



Mike Voth Memorial

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #5
Eau Claire, WI 54702
June Newsletter 2016



Meetings held 1st Wednesday of every month @ 7pm at
VFW Post #7232, 2900 W. Folsom St., Eau Claire, WI

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 06/01/16 Chapter Meeting
- 06/2-5/16 National VVA Council Meeting @ St. Cloud, MN
- 06/16/16 AVTT arrives in Osseo with Motorcycle Escort to Carson Park with set-up upon arrival
- 06/17/16 Opening Ceremonies at Carson Park @ 10 am
- 06/18/16 Welcome Home Picnic @ Carson Park 1 pm □ 5 pm.
Huey landing @ 1 pm, Flyover @ game 6:25 pm
- 06/18/16 State VVA Council Meeting @ Highground
- 07/19-25 Persian Gulf Tribute @ Highground
- 09/10/16 Chapter 5's 4th Annual Fundraiser

Note: Shirts and hats are still available, contact Joe Heil if interested.

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- Scholarship: J. Graff, J. Heil, J. McBee, D. Werlein & L. Wrycza
- Welcome Home Picnic: R. Pettis, B. Laguban, E. Laventure, P. Breed & D. Johnson

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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"

Hail to the Chief
Presidential Anthem of the USA

Albert Gamse James Sanderson, 1812

Hail to the chief we have cho-sen for the na-tion. Hail to the chief, we sa-lute him one and all. Hail to the chief, as we pledge co-o-per-a-tion in proud ful-fill-ment of a great, no-ble call. Yours is the aim to make this grand coun-try gran-der. This you will do, that's our strong-ly firm be-lief. Hail to the one we se-lect-ed as com-man-der. Hail to the pre-si-dent! Hail to the chief!

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

Welcome President Mike Korger! Look for Mike's message next month.

VVA Meeting of 5/4//2016

Meeting was called at to order at 7 pm by VP Larry Wrycza who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Dan Zeigler with an opening prayer.

The April 2016 Secretary's report was accepted as mailed out.

Treasurer's Report was then given by Joe Heil: The Chapter's checkbook balance is \$10,024.25; expenses were renewal of our raffle license (\$50), EC Parks & Recreation (\$60) for our Welcome Home Picnic event, Farmer's Insurance (\$675) for the event insurance policy for our four days in Carson Park; credits were a rebate due to the number of members of \$720, dues of \$140. The Welcome Home Picnic account balance is \$12,444 and we could still use another \$4-5,000. Joe asked that in the future there needs to be frequent audits with him and the Board of Directors. In the past our bank balance has not had a balance that would warrant audits, now however, it is felt that audits take place, at least quarterly. It should also be noted that all monies received and expenses for the Welcome Home Picnic are kept separate from the Chapter's. Motion was passed to accept the Treasurer's Report. A separate motion was made and passed to have the Chapter donate \$1,000 to the Welcome Home Picnic fund. Joe also mentioned that on June 10th there will be a golf outing at Lake Hallie with the proceeds going to Horse Ride for Veterans.

Dennis Werlein then got up to say "good bye" as Chapter President and appealed everyone to sign-up to volunteer for the various opportunities to serve during our Welcome Home Picnic this June at Carson Park. Dennis then expressed his best wishes and good luck to the new President and God's Blessings on our Chapter.

Chapter Elections: Mike Korger was nominated and approved as the new Chapter President; Roger Schuh was nominated and approved as Secretary. Now that elections are done, Joe Heil can file our 1090 and financial report.

President Mike Korger took the floor and he appointed Joe Graff as Sergeant at Arms. He then made some corrections to the previous Secretary's Report, and there were two corrections to the March Treasurer's Report, motion passed to accept the finalized reports.

National Report: Region 6 meeting will be in St. Cloud, MN this year from June 2-5, 2016; those interested in attending please contact Joe Heil so reservations can be made, cost is \$25 for early registration and \$35 for late registration.

State Council Report: Joe Heil states that State will meet at Highground in Neillsville on June 18th at 10 am.

VA Report: Pete Breed encouraged those who are filing claims to be sure you have the supporting documents for any claim filed and if that claim is denied, APPEAL that original claim **DO NOT FILE A NEW CLAIM**. It may be something as simple as supplying additional information for the initial claim to be processed and filing another claim will only delay, confuse and make a mess so be sure you **APPEAL!** He then spoke about the gun raffle of Henry Rifles and a letter he is processing to Henry Rifles to see if they will donate the rifles we are interested in raffling, a .22, 30/30 and a .44 Mag Big Boy, with the proceeds to benefit the VFW Unmet Needs Program and Chapter 5 with the net proceeds being split 50/50. Chapter 5 has already donated a cash prize of \$200 and National is also donating a cash prize of \$200, Budweiser Banners have also been donated.

Minority Report: Roger Schuh did not have a Minority Report

Membership Report: As of 4/30/16 we have 126 members and with new applications that have been sent in we will have a membership of around 130/132.

