

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
April 28, 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**

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 32 members and four guests. The guests were Karen Langenhuizen and Sue ???, Ryan Tanner, and ???

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 3/24/10 were distributed and approved as printed.

Special Presentations: A presentation was made by members of Beaming on a program title horses for heroes. Handouts were available covering the details of the program.

LZ Lambeau Event:

- Commander Deiss discussed the arrangements for this event to be held on May 21-23 at Lambeau Field Green Bay.
- Rick has a block of 25 tickets reserved for our Post. There is no cost for these tickets, see Rick if you are interested.

T-Shirts: Dean Larsen distributed a sign up sheet for T-shirts

Golf Outing:

- Darryl Schmidt reported on the arrangements for the golf outing to be held at Lakeshore Golf Course in Winneconne May 22nd.
- Currently only three teams have signed up.

Memorial Day Weekend Committee:

- There will be a committee meeting May 1st @ 1 PM at Scott Park Pavilion.
- Wayne Schmick is requesting someone new takes the responsibility of providing the Veterans wagon for the parade.

Memorial Flower Beds:

- Volunteers are need to plant the flower beds at the Memorial.

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.
- Donations received at the Piggly Wiggly were \$457.00
- Bernie Faust, Navy Veteran, will be the keynote speaker.
- The cost per person will be \$20.00. Estimated ticket sales are currently at 150.
- All 30 tables have sponsors.
- Members should contact Ed if they are available to help transport tables and chairs on Friday May 7th.
- Ed Goss requested pictures of Post members when they first enlisted.

King Visit: April 30th Ed Goss, Dean Larsen, Bob Wipf, and Darryl Schmidt visited Roland Cady and Chuck Albashion at King. Ed will be traveling to King again this Friday and is looking for members to join him.

Correspondence:

- AmVets is sponsoring a USO event on May 14th. Cost is \$20.00 per person with WWII vets free. See Bob Wipf for details.
- Received a donation and thank you note from Tom Olkewicz.
- The SAL is selling National Convention pins, see Bob Wipf.

Spring Conference:

- The post was represented by four members at the conference.
- There is a fund raiser in Mauston on May 2nd for a veteran who's home burned. The membership directed the Service Officer to send a \$100.00 donation to this benefit.
- May 15th Gleenlawn Park in Neenah is have a Memorial service, see Pete for details
- May 16th is King open house, see Pete for details.
- Fall Conference will be in Brillion on October 31st.
- Ken Flock reported on the two resolutions passed at conference. One concerned supporting Bugles across America and the other resolution would expand membership eligibility to included all vets since the beginning of WWII.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No report

Financial Officer Report:

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

Adjutant Report: The Post Constitution and By-Laws are being re-written. Currently the PEC is looking at the re-write now.

Historian: No report

Chaplain Report: Ray Janiak is in the Omro Care Center, please visit if you have time.

Service Officer Report: no report

Membership:

- John Vonderloh reported that the Post is currently at 102% membership for the year, one of three 100% posts in the District.

Honor Guard:

- Honor Guard members should meet after the post meeting to select spring jackets.
- Volunteers are needed to place flags on the Pickett Cemetery, see Dean.

Nominations:

- The nomination committee has placed the names for each elected office in nominations. Nominations will remain open until the time of election in June.

AL Baseball:

- The program is entering it's third year. Last year's the team was in the playoffs.
- National has raised the entry fee from \$150.00 to \$250.00. This is paid by the OBSA.
- The post will contribute it's budgeted \$200.00 to the program.

Badger Boy/Girl:

- John Hoeft reported that 2 boys and 3 girls from Omro will be attending this year. The Post will be sponsoring 1 boy and 1 girl.

For The Good Of The Legion:

- A better audio system for the Memorial Ceremony is requested.
- Rosemarie Pitz has applications for the Honor Flight.

Closing

The meeting closed at approximately 8:50 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplain, Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wipf

Adjutant Post 234