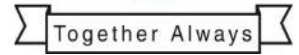




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Vietnam Veterans of America
P. O. Box 832 Eau Claire, WI 54702
June 2018 Newsletter



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 06/06/18 Chapter Meeting @ 7pm @ Post 7232
AVVA Meeting @ 6:30 pm @ Post 7232
- 06/08/18 WDVA Women Veterans Retreat @ Trinity
- 06/14/18 Veterans Home Golf Outing @ Lake Hallie Golf Course
- 06/16/18 WIVVA State Council @ Highground
- 06/16-17 Chippewa Valley Air Show @ Chippewa Valley Regional Airport
- 06/23/18 Trinity Equestrian's Horsepower for Veterans
- 07/11/18 Chapter Meeting @ 7 pm @ Post 7232
AVVA Meeting @ 6:30 @ Post 7232
- 07/18/18 AVVA Fundraiser Pizza Ranch 4p-8p

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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 test!

Greetings:

Summer has begun! Lots of help will be needed at the many fairs and community celebrations to man our VVA booth to greet veterans, to hand out information, and to sell our raffle tickets. Some of us will be spending a lot of time at these events. It would be great if all members would arrange to help at one or more of these. Please contact an officer to line something up. Check the list in this newsletter or check our website.

Hopefully some of us made it to the 97th Year Anniversary Celebration at VFW Post 305 on May 11th or participated in the numerous schedules of events from May 14-19 for Veterans & Home Front Heroes Appreciation Week spearheaded by Dave Zien. It is scheduled again this fall from October 29 thru November 3. Also, did anyone get to help take the veterans from the Veterans Home in Chippewa Falls to the Brewers-Twins game on May 20th? How about the Helicopter and Military Vehicle Expo and Legacy Stone Ceremony on May 19th at the Highground and their Honor Ride/Motorcycle Ride and Memorial Day Ceremony on May 28th? Hopefully many of us were able to participate in the Eau Claire Memorial Day Parade with our Chapter 5 unit or other veterans units and then the special program at Owen Park.

Be sure to check upcoming events for the Highground, maybe help with the Golf Event sponsored by the Chippewa Falls Veterans Home on June 14 or volunteer to be a driver for the Eau Claire County Veterans Van so trips to the Tomah VA can begin. There is no shortage of things to do, so go ahead and jump in. I hope to see all of you at our next VVA meeting on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. (AVVA at 6:30 p.m.) at VFW Post 7232 on Folsom St. on the west side of Eau Claire.

Mike Korger
President, VVA Chapter 5

VVA Meeting of 4/4/18

Call to order was made by President Mike Korger with the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer led by Sgt. at Arms Joe Graff. Welcome to our guest Steve Erickson, Jerry Bergstrom and new VVA member Jake (Sorry Jake, I didn't catch your last name and forgot to get it in time to print the newsletter.)

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 by Larry Wrycza, seconded by Rory Schutte; motion carried.

President's Report: Mike Korger spoke of the American Legion 10th District Convention that he attended. He stated that Larry did not attend, but that Rory had. He also spoke of the Post 305 97th Anniversary Celebration coming up on May 11th and the Augusta American Legion Pancake Feed at the cabin starting at 7 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Ron Perry added that on May 12th in Ladysmith there will be a Ride for the Fallen starting with breakfast at 8 a.m. and then kickstands up at 11 a.m. There will be another event like this held later in September. Also, on Memorial Day there will be another Honor Ride at the Highground in Neillsville.

Dave Zein spoke of the week-long event being held around the area to celebrate Veterans and Home Front Heroes Appreciation Week. This event will begin on May 14th and go through May 19th. A second round of this event will be held from October 29th through November 3rd. There will be a special award for Home Front Hero going to our own AVVA member Sally Johnson.

Vice President's Report: Larry Wrycza spoke of VVA Chapter 351's Vietnam Memorabilia event held at CVTC on April 24th and spoke of an upcoming event to be held at UWEC.

AVVA Report: Julia McBee spoke of the upcoming VVA/AVVA Leadership Conference to be held in Palm Springs, CA later this July, and asked the VVA members for a matching \$75 contribution for the AVVA's Project Friendship to benefit LightHouse Social Service Centers that provide support services for veterans and families. Motion made by Joe Graff, seconded by Larry Wrycza; motion carried for a matching contribution of \$75 to be sent to Project Friendship. The AVVA's recent Pizza Ranch fundraiser was well attended and netted the AVVA members close to \$400. There will be another event on Wednesday, July 18th at Pizza Ranch so mark your calendars!

National VVA Convention: Next National Convention will be in Spokane, WA in 2019. Leadership Conference will be held in Palm Springs, CA this July from the 24th-28th.

State VVA Meeting: Next meeting will be held at Highground on June 16th. This will be an election meeting with a pot-luck picnic to follow. Those planning on attending should RSVP Mike Demske so he can have an accurate head count for the meat; State Council will be supplying the meat for grilling with attending members bringing a dish to share. Contact him at 920-973-3909 or via email at Michael.Demske@yahoo.com.

