

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
February 24, 2010**

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Commander, Rick Deiss at approximately 7:30 PM, a recitation of the Pledge to Allegiance, Post 234 Mission Statement, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by the Chaplain Steve Goller

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

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| Commander | Rick Deiss | 1st Vice | Ken Flock |
| 2nd Vice | Pete Hennes | 3rd Vice | Ed Mason# |
| Adjutant | Bob Wipf# | Sgt.-at-Arms | Tom Weber* |
| Finance Officer | Toni Viegut | Parliamentarian | Ray Hoeft# |
| Chaplain | Steve Goller | Historian | Darryl Schmidt |
| Service Officer | Ken Ochalla* | Past Cdr | John Hoeft# |
| Members-At-Large: | John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen, Ken Jungwirth | | |

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Acting Sgt-at-Arms, Darryl Schmidt, reported 25 members and two guests. The guests were Thomas Schmude and 6th District Commander, Roy Helms.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 1/27/10 were distributed and approved as printed.

Nomination Committee:

- Dean Larsen queried the current Post officers as to their intentions to maintain their office next year.
- Any member interested in running for a Post office should contact either Dean Larsen, John Vonderloh, or Ken Jungwirth.

Special Presentations:

Roy Helms presented a Right Hand Salute Award for the Post's donation to the American Legacy Fund. The award was signed by the National Commander and National Adjutant.

Bowling Event:

- Commander Deiss announced that the 9-pin tap tournament will be held March 19-21, 2010 at the bowling alley in Omro.
- There will be one bowling session each day.
- The registration fee is \$20.00. The Post will receive \$6.00 for every registration.

Labor Day Event:

- The PEC recommended that the membership at its next meeting vote on 4 possible courses of action for the Labor Day weekend fundraising. The choices are as follows:

- 1) do nothing,
- 2) hold a mail raffle
- 3) conduct a 1-day event and raffle
- 4) conduct a 2-day event and raffle

- Ballots were distributed and members made their choices.
- The final vote of the membership was for the mailing only.

Memorial Tribunal:

- There will be a short meeting of the tribunal following the post meeting to discuss verifying names for this year's Memorial Day ceremony.

Veterans Dinner:

- Ed Goss reported that the dinner will be held on May 8, 2010. This year the banquet will be held at the Omro firehouse. Tanner's Tap & Grill will cater the dinner.
- Bernie Faust, Navy Veteran, will be the keynote speaker.
- The cost per person will be \$20.00. Tickets should be available at the February meeting.
- Table sponsorship fee will be \$25.00.
- The membership should be starting to collect raffle and auction items.
- Members should contact Ed if they are available to help transport tables and chairs.

Correspondence:

- Any members interested in participating in the WI American Legion Bowling tournament, see Rick for entry form and details.
- Any members interested in attending the Department Commander's Testimonial Dinner, see Rick for registration and other details.
- There will be a Flag Day parade on June 12, 2010 at downtown Appleton.

Troop and Family Program:

- Department Commander has challenged each post to donate \$250.00 to the Troop and Family Program.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No report

County Commander Report:

- Pete Hennes, County Commander, reported that two resolutions were passed at the last County Council and will be sent to District. First resolution was to sponsor the Bugles Across America program. The second was to open American Legion members to all veterans.

Financial Officer Report:

- Toni Viegut presented the Post account balances. A copy of the full reports was available on the back table. A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Dean Larsen to accept the financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

Historian: No report

Chaplain Report:

- Bob Wipf will be having hip surgery on March 3, 2010

Membership:

- John Vonderloh reported the Post is at 100.7% membership for the year. There are still 8 2009 members that have not renewed their membership for 2010.

Honor Guard: No Report

Badger Boy/Girl:

- The fees have been paid for one girl and one boy to attend this year. Student selection will take place next month

Annual Cycle Ride:

- The cycle ride will be held on August 7, 2010

For The Good Of The Legion:

- Pete Hennes reported that the LZ Lambueu organization is looking for workers to man the concessions stands. Wages earned could be donated to the Post. If interested contact Pete.

Closing

The meeting closed at approximately 8:30 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplain, Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Adjutant Post 234