

**September 9, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 after the Chile Feed Pancake Breakfast by President Dave Niederer.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of silence for all POW/MIA's and for everybody who served in the Armed Forces past and present.

Treasurers report by Lee Meyer.

Membership report – 68 VVA and 11 AVVA

Welcome to our newest life member – Ed Hanson from Hudson, WI.

China Beach was a success. Good weather and good food. Thanks to Kyle for cooking the meat, John Steele for the sweet corn and Dave Schmitz for bringing the helicopter. Also thanks to everyone who brought a dish to pass.

Dave Sharretts gave a report the the bike ride to the Highground. The 33 riders from the New Richmond area raised \$12,100.00. The total from all riders to the Highground was \$49,000.00. This was Dave Sharretts 27<sup>th</sup> year and Jerry Simon's 33<sup>rd</sup> year.

Wisconsin State Council Veterans Suicide Prevention program is noon to 6: 00 pm on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Ramada Hotel in Waupaca, Wisconsin. The quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 at the Ramada Hotel in Waupaca, Wisconsin.

A Bill has been introduced to get benefits to the Blue Water Navy Veterans exposed to Agent Orange. Contact your representative for more information.

We had a discussion on moving our meeting to a Tuesday or Thursday morning at 9:00. Any thoughts on this subject send an email to Gayle at [gaylek@frontiernet.net](mailto:gaylek@frontiernet.net).

Next meeting will be Saturday, October 14, at the Hootch 1:00. It is Highway Cleanup time again so be at the Hootch at 10:00 am. Free lunch for everyone who does highway cleanup.

Secretary,

Jim Ottman