

WI Dept. American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
October 25,2023

Mission: The mission of Daugherty-Hamilton Post 234 is to provide services to Veterans, their families, and our community.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Schmude at 7:00 pm @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Mission Statement, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by Chaplain Duane Canon.

Roll Call:		* Not in attendance	# Excused
Commander	Gary Schmude	1st Vice	Ken Flock
2nd Vice	Duane Foote	Sgt-at-Arms	Ken Hitchcock
Adjutant	Dave Steinert	Sgt-at-Arms	Tom Schmude*
Finance Officer	Rick Deiss	Parliamentarian	Ed Mason
Chaplain	John Hoeft#	Historian	Darryl Schmidt
Service Officer	Tom Snider	Past Cmdr.	Gary Allen*
Members at large:	John Vonderloh, Jack Haynes*, Dean Larsen		

Sgt-at Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms reported 24 members and 6 guests.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the September meeting were distributed. Motion to accept. 2nd. Carried.

Finance Officer: Rick gave the treasurers report. Motion to approve. 2nd. Carried.

Students of the Month: Olivia Carley, Jessica Koch - Gave brief discriptions about thier intentions after High School.

Correspondence:

- None

Chaplain: Duane Canon - Dave Steinert eye surgery.

Membership: Kari reported that we are on target with over 70% renewals with some members paying tonight. District 6 is doing very well and ahead!

Honor Guard: Dean Larsen said that we haven't had any funerals the past few months. We need volunteer for upcoming events.

Service Officer: wrote email to Washington - disarea in House of Representatives - causing issues getting VA Benefits. Specifically: CVSO Act.

Historian: Skip reported - He has information for everyone **but** the Legion tonight.

Bingo: Dean reported that we had 75 people at the last bingo. We can always use help setting up in the morning and clean up after bingo. No one showed up to help close last Bingo.

Sons for the American Legion - No one present tonight.

Old Business:

- Need for Post 234 Storage unit-(not city Gargage) - Cost effectiveness and research

New Business:

- Oratorical Contest – The Regional and State contest will be held on March 23, 2024. 6th District will have their contest on Feb. 24. Winnebago County will have theirs on Feb. 17. Americanism Banquet will also be held on March 23. - Jack Haynes - Traci Miller
- Winnebago County youth Govt. Day – Date : April 19, 2024 - Need Volenteers.
- Veterans Day – As of now, there are no veteran at the Omro Care Center. Veterans Day will be scheduled on Friday, Nov. 10. Oshkosh Post 70 will be having a dinner on Nov. 11. Past National Commander Denise Rohan will be the keynote speaker. Will need Flags delivered need volenteers - Gary and Kari - meet at 730am to pick up .
- Dave Lemieux wants us all to invite new members to Veterans Events at schools.
- Gary/Thomas Schmude -Putting Veterans Day out on Facebook for all to see.
- Winneconne Catholic Church having events on Veterans Day.
- Waukau Church is also having events for Veterans.
- Legion Christmas Party – Dec. 9. 5:00 pm Social Hour, 6:00 pm Dinner. Bring \$20 per person to next meeting (Nov) to reserve spot- Voted Meal :Chicken and Beef Tips.
- Christmas Parade – Dec. 2.
- Jerry Chamberlain - asked that we get NAME TAGS so that everyone knows your name and Branch of Service. -YES.
- Laura Heird - Wants to take over Website! YES - Dave Steinert turn over.

Honor Guard Flight!

- Dave Hochtritt and Rita Lee gave details of their Honor Guard Flight.

Good of the Order: Mid-Winter is in LaCrosse on Jan. 20, 2024

Closing: The meeting was closed by Commander Gary Schmude at 8pm, with the retiring of the POW/MIA chair and a prayer by Acting Chaplian Duane Canon.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kari Vonderloh-Havrilla

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