at ways to increase more funding. One idea is checking with A&W near Woodman's, to see if we could fundraise with them.
- 2- Nationally – VISTA Hours will need to be gotten together and sent in for recording soon.
- 3- State – no information received from Pat Furno at this time.
- 4- Membership – 30 (All Life Members, except one)

Adjourn – 6:30pm

VVA

Attendance – 22 + 1

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order – Mike Korger

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence – (3) Soldiers perished in a helicopter crash

Deceased members – none

Welcome Veterans and Guests – Jon Kemper (possible new member)

Reports

Secretary – Dan Zeigler

- 1- January Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jake G. and seconded by Mike S. The motion carried without objection.

Treasury – Joe Heil

- 1- Budget is in good standings
- 2- Annual payments have been made to Trinity Equestrian and Wentz Dog Training. (\$750.00/ea.)

President – Mike Korger

- 1- Chippewa Falls Patriot Council – meeting attended
- 2- American Legion State Mid-Winter Conference attended
- 3- VFW District Conference in Chippewa Falls attended with Joe and Rod.
- 4- Augusta HS Color Guard activity for Boys and Girls Basketball was attended
- 5- Highground Bowling Fundraiser was attended with Rick and Joe.

V-President – Kenny Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford

The AVVA is currently working on fundraising, so we are able to contribute to the needs of our Veterans.

Meetings

National – no report

Region 6 – no report

State – the next Waupaca meeting is on March 16th, at Par 4. (Rick, Joe H., and Joe G. plan to attend)

VA/Benefits/Claims – (Need a Chairperson)

Pete Breed spoke of the closures that everyone is preparing for.

Minority report – Dave Zien

- 1- Neil Korn (103 YO) was awarded a Capital Flag. He served in WWII against Germany.
- 2- James McBee project still in the works to be included in the Hall of Heroes.
- 3- Derrick Van Orden will be at the Senior Center to discuss the Pact Act.
- 4- Free DNA testing is available for Veterans
- 5- Vietnam Veterans Day is March 29th. The location is still not known. There will be possible speakers (John Trapper and Gary Wetzel- Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient)

Membership – VVA 125 & AVVA 30 (29 Life Members)

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte

- 1- Meetings are held on the 3rd Wed. of the month at the Chippewa Falls VFW
- 2- Masks are being required once again at the Home.
- 3- The Shelter should be completed in May, with a dedication in June.

Highground – Joe Graff (no activity to report)

VVA Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil (no report)

New Business

High School to Heroes – This year, the event will again be held at the Wild Ridge Golf Course. A list of (6) participants will be needed by the April meeting. Joe G. made a motion to spend \$250.00 per table (3) in sponsorship. A second was received by Dan Ziegler. The motion carried without objection.

Vietnam Veterans Day Program – Vietnam Veterans Day is March 29th. The location is still not known. There will be possible speakers (John Trapper and Gary Wetzel- Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient). More information will be coming next month. A motion to donate \$250.00 to the event was made by Joe G., and seconded by Ralph P. The motion carried without objection.

Hall of Heroes – Discussion on getting James “Mac” McBee added into the Hall was held. A meeting at the Capital will be held on Feb. 23rd. More information will be coming after that meeting.

VVA Goals and Outreach – No report

Fundraising – We will need to hold a meeting for the Fundraising Committee very soon, to prepare for this year’s event.

Chapter Elections – Those interested in taking positions with the Chapter 5 VVA, will need to inform Joe H. we will be in need of filling the following positions; (1) VA/Benefits/Claims Chair (2) Treasury Assistant (3) Newsletter Editor. The Elections will be held at the April 2024 meeting.

Committee – Scholarships for 2024 will be updated and sent out.

Chapter Newsletter Deadline – if anything is wanted to be placed on the agenda, please contact Joe H.

Communications –

- 1- Aleah Kaeding (Augusta) has sent in her GPA (4.0), so her scholarship will be paid. She is attending Western Tech, and made the Presidents List for her first semester.
- 2- VVMF (Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund) – discussion was held about making a donation to this fund. A motion to send \$100.00 was made by Pete B. and seconded by Dave Z. The motion carried without objection.

