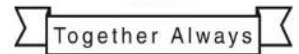




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Vietnam Veterans of America
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August 2018 Newsletter



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VFW Post #7232, 2900 W. Folsom St., Eau Claire, WI

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UPCOMING EVENTS

08/01/18 Chapter Meeting @ 7pm @ Post 7232
AVVA Meeting @ 6:30 pm @ Post 7232
8/2-5/18 Buffalo County Fair @ Mondovi
08/8-12 Clark County Fair @ Neillsville
08/15/18 Prestige Auto Customer & Veterans Appreciation
Party from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
8/17-19 Big Rig Show @ NWSF in Chippewa Falls

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To be given slow and deliberate, not a speed test!

Greetings:

Summer seems to be flying by. Lots has been accomplished, but there is still a lot to do. Our annual fundraiser is only 5 weeks away now. This will be our final push, so let's kick it into a higher gear. Help at the fairs and/or set up your own table selling our raffle tickets at a business or an event of your choosing. A few of our members have really put in a lot of time on this already. Thank you for that effort. Hopefully all of us are able to contribute. So far I've only sold three books of tickets personally. Hopefully you can beat that. Whoa. That would be almost \$22,000.00 if every member of our VVA/AVVA would sell three books. That would be outstanding.

The total amount raised at the Chippewa Fair beat last year's total, even though it was very warm and humid and our location seemed worse this time. Hopefully we will set new records at all the fairs.

I made it to the Open House for the Chippewa Falls VA Clinic. A few of our members were among the many people there. Jake Einkenkugel was a great speaker.

An upcoming big event is the Prestige Auto's Customer Veterans Appreciation Party on August 15th. Dan and Lisa Mattoon have been very generous to veterans, including our VVA Chapter 5. Let's keep up having a good turnout for this event and thanking Dan and Lisa.

A veteran who was at the Chippewa Fair informed us that there is a mostly free bus trip out to Washington D.C., information is available at "Vetsroll.org". It is on a first come basis and is primarily for WWII and Korean veterans, but includes anyone who was on active duty by 12-31-19. It is a 10 bus group that leaves from Beloit, WI from a Sunday to a Wednesday. Do any of you qualify?

Keep the Highground on your schedule, especially the stone-laying for Dennis Werlein on September 15th and then the Highground's 30th Anniversary Celebration on September 22nd (which will now include the postponed 4th of July fireworks). Let's get everyone at both events.

I hope to see all of you at our next VVA meeting on Wednesday, August 1, at 7:00 PM (AVVA at 8:30 PM) at VFW Post 7232 on Folsom St. on the west side of Eau Claire.

Mike Korgner
President, VVA Chapter 5



8/02-05 Buffalo County Fair at Mondovi
8/08-12 Clark County Fair at Neillsville
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VVA Meeting of 6/6/18

Call to order was made by President Mike Korger with the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer led by Treasurer Joe Heil. There was a Moment of Silence held for Darold Wall, who passed away in June. Two guests were in attendance, with one (Mr. Lee) rejoining the Chapter as a Life-Time Member.

Secretary's Report: Motion made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report as mailed and emailed was made and carried with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Heil gave the financial report, went over expenses paid, expected expenses, account balances and motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report was made; motion carried. Our Class A & B Raffle licenses have been renewed. Blain's Farm & Fleet in Lake Hallie has generously donated the grill that will be part of our fundraiser's Grand Prize. VVA glasses are in, and the Board of Directors need to meet to discuss the pricing of these glasses so we could start selling them, preferably at our September Fundraiser.

President's Report: Mike Korger began his report, speaking first of the County Fairs that the Chapter is involved in, as well as the needed help to run the booths at these fairs. The NWSF in Chippewa Falls is the next to be attended, following with Dunn, Buffalo and Clark Counties all coming up in the next few weeks. He also asked that members consider going to stores and business to see if they can set-up and sell raffle tickets there and closed with a reminder for members to collect items for the fundraiser's auctions and door prizes.

Vice President's Report: No report, Barry Wrycza not present.

