

Mike Voth Memorial  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI  
November 1, 2023

AVVA

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

Discussions;

- 1- Budget is becoming low, so we need to start looking at fund raising efforts
- 2- Pizza Ranch – no contact is getting made, so we might begin looking other places.
- 3- Klein Hall – Bedding is a need for them currently – look at what we can do next month.
- 4- Membership – 31

VVA

Attendance – 24

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order – Mike Korger

Pledge of Allegiance – led by Joe Graff

Opening Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence – none

Deceased members – none

Welcome Veterans and Guests – Brian Belske, Sarah Phalen and John Nickerson

Reports

Secretary – Dan Zeigler

A motion to approve the minutes as sent out was made by Rob and seconded by Rory. The motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

All of the numbers from the Annual Raffle were provided, along with account standings. Heil was thanked for his report.

President – Mike Korger

Korger spoke of the Marine Birthday Ball that was upcoming, and a speaking engagement that he will be at in Osseo.

Vice-President – Ken Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford (no activity to report)

## Meetings

National Council – no information

Region 6 – no information

State Council – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> will be the annual Christmas Party, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the meeting. Those attending will be Joe H., Joe G., Mike S., Mike K. and Rick T.

VA/Benefits/Claims – need a chairperson for this position

Minority Report – Dave Z. (absent)

Membership – VVA 125 and AVVA 31

## Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte

Monthly meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of each month at the Chippewa VFW.

Highground – Joe Graff

There will be Holiday Lights and Quilts displayed in December. November 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Color Guard at the L.E. Phillips Center for a Veterans Day program.

VVA Logo and Clothing – Joe Heil

There will be gloves brought to our next meeting for sale. They cost \$20.00/pair.

## New Business

VVA Goals/Outreach – Joe Heil (no report)

Fundraising – Joe Heil (All information provided in treasury report)

Chapter Elections – April 2024

This is coming quickly, please inform Joe H. if you are interested in any position.

Committee – Joe Heil

2024 Scholarships begin in January, so we can have them offered by the start of February.

Monthly Chapter Report – (send information to Rick A. Talford at [talford3@yahoo.com](mailto:talford3@yahoo.com))

Communications – Joe Heil

A \$2,000.00 donation has been made to Hawaii, in regards to the devastating fire.

Correspondence – Joe Heil

A Thank You was received by the WI State Troopers, for the donation received by the Chapter 5 VVA/AVVA (#300.00).

Upcoming events – Joe Heil

November 11, 2023 (1pm) will be the Chippewa Valley Veterans Tribute program and stone laying.

## Good of the Order

Rory Schutte – On Nov. 10, 2023 at 10am-noon, Derrick Van Orden will be holding a listening session at Post 305.

Joe Heil – On Nov. 11, 2023 at 1pm, the Chippewa Valley Veterans Tribute will be holding a stone laying program. Next Fall, the Tribute should be completed. All the funding that was needed, has been raised. There will be further fundraising, to assist in the maintenance costs of the tribute. There has not been any nomination to replace Kaye Olson at this time.

Mike Korger – On Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 there will be a Veterans Day/Marine Corps Birthday program. A Slum Feed will be held at Post 53. The VA has a site for Veterans to see which Businesses will be holding specials on Veterans Day.

Joe Heil – Next month at the meeting, Sarah Phalen will be speaking on the topic of Agent Orange.

50/50 – Winner was Ralph Ottum

Closing Prayer – Joe Graff

Adjourn – 7:30 pm

Next meeting will be on December 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Post 7232