

Mike Voth Memorial  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI  
January 8, 2020  
Minutes

NOTICE – THE FEBRUARY 5, 2020 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT VFW POST 305, DUE TO CONSTRUCTION WORK AT POST 7232.

Attendance- 14

Call to order by Mike Korger

Pledge and Prayer by Joe Graff

Moment of silence/prayer – Prayer of healing for Paul Dery

Reports –

Secretary – James “Mac” McBee

A motion to approve the November and December minutes was made by Joe Heil and seconded by Bill Buss. Motion carried without objection

Treasurer – Joe Heil

Heil provided information on accounts. He also explained that 10 more pair of gloves were received instead of getting a \$5.00/pair rebate on them. They are available for purchase. The final VVA payment towards the tribute trail donation will be made of \$2,500.00. There will also be payments of \$500.00 each to Trinity Equestrian and Denise for the service animal training program. The Legacy Stone purchase was discussed and a motion to pay half the cost of a \$500.00 stone (\$250.00) was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Joe Graff. The motion was carried without objection. The \$500.00 Legacy Stone will be ordered with the layout as follows: Line 1 – Mike Voth, 2- Memorial, 3- Chapter 5, 4- VVA – AVVA, 5- Vietnam 1961-75. Heil was thanked for his report.

President- Mike Korger

- Kroger spoke of the many events held recently. The Christmas party was held at the Veterans Home, The American Legion had their party on Dec.6th, and the VFW held their party on Dec.10th and Dave Zien had the Christmas tree lot throughout the month of December on Menomonie St.

- The WI State Council meeting was held in Waupaca.

- The Chippewa Valley Vietnam Veterans Day will be held at the Eagle Club in Lake Hallie on Mar.21, 2020, with a committee meeting coming on Jan.15th at 11:30am. A motion to donate \$250.00 towards the event was made by Joe Graff and seconded by Mike Smith. The motion carried without objection.

- The Highground Fundraiser will be held at the Marshfield Bowling alley on Jan. 26, 2020 beginning at noon.

- The Strum Military Makeover show has continued on Lifetime and can be viewed at 6:30am on Friday mornings.

VP – Larry Wrycza (absent – no report)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford

Talford provided information on a change to the Membership P&P. Under section 7.H.I (a), only one status change can be requested in a twelve month period. If more than one request is made inside a twelve month period, it will be reviewed by the committee before approval. The table tents we use at Pizza Ranch are being looked into for updating.

National/District Meetings – no information or update

State Council Meeting – The next meeting is March 21, 2020 in Waupaca. This will be the same day as the Vietnam Veterans Day event in Lake Hallie. No Chapter representation will be expected at the State meeting. The State Elections will be held on June 20, 2020 at Camp Victory in Willard, WI. This is now part of the Highground.

VA/Benefits/Claims – Dave Mayenchein (absent – no report)

Minority report – Dave Zien

Zien spoke of the 5-day Armed Forces Week Tour planned again. He also provided information on the military makeover show that will be shown in its entirety at post 305 on Jan. 21, 2020 starting at 8am.

Membership – VVA 125 / AVVA 22

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte – (Absent)

Joe Heil provided information on the new benches that have been paid for. There is a meeting being held on Jan. 15, 2020. There is drainage work that will be done by the WI Dept. of Veterans Affairs and a gazebo will be built. He also notified members that there have been changes in the BOD, Chairman and Officers.

Highground – Joe Graff

Graff stated the only thing to note currently is the Bowling Fundraiser that is at the end of the month.

Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil

A meeting will be held in Colby to discuss the future of the clothing needs.

New Business

Fundraiser – Joe Heil

Everyone can begin thinking about the items for this year's raffle. A meeting will be held in February to start the discussions. We do still have a .22 rifle that was not claimed from a previous drawing at General Gun and Coin.

Elections – Joe Heil

The April elections are coming quickly. If you have interest in a position with the Chapter, please let it be known. The positions for officers and board of directors are all open. A position of treasurer assistant is also being created.

Committee's – Joe Heil

The scholarships will need to be reviewed and updated soon.

Newsletter deadline – January 24th

Under the Good of the Order

Joe Heil – Tribute Trail Update – In April, the flag pole will be installed. All the local veteran groups are being invited to attend the pole setting event. This pole will be set 15-20 feet in the ground. Phase 1 money is available to get this tribute started. Heil also added the Veterans Home party went well, with a total cost of \$275.00 that will be split with the DAV.

Joe Graff – Graff ran across an engraved stone that he was wondering if the chapter would be interested in getting for placement at the tribute trail. This stone thanks those who have served and later died as a result of their service. There will be more discussion after the foundation is questioned on the ability to add such a stone to the trail.

Sally Johnson – Johnson brought in a quilt that she made with her husband's (Pete) pictures. This is a unique quilt that shares a timeline of service. The pictures had writing on the backs of them, and the writing was placed under each picture on the quilt. This is a very nice piece that everyone should try to get a chance to see.

Ralph Palmer – The vans being used by Klein Hall have been taken by the Veterans Assistance Foundation. Concern on the Helping Hands donations toward a van for Klein Hall was discussed. There needs to be assurance that the donated van will stay at Klein Hall once purchased.

Attendance drawing – Ton Randal (absent)  
50/50 – no drawing held this month  
Bottle of wine drawing - #4375 Rick Talford

Closing prayer by Joe Graff

Next meeting – VFW POST 305 on Feb. 5, 2020 at 7pm.

Adjourn at 8pm