

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

July 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, Preamble, 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 Steinert
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 31 members and 2 guests, District Commander Barbara Belmont and Bill Wipf.

District Commander Introduction:

- Commander Belmont congratulated the Post on its program and membership accomplishments.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the PEC and Post Meeting on 6/22/11 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

Elections:

- Tom Bryson resigned the position of 2nd Vice Commander.
- A motion was made by Bob Wipf and seconded by Pete Hennes to nominate and elect Tom Bryson as 1st Vice Commander. The motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Dean Larsen to nominate and elect Becky O'Keefe as 2nd Vice Commander. The motion carried unanimously.

State Convention Recap:

- The Post received its eighth all-time high membership award.
- The Post received the Post Excellence Award from the National Commander.
- Julie Quinn received the Department Public Relations Award.
- Dean Lasen received an award for his parking lot awareness.
- See Bob Wipf if you would like to see the Program booklet from the convention.

1st Vice-Commander Report:

- VC reported on a charity based baseball outing run by Ed & Gale Pierce.

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No Report

Financial Officer Report:

- Dave Lemieux read a thank you note from the King Wheelchair Fund
- Dave read a health update note from Toni Viegut
- Dave Lemieux presented an oral and written report of the Post account balances as of the end of June. A copy of the financial report is available on the back table.
- A motion was made by Bob Wipf and seconded by Ed Goss to approve the financial report as printed. The motion carried unanimously.
- Dave has requested members use the new Expense report. The report will be available on the website for download.

Correspondence:

- The Post received a thank you from the Veterans Museum for its recent organizational membership.
- August 14, 2011 is the AL All-Start baseball game at the Milwaukee Brewer Game, see Bob or Department website to purchase tickets.
- Old Glory Honor Flight motorcycle ride is July 30, 2011. See Bob Wipf for details.
- The Department Golf Outing is September 10, 2011 at Sparta.
- August 14, 2011 is Veterans Day at the State Fair.
- The DAV transportation fund is looking for drivers, see Bob Wipf for information.

Adjutant Report:

- The PEC approved recommending a \$300.00 donation to the High Ground for an OEF/OIF tribute.
- The PEC selected four recipients for the first presentation of the Patriot Award. They are: Ken Bressers, Lauri Piper, Pat Tanner, Cyndi Wipf. This award will be presented at the Annual Veterans Dinner, October 22, 2011

Historian:

- Darryl reported the pictures of the State Convention and other recent events are in the history book on the front table.
- Darryl has been appointed as the 6th District Historian.

Chaplain/Sickness & Distress: No Report**County Commander Report:**

- Pete Hennes reported when the 9th Street 41 ramps open the DAV van will start picking up at Perkins.
- September 18, 2011 is the POW/MIA ceremony at South Park Oshkosh.
- December 7, 2011 will be the Pearl Harbor Ceremony at the EAA grounds.
- August 5, 2011 will be Veterans Day at the Winnebago County Fair. See Pete to help with the recruitment trailer at the fair. Omro Post is responsible for manning the trailer on Friday. Commander Belmont suggested a Post dues rate chart be established so possible members could be signed up at the trailer.
- Pete Hennes reported that the Pancake Breakfast will be conducted July 4, 2011 7-11 AM at Tanners Tap.

Membership:

- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by "the post" to accept Bill Wipf as new a member. The motion carried unanimously.
- John recognized the entire Post for its efforts in membership.
- See John to renew your membership

Fair Bar:

- See John Vonderloh to sign up to help at the Fair Bar. Help is needed for Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Honor Guard:

- The Honor Guard presented colors at the Timber rattlers game.
- See Dean if you would like to be a member of the Honor Guard.

Post Fundraising Raffle:

- The Post is conducting a fundraising raffle. The winners will be selected at the Veterans Dinner on October 22, 2011.
- Each member is expected to sell 4 packets or more of tickets. See Dave tonight to get your tickets. Members not at the Post meeting will be mailed 4 packets next week.
- Money from the sale of the raffle tickets should be given to Dave Lemieux

Veterans Dinner;

- Ed Goss reported on the arrangements for the Annual Dinner. The dinner will be October 22, 2011.
- KC Johnson, DAV State Commander will be the keynote speaker.
- Dinner tickets are \$20.00 each, see Ed to get your dinner tickets to sell.
- Table sponsors are needed for the dinner. The cost is \$25.00 each table, see Ed to contribute.
- The Post will provide a pitcher of beer and a pizza to the top ticket seller.

Summer Post Picnic:

- Please bring paper products to the Post picnic for the Omro Pantry.
- Chris Deiss provided a report on the arrangements for the picnic.
- Sign up is at the back of the room or contact Chris to sign up.
- Please bring potential members to the dinner.

Donation Request:

- A motion was made by Bill Spanbauer and seconded by Dave Schmude to donate \$30.00 to the Nurses Training Dinner. The motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Ed Goss and seconded by Rick Deiss to donate \$300.00 to the High Ground for the OEF/OIF tributes. The motion carried unanimously.

Installation Of Officers:

- District Commander Belmont installed the 2011-2012 Post officers.

Closing

The meeting closed by new Commander Steinert at approximately 8:35 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Chaplain Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Post 234 Adjutant