



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 331**

September 10, 2022



The Sept 10, 2022 the meeting was held at Boardman Bypass – the meeting was called to order at 1:09pm by President Jim Ottman with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen and serving service members, POW/MIAs.

The Treasury report was given by Treasurer John Telschow and accepted. The Porta Potty Bill for China Beach is still outstanding

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Sharetts gave updates on:

High Ground bicycle ride – This is an approximately 200 mile ride and was Dave’s 32nd year and Jerry Simons 38th. This ride is the biggest fund raiser for the High Ground each year. This year they raised approximately \$84,000 - \$20,000 of which was raised by the group that Dave and Jerry ride with.

New Richmond VFW Veterans Center - The Footings have been poured and sewer piping lain. The VFW was able to secure a grant to pay for the balance of what is currently owed for the building of this Veterans Center. The shell will be started next year with an exterior completion date in the fall of 2023.

Jim Ottman reports that the High Ground believes they have the money in place to start building their new building in the Spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was had regarding 2023 China Beach and inviting the Helicopter & Crew back. The motion was made, seconded and accepted.

The Pierce County Veterans golf tournament is being held Friday Sept 16th. This fund raiser raises money to help support needy Veterans in the community. The motion was made to donate \$100 for a hole, seconded and accepted

Dave Niederer advises that some or all of the PACT act does not go into effect until 2026 – however the St Croix County Veterans Service Officer advised him to re-submit (or submit) claims now.

UPCOMING:

September 11 - The Helicopter display was taken to the Glenwood City Parade by Bill Baker

HIGHGROUND – <https://www.thehighground.us/>

Going on Now – ATV Raffle tickets (drawing Nov 11)
<https://www.thehighground.us/events/atv-raffle-2022/>

Oct 14 & 15 – Fall clean up Days
<https://www.thehighground.us/events/fall-cleanup-days-2022/>

Nov 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony
<https://www.thehighground.us/events/veterans-day-ceremony-2022/>

Jim Ottman advised that he has a request for the Helicopter Display for Memorial Day 2023 but has not yet confirmed with the requestor.

IN PASSING:

Our Condolences to Harley Timmerman and family in the passing of his 100-year-old mother.

NEXT MEETING:

October 8, 2022 @ 1pm at Boardman Bypass

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Niederer, Secretary