

**WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL
VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA**

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

BEST WESTERN GRAND SEASONS HOTEL

WAUPACA, WI

MINUTES

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2011

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President Lindbeck **called the meeting to order** at 12:00 noon. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all followed by a **Moment of Silence** for all of our soldiers worldwide and POWs/MIAs.

Secretary Sorenson performed the **Roll Call of Chapters** (5, 92, 101, 206, 220, 224, 256, 324, 331, 351, 425, 437, 448, 479, 529, 618, 635, 731, 767, 768) and **Officers** (all present, except At-Large Director).

There were neither **Reinstatements** nor **Suspensions** of Chapters.

President Lindbeck appointed the **Parliamentarian** (John Margowski) and **Timekeeper** (Jim Mullarkey).

The **Agenda** was approved without objection.

The **Minutes** were approved with the changes to Pat Furno's AVVA Report, putting a period after the sentence ending in attend and removing the words "257 members were in attendance; she spoke of their support for IAVA."
Margowski/Mullarkey/Passed

A presentation was made by Steve Conto; his personal project is called "The Final Bridge". H

There was a talk from Public Television on a project on LZ Lambeau. Mik and Jon spoke fo taking the project nationally – LZ America. There is support from National Public Radio for this project and they will keep us apprised of the project.

A presentation on Project Stepping Stone Farms was made by Mary Jo Spencer, Lia Sader and John Margowski. This is the missing piece for Psychological

Health for our warriors. Rehabilitation is done in Waukesha through the use of horses. It is an equine assisted therapy program (there is one starting in Eau Claire, also). For more information, call Lia at 414-379-2314.

Veterans Quest is a clinical and peer program that meets the needs of Veterans and their families. It is in the Milwaukee area. It is a program that has proven results and is staffed by very qualified members. For more information, call John at _____.

President's Report, *President Lindbeck*

Correspondence *Secretary Sorenson*

1:00 pm Legislative Advocacy & Government Affairs Committee Meeting & Report, *Clif Sorenson*

1:15 pm Treasurer's Report, *Kent Beeman*

1:30 pm Convention Program Discussion by Mike Demske due to Karen's illness June 18th picnic – bring dish to p 715-243-8080 hotel block until May. -

1:45 pm Finance Committee Report and Presentation of the Budget *Pat Furno*

2:00 pm Foundation Status/Fund Raising

2:15 pm *Break*

2:30 pm AVVA Report, *Pat Furno elections in the chapters will be coming up; 17, state assoc rep needs to be elected – write to Pat Furno if you wish to run for this office.*

Jeannie gave a scholarship report. 50 applications for 2011-2012; 3 were ineligible – 3 scholarships will be awarded this year. Best essay scored, rather than by region. The committee will score these essays after today's meeting.

Mallarkey gave a pr report. Website www.vvawi.org

He's sent out to chapters – 9 mailing s to 900 individuals; free career assessment – job thoughts. Normally \$100, but the cost is zero. Wisconsin job thoughts.

2:45 pm Other Committee Reports (including Nominations Committee)

3:00 pm Regional Director Reports

3:15 pm Chapter Reports (Limited to THREE minutes each)

Greg report - May 21st HighGround Meeting; Greg is now chair; need money for endowment fund

John under unfinished business – Secretary

06 by laws

10-6-07

2003

2004

Send to Mullarkey most recent by-laws, fiscal policy, travel policy, committee appendix

Unfinished Business *President Lindbeck*

New Business *President Lindbeck John has formed Veteran Quest Inc. sole purpose is to give psycho therapy to Veterans and families; peer working; looking for office space*

Adjournment *President Lindbeck at 4:30 p.m.*

Next meeting is Saturday, June 18, 2011 at The HighGround (Neillsville)

Meetings Schedule (please put these dates on your calendar):

June 18, 2011 – HighGround, Wisconsin State Council Annual Meeting

September 17, 2011 -- Waupaca, Wisconsin State Council Fall Meeting

December 3, 2011 –Waupaca, Wisconsin State Council Meeting and Christmas Party

Please silence your cell phones

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