

# Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 331

June 11, 2022



The June 11, 2022 the meeting was held at the GasLite – the meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President Jim Ottman with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen and serving service members, POW/MIAs.

Minutes from last meeting reviewed and approved

The Treasury report was given by Treasurer John Telschow and accepted.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:** (all discussions noted were tabled as we did not have a quorum)

- VVA National sent us a "Life Member" reimbursement check given to Treasurer Telschow for deposit
- VVA National also changed our "Official" designation to the St Croix Valley Chapter (we think) the notice wasn't completely clear as to whether we are still #331
- The chapter received a donation from Ptacek's from their Memorial Day Chicken Feed Fundraiser given to Treasurer Telschow for Deposit
- Dave Sharrett requested \$500 for the High Ground Bike ride. It will be his 32<sup>nd</sup> year and Jerry Simon's 38<sup>th</sup> year riding

#### **UPCOMING:**

## • July 16 & 17 -

Firebase Victory – Vietnam War Living History / Reenactment will be open to the public on Saturday, **July 16 from 9am to 4pm** with a full day of operations and a "Vietnam Experience" exhibition by Historic Military Impressions. **Weather permitting, a flying UH-1H helicopter will be part of the reenactment event on Saturday, from 10am – 2pm**. The event will also be open on **Sunday, July 17 from 9am – 3pm** with the exhibition and possibly a more limited Living History.

A static display of a Vietnam War UH-1H helicopter, courtesy of VVA 331, will be at the event both days.

Admission is free. Firebase Victory will be held at Camp Victory – N9839 Sterling Ave., Greenwood WI 54437

As part of Firebase Victory, there will be a special gathering of Vietnam Helicopter Pilots on Saturday, July 16. Pilots are invited to meet at Camp Victory for a lunch at noon, to tour the firebase and exhibition with fellow pilots, and to be a part of The Highground's "We Were There – Vietnam War" project. From 2pm – 4pm, there will be a recorded roundtable gathering of pilots with the opportunity to share stories to be included in the historical "We Were There – Vietnam War" project.

For more information about Firebase Victory and/or the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots gathering, please email Theresa at museum@thehighground.us or call 715-743-4224.

- August 12&13 CHINA BEACH
  - o Friday Chill Night Dave's Jambalaya and FIREWORKS
  - Sat -- lunch at 1pm, BRING A DISH TO PASS.
    Flag Burning Ceremony
    FIREWORKS

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

July 9, 2022 at 1pm at the Hooch –

Respectfully Submitted Dave Niederer, Secretary