



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 331
Meeting – October 13, 2018
www.vva331.org**



The meeting was brought to order by Vice President John Telschow at 1pm at the Gaslight Ellsworth, WI with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for POW/MIAs and all those presently serving.

Hwy Clean up was not done this weekend as there were not enough people to do so and the weather was not cooperative leading up to the meeting.

The Treasurer was not present – no report. A donation was received from The Highground for the Huey display at their 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Information was received from Julie Kink regarding the Vietnam Veterans Education Center in Washington DC. The project has been plagued by funding problems since its inception in 2001 so the decision was made to scrap the project, which was to feature exhibits and thousands of pictures of the 58,000+ who died. Only \$45 million dollars of the \$130 million needed was raised. The monies already raised will be used to fund an online education center and the rest will be returned to its donors.

Thank You letters were received from Grace Place (Salvation Army House in New Richmond) for the donation of the left-over milk, sausages, ect from the pancake breakfast and from the St Croix County VSO for the donation for the VA Transport Van which is now in service.

The Highground will be hosting Veterans Day Events on Sunday November 11, 2018 beginning at 10am. Volunteers are needed to read names of the KIA/MIAs in the Vietnam, Korean, Iraq and Afghanistan wars at a 1pm Ceremony. They are also collecting new or gently used & clean Winter Clothing for homeless veterans and needy families from Nov 1st-Dec 1st. The Highground can be contacted at 715/743-4224 or by visiting the website at www.thehighground.us

The discussion regarding the Honor Guard Uniforms was tabled until a later time although the discussion was leaning towards the Chapter purchasing the shirts for those currently participating with the caveat that they would be turned back into the Chapter when the member no longer wanted to participate.

A motion was made to donate \$300 (\$100 each) to the Pierce, St Croix and Polk County VSO's for Thanksgiving. The motion was seconded and passed.

NEXT MEETING –

- November 10, 2018 @ 1pm at Boardman Bypass - www.thebypass.net

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Niederer, Secretary