



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 331**

March 8, 2025



The March 8, 2025 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.

Finance report given by John Telschow via Gayle Freiseis

Minutes from November 9, 2024 (last meeting) were reviewed. Motion made to accept, seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Thank You's were received from the VSO's for the Holiday Checks they received in November.
- A Thank You was received from the Patriotic Heritage Honor Guard for the \$500 Donation that was made to their organization.
<https://phhonorguard.org/>
- Thanks to Richard Cady for his military display at the POW/MIA Hockey Tournament. We saw many people viewing it and it created some good conversations with people who viewed it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A donation was received from Richard Cady for use of the Helicopter at the Woodbury 2025 Memorial Day program, sponsored by Woodbury American Legion Post 501. For more information: <https://www.woodburymn.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=1099>
- The Helicopter Trailer and display guns and mounts have been sold to The Helicopter Conservancy in New Richmond as we, after the Memorial Day Program in Woodbury, will no longer be offering it for programs. For more information on the Conservancy visit their website at : <https://helicopterconservancy.org/>
- A discussion was had regarding NOT doing a standard China Beach this year as attendance has been quite low. The consensus is to have a 2 day, mid-week get together and 4-wheeling ride, possibly in the Birch Wood area. Gayle to do some leg work on that. More to come.

- The Lost Creek Ranch in Beldenville, WI is offering a Free 6-week Veterans Ride-On Equine Therapy program. For more information:
<https://www.lostcreekranchwi.org/therapy-sessions.html>

UPCOMING:

- There will be a Vietnam Veterans Day program on March 29, 2025 at High Country Venue Building in Eau Claire. For more information:

<https://www.chippewacountywi.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/39050/638772813911570000>

NEXT MEETING:

April 12, 2025 @ 1pm at Boardman Bypass – Boardman, WI

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Niederer, Secretary