

**VVA Chapter 731 General  
Membership Meeting For  
May 5th 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.

Introduction of Guests and New Members: Scholarship winner, Jonathan Free and Gunther Skaletz who joined as an associate member.

Approval of Minutes : approved

Treasurers Report by: *Mike Laughrin :Approved as reported.*

Secretary's Report and Communications by: *Pete Schramm: Thank you letters were received from the Domestic Violence Center and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for donations made. We were notified by VVA National that we were authorized for four delegated to attend the National Convention to be held in Reno NV, Aug 17th-20th.*

Vice President's Report by: Terry Johnson:

President's Report by: *Ken Decker: Chuck Rysticken is now at home and would appreciate any calls or visits. It seems the VA is not interested in Chuck unless he returns to the VA Hospital, so they have cut his benefits. Lincoln park cabin #2 has been reserved for the Aug. 4th annual picnic.*

CVSO Report: *Jane Babcock*

State Council Notes: Mike Demske:

**Committee:**

Color Guard: Tom Hoffman : The color guard ceremony for Washington Jr. high will be held on May 20th (time TBA) and Wilson Jr. high school on May 25th, at 1:pm.

Anyone participating in the Memorial Day parade should be at the Legion Hall at 8:30 am. The ceremony in Two Rivers will be at 12:30 pm. We will again be presenting colors at the Manitowoc Air Show on June 5th. The annual Flag Day ceremony is to be held June 14th at the Elks club in Manitowoc.

Newsletter: Donna Franz:

Education: Tom Hoffman: The final visit to Mishicot High School was May 3rd.

Scholarship: Dick Luchsinger: Jonathan Free was present to read his winning essay. The checks to both Scholarship winners will be presented on May 25th at their respective schools.

Membership: Total-202 Veterans -165 AVVA-37

Chaplain:

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

Quartermaster: *Roy Tegan: Pins, patches, and Tee-shirts are available.*

High Ground: *Jim Wilsman:*

Fundraising: Dale Schroeder:

Finance and Audit: Mike Laughrin:

Veterans Affairs: Tim Thiers: On April 28th the State Assembly met to debate bills pertaining to the VA. Last month it was reported that the WDVA board members terms were increased to three years, it now has been increased to four. The WDVA is also trying to come up with a new definition for the term "Veteran".

Sick and Welfare: Welcome back Karen!!! Great to see you . Al Rochleau is back at the Manitowoc health care center. Curt Borneman"s wife passed away and flowers were sent.

AVVA Liaison: *Karen Seipel*

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

Old and Unfinished Business: The chapter by-laws will be written up and available to all members.

New Business: Volunteers are needed to place the flags at Evergreen cemetery on Sat. May 28th. Meet there at 9am.

Motion Made and Seconded to Adjourn

50/50 Raffle Winner: Pete Schramm

Next General Membership Meeting: At the American Legion, 811A Jay St. Manitowoc Wisconsin at 6:30pm, on June 2nd, 2011.