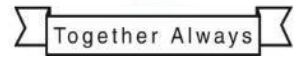




Mike Voth Memorial Chapter 5

Vietnam Veterans of America
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September 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

- 09/05/18 Chapter Meeting @ 7pm @ Post 7232
AVVA Meeting @ 6:30 pm @ Post 7232
09/08/18 Chapter 5's 6th Annual Fall Harvest Fundraiser
09/15/18 Dennis Werlein Stone Laying @ Highground 1 p.m.
09/22/18 30th Anniversary Highground Celebration
09/29/18 WI VVA State Council Meeting in Waupaca
- 10/03/18 Chapter Meeting @ 7 pm @ Post 7232
AVVA Meeting @ 6:30 @ Post 7232
10/10/18 AVVA Fundraiser Pizza Ranch 4p-8p

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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 is coming to a close way too fast for me. I really do like the longer daylight, the warmer weather, and the summer holidays.

Also coming to a close is our opportunity to sell our raffle tickets for our annual fundraiser. Our fundraiser this year is Saturday, September 8th. That gives us less than a week to sell those raffle tickets and pick up donations by the time you read this letter. I now have about 5 books of tickets sold personally. If everyone of our members matched me and sold 5 books of tickets (\$250 x 144) that would be \$36,000. That would be jaw dropping! What can you do? Every sold ticket helps. A few of our members have done a super job of selling raffle tickets at the fairs, community events, and setting up at businesses. Thank you!

A big thank you to Dan and Lisa Mattoon at Prestige Auto for again generously sponsoring a Customer and Veterans' Appreciation Party where a lot of our members who were present were treated with food, beverages, door prizes, and the presence of Hall of Famer, Green Bay Packer Jerry Kramer. Checks were presented to 11 veteran organizations and veteran causes. Our VVA Chapter 5 received a generous \$1500 on our check. Thank you, Dan and Lisa!

VERY IMPORTANT!!! If at all possible, we should all be present at the Highground on September 15th for the stone laying for Dennis Werlein, and then again on September 22nd for the 30th Anniversary of the Highground. Celebration will include a parade at noon (?), a Huey fly-in, and fireworks at dusk.

One final request! Everyone, please try to make it on Saturday, September 8th to our big fundraiser at Post 7232 to help and/or participate. Thank you.

I hope to see all of you at our next regular VVA meeting on Wednesday, September 5th 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 8/1/18

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 visitor Scott Cepek, CEO of Energy Positive Homes, who gave a presentation on their Homes for Veterans Program.

Energy Positive Homes build highly energy efficient homes powered by solar panels and are built with SIPS (Structure Insulated Panels) on an "Alaskan" slab foundation which keeps the base of the home at the Earth's ambient temperature. The homes are all ADA compliant so that there will be no need to move as one ages; there is zero entry, no stairs, wider doorways and walk-in showers. The homes are financed as zero down, zero closing and rolls over into a VA loan. The goal is to have communities of these homes for veterans. Currently, there is a model in Clear Lake, Iowa (just off of I-35) open for viewing and Scott is looking to develop property here in the Eau Claire and Twin Cities area. More information can be found at www.energypositivehomes.us.

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 absent, double report in September.

President's Report: Mike Korger reported that he had contacted Carson Park regarding members selling raffle tickets there before an Eau Claire Express game and was denied that opportunity to do so. He also spoke to a representative of Vetsroll.org an organization that has bus tours to Washington D.C. that is virtually free to veterans. More information will be gathered and shared with members. Mike then encouraged those present to continue with their raffle ticket sales for our annual fundraiser coming up in September.

Vice President's Report: Larry Wrycza absent – no report.

AVVA Report: Rick Talford reported on the July Pizza Ranch fundraiser; nearly \$650 was received with \$218 being our percentage from Pizza Ranch, \$250 in tips/donations, \$170 in raffle ticket sales and \$11 in Agent Orange Poppy sales. Julia McBee reported that there was no word yet on how the National Leadership Conference in Palm Springs went. There will be another Pizza Ranch fundraiser in October so that the AVVA members can give the homeless vets at Klein Hall a nice meal for Veterans Day in November.

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

State VVA Meeting: Originally scheduled meeting for September 22nd, now changed to the 29th so that members may attend the 30th Anniversary Celebration at Highground. Region Six meeting is scheduled for August 23rd – 25th in Ames, Iowa.

Membership: 146 with new applications being processed.

