

Mike Voth Memorial  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 5 – Eau Claire, WI  
August 2, 2023

AVVA

Attendance – Peg O., Sally and Eric J., Micki R. and Rick T.

Discussions –

- 1- Members – 29 (discussion on new/dual members)
- 2- Pizza Ranch – contact was made with the asst. mngr. a message will be given to manager Shawn that we are interested in coming in under the community impact program again.
- 3- Finances – we are in good standings, but would like to start bring in more funds for our acct.
- 4- An issue with life members getting renewal request was discussed. Talford will get looking into this issue and report back.
- 5- Paper Safe folders will be brought into the next meeting, for members to hand out.

VVA

Agenda – no changes

Call to Order – Mike Korger

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Joe Graff

Prayer – Joe Graff

Moment of Silence – None

Welcome Veterans and Guests –

- 1- Michael Schmidt (Army – VFW 305)
- 2- James Prybylski (Army 2 Purple Hearts)
- 3- Former member Mike Smith attended, and informed the Chapter, he will return as a member in Sept. 2023.

Reports

Secretary – Dan Zeigler

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rory S., and seconded by Jake G. The motion carried without objection.

Treasurer – Joe Heil

Heil provided the numbers for the past month. He was thanked for his report

President – Mike Korger (absent)

V-President – Ken Piel (absent)

AVVA – Rick Talford (noted above) – request any dual member's interest, come speak to Talford.

National Meeting – August 2023 in Orlando, FL (Mike Smith will be attending and bring a report back.)  
Region 6 Meeting – no date set  
State Council Meeting –Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 in Waupaca, WI

VA/Benefits/Claims – need a chairperson – no report

Minority Report – Dave Zien

- 1- Flags and poles placed at Country Jam
- 2- VFW Convention in Phoenix, AR
- 3- Pact Act – attorney are only allowed 25% when assisting with claims – keep filing appeals
- 4- Re-opening of VFW Post 305 is set for mid-August
- 5- Legislation did not pass the 70% disabled bill
- 6- Klein Hall new building possible

Membership – VVA 122 AVVA 29

#### Old Business

Vets Home – Rory Schutte

- 1- Golf outing brought in between \$5-6,000.00
- 2- Covid status remains the same at the home
- 3- Canopy is being worked on
- 4- Open House will be around the 16<sup>th</sup> or so

High Ground – Joe Graff

- 1- Aug. 4-5<sup>th</sup> Heroes Ride
- 2- Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Legacy Stone Placement
- 3- Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> – Ride to Remember
- 4- Camp Victory – Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> will be an Open House

#### New Business

VVA Goals/Outreach – no report

Fundraising – Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> is the drawing date. Ticket sales are important

Chapter Elections – April 2024

Committee – Scholarships will begin the start of the year again.

Newsletter deadline – get any information to Rick Talford as soon as possible to be added to the minutes.

Communications – a “Thank You” letter was received by a Mondovi recipient of the Scholarship

#### Good of the Order

Rory Schutte

- 1- Prestige Auto Event – Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> – any contributions are welcome.
- 2- Veterans Night in Altoona – Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> – (3) Vets are welcome to walk in with the players
- 3- Garske Veteran Services Brochures were brought to the meeting.
- 4- Honor Guard at Country Jam this year with several organizations

Joe Heil – Fair Assistance needed

- 1- Aug. 3-6<sup>th</sup> Buffalo County
- 2- Aug. 9-13<sup>th</sup> – Clark County
- 3- Aug. 11-13<sup>th</sup> – Pioneer days
- 4- Sept. 1-2<sup>nd</sup> – Sturgeon Fest

NOTE- One Fest will be moving to the Country Jam location next year.

50/50 – Dave Z. \$9.00

Closing prayer – Joe Graff

Adjourn – 7:32pm

Next meeting will be held at Post 7232 on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.