

**VVA Chapter 731 General
Membership Meeting For
Nov. 3rd 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: Welcome home to Richard Ward, Army.

Approval of Minutes : approved

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

Secretary's Report and Communications by: *Pete Schramm:*

Vice President's Report by: Terry Johnson: This year's Christmas party will be at Silver Valley Supper Club on Jan. 7th 2012. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Dec. meeting. We are looking for a place to store the truck for the winter.

President's Report by: *Ken Decker: We will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Pic n Save in Two Rivers and Festival Foods in Manitowoc on Dec. 17th. Call George to volunteer. Help is needed at the dance for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.*

CVSO Report: *Jane Babcock*

State Council Notes: Mike Demske:

Committee:

Color Guard: Tom Hoffman : Events since last meeting: Oct. 15th, presented colors and Military flags for the season opener for the Lakeshore Wind Ensemble at the Capital Civic Center. On Nov. 29th, the color guard presented colors at the Lincoln High School football play-off game. Up-coming events: Nov. 5th, Veterans Day Dance (table setting). Nov. 9th, Funeral Honors Training. Nov. 11th, at the Manitowoc County Veterans Memorial for Veterans Day, 10:30 AM. Nov. 12th, Manitowoc County Veterans Banquet at Club Bil-Mar, be there at 5:30. Nov. 17th, at Jefferson School, Flag folding and etc. Need 10 people at 1:45 PM. Nov. 23rd, Manitowoc Christmas Parade. Please sign up now.

Newsletter: Donna Franz:

Education: Tom Hoffman: Mike Demske, Wayne Huske and Tom Hoffman did a presentation at Valders High School.

Scholarship: Dick Luchsinger:

Membership: Total-196 Veterans -163 AVVA-33

Chaplain:

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

Quartermaster: *Roy Tegan:*

High Ground: *Jim Wilsman:*

Fundraising: Gordy Strauss:

Finance and Audit: Mike Laughrin:

Veterans Affairs: Tim Thiers:

Sick and Welfare:

AVVA Liaison: *Karen Seipel : Karen gave us an update on all of the procedures that she has had lately.*

Dance Committee: Roy Tegen: *Numerous checks were received in support of the dance. Both Fox Hills Resort and Blue Water Resort sent certificates for overnight stay packages.*

Old and Unfinished Business: We need to find a mounting for the 30mm machine gun for the truck.

New Business: A motion was made and 2nd to mount a brass plaque on Chuck Rysticken's grave stone.

Motion Made and Seconded to Adjourn

50/50 Raffle Winner: Bill Hojta

Next General Membership Meeting: At the American Legion, 811A Jay St. Manitowoc Wisconsin at 6:30pm, on Dec. 1st, 2011.