



Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 331  
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November 9, 2019

The November 9, 2019 meeting was held at the Gaslight Bar, Ellsworth Wisconsin at 1pm. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Ottman with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen and serving service members and POW/MIAs.

Financial report given by John Telschow

### NEW BUSINESS

- Check from Somerset Legion of \$250 was received for the static helicopter display at their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party
- Check was sent to the Chapter from Alina Health as Kyle Strege named us as his organization of choice
- A Thank You note was received from Grace Place in New Richmond for the donation of Sausage, Milk, Orange Juice and Pancake Mix from the Pancake Breakfast.
- There are new VVA 331 caps, mesh and solid back, available \$10 each to existing members. New members receive one free. Talk to Jim Ottman
- Pierce County VSO thanked us for our Holiday Check
- New Richmond Legion requested we have our January meeting at their Legion. John Telschow will check to make sure the room is still available.
- Two - \$1000 scholarships will be given out in 2020

### DISCUSSIONS:

- Hot Air affair requested a sponsorship for the Hot Air Affair. We decided not to sponsor this event
- Veterans Day Celebration at New Richmond Middle School on Friday November 8 was attended by Bill Baker (and Chuck), John Telschow and Dave Sharettes:
  - The Veterans were well received and thanked by the students
  - The students were able to see the flying helicopter land and were flying American Flags upon its arrival
  - They also enjoyed the Static Helicopter Display

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **November 11** – Happy Veterans Day
  - **VETERANS DAY:**
    - Kinni Cafe, West Wind & The American Legion Restaurants in River Falls have free breakfast/lunch etc.
    - Minnesota Wire, 2515 Prospect Drive – Eau Claire, WI is having their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans BBQ. Registration 10:30am, Colors & Dedication Ceremony at 11am, Lunch 11:30-2:00

Contact Brian Wagner at 715/874-4580 ext 6816 or [bwagner@mnwire.com](mailto:bwagner@mnwire.com) for more information.

- High Ground
- Somerset Middle School

**January 2020:**

9th thru 12<sup>th</sup> – Bantam Kittle/Parin – POW/MIA hockey tournament. This is a fundraiser for our chapter. Members are requested to donate a pot of Chili and cookies/bars. Although we don't have a lot of responsibility during this tournament, we urge you to attend for at least some part of the weekend. For more information on this Tournament (which is full) go to:

[www.nryha.net/page/show/193714-our-tournaments](http://www.nryha.net/page/show/193714-our-tournaments)

**August 2020:**

**DATE CORRECTION:** China Beach is **August 8, 2020**

**NEXT MEETING:**

December 14<sup>th</sup> 1pm at Gas-Lite Ellsworth.

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 pm by popular demand.

Respectfully Submitted  
David Niederer, Secretary