Membership: 144- but new applications are being processed.

VA/Benefits: Pete Breed spoke on the Choice Act; it has been extended but not available to all veterans and may not all be free. The Choice Program is for those who have a wait of over 30 days for an appointment or live further than 40 miles from a VA medical center. However, in the example given regarding eye glasses, the only thing covered is the eye exam, NOT the eye glasses AND Choice picks out the provider and location to be seen at. Choice may still be going broke and the new name the VA is going to give the program will be Care. In the event you need emergency care, GO TO THE NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY **NOT** the nearest VA medical facility; beware though, the VA can deny emergency care (just as other insurance can/will) if they deem that your claim is not truly an emergency.

Joe Heil informed everyone that the Eau Claire County DAV Van has now been approved to take veterans to the Tomah VA, but more drivers are needed before trips can start. Schedule is still for the van to make trips to Minneapolis on ODD days, Tomah will be on EVEN days.

Minority Report: Dave Zein spoke of the largest battle between Indian groups in Wisconsin, the Battle of 1861 and the 29 Resolutions. There will be a Ho Chunk National Memorial Day POW-WOW at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds in Black River Falls on May 26-28. There has been another sign approved between Mac Sear Cover and Dairy Queen on Menomonie Street honoring the Hmong of Vietnam on one side and Dennis Werlein and Resolution Number 28 on the other. More about this to come.

Women Veterans: Julia McBee requested a donation of \$100 for the upcoming WIDVA Women Veterans Retreat to be held on June 8th at Trinity Equestrian Center. Motion made by Joe Graff, seconded by Dick Quick for \$100 to Trinity for the Women Veterans Retreat; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Veterans Home: Rory Schutte spoke of the May 20th baseball game between the Minnesota Twins and the Milwaukee Brewers, volunteers could be used to help with this event. The Recreation Committee has paid for this game and anyone willing to help can contact Katie at the Veterans Home. Joe Heil added information on the June 14th Golf Outing Event at Lake Hallie.

Highground: Joe Graff spoke of the Legacy Stone Laying on May 19th, Honor Ride/Memorial Day on May 28th, the Working Dog dedication on June 2nd, Volunteer appreciation luncheon and fireworks display on June 30th. There will be a stone laying for Dennis Werlein on September 15th, Chapter Color Guard is needed for this and we will have some sort of luncheon served afterwards. Learn more at www.thehighground.org.

Logo/Clothing: Long and short sleeve shirts are ordered. 20 Color Guard jackets, along with an extra five have been ordered. There was a quick discussion of the dress code for the Color/Honor Guard; Color Guard shirt (short or long sleeve) with black pants and black shoes for those carrying the flags and rifles. Anyone who wishes to march with Color Guard at events are not required to wear Color Guard gear.

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

Fundraising: Our 6th Annual Fall Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 8th here at VFW Post 7232. Posters will soon be available. Raffle tickets are available now, contact Joe Heil if you wish to start selling tickets to friends/family/neighbors/enemies/anyone/everyone! Plenty of help will be needed at the fairs, this year we will have a drawing for a FREE 3x5 American Flag to help draw attention to our table. Sign-up sheets at next meeting for helpers at the various fairs will be available. Call Julie with any questions at 715-202-0181.

Communications: 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Scholarships: We received three applicants this year, the winners voted on were from North and Memorial High Schools.

Newsletter: May 20th

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dave Zein spoke of the 29 Resolutions and how many of them are very important and asked if anyone would be interested in taking the information to the State Council meeting on June 16th, McBee's indicated that they would. Dave also reported receiving an \$80 check for the Chapter from Wisconsin Adventures on Wheels for \$80 from Christmas Tree sales last December.

Joe Heil spoke of the upcoming Purple Heart State Convention held in Eau Claire on May 18-19; lifetime membership is \$50 with Purple Heart Chapter 550 paying \$25, see him for details.

Memorial Day Parade was discussed; date correction announced as the parade is on Monday, May 28th, NOT 26th as previous noted in the newsletter. Route will begin at Wilson Park, head over the Lake Street Bridge and end at Owen Park where Chapter 5's Color Guard will have flag duties of raising and lowering the flag; American Legion Post 53 will have rifle duties on Lake Street Bridge. Jerry Bergstrom spoke of his restored 1943 Jeep that he would like to have in the parade with Chapter 5, motion made by Dan Floury, seconded by Dave Mayenchein to have Jerry and his Jeep accompany us in the parade; motion carried. VFW Post 7232 will be retiring their flag and raising a new one following the parade, members are asked to attend and there will be a light lunch provided. VFW Post 305 will have their 97th Anniversary on May 11th starting at 4:30 p.m.; there will be live music, food and silent auctions—proceeds will go to the Veterans Unmet Needs Program.

Attendance drawing was won by Rick Talford, the 50/50 drawing was won by Sally Johnson. Closing Prayer was led by Joe Graff, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. and there were 32 members in attendance.



