

Mike Voth Memorial
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI
January 3, 2024

AVVA

The meeting was not held, as Chapter 5 Representative (Rick A. Talford) was absent, due to illness.

VVA

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order – Mike Korger

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence – none

Deceased Members – none

Welcome Veterans and Guests – Sarah Thielen remains on hold to attend meeting.

Reports

Secretary – Dan Zeigler

Micki Rumberg (substitute secretary) was announced as the Vice-Commander per Joe Graff.

A motion to accept the minutes as received was made by Jake Gundlach and seconded by Mike Smith.

The motion was carried without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

Heil reported the financial information to those in attendance. The Scholarships for 2024 will now get attention. Blankets and Flowers were taken to the Veterans Home by Micki R. and Rick T. (\$200.00 cost that was split by the AVVA/VVA). Twenty gift cards in the amount of \$50.00/ea. were also taken to the Eau Claire CVS.

President – Mike Korger

Korger spoke of the activities that were coming up for Christmas. He reported there have been funerals needing to be attended as well.

Vice-President – Ken Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford (absent)

Meetings

National – no updated information currently

Regional – no updated information currently

State of WI – the next meeting will be held on March 16, 2024, in Waupaca at Par 4. There are current discussions on dropping the State meetings down to twice a year, instead of four times. The State Elections will be coming in June 24’.

VA/Benefits/Claims – (vacant)

Minority Report – Dave Zein

Zein reported on several topics.

- 1- May 13, 24 will be the Hmong Veterans Appreciation Day
- 2- 95 acres of land has been purchased to build a Veterans Memorial Park in Cannon Falls, MN
- 3- No action on the Veterans Home addition
- 4- Gov. Evers has been invited to Post 305
- 5- Bob’s talent park will be holding an event on June 14, 24
- 6- Harley Rally will be coming to the Chippewa Falls/Eau Claire are on June 6-8th, 24
- 7- Klein Hall, Veterans Homeless structure and renaming Hwy 8 for the Mid-East Conflict concluded Zein report.

Membership – VVA 125 AVVA 31

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte

Meetings are held the 3rd Wed. of each month at the Chippewa Falls VFW

High ground – Joe Graff

Graff reported an upcoming Bowling Fundraiser by the High ground, that will be held on Jan. 28, 24 at Bowl Winkles in Eau Claire, WI. This event starts at noon. There will be raffles and fund-raising activity throughout the day.

Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil

Heil reported there was \$120.00 in sales of Shirts/sweaters/gloves/etc. at the last monthly meeting.

New Business

Goals/Outreach – Joe Heil (no report)

Fundraising – Joe Heil

A meeting will be needed in Jan/Feb to get everything planned for the 2024 Fundraising event.

Elections – Joe Heil

- 1- Treasurer Understudy is needed.
- 2- VA/Benefits/Claims is in need of a Chairperson
- 3- Newsletter Editor is needed.

Committee – Joe Heil

The Scholarships for 2024 are upon us to begin. The Committee should meet and get everything updated for this year’s students.

Chapter Newsletter deadline – Joe Heil (Please get any information you would like placed in the minutes/notes to Joe H. or Rick T.)

Good of the Order – none

Correspondence – Joe Heil

A Thank You letter was received by the folks in Hawaii.

Upcoming events – Joe Heil – none

50/50 – Mike \$9.00

Drawings for Challenge Coins – Ralph O., Sally J., Mike S. and Micki R. each won a coin.

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

Graff added to keep our prayers going for Tom Neuenfeldt, Rory Schutte and Dave Zein's mother.

Next meeting will be held on Feb. 7, 24 at Post 7232, beginning at 6:30pm.

Adjourn at 7:30pm