Since the last State Council meeting, Chapter 5 has been involved in two Vietnam Veterans Day programs in Eau Claire and Ladysmith providing guest speakers and Color Guard for the ceremonies at the end of March.

April had another successful Pizza Ranch fundraising night for our AVVA. This is a quarterly opportunity the members do as a means of fundraising and promoting the Chapter and its efforts to support veterans in the Chippewa Valley area. Another event is scheduled for July 17th.

The Chapter also provided a Color Guard and guest speaker for the Lao Hmong Veterans Day celebration in Cadott and at Highground in May.

The end of May saw our first community outreach to promote this year’s annual fundraiser at the Eleva Broiler Fest with great success. Other scheduled events will be held at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair in Chippewa Falls, the Dunn County Fair in Menomonie, the Buffalo County Fair in Mondovi, the Clark County Fair in Neillsville and the Big Rig Show in Chippewa Falls. These events will be held primarily in July and August. Our raffle tickets are available from any member and the drawing will be September 4th. Information can be found on our Facebook page, mikevothmemorialvva5 or through our Treasurer, Joe Heil, at 715-559-2945 or Secretary, Mac McBee, at 715-202-0181.

Chapter 5 will be sending three delegates to the National Convention in July and our AVVA Rep., Rick Talford, is running for AVVA Deputy Director for Region 6 and will be our delegate for the AVVA Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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