



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 331
Meeting – April 13, 2019
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The April 13, 2019 meeting was held at the Gaslight Bar in Ellsworth Wisconsin at 1pm. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Ottman with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our service members and POW/MIAs.

Lee Meyer was not in attendance – no treasurers report
Membership reports that the current VVA LIFE membership is now \$50.

HIGHGROUND NEWS www.thehighground.us :

- In March The Highground finalized the gift of a 300-acre Veterans camp called Wisconsin Adventure on Wheels. A newly appointed committee will continue to run the camp as it's currently being run while looking at long term plans. The Highground has been using the camp for its Veterans retreats including the first Female Veterans Retreat this year.
- Work weekend is May 8-11, 2019 contact The Highground for more information
- May 18, 2019 the flying helicopter will be headed to the Vehicle Expo. There may be seats available for the trip to and from, if you're interested contact Jim Ottman (sorry Jim I didn't have a number)

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- 10 scholarships were received – the scholarship committee will be reviewing the applications and contacting the winner's schools in April.
- 2 - \$1000 scholarships are being awarded this year.
- Scholarship winners will be invited to the June meeting

MISC NEWS:

- Highway clean up will be put on hold – John Steele has some ideas about service organizations that could be contacted to do the clean-up for us.
- The North West Veterans Cemetery in Spooner has invited our organization to participate in Veterans Day Ceremonies with an Honor Guard. The general consensus was we, as an organization, are not currently set up to participate. The Ceremonies are May 25th, 2019
- The Floyd Patterson memorials that were received from the family were given to St Croix County Veterans Services unmet needs fund, as per the family's request.

HELICOPTER:

- A donation was made to the Chapter from the Red Wing Elks Club who had the Helicopter Display for their Veterans Day program
- The Helicopter did not make the trip to the New Richmond “Tailgate” party due to the inclement weather on April 11.

ELECTIONS:

- Elections were held during this meeting – the results as follows:
 - Pres Jim Ottman
 - 1st Vice Jim Jennings
 - 2nd Vice Dave Roeker
 - Treas John Telschow
 - Sec Dave Niederer
 - Chaplin Bill Baker

MEETINGS:

- There will be NO MAY MEETING due to The Highground clean up weekend.
- JUNE 8, 2019 the meeting will be held at the Hooch at 1pm. The scholarship winners, families and Veteran sponsor will be invited to attend. **There will be a cook out – Burgers, Brats and Buns provided. Please bring a dish to pass.**