

Mike Voth Memorial  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI  
November 5, 2025

AVVA  
6:00 – 6:25pm

Attendance – Peg O., Micki C. and Rick T.

Discussions:

- 1- Budget – funds are in good standing
- 2- Membership – 29 Life Members
- 3- Fundraisers – none at this time
- 4- Donations – a motion to donate \$350.00 to the local “Feed My People” food bank was made by Micki C. and seconded by Peg O. The motion carried without objection.
- 5- April Election – anyone interested in becoming the AVVA Representative must provide a letter of intent at least 30 days prior to the election being held.
- 6- Vietnam Veterans Day Committee meeting will be held on November 15, 2025 at Post 305, starting at 1pm for anyone interested in assisting with the 2026 event.

Adjourn – 6:25pm

VVA  
6:50 – 7:40pm

Attendance – 11 (6 - VVA) (3 – AVVA) (2 – guests)

Call to Order – 6:50pm  
Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Joe Graff  
Moment of Silence – none  
Deceased Members – none  
Welcome Veterans and Guests  
Any additions or changes to agenda – none

Reports

Secretary – Dan Z. (absent) Completed by AVVA Rep. Rick A. Talford  
A motion to approve the minutes as provided was made by Joe G. and seconded by Rory S. The motion carried without objection.

Treasury – Mike S. (absent) provided by AVVA Rep. Rick A. Talford  
All the accounts are in good standings. A discussion on a few of the annual donations was then completed:

- 1- A motion to remove Denise Wentz from the annual donations, due to her retirement was made by Rory S. and seconded by Ralph O. The motion carried without objection.

- 2- A motion to approve \$1,000.00 each to (2) County CVSO Offices (Eau Claire and Chippewa) was made by Bill B. and seconded by Rory S. The motion carried without objection.
- 3- A motion to provide Trinity Equestrian with a \$1,000.00 donation was made by Joe G. and seconded by Bill B. The motion carried without objection.
- 4- A motion was made to make a donation of \$650.00 to the local food pantry "Feed My People" by Joe G. and seconded by Rory S. The motion carried without objection.
- 5- A motion to provide a \$1,000.00 donation to Camp Victory was made by Joe G. and seconded by Jake G. The motion carried without objection.

Presidents – Mike K.

Korger provided information on his past months activities. He participated in Military Funerals and was a guest speaker at both the Historical Society Center and Minnesota Wire for Veterans Day. He enjoyed the many activities held on Veterans Day that he was able to attend.

Vice-President – Rodney P. (absent)

AVVA – Rick T.

A quick report, with informing the membership that the AVVA was making a \$350.00 donation to "Feed My People".

#### Meetings

National – Washington, DC in 2027

Region 6 – no information

State Council – March 14, 2026 at Par 4 in Waupaca (NOTE- Chapter Elections in April)

VA/Benefits/Claims – no Chair – no report

Minority – Dave Z. (absent – no report)

Membership – VVA 126 AVVA 29

#### Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory S.

Schutte reported they have had a few outings, and there will be a dedication of (2) benches upcoming

Highground – Joe G.

Nov. – Mar. Holiday Lights "Honor Star"

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Gathering

VVA Clothing/Logo – Rick T.

There are still plenty of pieces of Chapter 5 merchandise to be purchased.

Vietnam Veterans Day Committee will meet on Nov. 15, 2025 at Post 305 at 1pm to start the planning of the 2026 event. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Talford Honorary Membership Application needs Update – anyone wishing to provide a letter of support for AVVA Rep. Rick Talford to become an Honorary Vietnam Veteran through the National Organization,

may provide them to Mike S. or Mike K. for the application to be re-filed. Talford was voted an Honorary Vietnam Veteran a couple years ago by the Chapter.

Post cards to membership – no discussion

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

VVA Goals – none

Fundraiser – none

Chapter Elections – April 2026

Communications – none

Good of the Order

Rick T. – Warren Petryk will be singing at Spirit Lutheran Church (3pm) in honor of the Holidays and Veterans on Nov. 9, 2025.

Closing Prayer – Joe G.

Adjourn at 7:40pm

Next meeting will be held on December 3, 2025 at VFW Post 305 on Starr Ave. beginning at 6:30pm.