

MIKE VOTH MEMORIAL CHAPTER 5

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 7:00 P.M. HELD AT VFW POST #7232. 2900 W. FOLSOM. EAU CLAIRE. WI









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UPCOMING EVENTS

07/01/20 VVA Chapter Meeting ELECTION NIGHT At 7232 with AVVA Meeting @ 6:30 ELECTIONS ALSO 07/3/20 Chippewa Valley Veterans Tribute Park Flag Dedication at Prairie Point - TBD

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"Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."



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June 15, 2020

Greetings,

Hopefully everyone is doing well when you read this. I have heard of a few hospitalizations so hopefully all recoveries have been successful. Finally, some normalcy is returning as we ease out of the Coronavirus lockdown. So, we are having a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 1^{st} at 7 o'clock in the evening.

There have been a few activities, including the laying of our VVA Chapter 5 Commemorative Stone at the Highground on June 6th, and the groundbreaking for the giant flagpole for the Veteran's Tribute Trail. We had a good turnout at the Highground and supplied the Color Guard for the whole program. One June 12th we had several of our members present at River Prairie in Altoona for the flagpole groundbreaking, including Joe Heil who wielded one of the golden shovels! The flag is going to look SUPER!

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming meeting on Wednesday, July 1^{st} at 7:00 p.m. at VFW Post 7232 with AVVA members meeting at 6:30 p.m. This will be the night for both AVVA and VVA Chapter elections, so your presence is important.

Mike Korger, President

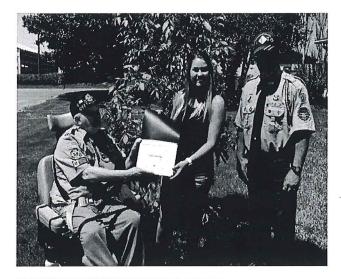
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Well, hope this finds all in good health. If you feel like I do the past several months have been slow with everything shut down. On Wednesday, the city of Eau Claire lifted the restriction on how many people can now gather in a meeting, inside or outside. Inside are allowed 50, and outside 100. So, with that in mind, Mike and I have said the following items will be the major ones to discuss at the July 1st meeting to get things back on track.

First and foremost, we will be having our Chapter elections which were not held in April 2020. Positions which we will have elections for are Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors, and delegates to the state meetings. So, with that in mind, if you are interested in any of the positions, please contact myself by phone (715-559-2945) or email (ilheil13@att.net). All positions will be a 2-year position, and it would be nice to know of any interest in a position as soon as possible so that we have some idea who plans to help and in what capacity; we will also take any names of interested parties that night at the meeting.

Other agenda topics will be a future fundraiser for 2021, updates on the Chippewa Valley Veterans Tribute, next State meeting, info on the High School scholarships, High School to Hero's, and any other updated info that needs to be brought up. I am looking forward to seeing many of you on July 1st. Thanks, and keep safe!

Joe Heil Treasurer Mondovi senior Kortlyn Berg receiving her Chapter 5 Scholarship Certificate from Mac McBee and Rick Talford. Kortlyn plans on studying Nursing at UM Mankato in the fall. Augusta senior Aaron Dorf receiving his Chapter 5 Scholarship Certificate from Joe Graff, Joe Heil and Mac McBee. Aaron plans on studying Mechanical Engineering at UW Madison in the fall.

















Chapter 5 members at Highground on June 6, 2020 for the Chapter's Commemorate Legacy Stone laying.





Veterans Tribute Foundation members at Praire Point on June 12, 2020 for the Chippewa Valley Veterans Tribute Park's flag pole groundbreaking. Joe Heil in white shirt 3rd from L in first photo, on L in second photo.

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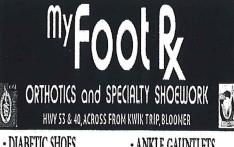
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