

**VVA Chapter 731 General  
Membership Meeting For  
April 7th 2011**

Meeting Called to Order By: Chris Wagner

Pledge of Allegiance Lead By: *Ken Decker*

Prayer by Chaplain: Ken Decker

Moment of Silence for POW's, MIA's, and Fallen Comrades.

Introduction of Guests and New Members: Welcome home to Roger Zunker USMC. , and guests, Scholarship winner Joleen Wilhelm , and Linda Peterson (Terry's wife).

Approval of Minutes : approved

Treasurers Report by: *Mike Laughrin :Approved as printed. Chapter has purchased a 1953 Dodge M37 power wagon for \$6500.00.*

Secretary's Report and Communications by: *Pete Schramm: Donation of \$150.00 was made to The Manitowoc Citizens Safety Patrol Picnic Association, and \$200.00 to the Domestic Violence Center.*

Vice President's Report by: Terry Johnson: Trying to set a date for our next Christmas party at Silver Valley Supper Club.

President's Report by: *Ken Decker: A thank you note and \$200.00 was received from the Bruce Wagner family for the military rites performed at his funeral. Mike Birzinsky, Larry Walters and Jim Bieberwitz were appointed to the board of directors.*

*CVSO Report: Jane Babcock*

State Council Notes: Mike Demske: There is a effort being made to map all the graves of Vietnam Veterans in the state of Wisconsin. Also, the State Counsel is looking at different ways to earn revenue.

**Committee:**

Color Guard: Tom Hoffman : Anyone interested in marching in the Memorial Day parade can call Tom to let him know.

Newsletter: Donna Franz:

Education: Tom Hoffman: The final ceremony at Mishicot high school is coming up, no date as yet. Also, no dates have been set for the ceremonies at Washington or Wilson Jr. High Schools.

Scholarship: Dick Luchsinger: Two \$1000.00 scholarships were given this year. Joleen Wilhelm was present to read the essay she wrote after her interview with Tom Hoffman. The second scholarship winner will be present at next month's meeting.

Membership: Total-195 Veterans -160 AVVA-35 Congratulations to Dave Mrotek for becoming a life member.

Chaplain:

Web Site Coordinator: *Karen Seipel: (www.vetsofamerica.org)*

Quartermaster: *Roy Tegan: A new Large POW/MIA patch is available for \$20.00.*

High Ground: *Jim Wilsman: A box of books from the Chapter's library was donated to the new library at the High Ground.*

Fundraising: Dale Schroeder: The Ant Hill Mob's annual charity dance and raffle will be held Saturday April 16th. at the Expo Grounds in Manitowoc.

Finance and Audit: Mike Laughrin:

Veterans Affairs: Tim Thiers: Ken Black resigned as the Secretary of Veteran affairs, Donna Williams from the Department of Military affairs is the current acting secretary. WDVA board will increase from seven to nine members and their terms will increase from two to three years. Tim also updated us on new bills that are being introduced in Madison to benefit veterans.

Sick and Welfare: Al Rocheleau is in Milwaukee being treated for bone and lung cancer. Ran Jansen is doing well and should return next month.

AVVA Liaison: *Karen Seipel*

Dance Committee: Roy Tegen: *We are starting to collect donations for the raffle at this years dance.*

Old and Unfinished Business:

New Business: \$1000.00 was donated to Linda Peterson, in Terry's name for a suicide walk to be held in New York City on June 4th and 5th. See Ron Wiesner for raffle tickets,( \$5.00 a piece or 3 for \$10.00) for the fifth annual Shaun Novak golf outing to be held at Seven Lakes.

Motion Made and Seconded to Adjourn

50/50 Raffle Winner: Mike Demske

Next General Membership Meeting: At the American Legion, 811A Jay St. Manitowoc Wisconsin at 6:30pm, on May 5th, 2011.