



**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 331**

**June 08, 2019**



The June 08, 2019 meeting was held at the Hooch – Ellsworth, WI at 1pm. The scholarship winners, Nathan Thompson (Baldwin-Woodville) and Rachel Ganje (Amery) were present and presented their essays and were presented with their certificates. A picnic lunch was then consumed and the meeting was called to order at 2:15pm by President Jim Ottman with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our service members and POW/MIAs.

John Telschow presented the treasures report – donation received from Pine Island, MN for the Helicopter display.

Dave Niederer the Membership report.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

- Sponsoring a “field of flags” ceremony
- Shingles needed on the hooch. Believe it will be taken care of by GasLite
- T-Shirts, hats, caps and coats available through new company who has our logo. Call Jim Ottman for information.

**CHINA BEACH:**

- To be held August 10, 2019 at the GasLite campground
- Helicopter will be present if weather permits. Discussion was had regarding the scholarship recipients, their parents and sponsor being given a Huey ride during this event. The motion was seconded and passed.
- It was decided to order China Beach T-Shirts (generic) and sell them during the event for \$20
- The chapter will provide Chicken, Ribs, Brisket & Sweet Corn. John Steele to speak with Randy Baer regarding the Chicken. Kyle Strege agreed to the Ribs and Brisket.
- Members please bring a dish to pass

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June
  - 14 – Pierce County Veterans Golf Scramble – we sponsored a hole
  - 15 – Wisconsin State Council at the High Ground, Jim and Janice to go
  - 22 – volunteer luncheon at High Ground
  - 29 – fireworks at High Ground
  - [www.thehighground.us](http://www.thehighground.us) for more events.
- July
  - 13 - VVA 331 Meeting at the Hooch 1pm
  - 8-14 - Moving Wall Lakeville MN at Hasse Arena for more info go to: <https://vfw210.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp> and <https://lakevilleveterans.com/>
- August
  - 1 – Highground Bicycle Ride - Dave Sharretts to be riding for his 29<sup>th</sup> year. He was sponsored with \$500 by The Chapter
  - 10 – CHINA BEACH
  - 15-18 – The helicopter will be in El Paso, WI for their festival.
- September
  - 7&8 – Chili Feed Breakfast

## NEXT MEETING:

- July 13, 2019 – 1pm – Hooch

Respectfully Submitted  
David Niederer - Secretary