

**VVA Chapter 731 General
Membership Meeting For
Jan. 6th, 2011**

Meeting Called to Order By: Chris Wagner

- +Pledge of Allegiance Lead By: *Ken Decker*
- +Prayer by Chaplain: Ran Jansen
- +Moment of Silence for POW's, MIA's, and Fallen Comrades.
- +Approval of Minutes: approved and 2nd
- +Treasurers Report by: *Mike Laughrin*:
- +Secretary's Report and Communications by: *Pete Schramm*:
- +Vice President's Report by: Terry Johnson: A total of \$1330.00 was raised ringing bells for the Salvation Army. The Christmas party is/was Sat, Jan. 8th at 7 Lakes. A total of 60 people had signed up.
- +President's Report by: *Ken Decker*: *There will be a board of directors meeting in late Feb. The time and exact date TBA.*
- +CVSO Report: *Jane Babcock*: *Jane gave us an update of the changes in the VA health-care system. Locally, our own county budget for the VA office grew from .3 million to 1.2 million. Also the local office helped six homeless veterans in 2010, two of which were women. As always, volunteers are needed to help other veterans and their spouses to their medical appointments at Cleveland or other VA clinics. A new Green Bay Hospital is still in the works-someday- but is stuck in committees for financial reasons.*
- +State Council Notes: Mike Demske: The state convention for 2011 was cancelled.
- Committee:**
- +Color Guard: Tom Hoffman : Tom gave a summary of all the 2010 activities for the color guard. George Gottier also reported the Honor Guard was used three or four times during the last year.
- +Ed/Scholarship Tom Hoffman: The program at Mishicot High School is already started with two more visits this school year.
- +Web Site Coordinator: *Karen Seipel*: (www.vetsofamerica.org)
- +Quartermaster: *Roy Tegen*: *Call Roy at 682-5385 if you need anything.*
- +Finance and Audit: Mike Laughrin: All committee chairpersons are asked to submit their 2011 budgets no later than the Feb. 3rd meeting.
- +Sick and Welfare: Ran Jansen: Al Rocheleau is out of the hospital. Bill Stiefvater is moving to Laurel Grove. Chuck Rysticken has had a set-back, but is still at home. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.
- +AVVA Liaison: *Karen Seipel*. *The website AVVA.org now contains "The Veteran" magazine*
- +Dance Committee: *Roy Tegen*: *The budget request for the 2011 dance has been submitted.*
- +Motion Made and Seconded to Adjourn
- +50/50 Raffle Winner: Gene Erdman
- +Next General Membership Meeting: At the American Legion, 811A Jay St. Manitowoc, Wisconsin at 6:30pm, on Feb. 3rd 2011.

