

WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
April 27, 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**

Commander	Ken Flock	1st Vice	Dave Steinart
2nd Vice	Tom Bryson	3rd Vice	open
Adjutant	Bob Wipf	Sgt.-at-Arms	Jack Haynes
Finance Officer	Dave Lemieux	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 27 members and 5 guests, Denise Rohan Dept VC, Mike Rohan PD Adjutant, Rosemarie Pitz Post 70, Roy Helms 6th District Commander, Bruce Butkiewicz.

Membership Nomination:

- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Darryl Schmidt to accept Bruce Butkiewicz as a new Post member. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Presentations:

- Commander Flock introduced Department VC Denise Rohan. VC Rohan thanked the Post for its outstanding membership record and program activities.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the PEC and Post Meeting on 3/23/11 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

Correspondence:

- Bob Wipf reported there is a Veterans Job Fair on May 17 at the Army National Armory in Appleton, see Bob for details.
- Oshkosh Choralers are presenting a patriotic program on May 7th at the Alberta Kimbell Auditorium, see Bob for details.
- Greenlawn Memorial Park is hosting a Armed Forces Day program on May 21, 2011, see Post website.
- Suicide prevention walk/run on April 30, see Bob for details.
- There is program in Wisconsin to provide free amplified phones for the hearing impaired, see Bob for details

Memorial Day Service:

- A sign up sheet is in the back of the room to sign up to help with the Memorial clean up (11AM) on Sunday and set up chairs on Monday morning.
- Rick Deiss will be this year's keynote speaker.

Memorial Dance:

- Rick Deiss reported on the arrangements for the Memorial Dance to be held on May 28, 2011 6-12 PM.
- There is a sign up sheet in the back of the room to help with food and bar duties.
- There will be a Veterans Tribute at 7:00 PM all Veterans are encouraged to participate.

1st Vice-Commander Report:

- Dave reported that our golf outing is May 21, 2011 at Lake Breeze Golf Course, Winneconne.
- Posters are available, see Dave. Entry forms are available in the Omro Herald or see Dave.

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No Report

Financial Officer Report:

- Dave Lemieux presented the Post account balances as of the end of March. A copy of the financial report is available on the back table.
- A motion was made by Bob Wipf and seconded by Laurie Koepke to accept the finance report as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjutant Report:

- The PEC discussed the creation of standing orders for speaker policy, privacy policy, criteria for "Legionnaire Of The Year", and the creation of a Patriot Award.

Historian:

- Darryl reported the picture are in the history book.

Chaplain/Sickness & Distress:

- The Chaplain requested that members should contact him about any spiritual needs.
- Pete Hennes had his gall bladder removed last Thursday, he is doing fine.
- Pat Morgan's older brother Mike has deceased. Our prayers go out to the family.
- John Hoeft provided a update on his dad. Ray is improving and hopes to be able to attend a Post meeting in the future.

County Commander Report:

- Commander Hennes is looking for new officers for the County.

District Commander Report:

- Commander Helms encouraged members to attend county and district meeting.
- Barbara Belmont was elected as the new 6th District Commander.

Membership Report

- John Vonderloh thanked the membership for their support in recruiting new members.

Honor Guard:

- Dean reported on the activities of the Honor Guard at the High Ground Ceremony.
- Dean has some new jackets for the members of the Honor Guard, see Dean after the meeting.
- Dean requested volunteers for placing flags at the Pickett Cemetery, see Dean if you can help.
- The Memorial Board has purchased new outdoor service flags for the Memorial services. Anyone interested in ordering a flag for themselves see Dean.
- John Hoeft requested the Honor Guard open the baseball season by presenting the colors at the ballpark on each night of May 9-11.

BBS/BGS:

- John Hoeft reported that he met with the counselor at the High School and 2 boys plus an alternate have been selected to attend BBS. BBS will be held June 11-18 at Ripon College.
- BBG will be conducted June 19-24 at UWO in Oshkosh. 2 girls plus an alternate have been selected to attend.

Legion Baseball:

- John Hoeft reported on his meeting with the coach. John is requested about \$250.00 as Post expense to run this year's program. Most of the cost, about \$5000.00 of the Legion Baseball program is provide by OBS.
- The league will start the week of June 6, 2011.

High Ground Ceremony:

- Ed Goss recognized the participants and donors for the ceremony.
- Earl Miller was recognized for his extra effort in procuring items for the High Ground trip.
- Darryl Schmidt reported on incident at High Ground that involved our Post members

Post Speaker's Podium:

- Ed Goss recognized Jim Hoeft's efforts to build the Post a speakers podium. Thank Jim when you see him.

Poppy Distribution:

- Ed Goss reported that Poppies will be distributed on May 27, 28, and 29 (8:00 AM) at Festival Foods, contact Ed to help with the distribution.

Good Of The American Legion:

- Past Commander Deiss provided humor.

Closing

The meeting closed at approximately 8:56 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Chaplain Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Post 234 Adjutant