

**VVA Chapter 731 General
Membership Meeting For
Sept.1st 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:

Approval of Minutes : approved

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

Secretary's Report and Communications by: *Pete Schramm: We received a thank you note from the American Cancer Society for our donation to the Relay for Life. Also, a thank you from State Senator Joe Leibham for our presentations to the Jr. High Schools. We also received a request from the Amvets for a donation to the annual Christmas visits to the nursing homes. A donation of \$500 has been approved.*

Vice President's Report by: Terry Johnson:

President's Report by: *Ken Decker: Next year's "Thunder on the Lakeshore" at the Manitowoc airport will honor Korean War Veterans.*

CVSO Report: *Jane Babcock*

State Council Notes: Mike Demske:

Committee:

Color Guard: Tom Hoffman : Events since the last meeting are as follows: June 5th, participated in Airport Days, June 14th, Flag day at the Elks club, June 25th, the Hmong celebration at the Expo grounds, Aug. 11th and 12th at Showtime on the River by the City Hall, Aug. 20th, the Smiling Moose Parade. We also had three "last rights events." Upcoming events are, Sept. 16th, Color presentation for the State Road Superintendent Convention, Oct. 15th, the Lakeshore Wind Ensemble is giving a concert dedicated to Vietnam Veterans. Nov. 5th, the table setting at the Veterans day dance. Nov. 7th, at the Veterans Memorial on North 18th street. Nov.12th presenting colors at the Manitowoc county United Veterans Counsel Banquet.

Newsletter: Donna Franz:

Education: Tom Hoffman: Nothing to report except school is starting and we will be contacting them. Hopefully we can get into a few more.

Scholarship: Dick Luchsinger:

Membership: Total-203 Veterans -166 AVVA-37

Chaplain:

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

Quartermaster: *Roy Tegan: see Roy for any patches or pins you may need.*

High Ground: *Jim Wilsman: \$43,000 was raised during the annual bike ride to the high ground. On July 9th, Linda Peterson laid a stone at the high ground in honor of her late husband, Terry.*

Fundraising: Gordy Strauss: Thanks to everyone who helped at the County Fair.

Finance and Audit: Mike Laughrin:

Veterans Affairs: Tim Thiers:

Sick and Welfare:

AVVA Liaison: *Karen Seipel*

Dance Committee: Roy Tegen: *Bands for this year's dance are the Dave Steffens Band at 6:00pm, and Road Trip at 9:00 pm.*

Old and Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Motion Made and Seconded to Adjourn

50/50 Raffle Winner: Ed Stur

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