

Mike Voth Memorial
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI
December 3, 2025

General Business Meeting Minutes

Agenda – no changes
Call to Order – President Mike Korger (7pm)
Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer – Joe Graff
Moment of Silence – none
Deceased members – none
Welcome Vets and Guests – none

Reports

Secretary – Dan Ziegler (absent) - AVVA Rep. Rick Talford (assistant)
A motion to accept the November 2025 minutes was made by Jake G. and seconded by Joe G. The motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Mike Smith
All the accounts are in great standings. Smith was “Thanked” for his report.

President – Mike Korger
- Veterans Day activities attended
- Marine Corp. Birthday celebrated with cake
- Military funerals attended over the last month

Vice – President Rodney Pettis (absent)

AVVA – Rick A. Talford
No meeting was held this month. Happy Birthday to Ralph Ottum on this day...

Meetings

National – Washington, DC in 2027
Region 6 – nothing scheduled at this time
WI State Council – March 14, 2026 in Waupaca at Par 4
NOTE – Chapter Elections due in April 2026, and State in June 2026

VA/Benefits/Claims – need a chairperson – we are in need of a member to take over this information
Minority Report – Dave Zien (absent)
Membership – VVA 126 AVVA 28

Old Business

Veterans Home – Rory Schutte – no report
Highground – Joe Graff – no report

- Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties will receive \$1,000.00 each in gas cards for Christmas. Mike Smith will take care of presenting to Eau Claire, and Mike Korger will take care of presenting to Chippewa Co.
- Trinity Equestrian will be sent a check for \$1,000.00
- Camp Victory will receive a \$1,000.00 check
- Feed My People will receive a \$650.00 check from the VVA and a \$350.00 check from the AVVA

VVA Logo/Clothing – Rick Talford

Available Items

- T-Shirts – (G) S-3, M-3, Lg-11, XXXL-2 (B) XXL-2, XXXL-2 (\$5.00 each)
- Hoodies – (G) M-6, LG-7, XL-4, (B) M-8, LG-8, XL-6, XXL-1 (\$10.00 each)
- Gloves – M-2, LG-3, XL-2, XXL-1 (\$10.00 each)
- Color Guard Shirts – (SS) M02, LG-4, XL-2 (LS) LG-1, XL-1, XXXL-1 (\$20.00 each)
- Jackets – M-2, XL-1 (\$30.00 each)
- Bolo ties – 4 (\$10.00 each)
- Boonie Hats – 6 (\$10.00 each)
- Flag Patches – 11 (\$3.00 each)
- Chapter Patches – 50 (\$3.00 each)
- Braids – 8 (\$5.00 each)

This is up-to-date on January 1, 2026

NOTE- a motion to cancel Jan./Feb. meetings in 2026 was made by Billy B. and seconded by Rory S. The motion carried without objection. The scheduled meetings for the rest of the year are as follows: March 4th, April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd.

Vietnam Veterans Day – March 28th, 2026 at the Tilden, WI Horizon facility, just off HWY 53 (More information to come as meetings are held)

Post Cards to members – work on in the next couple months

New Business

Membership review – continuously updating

Talford Honorary Membership – letters of support could be useful for application. Any that are done, please bring to March 14, 2026 meeting. (Thank You)

VVA Goals – no report

Fundraiser – Joe G. asked this item be left alone at this time, instead of voting to cancel 2026 fundraiser.

Chapter Elections – April 2026

Committees – no report

Communications – none

Good of the Order – none

Closing Prayer – Joe G.

Next meeting – March 4, 2026 at Post 305

Adjourn at 7:42pm