

VVA Chapter 731 General Membership Meeting, March 3, 2011

Meeting called to Order by Chris Wagner
Pledge of Allegiance lead by Ken Decker
Prayer by Chaplain, Ken Decker for recovering Ran Jansen
Moment of Silence for POW's, MIA's and fallen comrades

Introduction of guests and New Members – Welcome home to Marvin Decker, U.S. Army
Approval of Minutes; Approved with exceptions noted below.

Treasurers Report – Mike Laughrin,,approved as printed.

Secretary's Report and Communications, Pete Schramm – We received a thank-you letter from the American Cancer Society for the \$100.00 donation we made last month.

Vice-Presidents Report – Terry Johnson

Presidents Report – Ken Decker: Tom Hoffman and Greg Martell looked at a Dodge power wagon from the Vietnam Era. Numerous other military vehicles were checked out on e-bay and Craigs List. Fort McCoy would be another option to look for vehicles. Greg Martell will form a committee to look for a vehicle for parades and promotional purposes. Tom Hoffman, Mike Demske and Ed Stuhr volunteered for the committee.

CVSO Report – Jane Babcock

State Council Notes – Mike Demske

Committees: Color Guard, Tom Hoffman: Please note that we will not be visiting Lincoln High School this year as stated in last month's minutes. This is due to a change in their curriculum. Sometime in May we will visit Mishicot High School, details to follow. Tom needs Color Guard members to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 17th at 6:30 p.m.. Call Tom if interested.

Newsletter, Donna Franz- Newsletter will continue to arrive before the meetings.

Education, Tom Hoffman- We have completed our second visit to the Mishicot High School history class presentations. The third and final visit still to come. Date TBA. Plans to visit both Washington and Wilson Junior High Schools are in the works. Scholarship, Richard Luchsinger – Scholarship entries are currently being submitted by Manitowoc County high school students, with a March 15th deadline. There will be a meeting to judge the essays to be held at the Legion Hall on March 24th at 6:30 p.m.. All members are welcome.

Membership, Wayne Huske Total 193.....Veterans, 157.....AVVA, 36

Web Site Coordinator, (www.vetsofamerica.org). Karen Seipel, also VVA Liaison

Quartermaster, Roy Tegen – Roy reported that he sold \$17.00 worth of pins this last month but has many more. Patches are also available.

High Ground, Jim Wilsman,, no report.

Fundraising, Dale Schroeder – Dale will meet with the Ant Hill Mob to discuss the plans for the 2011 County Fair. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$50.00 to the Ant Hill

Mob to co-sponsor a trophy for their annual fundraiser.

Finance and Audit, Mike Laughrin, no report.

Sick and Welfare, general report..Ran Jansen is recovering from knee replacement surgery..Donna Franz is fine from a skin cancer on her leg..We wish them well as always to Karen Seipel, who was present and gave us a report on her condition. Good wishes are continuous for her.

New Business, 2011-12 budget was approved as printed. Tom Hoffman was given \$31.20 for framing the thank you plaque from Lincoln High School for the 14 years of presentation to their history classes, which were obviously enjoyed by both students and faculty.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn, 50/50 raffle, Gene Erdman

Next General Membership Meeting, - American Legion Hall, 811A Jay Street, Manitowoc, WI at 6:30 p.m., April 7th, 2011.