AVVA Report: Rick Talford spoke of the State Election results from the June 1st State Council meeting. Pat Furno will continue to represent Wisconsin. Sally Johnson wanted to make sure that there is a program available for caretakers of veterans with Agent Orange that can assist with costs associated with care and the issues that families face. More information can be found at www.covvha.net. Sally has graciously agreed to make our fundraiser's "Oath of Valor" quilt - THANK YOU, Sally

National VVA Convention: Next National Convention will be in Spokane, WA in 2019.

State VVA Meeting: Elections were held at the June 1st meeting held at Highground. All officers remained in office except for Dan Schutte replacing Joe Haiden as Vice President. Next State Council meeting will be held in September in Waupaca.

Membership: 14 as of the end of May.

VA/Benefits: No report, Pete Breed not present. While at the NWSF in Chippewa, Chapter members were approached by Scott Cepek about a program for assisting veterans with energy efficient homes. For more information check out their website: www.energypositivehomes.us or give him a call at 12-309-4755.

Minority Report: No report, Dave Klein not present.

OLD BUSINESS

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earn more at www.thehighground.org.

Logo/Clothing: long and short sleeve shirts are ordered. # 8

Eau Claire Veterans Council: More information about the Tribute Trail can be found at www.ecveteransfoundation.com.

Fundraising: Our 10th Annual Fall Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 8th here at VFW Post 7232. Posters are available. Raffle tickets are available, contact Joe Heil
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Communications: Our Chapter's website has recently been updated to bring it current. Currently only one individual is able to make changes to the site, which isn't being done on a regular basis. Consider how you would like your Chapter's website to look, be interactive with and get back to us with any comments or suggestions. Remember our Chapter's Website/ E-Mail: www.mikevothmemorialvva5.org / mikevothmemorialvva5@gmail.com and don't forget you can find National info at www.VVA.org and State info at www.VVAWI.org.

Newsletter: Deadline August 27th please.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on drivers for the Eau Claire County DAV van came up with it being stated that drivers are still needed so that trips can be made between Minneapolis and Tomah. Approximately 20 drivers are needed and there are about 12 now. Potential drivers with a heart condition are immediately denied, all applicants have to have a physical examination and have their own auto insurance in order to drive the DAV van. Contact Adam Kohls at the Eau Claire County Veteran Service office for further information.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Bob McRoberts spoke first with a "Thank You" for the good looking ad in the newsletter, his son has the ad for the foot clinic adding that if anyone needs help with his feet to contact his son. Then he spoke of the upcoming Custer and Veteran Appreciation Party held by Prestige Auto on Hwy 93, just off I-94. The event will be held August 15th from 4-7 p.m. Over 33 groups have applied for the event and Dan (Prestige's owner) has his work cut out to consider them all. There will be a pig roast and chicken with plenty to drink. Green Bay Packer Great, and 2018 Hall of Fame Inductee, Jerry Kramer, will be in attendance for pictures and autographs. Chapter 5 will be at this event with a fundraiser table set up. Due to health reasons, Bob won't be setting up the display as he has in the past, but asks that any group who wants to come in and put up any displays to contact him so this can be completed a day or two ahead of the event. Bob also wanted to let everyone know that they are more than welcome to attend the veteran group that meets every Wednesday at the Eau Claire Senior Center at 1 p.m. to socialize, there have been as many as 30 veterans who come to sit and chat.

Attendance drawing was won by Brian Johnson, not present.

The 50/50 was won by AVVA member Eric Johnson.

Closing prayer was given by Joe Heil and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m., there were 20 members in attendance.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 1, 2018.

You are Invited to Prestige Auto's
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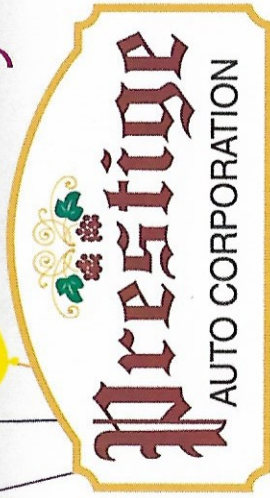
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