

Mike Voth Memorial
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire
June 5, 2024

NOTE- Our meetings will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month starting in July.

AVVA

Attendance – Sally & Eric J., Peg O., Micki R. and Rick T.

Discussions;

- 1- Finances – good standings after fundraiser
- 2- Colfax Fair – cost - \$50.00 to have a booth (June 13-15)
- 3- Membership – 30
- 4- Fundraising – Rick will check with A&W in Altoona and Cadott for dates available in July
- 5- AVVA activity – Eleva Broilerfest assistance at booth for (3) Days
- 6- A motion to spend \$100.00 towards screw on spear tops for our flags was made by Micki R. and seconded by Peg O. The motion carried without objection. Rick T. will get these ordered

VVA

Attendance – 15 (5) AVVA

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order – Mike Korger

Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence – none

Deceased members – Irv Thoms wife's funeral was held May 27th. Mike K. attended

Welcome Veterans and Guests – none

Reports

Secretary – Dan Ziegler

A motion to approve the May 2024 minutes was made by Mike S. and seconded by Ralph O. The motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

Heil provided all the financial information to the members, and was thanked for his report. **A motion to purchase a 2nd wishing well from Ken Piel was made by Joe H. and seconded by Mike S. The motion carried without objection. The cost will be \$500.00 for (2) wells.**

President – Mike Korger

- 1- Funerals attended
- 2- Honor Guard in Fall Creek (Augusta Post 291 American Legion)
- 3- Memorial Day Sunday service attended with Rick T. (St. Matthews)

- 4- Memorial Day parades in Eau Claire and Augusta (Eric R., Mike K., Joe G. and Rick T. attended both)

Vice-President – Rodney Pettis (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford

- 1- Eleva Broilerfest assistance with raffle ticket sales. (3) days
- 2- Parade routes are perfect locations to sell raffle tickets. This is something to keep in mind.

Meetings

National – no info.

Region 6 – no info.

State – June 22nd in Waupaca at Par 4 (state elections)

VA/Benefits/Claims – Pete Breed

- 1- Camp Pendleton PFAS in water. Claims began as of February
- 2- Felecia Decker is Buffalo Co. CVSO and American Legion District 10 CVSO. She has updated Federal benefits for veterans and spouses booklets.

Minority report – Dave Zien (absent)

Membership – VVA 125 AVVA 30

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte (absent)

- 1- Meetings are every 3rd Wed. of the month at the Chippewa Falls VFW
- 2- Dedication of the new courtyard is expected to be June 25th (Gov. Evers may attend)

Highground – Joe Graff

- 1- June 22nd will be Legacy Stone placement
- 2- June 29th will be the annual Fireworks display at dusk

VVA Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil (Items available for sale)

New Business

Change of meetings – a discussion was held to change to meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the month. It was noted that the meeting should have less interruption from the bar with this change. A motion to change our meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the month was made by Pete Breed and seconded by Mike Smith. The motion carried without objection.

Fairs;

- 1- Eleva Broilerfest (May 31st to June 2nd)
- 2- Altoona City Cinder Days (June 6th to 9th)
- 3- Colfax Fair (June 13th to 15th)
- 4- Northern WI State Fair (July 10th to 14th)

- 5- Buffalo Co. Fair (Aug. 1st to 4th)
- 6- Clark Co. Fair (Aug. 7th to 11th)
- 7- Pioneer Days – Aug. (?)
- 8- Jim Falls Sturgeon Fest (Aug. 31st to Sept. 2nd)

VVA Goals/Outreach – no report

Fundraising – The meeting for our raffle will still be held on Oct. 2nd as planned. A regular meeting will be held later in the month.

Chapter Elections – April 2026

Committee – Joe Heil (attended all 4 events for our scholarships)

- 1- (2) at North High School
- 2- (1) Altoona High School
- 3- (1) CVTC

Communications – Thank You letters from the Scholarship recipients

Good of the Order

Pete Breed – Think about a Henry Rifle Raffle again (.22, 30-30, 45-70)

Joe Graff – make contact with our website handler, to change dates of our meetings

Bill Buss – there will be a pancake breakfast again in Thorpe at the Veterans Remembrance Park on the 4th of July.

Upcoming events for help – any and all of the fairs could use more assistance with covering the hours of sales.

50/50 – Ralph O. \$8.00

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

Adjourn 7:40pm

Next meeting will be July 23rd at Post 7232 beginning at 6:30pm (NOTE the CHANGE)