UPCOMING FAIR DATES

- 5/31-6/3 Elega Broiler Fest, Elega – Rick Talford
- 6/14-17 Lake Martha Days, Osseo – Peg Ottum
- 7/11-15 Northern Wisconsin State Fair, Chippewa Fair
- 7/25-29 Dunn County, Menomonie – Larry Wrycza
- 8/2-5 Buffalo County, Mondovi – Mac/Julie McBee
- 8/8-12 Clark County, Neillsville – Ralph Ottum
- 8/8-12 Jackson County, Black River Falls – Joe Graff
- 8/17-19 Big Rig Show, Chippewa Falls – Rory Schutte

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SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012

A warning for veterans

On Sunday, April 22, I had the privilege to attend the morning meeting of the American Legion 10th District Spring Conference at the Chippewa Falls American Legion post. I was in attendance as one of several Auxiliary members who continued with the second day of the conference.

Their guest speaker was Wisconsin State Commander Laurel Clewell. She spoke on several great issues to the Legionnaires. One that was brought up had to do with Vietnam veterans.

There is a parasite that attaches itself to the kidney and can cause death if untreated. You will not know you have this parasite until it is too late to treat. This parasite, often called “the fluke,”

came from the meats and fish that were available in Vietnam.

As a Vietnam veteran, you need to go to a VA Clinic and specifically request a blood test for the parasite. The clinic will not test for this unless you specifically request it. With the test, if you do have the parasite attached to your kidney, you can be treated more successfully.

If tested before symptoms appear you can be treated with medicine. If you begin to have symptoms from this, treatment will be too late to be of any use.

This is something that needs to be brought to the attention of every Vietnam veteran out there. Please let other Vietnam veterans know.

Thank you to all who served for all.

MARIA KONOP
Eau Claire

Save the Date
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Trinity Equestrian Center 8th Annual Horsepower for Veterans Motorcycle Run, Show and Fundraiser – June 23, 2018

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Registration opens; Free Continental Breakfast; Messages from our Veterans, Vendors and Riders; Meet the Horses; Silent Auction opens.

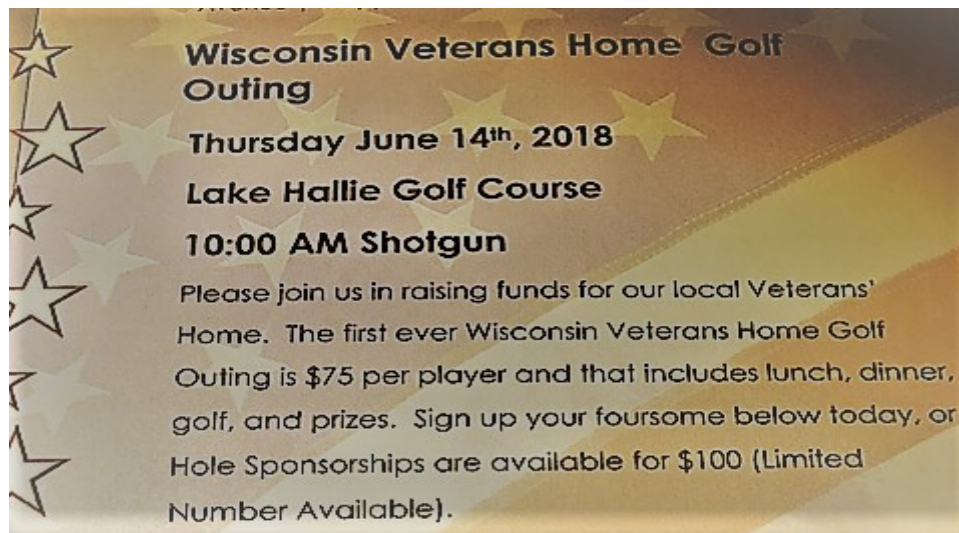
10:30 AM – Prayer, Program & Road Rules

11:00 AM – Departure (estimated 60 mile non-stop run)

1:00 PM (Estimate) – Return to Trinity Equestrian Center

Scrumptious BBQ Chicken Meal; Raffle & Silent Auction

Conclusion and Final Words – All proceeds go to fund Trinity's FREE THERAPY for Veterans struggling with PTSD!



CHIPPEWA VALLEY AIRSHOW

JUNE 16TH & 17TH, 2018

CHIPPEWA VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT, EAU CLAIRE, WI

GATES OPEN AT 8:30 a.m. - Show scheduled to start at 12:00 p.m. to approximately 4:15 p.m.

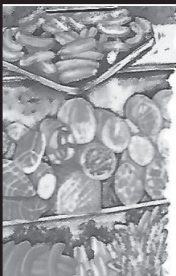





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Meet & Greet on Friday, June 15th, 2018 from 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. at Holiday Inn South 4751 Owen Ayres Court, Eau Claire - You'll have a chance to meet the performers, get their autograph and take pictures with them!

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