

WI State Council Meeting  
Waupaca, WI  
December 3, 2022  
10 am

Call to order, pledge of allegiance, chaplain's prayer and moment of silence

Assignment of the parliamentarian and time keeper was completed. Approval of the agenda and Sept. meeting minutes were completed as well.

Roll Call;

Chapters present – 5, 101, 206, 351, 409, 425, 437, 448, 479, 635, 731, 1130, At-Large

Chapters absent – 92, 115, 220, 221, 224, 236, 256, 324, 331, 529, 729, 767, 921

Special Speaker – Dan BATTERY (President and CEO of the War Memorial Center in Milwaukee, WI) BATTERY served in Iraq with the US Army, and has taken on "Operation Advance". He spoke of what going to war meant to him. "This is for defending freedom back home. The epitome of freedom equals a soldier" stated BATTERY. You can visit online at "MedalofHonorWIS.com". A POW/MIA exhibit will be coming in 2023 permanently. You can see more information on the memorial at "WarMemorialCenter.Org".

Presidents Report – Mike Dempske

Dempske covered information on Agent Orange, The Pact Act and "What the difference is between Memorial Day and Veterans Day". Memorial Day is to remember those lost, and Veterans Day is to remember those alive. A Boston University study has found that pregnant women who take Tylenol can have children with Autism.

#### Officer's Reports

Secretary – James Mullarkey

Mullarkey discussed the Major Richard Starr Act, The Pact Act and the Camp Lejeune Act.

Vice-President – Dan Sciuti

Sciuti explained some issues that are continuing. Election and Financial Reports are not getting submitted, as well as failure to contact State/National with death notifications when a member passes.

At-Large Director – Richard Linbeck

Linbeck provided some information that was extreme. Over 4,000 names needed to be removed from the membership, due to the members passing. These must be reported properly. If anyone has interest in getting "Veteran" on their Driver's License, they may contact their local CVSO to start the process. Linbeck finished with a couple more items. 1) John McManus has returned to Americanism, 2) Blue Water Navy Act (aircraft carriers were removed from the bill, 3) Gulf War Burn Pits have been studied and suppression of genes, causing reproductive system problems has been found. 4) Honorary Membership has been re-instated. 5) VVA has a new application with updated dates. Nov. 1, 1955 thru May 7, 1975 or in any duty location between August 5, 1964 thru May 7, 1975 qualify. Life Membership is \$50.00.

Region 6 Director – John Margowski

Margowski spoke of the MOU (memorandum of understanding) agreements being worked on with VVA2 (Veterans Voice of America). He also explained how the 2022 Leadership Conference was a loss of money. There was a huge cost with NO return. Board Members raised concerns about the Conference attendance, cost, no post updates on success or failures. A Committee is now being formed to study the Leadership Conference. The 2022 Leadership Conference could be the last.

WSC Committee and Chapter Reports were given in writing to the Secretary. The WSC Committee has agreed to give \$500.00 to the Appleton Chapter for a Town Hall Meeting.

WSC Region 4 Director was taken over by Joy Foye, after Joe Heil has had medical issues.

AVVA Report – Pat Furno

Furno told all present that Regional Director Rick A. Talford had stepped down and Deputy Director Barb Coen took over at the Leadership Conference. Coen has also taken over the Chair of the By-Laws Committee. Furno has some changes to the by-laws that she would like to bring forward for the National Convention.

#### Old Business

The 2023 schedule was provided to those in attendance. All meetings will be held at Par 4 in Waupaca, WI. The dates are as follows; March 18, June 24, Sept. 23 and Dec. 2, with the Christmas party being on Dec. 1.

#### New Business

A donation to the hard hit areas of Florida, by the Hurricanes was discussed. A motion was made by Richard Linbeck to give \$1,000.00 and seconded by Vern Larson. The motion carried without objection.

The 2023 National Convention will be held in Orlando, FL in August.

Adjourned at 12:30 pm