



September 21, 2019

Chapter 5 has spent the summer months heavily attending local county fairs and sponsoring a Brat Fry to provide awareness of our Chapter and sell our Fall Harvest Raffle tickets. New membership applications were handed out for both the VVA and AVVA with several applicants in process. Our AVVA members continued their fundraising efforts with another successful Pizza Ranch night in July.

The National Convention in Spokane was attended by three delegates, Secretary James 'Mac' McBee, and Board of Directors' Joseph Graff and Mike Smith; our AVVA delegate, Rick Talford, represented Chapter 5 and was also elected Region 6 Deputy Director.

Several of our Chapter members attended, and were speakers, at a recent Wisconsin State Suicide Task Force presentation in Eau Claire at Chippewa Valley Technical College.

Chapter members also participated in a flag folding ceremony for an Afghanistan veteran killed in action that was presented to the family during the recent Gold Star Family Tribute rededication at Highground in Neillsville in August.

Our September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was kicked off with our Fall Harvest Raffle drawing that saw net proceeds of over \$12,500. These funds will help the Chapter continue to offer scholarships, aid veterans who are in need, and contribute to veteran programs in the Chippewa Valley area.

Respectfully submitted,

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