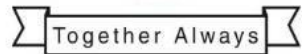




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UPCOMING EVENTS

08/01/19 Buffalo County Fair in Mondovi through 8/4/19
08/07/19 VVA Chapter Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (AVVA at 6:30)
08/07/19 Clark County Fair in Neillsville through 8/11/19
08/14/19 Prestige Kia Veteran Appreciation Event 4-6:30 p.m.
08/16/19 Big Rig Show in Chippewa Falls through 8/18/19
08/23/19 Chapter 5 Brat Stand at Stockman's in Osseo
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Founding principle,

Vietnam Veterans of America
"Never again will one generation
of veterans abandon another."



God Bless All Veterans

Chapter Moto: Honor the DEAD and fight like Hell for the LIVING!



**"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States
of America, and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all."
To be given slow and deliberate, not a speed**

Greetings,

Whoa!! Summer is more than half over already. One the days that I am sweating and feel hot, all I have to do is think about last February when, even though I was bundled up, I had to buy hand warmers to keep my fingers from hurting from the cold while shoveling all that snow. I couldn't wait to be able to wear a t-shirt and shorts outside everyday. I got my wish!

Something else that is getting over in a hurry is our season for selling our raffle tickets for our annual fundraiser. We have less than a month left to sell. Some of our members have again done an exemplary job of selling, but we need everyone of our members to step forward. I have bought a book of tickets for myself and if every members would do that it would be \$7200 without even trying! I'm selling two more books to family and friends, so that would be \$21,600 if everyone follows me. Don't forget to set-up outside a busy store if you can as there are only a few weekends left to do that. Also, please help at the fairs that are left. Let's do this!

Many of our members attended the official ceremony at River Prairie in Altoona for welcoming the Veterans Tribute to be built there. Hopefully there will be no more hassles from special interests and politics. I think everyone was very pleased with the switch to River Prairie for the Veterans Tribute.

We will be hearing reports at our next meeting from our members who successfully attended the VVA and AVVA National Convention in Spokane, Washington. Thank you for going there to represent us.

I hope to see all of you at our next regular VVA meeting on Wednesday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. (AVVA at 6:30 p.m.) at VFW Post 7232 on Folsom Street on the west side of Eau Claire,

Mike Korger, President
VVA Chapter 5

VVA Meeting of 7/10/2019

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer were led by Joe Heil. Guests present are Carol Hintsman and Judy Wolf who provided a presentation on the health benefits of CBD oil. Their product, from EvolvHealth, is processed differently and has a full spectrum use of the phytocannabinoids than other brands. Carol can be contacted at 715-726-2260 for more information or you can take a look at the website, www.bodylove@myevolv.com.

REPORTS

Secretary--Approval of minutes was tabled to next month.

Treasurer--Joe Heil gave a report on the Chapter's bank accounts, including income and expenses, all accounts balance with the bank records and Joe was thanked for his report.

President--Mike Korger late, no report given.

Vice President--Larry Wrycza not present.

AVVA--Rick reminded everyone of the upcoming Pizza Ranch night on July 17th from 4-8:30 p.m. and encouraged everyone to come out and eat! An email was received from AVVA National thanking Chapter 5 for their donation to the upcoming Project Friendship check that will be presented during the National Convention in Spokane.

VVA National--Convention will be held in Spokane July 16-21, delegates from Chapter 5 going will be Mac McBee, Joe Graff and Mike Smith; AVVA Chapter Rep. Rick Talford will represent the Chapter as delegate with Julia McBee as Alternate.

WI State Council--Next meeting will be September 21st in Waupaca.

VA Benefits--Dave Mayenchein reported that there has been a stay on processing the Blue Water Navy benefits recently passed by the Secretary of the VA until January of 2020, adding that claims should still be filed so that when they begin to process them, the claims are already in the pipeline. Apparently there is a new injection being given for those suffering from PTSD; to contact the Tomah VA about PTSD, contact Tom Muench, Social Worker, at 600-322-3971, ext. 61761.

Minority--Dave Zien spoke briefly on the signs that will be put in place for the Hmong and Dennis Werlein on Menomonie Street by the Roadside Cafe, efforts to have a flag that will fly at the site in New Hampshire where seven Marine motorcyclists were recently killed, and having June 15th possibly recognized as Native American Indian Day.

Membership--VVA members, 124 (Welcome Brian Jensen, newly transferred from At-Large, present at tonight's meeting) and AVVA members, 21.

OLD BUSINESS

Veterans Home--Rory Schutte gave information about a picnic for July 20th.

Highground--Joe Graff not present, Rick Talford reported that the Freedom Celebration was a great success. More information about the events going on at Highground can be found on their website.

NEW BUSINESS

Fundraising--Joe Heil brought up the Chapter's booths at the various County Fairs; currently we are set-up at in Chippewa Falls, to be followed by Dunn County, then Buffalo and Clark County Fair's in August along with the Big Rig Show. Something new that we're trying is a Brat Stand at Stockman's in Osseo on Friday and Saturday, August 23 & 24th. Not only will we make some money from the Brat Stand, but use it as a final push to sell raffle tickets before the drawing in September. Rory Schutte brought up that he has worked to get a booth at the upcoming Country Jam in Eau Claire and that anyone wishing to work the event can contact him for entry/parking passes. Ralph Ottum requested reimbursement for some posters that he had printed up to aid with fundraising; membership approved reimbursing him for this expense.

Newsletter--July 26th, 2019.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Prestige Auto will once again be having their Veteran and Customer Appreciation event on August 14th from 4:00-6:30 p.m. -- Veterans are encouraged to be there at 3:30 p.m.

Rory Schutte requested a donation from the Chapter for a picnic being held at the Armory on August 4th, Al Weix motioned for the Chapter to donate \$300 for this event, Mac McBee seconded, carried.

Rory also reported on his recent Honor Flight and encouraged all to make the trip.

Dan Ziegler brought up the recent events surrounding the Veterans Tribute Trail and the City of Eau Claire; there will be more meetings and discussions before an announcement is made soon.

There were 21 members in attendance, Dave Zien won the 50/50 drawing, winner of the attendance drawing was not present. Joe Heil gave the Closing Prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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