

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
January 26, 2011**

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Commander, Ken Flock at approximately 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, a recitation of the Pledge to Allegiance, Mission Statement, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by the Chaplain Steve Goller.

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

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| Commander | Ken Flock | 1st Vice | Dave Steinart |
| 2nd Vice | Tom Bryson | 3rd Vice | open |
| Adjutant | Bob Wipf | Sgt.-at-Arms | Jack Haynes |
| Finance Officer | Toni Viegut# | Parliamentarian | Jim Romnek |
| Chaplain | Steve Goller | Historian | Darryl Schmidt |
| Service Officer | Pete Hennes | Past Cdr | Rick Deiss# |
| Members-At-Large: | John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen#, Ken Jungwirth | | |

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms, reported 23 members and 6 guests.

Special Presentations:

- Ed Goss presented an award and check to Amanda Obot for winning the Veterans Day poster contest. Amanda explained the inspiration for the poster.
- John Hoeft introduced the 2010 Post 234 Badger Boys State representative, Philip Clark. Philip provided a report on his experiences at Badger Boys State.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the PEC and Post Meeting on 11/24/10 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

Oratorical Contest:

- Bob Wipf reported that only one contestant, Nick Kloiber, was at the Post contest on January 9, 2011. Nick then went on to place second at the County contest on January 16, 2011. Nick will be at the February Post meeting.

Mid-Winter Conference:

- Several Post members attended the conference committees and training sessions.
- John Vonderloh reported on the Flag Etiquette and membership training.
- Bob Wipf reported on the Americanism, Legislative, and PR committee meetings. Bob distributed the Legislative Alert released by Department. Three issues this year are GI Bill rights, Veterans Trust Fund, and WDVA Board structure.
- John Hoeft reported on his meeting with Governor Walker.
- Commander Flock reported on the Vet Dogs program that was presented at the conference.

Membership Report

- Commander Flock presented John Vonderloh, membership chair, the National Commanders membership award for All Time High by December 31.
- John reported that we reached 100% by the end of December. There are still 8 members that have not renewed. The 6th District is the top District for renewals.
- Bob Wipf reported that there are several membership incentive programs at the Department, District, and National levels. See Bob for the forms to apply for these awards.

Correspondence:

- Dave Steinart read a thank you for the Omro Pantry.
- Bob Wipf reported on the "Flag Rewards" program offered by the AL emblem sales. If you or someone you know are buying American flags see contact Bob.
- The Department bowling tournament is being held in Milwaukee this year., if you want to bowl see Bob for the registration forms.

Post 234 Bowling Tournament:

- The tournament will be held March 6, 2011 at Legends in Omro. There will be two shifts at 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM. The cost is \$20.00 and will include bowling, prize money, one free drink. There will be a 50/50 raffle for Post general funds.
- Commander Flock suggested the proceeds of the bowling tournament be used for Camp American Legion or Vet Dogs.
- A motion was made by Bill Spanbauer and seconded by Earl Miller to send the proceeds of the bowling tournament to the Vet Dogs program. The motion carried unanimously.

1st Vice-Commander Report:

- Dave reported that we had 46 people at the Christmas Party. The meal was a break even and we made about \$200.00 on the raffles.

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No report**Financial Officer Report:**

- Commander Flock reported that Toni Viegut has resigned as Finance Officer.
- Commander Flock has appointed Dave Lemieux as Finance Officer. The appointment was confirmed by the PEC. An audit of the books will be conducted before the next Post meeting and Dave will be installed at the next meeting.
- Bob Wipf presented the Post account balances as of the end of December. A copy of the financial report is available on the back table. Bob reported
- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Darryl Schmidt to accept the finance report as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjutant Report: no report**Historian:** no report**Chaplain/Sickness & Distress:**

- Chaplain Goller reported that he has been sending cards to Toni. Steven read a thank you from Toni.
- The Chaplain is obtaining a plaque for Toni thanking her for her service to the Post.
- Cards were sent to the families of Don Joswick and Charles Albashion.
- John Hoeft reported on his dad and Post member Ray Hoeft. Ray became ill in Florida this year and has returned to WI to live with his son in Green Bay. Ray will be 93 in June.

Service Officer Report:

- Four thousand 2011 Poppies will be ordered.

County Commander/District VC Report:

- The county oratorical contest was held January 16, 2011 1:00 Pm at Winneconne Middle School with two contestants present. Posts represented were Omro and Oshkosh.
- Next County meeting will be Feb 17, 2011 at Tanners Tap & Grill at 7:30 PM
- Americanism Banquet is February 19, 2011 at CJ's in Ripon. Cost is \$15.00 and must be submitted by Feb 12th.
- Spring Conference will be April 9, 2011 at 9:00 AM at CJ's. District 6 elections will be held.

Honor Guard: no report**Legion Baseball:**

- John Hoeft reported on the plans for the beginning of the season. The baseball association will again take care of the costs involved with supporting the team.

A&G Testing

- Laurie Koepke reported on the results of the testing.

The High Ground:

- Ed Goss reported on the arrangements for the bus going to the High Ground to honor Ted Nortman and Chuck Albashion on April 16, 2011. Ed requested help with making sandwiches for the lunch.

Good Of The American Legion:

- John Hoeft thanked the Post for its efforts ringing the bells for the Salvation Army.
- Ed Goss reported that John Vonderloh will be inducted on the Hall Of Fame at the Omro High School.
- Steven Goller provided an inspirational story
- John Vonderloh recognized Ken Jungwirth as one of the Post's "Legionnaire of The Year". Ken was not present at the Christmas Party when the award was presented.

Closing

The meeting closed at approximately 8:49 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Chaplain Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Post 234 Adjutant