

Mike Voth Memorial
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2025

No AVVA meeting was held prior, due to lack of attendance. (Peg O. and Rick T. attended)

Attendance – 10 (8 VVA – 2 officers, 6 members) (2 AVVA)

Agenda – any additions of changes – (1) Rick Talford Honorary Member Application, (2) membership post cards for attendance needs.

Call to Order – Mike Korger
Pledge of Allegiance – all present
Prayer – Joe Graff
Moment of Silence – none
Deceased Members – none
Welcome Veterans and Guests – none

Reports

Secretary – Dan Zeigler (absent) (AVVA Representative Rick Talford – Assistant)
A motion to approve the minutes as emailed to membership was made by Bill B. and seconded by Rory S. the motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Mike Smith
Smith provided information on income and expenses. He was “Thanked” for his report. Note – Peg and Ralph O. provided \$79.25 from poppy sales at the Clark Co. Fair last month. This was forgotten in the last report.

President – Mike Korger
Korger reported he has been asked to speak at (2) events in November. Once on Nov. 5th, for the Historical Society and secondly at Minnesota Wire on November 11th. He reported that he sang the National Anthem at the 10th District Conference in Alma and planned on attending the VFW meeting in Strum on Saturday. The American Legion Post 291 Color Guard attended the Highground stone ceremony on September 20th.

Vice-President – Rodney Pettis (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford
Talford reported he attended the State Council Meeting, and was informed all of the proposals by WI State Rep. Pat Furno were shot down.

Meetings

National – The next Convention will be in 2027, out in Washington, DC
Region 6 – no meeting scheduled

State Council – The next meeting will be March 14, 2026 in Waupaca at Par 4. Chapter Elections are due April of 2026, and the State Election will be held in June 2026. The fall meeting will be Sept. 11-12th, 2026. September 11th will be the holiday party with a theme of “Vetoween” and the gift exchange is being named “White Ghost Gifts”.

VA/Benefits/Claims – needs a chair

Minority report – Dave Zein (absent)

Membership – VVA 126 AVVA 29

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory S.

The recreation committee bought a new van (\$61K) The Veterans visited the Highground on the 7-8th for a tour and lunch at Pizza Hut in Neillsville. Currently there are no mask requirements at the home.

Highground – Joe Graff

- Oct. 4th – Legacy Stone Ceremony, Bake Sale
- Oct. 9-10 – Fall clean up days
- Oct. 17-19th – Operation Re-Connect Military Couples Retreat
- Nov. 3- Mar. 31, 2026 – Holiday Lights “Honor Stars” on the Plaza
- Nov. 11th – Veterans Day Gathering, ATV Raffle Drawing

VVA Logo/Clothing – Rick A. Talford

Gloves, T-Shirts and Hoodies were brought to the meeting. There are many left for members to purchase. Talford will bring items each month.

Vietnam Veterans Day for March 2026 – Plans are being put together to hold a meeting in November to start discussions on next year’s event. November 15th at 10 am at Post 305 was decided for the 1st meeting.

VVA Goals, Outreach – none

Fundraiser – none for 2025

Chapter Elections – April 2026

Committees – no report

Communications – VVMF – request for donation – no action taken

Added items to the agenda-

- (1) Talford Honorary Membership Application – no discussion held
- (2) Post Cards to Membership – There is a need to ask members to start attending the meetings, as the numbers are getting smaller by the month. Mike Korger has information on getting the post cards put together at a print shop on Starr Ave at a cost of \$38.50 for 150 cards. The postage will cost \$.59 a post card. Address labels will be needed for the cards. Talford explained that Leroy Janske offered to print us labels from the computer program used for this year’s Vietnam Veteran Day event. Mike K. or Mike S. will contact Leroy for the labels. A meeting for Oct. 8th at the Senior Center at noon was set up to continue work on this topic.

Good of the Order

Mike Korger – raffle tickets available for the Augusta American Legion Steak Feed for anyone wishing to purchase them. The Marine Corp. Birthday Ball is coming with a cost of \$45.00 a person.

NOTE- Mike Smith will research 2023 donations and match them up with our 2024 to see what was spent each year and to whom. After Joe Heil passed away, some may have been missed in 2025. Smith will provide this information for the November meeting.

Sick call – Kenny Piel and Tom Neuenfeldt

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

Next meeting will be held on November 5th, 2025 at 6:30pm at Post 305 on Starr Ave. AVVA meeting will be held at 6pm.

Adjourn at 7:33pm