

Region 6
4th Quarter Report
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It has been busy this past quarter with many events and assistance to our Veterans. I was involved with fundraising for our annual raffle for Chapter 5 in Eau Claire, WI. The raffle was a great success once again. I spent many hours through the summer and into the fall, at fairs, stores, etc. raising the funds to assist the programs we work closely with. I began a new chapter in Veteran Assistance, by joining the local American Legion – Post 291. The Post did not have a Son's of the American Legion, so I began the process to create and establish one. After months of paperwork and meetings, our S.A.L. was chartered. We then held an election, and I became the Commander of the S.A.L. Post 291 had their 100th Birthday on Sept. 11th, 2021 and I was proud to help prepare the grounds, and the hundred year old cabin for the event. Along with our National Board Meetings in the AVVA, I have now begun attending the American Legion Conferences. On Veterans Day 2021, I had the honor and pleasure of attending a legacy stone laying at the River Prairie Veterans Memorial in Altoona, WI. My son (SGT Timothy J Talford – US ARMY – Afghanistan) had a stone laid in memorial of him and his service to our country. I also spend time volunteering to the WI Adopt-A-Hwy program. This has been an area that I take great pride in as well. Keeping the highways clean of debris, that so many drivers throw out, feels good. On December 7th, 2021 (Pearly Harbor Memorial) I was honored to play TAPS at our local Veterans Memorial in Augusta, WI. Later in December I took part in the "Wreath's Across America" at the Northern WI Veterans Cemetery in Spooner, WI. Another area I have pride in, is taking care of our local Veterans Memorial. I became the caretaker this fall. Trimming grass, shoveling snow and taking the responsibility for raising and lowering the flags is part of my duties. There are so many different ways we can give ourselves to those who have and are serving our nation. I am very proud to stand next to these men and women, and assist them in any manner I can. My recommendation to all members of the AVVA is this..Take the time, reach out and give a hand to our veterans and the programs we have. There are many ways to making a veteran smile, taking some time to help them in whatever they may need is really rewarding. God Bless them all.

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