

Mike Voth Memorial
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI
June 1, 2022

Attendance – VVA= 12 AVVA=5 (17)

Agenda – no changes

Call to order – Mike Korger (6:45pm)

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of silence – James “Mac” McBee has been hospitalized – keep him in your prayers

Welcome Veterans and Guests – (1)

Reports;

Secretary – Dan Ziegler

Two months of meeting minutes will be approved next month. Minutes were received, but not sent out this month.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

All finances are in good standings. We have 300 raffle tickets coming for this year’s drawing.

President – Mike Korger

Korger spoke of a busy month, starting with Kenny Lestrude Funeral in Menomonie, St. Matthews Church service on Memorial Day weekend, Memorial Day parade, which was well attended, Post 7232 Ceremony and lunch and the Chippewa Valley Veterans Tribute at River Prairie was very well attended.

Vice-President – Kenneth Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford (absent)

National Meeting – Aug. 2022 (Leadership Conference)

Nov. 2022 (Board of Director meeting in MD/DC)

Region 6 Meeting – nothing set yet

State Council Meeting – June 25, 2022 (Camp Victory) Willard, WI at 9am. (State Elections) Bring a dish to pass for the luncheon.

VA/Benefits/Claims – Dave Mayenchein

There are 7 new presumptive illnesses listed in the new 2022 Agent Orange book. Rick Talford has extra copies of this book if anyone wishes to get one. Call Talford at 715.829.3540 to request them.

Minority Report – Dave Zien (Absent)

Membership – VVA 125, AVVA 28

Old Business;

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte

June 3rd, there is a golf outing in Lake Hallie. Volunteers are needed and there is a meal set for 3pm, with door prizes.

June 25th there will be an event “Rock the Riverfront for RCU”

Highground – Joe Graff

June 4th – volunteers picnic

June 11th – Legacy Stone placement ceremony

June 25th – Independence Day Fireworks

There will be activity at the Camp Victory for the Vietnam War Experience. July 16th, there will be firebase operations from 9am-4pm. On July 17th, there will be re-enactments of the firebase operations from 9am-3pm. A UH-1 Huey will be present during the events as well, courtesy of Chapter 331 VVA. Theresa Hebert (715.743.4224) is requesting veterans provide personal stories from their experiences in Vietnam, and explain the effects on their lives, as well as their families and friends. You can also submit these online museum@thehighgrounds.us.

VVA Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil

Shirts are needed to be ordered again.

New Business;

Goals and Outreach – Joe Heil

No report

Fundraising – Joe Heil

Events; (1) Eleva Broilerfest, (2) NWSF, (3) Buffalo Co., (4) Stockmans, (5) Clark Co.

Festival in the Pines has been cancelled and research on Country Jam is still being worked on.

Elections – April 2024

Committee – Scholarships have been given to recipients.

Chapter letter deadline – June 21st

Communications – Joe Heil

A Thank You was received from our scholarship recipient from Altoona (Ms. Ziegler)

Anything under the good of the order –

Joe Heil - Pizza Ranch – still no answer

Festival in the Pines – cancelled

WI State Patrol Bike program taken care of.

Veteran’s meal is set at the airport for those attending the airshow.

Camp Victory – Al Lamovic has re-taken ownership of the camp recently. The camp is back under private hands, with it being for veterans and their families, as it was intended. Lamovic recently received the Jefferson Award from WQOW. The land is now under the non-profit 501 © (3) status officially.

Post 7232 – June 12th will be a Car Show, with the funds being used to help veterans and their families.

50/50 drawing

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

Adjourn – 7:30pm

The next meeting will be at Post 7232 on July 6, 2022 at 6:30pm.