

Mike Voth Memorial
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI
June 3, 2026

Regular Meeting

AVVA

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

Discussions;

1- Budget – everything is in good standings

2- Fundraising – No plans on any fundraiser at this time

3- Donations – A motion to provide a \$100.00 donation to the NWSF WI State Patrol Bike Program was made by Micki C. and seconded by Eric J. The motion carried without objection.

VVA

Attendance – 9 VVA and 2 AVVA

Call to Order – Mike Korger (6:40pm)

Pledge of Allegiance – led by Joe Graff (all present)

Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence – none

Deceased Members – none

Welcome Veterans and Guests – none

Reports

Secretary – Jake Gundlach (Assisted by AVVA Rep. Rick A. Talford)

A motion to accept the minutes as provided was made by Joe Graff and seconded by Rory Schutte. The motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Mike Smith

Smith provided the account information for the month. Everything is in great standings. The VVDF has \$6,654.16 for the 2027 Event currently. The 2027 Pins were picked up by Smith today. The invoice is yet to be received. The General Fund continues to be in good order. Smith was “Thanked” for his report.

President – Mike Korger

Korger spoke of the many activities he attended in the past month. The Memorial Day parades in Eau Claire and Augusta, the Hmong Veterans Day in Cadott and Neillsville and Graduation Ceremonies at Chi Hi and McDonnell High Schools. Korger also reported a couple Military Honors with the Patriotic Council. He attended a Church service on Sunday, the weekend of Memorial Day and a picnic in Chippewa Falls.

Vice-President – Rodney Pettis (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford

Talford reported the AVVA made a \$100.00 donation to the NWSF WI State Patrol Bike Program. He also spoke of the “Honor” felt by being chosen to carry the United States “Old Glory” during this years Memorial Day Parade in Eau Claire. Chapter 5 was the lead veteran organization in this years parade. “This was the 10th anniversary of my being a member of Chapter 5, as well as the 10th Memorial of my son passing away (Sgt. Timothy J. Talford – US Army 2010-16). This was a great honor to me”, Talford stated. There will not be a AVVA meeting in July.

Meetings

National – Washington, DC (Summer of 2027)

Region 6 – no meeting scheduled at this time

State of WI – Waupaca on June 13th, 2026 at Par 4. (Elections to be held)

VA/Benefits/Claims – need a chairperson (no report)

Minority Report – Dave Zien (absent)

Membership – VVA 123 (3 members passed- reports not filed yet) AVVA 27

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte (nothing upcoming this month)

High Ground – Joe Graff

1- June 12-14th – Male Veteran Retreat

2- June 13th – Korean and Legacy Stone Ceremonies

3- June 17th – CAMO event

4- June 27th – Freedom Celebration Fireworks at Dusk

5- July 8th – CAMO event

VVA Logo/Clothing – Rick A. Talford

If any interest in merchandise, please contact Rick at 715.829.3540 for more information.

Talford Honorary Life Membership to the VVA. The paperwork/recommendations will be hand delivered to the WI State Council on June 13th at the Waupaca Meeting.

Membership Review – Korger will be working on this project.

Scholarship presentation in Mondovi was attended by Joe Graff, Mike Smith and Rick A. Talford. Everything went very well.

New Business

Future Fundraising was discussed with multiple ideas. Poppies/flags appear to be the top thoughts for raising funds. HyVee, Festival Foods and other stores may be utilized.

2027 Vietnam Veterans Day pins were picked up by Mike Smith today. An invoice will be coming for the cost. 257 pins were received for next years event.

Election and Financial Reports have been completed and submitted to State and National.

WI State Patrol Bike Program donation for the 2026 NWSF. A motion to donate \$200.00 was made by Joe Graff and seconded by Rory Schutte. The motion carried without objection.

VVA Goals/Outreach – no report

Chapter Elections – April 2028

Committees – no report

Communications – Feed My People Donation request and the High Ground Newsletter were received.

Good of the Order

July 4th activities – Veterans Tribute Trail event at 6pm, Thorpe breakfast in the park 6:30-11am (\$9.00), Augusta Bean n Bacon Days Flag Retirement/Raffle at 11am.

Summer Jam June 18th-19th and Country Jam July 18th-20th were discussed. Veterans can get tickets through Vettix.org

VVA flags at Klein Hall were reported to have been sent over to the Chippewa Falls Veterans Home. Rory will verify.

Closing Prayer – Joe Graff

Next Meeting – July 1st, 2026 at Post 305 at 6:30pm

Adjourn – 7:30pm