

Mike Voth Memorial  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI  
October 4, 2023

AVVA

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

Discussions;

- 1- Budget was discussed, with a motion to purchase (2) flag poles, tops and bases at the cost of \$150.00. M-Sally J. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric J. – The motion carried without objection. Costs- (flag poles - \$40/ea.) (Spears - \$7/ea.) (Stands - \$28/ea.)
- 2- State Council AVVA Report – Micki R. attended the meeting and found that the State Representative is wanting money, yet did not speak of what reason the funds are wanted. These are funds that could possibly come to the AVVA, from the shutdown of the National VVA.
- 3- Pizza Ranch – no communication is being received by the local PR. Contact has been attempted with owners of the property, with the same results.
- 4- Highground – Education Week is happening this week, for anyone wishing to help out.
- 5- Paper Safe booklets were brought to the meeting and handed out to those wishing to have copies.
- 6- Agent Orange booklets were brought to the meeting for anyone wishing to have copies.
- 7- Klein Hall – a wish list for Klein Hall includes bedding items as top priority.

VVA

Attendance – 20 (5 AVVA)

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order – Mike Korger

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence – none

Deceased members – none

Welcome Veterans and Guests – none

Reports

Secretary – Dan Zeigler

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rory Schutte and seconded by Mike Smith. The motion was approved without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

Heil explained where the accounts are sitting, with our fundraiser included. All accounts are in good standings. Heil was thanked for his report.

President – Mike Korger

Korger reported that he had missed the open house at Post 305. The car show at Post 7232 had been cancelled, due to weather. He finished with stating that funerals were active again.

Vice-President – Ken Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford

Talford spoke on the topics of Klein Hall wish list, Paper Safe and Agent Orange booklets being available, Pizza Ranch fundraising trouble with communication, State Council information and the Flag Poles, Spears and Bases being purchased.

### Meetings

National Meeting – Orlando, FL – Mike Smith attended

State Council Meeting – Dec. 2, 2023 in Waupaca (Joe H., Joe G. and Rick T. plan to attend)

Region 6 Meeting – no current meeting is scheduled

VA/Benefits/Claims – Chairperson is needed – Pete Breed

The 9<sup>th</sup> District VFW has the unmet needs program to assist veterans. A vet should start at their CVSO to get assistance and direction towards programs that are available. Brochures for Veteran Services and the Pact Act were then handed out.

Minority report- Dave Zien (absent)

A Harley Davidson was donated to the WI Historical Society. A list of Post 305 events was also handed out to members.

Membership – Joe Heil (VVA 125 AVVA 31)

### Old Business

Veterans Home – Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of each month at the Chippewa VFW.

Highground – Joe Graff

- 1- Oct. 3-6 Education Days
- 2- Oct. 7 Legacy Stone and Fall Bake Sale
- 3- Oct. 13-14 Fall Clean up days
- 4- Oct. 21 Bowling for the Highground (Neillsville)

VVA Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil

Items will be brought to the next meeting to sell

### New Business

VVA Goals/Outreach – no report

#### Fundraising – Joe Heil

A discussion ensued on the results of the fundraising for our fall event. There will be a final report at the Nov. meeting.

#### Chapter Elections – April 2024

Committee – Joe Heil (Scholarships in 2024)

#### Communications – Joe Heil

There are (2) VVA Posts in Hawaii.

Joe Graff made a motion to send Chapter 858 \$1,000.00, with a second by Rory Schutte. During the discussion, a motion to amend the amount to \$2,000.00 was made by Joe Heil and seconded by Mike Smith. This amendment and motion were approved without objection.

#### Good of the Order

Dave Zien – invitation to attend event at State Capital. Invitation to Post 305 website and facebook pages.

50/50 drawing – Sally Johnson \$9.00

Closing prayer – Joe Graff - Reminder to keep Jay Tobin in our prayers

#### Fall Raffle Drawing Results

- 1- Lawn Mower – Darrell Prince (Chippewa Falls)
- 2- Meat Package – Gregg Plock (Osseo)
- 3- 55" TV – Pauline Spiegel (Jim Falls)
- 4- .410 shotgun – Jason Flannigan (Osseo) - back up Dawn Hines
- 5- \$300 Wal-mart Card – Gordon Wagner (Chippewa Falls)
- 6- \$300 cash – Ann Sime (Holcomb)
- 7- Wooden Flag – Tim Goldon (Chippewa Falls)
- 8- Train Set – Kelly Johnston (Osseo)
- 9- Doll House – Greg Anderson (Osseo)

Next meeting will be held on Nov. 1, 23 at Post 7232 beginning at 6:30pm.