



**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 331**

**March 09, 2024**



The March 9, 2024 meeting was held at The GasLite, Ellsworth Wi. – 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 and for Harold Fosmo and Sam King and their families Both of these members passed away in the last month after prolonged illnesses.

The finance report was text in by Rose because John is at an Eagles Concert in Chicago! Relayed by Gayle – approved

No minutes from last get together – The Hockey Tournament

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Thanks to Richard Cady who provided the display for the Hockey Tournament – He will have that and more at the Woodbury Memorial Day Display. He will also have a display in Forest Lake at the American Legion Vietnam Veterans Day Program on March 24.  
(<http://www.post225.com/>)
- TheTournament, as always, was full; They are going to continue the tournament as long as we – or some other organization- would like to host it. At this point we will keep it as it is our only fund raiser.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The High Ground sent a thank you for the \$500 donated to them for Dave Sharretts Ride last year.
- Bill Buffie advised that he recently went by the Hwy 70 that the State Chapter put up towards the beginning of the Chapter Don Mueller was instrumental in getting the sign raised and has maintained it since.

## UPCOMING:

- THE HIGHGROUND - <https://www.thehighground.us/veterans-programs/#1602981063307-b9da872e-215e>
  - May 30-June 2, Ice Age Trail Female Veterans Retreat
  - June 21-23 Female Veterans retreat
  - Sept 13-15 Mens Veterans Retreat
  - Oct 18-20 Operation Re-Connect Couples Retreat

## ASIDES:

Member Wally Habegger's wife Edith passed away at their home on March 9, 2024 in Sparta, WI. Arrangements will be announced by Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta. Online condolences may be offered at

[www.schanhoferfh.com](http://www.schanhoferfh.com)

## THOSE WE'VE LOST:

**Harold Fosmo** - Memorial services will be held 2pm on March 14 and March 15 from 1-2pm at Bakken Young Funeral & Cremation Services 805 E Division Street River Falls, WI. Internment at the Rush River Lutheran Cemetery following the visitation on March 15. Info at Bakken Young Funeral & Cremation Services.

<https://bakken-young.com/?s=harold+fosmo&id=18364>

**Sam King** - Memorial Service at 5pm on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>, Prairieview Covenant Church 1396 210<sup>th</sup> Ave NR – Final internment will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon at the Veterans Cemetery in Spooner, leaving New Richmond at 9am on Motorcycles. info at Bakken Young Funeral & Cremation Services.

<https://bakken-young.com/samuel-king-01-27-2024/>

## NEXT MEETING:

April 13, 2024 at 1pm at The Hooch – Ellsworth Wi. W8945 US-10, Ellsworth, WI 54014