Old Business: Veterans Home Report-there is \$32,000 in the state budget for a new home which is felt should be used to expand the Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls rather than elsewhere in the state.

Highground Report: On Saturday, May 14th at 9 am in Cadott there will be a Hmong ceremony, Dennis Werlein will be speaking and our Chapter will provide the Color Guard. Afterwards we will leave and go to Highground for a Legacy Stone laying of 22 stones. At the Learning Center is on the Hmong culture. The Gulf War Tribute will be July 12-25 with the Dedication on July 23rd. We will new Color Guards for Highground events in July.

Clothing Report: Shirts, boonie hats, etc. usually take a week to arrive once ordered. If you want to place an order, please contact Joe Heil.

Fundraising Report: Larry Wrycza reports that our 4th Annual Chicken feed will be at the American Legion Post 53 on Water Street this year on Saturday, September 10th. Paul has agreed to cook the chicken and will be bringing the grills. Right now our focus is on the Welcome Home Picnic and after June, our September fundraising will kick into gear.

Good of the Order: Vets Council meeting was attended by Joe Heil last week. Rod Anderson is working with Tim Moore about the van and to get more volunteer drivers signed up. So far there are only five drivers qualified to drive, if anyone wishes to volunteer, please refer to Tim as all CVSO's need to pre-screen driver applicants. You can go to the DAV website and follow the "Volunteer" link. \$6,000 has been donated for a van purchase and \$15,000 has been received from a donor in Illinois. The van is purchased, the DAV marks it and then the van belongs to the VA Minneapolis. This van will not cover going to Tomah, will need to raise more money for this. The DAV covers the expense of insurance on the van. The DAV will go 50/50 with our Chapter for the Christmas Party at the Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls.

Color Guard volunteers are needed for May 29th at St. Matthew's and May 30th for the Eau Claire Memorial Day Parade, line up at 8:30 am at Wilson Park.

Dennis Werlein added that the Education Committee will be at Memorial High School tomorrow for a presentation. Dan Zeigler commented that the presentation at Regis was very emotional.

Thoughts were discussed of moving our monthly meetings to American Legion Post 53 on Water Street starting the first of the year. A motion was passed to change signatures on the Chapter checking account from Dennis Werlein to Mike Korger. Winners in tonight's drawings were Ken Lestrud and Ed Laventure, both were not present; there were 28 members in attendance, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

***No ticker-tape parades greeted the men and women who returned from war.
No handshakes, no thank-you's.
So they turned to each other and formed
Vietnam Veterans of America
But even as they forged the bonds that would help them survive the peace
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Even while they tended to their own
They've also reached out to the veterans of more recent conflicts
Welcoming them home and shaking hands
Airports and parades, yes,
But also offering comfort in darker hours.
And fighting for them in the halls of State Legislatures,
The corridors of Congress and the maze of the VA.***

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Eligibility: Membership is to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purpose) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, or in any duty location between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975. **You MUST submit a copy of your DD214 with this application.**

Send To: Joe Heil at 1231 Rowe, Eau Claire WI 54703-1569 and he will make copies of your application, DD214 and proof of payment for our Chapter records and forward onto National, just in case something gets "lost" the Chapter will have backup documentation.



Roger Schuh before the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. during his recent Honor Flight to Washington on May 7, 2016. Come hear about his trip at the June 1st meeting.

Tax Relief Raffle Winners

(drawn 4/15/2016)

Congratulations to the following:

Marie Burger
Michelle Miller
Mary Pimblett
Phil Roberts
Rolland Schearer
Kate & Tommy Schmidt
Dave Zein



Want to thank a hero?

Want to shake the hand of a fellow Vet?

Here's your chance!



All Veterans Community Picnic

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

June 18th, 2016 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

On the Fan Deck at the Express Baseball Stadium in Carson Park, Eau Claire

- * Large Vietnam War memorabilia display
- * Free admission to events below and food & beverages
- * Huey UH-1H Helicopter & Military Trucks
- * American Vietnam Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall (on display from June 16th to 19th)
- * Canadian Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall (motorcycle rally escort for both walls on June 16th)
- * Veterans resource vendors available

Following the picnic.....

Veterans Night at the Express

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

- * Military Flyover at 6:10pm
- * 300 Free Tickets for Vietnam Veterans (call for VVA #5 for tickets, 715-839-7089)
- * Rep. Warren Petryk to sing God Bless America and the National Anthem
- * Color Guards will be presented at the start of the game
- * Veterans to throw the first pitch
- * Express team to wear camouflage uniforms



***"Never Again Will One Generation
of Veterans Abandon Another"***



Vietnam Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall

&

Canadian Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall

Motorcycle Rally

Rally led by Gary Wetzel, Medal of Honor recipient

June 16th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Osseo, WI Truck Plaza at Exit 88, I-94

Caravan escort departs at 3:00 p.m. for Carson Park, Eau Claire



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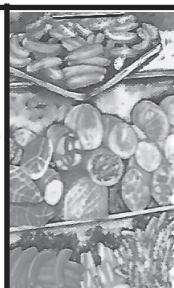
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