

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

September 7, 2022
Minutes

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order – Mike Korger

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence – James “Mac” McBee is in poor health and needs our prayers.

Welcome Veterans and Guests – none

Reports

Secretary – Dan Ziegler

- The minutes from August were accepted and approved. Dan Z. made the motion and it was seconded by Ralph O. the motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

- A \$1,000.00 donation was received from Prestige Auto.
- Finances are all in good standings
- Hail was thanked for his report.

President – Mike Korger (absent)

Vice-President – Kenny Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford (Absent)

National Meeting Council – BOD Meeting will be in early November

Region 6 Meeting – nothing scheduled at this point

State Council Meeting – Waupaca on Sept. 24th at 9 am.

Membership - VVA 126 AVVA 28

VA/Benefits/Claims – Dave Mayenchein (absent)

Minority Report – Dave Zien (Absent)

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte

- Masks are still mandatory at the home

Highground – Joe Graff

- Sept. 9-11 Women’s Veteran Retreat
- Oct. 1 Legacy Stone Placement/Fall Bake Sale
- Oct. 4-7 Education Week

Logo/Clothing – Joe Heil

- Shirts and hoodies will be getting ordered soon again
- Discussion on getting the normal design or changing to another.
- This topic was tabled to Oct.

Goals and Outreach – no discussion

Fundraising – Ticket Drawing is October 5 at 8pm

Chapter Elections – April 2024

Committee – a meeting will be in the near future

Communications – A thank you was received by the WI State Patrol for the donation towards their bike giveaway each year at the Northern WI State Fair.

Under the good of the order

- September 24th will be a car show at Post 7232
- Discussion on James “Mac” McBee was held with fond memories. Pete Breed made a motion to give Julia McBee \$1,000.00 to assist with any needs she may have. A second was received by Dan Zeigler. The motion carried without objection.
- A topic came up in regards to having a good CVSO, and not giving up with your claims.
- VSO training will be held at Post 305 on Nov. 4, 22
- Suicides by Veterans has been reported down to 18 vs 22 a day

50-50 drawing – Jake

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

Next meeting will be held on Oct. 5, 22 at Post 7232 at 6:30pm

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October 5, 2022

Attendance – 22 members – 1 guest

Agenda – no changes

Call to order – Mike Korger

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of silence – James “Mac” McBee

Deceased members – James “Mac McBee”

December 30, 1941 - September 7, 2022

Mac joined the USMC in Jan. 1960, served 3 years in Singapore at the US Embassy. He then enlisted in the US Army, into the 1st/14th Infantry regiment “Golden Dragons” of the 25th Infantry Division. Mac served 22 years, before retiring a Captain in 1982. Mac served 5 Tours in Vietnam between 1965 and 1971. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart and the Silver Star. He will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Welcome veterans and guests – Done

Reports

Secretary – Dan Zeigler

- Minutes were misplaced and report next month will be for Sept. and Oct.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

- Accounts are all in good standing
- Raffle sales reached just shy of \$16,000.00 this year
- Sellers of the raffle tickets reminder “name/address/phone number are required by State Gaming Laws, make sure they are completely filled out”
- The final donation to the Chippewa Valley Tribute was made, bring our total to the project to \$15,000.00
- Committee will need to sit down and figure out where we can give the best support for next year. A meeting should be held before the end of December.

President – Mike Korger

- Missed the meeting in Sept., due to a colonoscopy procedure on that day. Korger was threatened by the “Lady Folk”, regarding his attendance at the meeting.
- Korger unfortunately missed a few Veteran events during the past month.
- Korger has been placed on the “Honors Unit” with the Patriotic Council

Vice-President – Kenny Piel (Absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford

- No report

National Council Meeting – BOD will be meeting Nov. 7-12, 22

Region 6 Meeting – nothing set up at this time

WI State Council Meeting – Waupaca Par4 9am

VA/Benefits/Claims – Dave Mayenchein (Absent)

Minority Report – Dave Zein

- Veteran Post Service Officer and Provider Training at Post 305 on Nov. 4, 22 (8am- 4pm)
- War Fighters in LaCrosse on Oct. 11 at 7pm (Preventing Veteran Suicide)

Membership – VVA 125 AVVA 28

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte

- Visitations are allowed with mask mandates

Highground – Joe Graff

- This week is Educational Week for the kids. Schools will be visiting all week, and all the monuments are explained.

New Business

Goals/Outreach – no information discussed

Fundraising – Joe Heil

- Discussed during the financial report

Chapter Elections – April 2024

Committee – a meeting will be held soon

Communications – none

Good of the Order

Dan Zeigler – The car show that was held went very well. The weather had some affect. 55 cars attended and 200 chicken meals were sold. The Spring event brought in 120 cars, so we will be discussing the future of a fall event. The Patriotic Council will also be holding a combination color guard at Regis HS for Veterans Day.

Dave Zein – an Email was sent out in regards to working together for James “Mac” McBee. McBee was the recipient of many medals, and ended a 22 year enlistment as a Field Commissioned Captain. His internment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later time.

Ralph and Peg Ottum – Shirt/Hoodie design discussion. This topic was tabled, so information could be gathered and brought back to the next meeting.

Pete Breed – While attending the funeral of James “Mac” McBee, the color/honor guard looked great. One thing noticed was the flags posted. The poles did not match, and the VVA National flag was lower than the VVA Chapter flag. Breed asked the membership to consider purchasing new poles and stands w/ proper topping. “Uniformity should be with our flags used at honor services” said Breed. The VFW magazine has the set up for about \$1,000.00. AVVA Rep. Rick Talford will investigate the costs and bring it back to the membership next month.

Pizza Ranch – not responding to contact attempts

50/50 drawing – Rory S.

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

Next meeting will be on Nov. 2nd at Post 7232, beginning at 6:30pm

Adjourned – 7:50pm

Annual Raffle
8pm

- 1 – John Deere – Frank Biermeir
- 2- Meat/Freezer/Grill – Melissa Siikarla
- 3- 50” Television – Art Elliott
- 4- 32” Television – Gary Goldbeck
- 5- H&R .410 Shotgun – Chris Zager
- 6- \$300.00 – Bruce Aron
- 7- Wooden Flag – Ed Laventure
- 8- Wooden Train – Steve Cline
- 9 – Wooden Doll House – Lisa Mattoon

“Thank You”
To all who participated in this
Years’ fundraising efforts.

Sincerely,
Rick A. Talford
AVVA Region 6 Director
AVVA Chapter 5 Representative