Good of the Order

Rod Pettis – Pettis spoke of the Oakleaf and St. Bridgett’s cemeteries, and the need to have Chapter 5 take over the placement of flags. Chapter 5 is currently the designated volunteers for this detail. A motion by Joe H., and a second by Ralph O. was made that Chapter 5 will maintain this project. Rick T. and Joe G. volunteered to take over the project.

Dave Zien – reminded those in attendance of the May 14th Hmong Veterans Day event in Cadott. The Chapter 5 Color Guard is invited as usual.

50/50 drawing – Ralph P. (\$ 11.00)

Closing Prayer – Joe G.

Next meeting will be held at Post 7232 at 6:30pm.

Adjourn – 7:50pm

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March 6, 2024

AVVA

Attendance – Peg O., Micki R., Sally & Eric J. and Rick T.

Discussions;

- 1- April Election for Chapter 5 Representative. Rick T. provided a “Letter of Intent” to run for the position.
- 2- Fundraising – Talford scheduled the AVVA to do fundraising at the A&W near Woodman’s. The date will be April 9th from 4-8pm.
- 3- Budget is in good standing, but we need to add to it soon.
- 4- Vista Hours – again, we need to be keeping track of these hours, to report to National.

Adjourned at 6:20pm

VVA

Attendance – 18

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order – Mike Korger

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence – prayer for Dave Zien

Deceased members – Marlyin Thoms passed away on Feb. 20. A funeral is scheduled for May 17th at Jacob’s Well Church. (3pm)

Welcome Veterans and Guests – none

Reports

Secretary – Dan Ziegler

Due to internet issues, the minutes were not printed and sent for February. They will be included in the March report.

Treasury – Joe Heil

The budget is in good standings, with just a few items needed for our 2024 Fundraiser. Tickets will be ordered soon.

President – Mike Korger

- 1- Vietnam Veterans Day Committee meeting number 2 & 3 were attended. The event will be held on April 5th at Post 305.
- 2- Military funerals were attended in Chippewa Falls.

V-President – Ken Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford

- 1- Our budget is needing some help at this time
- 2- Fundraiser is set for April 9th at the A&W near Woodman's (4-8pm) please stop by and say Hello.

Meetings

National – no report

Regional – no report

State – Waupaca – March 16th at Par 4. (Joe G., Mike S., Micki R. and Rick T. plan to attend)

VA/Benefits/Claims – Need a Chairperson – no report

Minority report – Dave Z. is currently in the hospital – No report

Membership – VVA 125 & AVVA 30 (29 Life Members)

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte (absent)

- 1- Meetings are held on the 3rd Wed. of each month at the Chippewa Falls VFW
- 2- Grand Opening of the Shelter is hopefully going to be in June.

Highground – Joe Graff

- 1- The Spring Work Week is scheduled for May 8th – 11th.

VVA Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil

- 1- Designer Advertising in Colby is where our clothing will be made
- 2- Hoodies are available to be purchased at this time. (\$40.00)

High School to Heroes – still in need of (4) participants. Joe G. and Rick T. added to the list of attendees. This will be held on April 17th at the Wild Ridge Golf Course, beginning about 5pm.

Vietnam Veterans Day – Joe Heil

- 1- \$250.00 was approved to donate to this event last month

Hmong Vietnam Veterans Day is May 14th in Cadott and at the Highground. Chapter 5 Color Guard has been invited to attend.

VVA Goals and Outreach – No report

Fundraising – Joe Heil

- 1- We are getting pretty well set for our 2024 Fundraiser, with just a few items to be purchased.

Chapter Elections – Joe Heil

- 1- We are in need of nominations for the following positions; Treasury Assistant, V-President, Newsletter Editor and VA/Benefits/Claims Chairperson.

Committee – Scholarships have been updated and sent out.

Chapter newsletter deadline – please inform Joe Heil if you would like any additions to the agendas.

Communications – none

Good of the Order

Rodney Pettis – Pettis told everyone that he would have interest in the V-President position.

50/50 drawing – sorry guys, I forgot to write down the winner

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

Next meeting will be held at Post 7232 on April 3rd at 6:30pm.

Adjourn - 7pm