

Mike Voth Memorial
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI
Nov. 2, 2022

AVVA

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

Discussion;

- 1- Talford stepped down from the position of Region 6 Director, due to concerns with the National Board. A) Spending on travel through the approved budget showing more expense in travel, than incoming revenue. B) The Incarcerated program having no funding or valuable programming. C) The President releasing new program (Heartbreak to Hope) information, through the Veteran Magazine, before the BOD even seen the proposed program. These areas created an issue of whether Talford could stay on the Board with Integrity. The feeling was NO.
- 2- Barbara Coan (Deputy Director) will take over at the Leadership Conference in South Carolina.
- 3- Donation to Klein Hall, of socks and blankets will be provided by the Chapter 5 AVVA, with a request of donations from VVA members also. Micki and Sally will be making the blankets. A BIG “Thank You” to both of them for taking on this huge project.

VVA

Attendance – 17

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order – Mike Korger @ 6:45pm

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence –

Deceased members – none

Welcome Veterans and Guests – none

Reports

Secretary – Joe Heil

- 1- A motion to approve the minutes from the Oct. 22, was made by Rory S., and seconded by Joe G. the motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

- 1- The accounts are in very good standings, after this year’s raffle sales.
- 2- Heil was thanked for his report

President – Mike Korger

- 1- Marine Corp. Ball will be held in Black River Falls on Nov. 23, 22
- 2- Rice Lake will hold an event also on Nov. 20, 22
- 3- Post 305 will have tickets

Vice-President – Kenny P. (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford

- 1- With great disappointment, Talford reported his stepping down as the Region 6 Director. There were too many issues coming up on the BOD for him to stay and feel like his integrity was being upheld. Unfortunately, a decision needed to be made, to keep his name unattached to the problems he felt were in place, under the current Presidents leadership. This change was made under plenty of pressure. Barbara Coan (Deputy Director) will take over, as of the Leadership Conference in South Carolina.
- 2- A donation of socks was requested by Talford. The AVVA will be gathering blankets and socks for the Veterans at Klein Hall. Talford asked the members of Chapter 5 to come together with a donation. Those that can donate may bring the items to the next meeting in December.

National Meeting – The next National Convention will be Aug. 2023 in Orlando, FL

Region 6 Meeting – no interest being reported by WSC

WI State Council Meeting – March 2023 in Waupaca, WI

VA/Benefits/Claims – Dave Mayenchein (Absent)

Minority Report – Dave Zein

- 1- Service Officer Training Nov. 4th at VFW Post 305
- 2- Camp Lejeune and Pact Act information
- 3- Discussion on 121 veterans at the Stanley Facility
- 4- December 13th, 2022 will be the 386th Birthday for the National Guard

Membership – 125 VVA and 28 AVVA

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte

- 1- Pavilion fundraising
- 2- Covid protocols are in place
- 3- Motion to donate \$100.00 (DAV/VVA each) for the Christmas party, was made by Joe G. and seconded by Rory S. The motion carried without objection.
- 4- Meetings are now being held in Chippewa at the VFW every 3rd Wed. of the month.

Highground – Joe Graff

- 1- Nov. 11th ceremony and raffle

VVA #5 logo/clothing – Joe Heil

- 1- The Chapter will be staying with the current design for Shirts, hoodies, etc.
- 2- Designer Advertising in Colby, WI will be doing the printing. She has the same pricing as the past printer, from Bloomer, WI.

New Business

VVA #5 Goals –

Fundraising – Joe Heil

- 1- This item was discussed under the financial report

Chapter Elections – April 2024

Committee – Joe Heil

- 1- Form has been updated for the Scholarships

Deadline for Minutes – Nov. 15, 2022

Communications – none

Anything under the good of the order

Pete Breed – Breed started a discussion in regards to the Chapters' flag poles. He also spoke on the socks, blankets, etc. for Klein Hall.

Rory Schutte – The American Legion will be recognizing Joe Heil with a plaque. This should be within a month or so, stated Schutte. He finished with telling the members that he received a letter from Chi-Hi. A school trip to Pearl Harbor is planned. Schutte stated "the VVA could donate to this trip, if they would like."

Joe Heil – A donation for Klein Hall (\$25.00 GC x 40 = \$1,000.00) was motioned by Joe Graff and seconded by Rory Schutte. The AVVA will donate \$250.00 towards the total. The motion was approved without objection.

Joe Graff – There are multiple events for Veterans Day, with some spread over a week, leading up to Veterans Day. Many restaurants will have specials on Nov. 11th.

Dan Zeigler – support letters can be written to provide to our state representatives in regards to James "Mac" McBee. A motion to make an official letter of support in regards to James McBee M.O.H. and additional Purple Hearts was made by Joe Graff and seconded by Joe Heil. The motion carried without objection.

Ralph Ottum – Discussion ensued regarding making a change to our Chapter logo for clothing and products. The change would make the outer ring of our logo a solid white patch for background. The lettering would stay the same. A new set-up fee for our current design would be required, as the design the company has on hand, is that of Ottum's choice previously.

Joe Heil – Questioned all in attendance, if they wanted to make this change or leave it alone and pay a new set-up fee for our current logo. A motion was made by Joe Graff to stay with our current

logo. A second was made by Dan Zeigler. The motion carried without objection.

50/50 – Dan Zeigler

Drink tickets – Mike Korger

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

Adjourn ay 8:20pm

Next meeting will be on December 7, 2022 at 6:30pm – Post 7232