VA/Benefits: Pete Breed spoke on radiation treatments for prostate cancer and the reintroduction of the Blue Water bill for Navy veterans. The Veterans Choice Program will now be called “Community Care” and he will have more information when it is available.

Minority Report: Dave Zein absent – no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Veterans Home: Rory Schutte reports that the monthly meeting time is changed to 8:30 a.m.

Highground: Joe Graff reminded everyone of the stone laying for Dennis Werlein on September 15th at 1 p.m., Chapter Color Guard is needed for this and we will have a luncheon afterwards at the Education Center. Bring your own beverage (water, lemonade and coffee/tea will be provided) but please remember that Highground is alcohol-free. A dish to pass would be helpful too. Then on September 22nd will be the Highground’s 30th Anniversary Celebration, as Chapter 5 is the oldest VVA chapter still operational, it would be fitting that our Chapter be present in force for this event. Learn more at www.thehighground.org.

Logo/Clothing: Long and short sleeve shirts, along with the Color Guard jackets will be available at the September meeting.

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

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

Fundraising: Our 6th Annual Fall Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 8th here at VFW Post 7232. We have had good turn outs at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair and Dunn County State Fair. Up next will be the Buffalo and Clark County fairs and the Big Rig



UPCOMING FAIR DATES

8/2-5 Buffalo County, Mondovi – Mac/Julie McBee
8/8-12 Clark County, Neillsville – Ralph Ottum
8/17-19 Big Rig Show, Chippewa Falls – Rory Schutte

Newsletter: August 27, 2018

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ralph Ottum requested \$45 from the Chapter to pay for a camping space at the Clark County Fair as he and Peg will be utilizing their camper for our Chapter's fundraiser's raffle ticket sales. Motion made by Pete Breed, seconded by Mac McBee, to pay the \$45 camping fee; motion carried.

Currently there is no Veteran Service Officer in Pepin County; veterans will need to contact the Buffalo or Pierce County Veteran Service Officer for assistance.

Dan Ziegler reported that the Eau Claire County Veterans Council is looking at applicants for the ECVSO position; Adam Kohls has been serving as interim VSO and the Vets Council supports Adam for this position. Dan also reports that veterans applying for a job with the Eau Claire Police Department, who have tattoos, will be denied employment with ECPD. The Vets Council is also looking at sponsoring a recognition dinner for high school seniors and their families who intend on joining the military as opposed to attending college. This is in the planning stage right now, but the goal is to have all veteran service organizations sponsor this recognition dinner. More information will become available, but for right now the Council is just looking at the interest level in for this event.

August 30th will be a Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dedication in Colfax. The event will start at 11:00 a.m. Chapter 5 will be the Color Guard for this event, please contact Rick Talford if you are able to participate. The American Legion Post 131 is hosting this event for veterans and the community and it would be wonderful to have as many of our Chapter's veterans attend to show support for this community's recognition of Vietnam veterans.

Rick Talford informed the Chapter that he has become one of the newest Eau Claire County DAV van drivers taking veterans to their appointments at the Minneapolis VA; more drivers are still needed so that the van can also start taking veterans to the Tomah VA. Currently runs to Minneapolis are on odd days and runs to Tomah will be on even days. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer driver, please contact Adam Kohls in the Eau Claire County Veterans Service Office for more information.

Prestige Auto will once again be having their Customer and Veteran Appreciation Event on Wednesday, August 15th from 3-7 p.m. There will be food, door prizes and Green Bay Packer Hall of Famer Jerry Kramer present to autograph memorabilia and photo opportunities. Come out and show Dan and Lisa Mattoon that they are appreciated for their efforts to support veteran causes in the Chippewa Valley area.

Attendance drawing was postponed until September, the 50/50 drawing was won by Pete Breed. Closing Prayer was led by Joe Graff, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and there were 22 members in attendance.



Together Always



MIKE VOTH MEMORIAL CHAPTER #5

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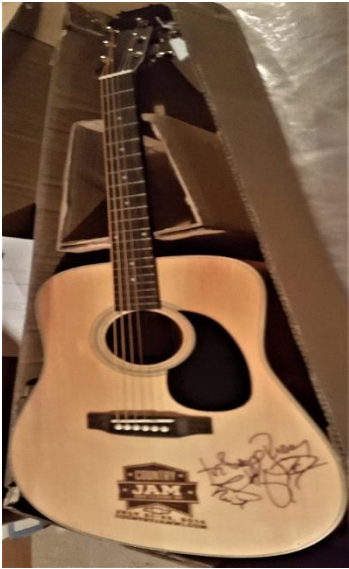


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& Live Music Artist



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