

Mike Voth Memorial  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI  
May 3, 2023

Attendance – 13  
Agenda – no changes  
Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Joe Graff  
Moment of Silence  
Deceased Members –  
Welcome Guests and Veterans

Reports

Secretary – Dan Ziegler  
The April minutes were sent out by email. They were approved by motion in this meeting.

Treasury – Joe Heil  
Heil provided the financial information to those in attendance, and was thanked for his report.

President – Mike Korger (absent)

Vice-President – Ken Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford (absent)

Meetings

National – The National meeting will be held in Orlando, FL this fall.  
Region 6 – A Regional meeting will be held in Johnston, IA (May 19-21)  
State – The next State Council meeting will be held in Waupaca on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

VA/Benefits/Claims – (Chairperson is needed-vacant)

Minority Report – Dave Zien

Zien provided a few dates and events that will be coming up soon;

- May 8 – on Mondays, the VFW will hold an Outreach and Service meeting each week at the Mom's Restaurant (Pine Hurst Plaza). On Tuesdays they will meet at the Maple Manor. On Wed. they will meet at Chickadees. Thursdays they will meet at VFW 7232, and Fridays they will meet at the Festival Foods (south). These meetings will be from 8am-10am.
- May 10 – a news conference will be held on Veterans Issues, Chippewa Veterans Home and the Chippewa Valley Veterans Tribute Trail.
- May 14 – The Hmong/Lao Veterans Day will be held at the Cadott Tribute from 10am-12pm.
- June 2 – an online auction will begin through sold4uauctions.
- July 15 – the Combat Vets Motorcycle Assoc. and Stanley Prison Vets group will be dedicating flags, poles and stones at the Cadott Veterans Tribute, beginning at 1pm.

Membership – VVA 125 & AVVA 28

## Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte

The monthly meetings are held the third Wed. of each month at the Chippewa Falls VFW. The outdoor center project began in April, with no dedication date yet set.

Highground – Joe Graff

May 10-13 – Spring Work Week

May 13 – Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

May 14 – Hmong Lao Day Ceremony

May 20 – Legacy Stone Ceremony; Spring Bake Sale

May 29 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Honor Ride; Memorial Day Ceremony

VVA Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil (no report)

## New Business

VVA Goals and Outreach – Joe Heil

Fundraising – Joe Heil

This year's fundraiser will be held on Oct. 4, 2023 after the monthly meeting. There will be 2500 tickets purchased this year.

Chapter Elections – April 2024

Committee – Joe Heil

The scholarship committee reviewed six applications and selected three for this year's recipients. These will be awarded to the recipients at Augusta (2) and Mondovi (1) in May.

Chapter Newsletter – unfortunately we have not been able to have the newsletter monthly, but are continuing to provide the minutes by email to membership.

Communications – none

## Good of the Order

- The Memorial Day Parade in Eau Claire will once again be held. Chapter 5 will be lining up eighth. (following Memorial HS Band) We will start near Wilson Park as usual. Line-up will begin at 8am, with the parade beginning at 9:30am. If you are available, please come and assist with the Color Guard for the parade. There will also be a program held at the Chippewa Valley Veterans Tribute in Altoona, beginning at 1pm.
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- The Hmong Memorial Day is May 14<sup>th</sup>, and there will be an event held at the Cadott Memorial on Hwy 29. A Color Guard will be on hand, and Chapter 5 has been asked to have our color guard available as well. If you can attend to assist with this color guard activity, please do attend. (10am-12pm) The Highground will also be holding an event from 2pm-4pm.
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- Joe Graff made a motion to donate \$1,500.00 to Camp Victory. A second was received by Dave Zien. The motion carried without objection. Joe Heil is matching the Chapter with an additional \$1,500.00. It was also noted that Camp Victory could use donations of power tools for the Veterans projects.
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- Al Weix spoke of how the signing ceremonies and colleges do not honor the students entering the military. The High School to Heroes does this at the banquet held each year. This is a way for the communities to show these enlisting service members some honor and respect for their service to this country.
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- Joe Heil was the recipient of an award from the Veterans Tribute trail for all of his dedication to the project. A standing ovation was received from Chapter 5 members.
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- A nomination was made by Joe Graff, to make Rick Talford an “Honorary Vietnam Veteran”.

50/50 – Dan Ziegler - \$6.00

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

The next meeting will be on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Post 7232, beginning at 6:30pm.