

Mike Voth Memorial
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire
July 5, 2023

AVVA

Attendance – 2

Discussions:

- 1- Membership – 29
- 2- Budget – funds are getting low, ideas for fundraising are needed

VVA

Attendance – 12

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order – Mike Korger

Pledge of Allegiance – led by Joe Graff

Opening Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence – Bob Bonesteel (hospitalized)

Deceased members – none

Welcome Veterans and Guests – none

Reports

Secretary – Dan Ziegler

The minutes were brought in hard copy to the meeting, as they were not emailed out this month. A motion to accept was made by Joe Heil and seconded by Joe Graff. There was no discussion, and the minutes were approved without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

The accounts are in good standing, with costs affiliated with the raffle being paid. Heil was thanked for his report.

President – Mike Korger

Korger spoke of attending the Bean and Bacon Days in Augusta. A discussion on attendance to Country Jam was then completed with Joe H., Joe G., Rick T., Mike K. and Rory S. stating they would be available for a color guard.

Vice-President – Ken Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford (nothing new to report)

National Meeting – Orlando, FL this fall.

Region 6 Meeting – none set at this time

State Council Meeting – September 23, 23 in Waupaca, WI

- 1- There is knowledge and feeling that National will be closing down in 2027-28 at this time.

- 2- Chapters and State Councils should start making plans of staying open, through becoming incorporated.
- 3- Renaming Chapters may be required after National does close their doors.

VA/Benefits/Claims – No Chair (no report) If you are interested in chairing this, please contact Joe Heil.

Minority Report – Dave Zien (absent)

Membership – VVA 125 AVVA 29

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte

- 1- Meetings are held the third Wed. of each month at the Chippewa VFW
- 2- The canopy work is getting completed
- 3- No report on the Golf Fundraiser held in June.

Highground – Joe Graff

- 1- July 15th – Persian Gulf and Legacy Stone Ceremony, as well as the Vietnam Veterans Reunion.
- 2- August 4th-6th – 39th Annual Heroes Ride Bike Tour (ceremony on the 6th)
- 3- August 5th – Legacy Stone Ceremony
- 4- August 12th – Camp Victory Raffle will be held.

VVA Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil (no report)

New Business

VVA Goals/Outreach – Joe Heil (no report)

Fundraiser – Joe Heil

- 1- The fundraiser drawing will be held on Oct. 4th after the regular monthly meeting.
- 2- Tickets are available for members to pick up and sell (contact Joe Heil)

Chapter Elections – Joe Heil (April 2024)

Committee – Joe Heil (Scholarships 2024)

Chapter newsletter – (no current newsletter is getting created – position open)

Communications – none

Upcoming Events

July 12th – 16th – Northern WI State Fair (Help needed) Wed. flag ceremony at 11am.

August 3rd – 6th – Buffalo/Pepin Co. Fair (assistance needed)

August 9th-13th – Clark Co. Fair (Chris Kroeze on 12th – need help)

Under the Good of the Order

Joe Graff – Al Weix has been donating handmade trains and doll houses for our fundraisers the past few years. His planer has gone down, and a request to replace/repair the unit was made. A motion to provide \$250.00 to Weix was made by Joe G., and was seconded by Joe Heil. There was no discussion, and the motion was approved without objection.

50/50 - \$5.00 – Billy Buss

Closing Prayer – Joe Graff

Adjourn – 7:30pm

Next meeting will be August 2nd at 6:30pm. (Post 7232)