

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
July 28, 2010**

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Commander, Rick Deiss at approximately 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, 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, reported 30 members and one guest, Roy Helms, 6th District Commander.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 6/23/10 were distributed and approved as printed. The PEC minutes of 7/21/2010 are also available.

Constitution & By-Laws Revision

- Commander Deiss and Adjutant Wipf discussed several of the major changes in the revised Constitution and Post By-Laws, such as, Adjutant and Finance Officer will become appointed positions instead of elected and the Post have 2 Sgt.-at-Arms instead of one. Another change defines the Post will only paid expenses for the delegates and one alternate to state convention.
- Copies of the revised Constitution and Post By-Laws have been available in paper form and on the Post website for the last 2 months for the membership to review and make comments.
- The intent to revise the Constitution and Post By-Laws has been posted in the June and July Newsletters.
- A motion was made by Laurie Koepke and seconded by Ed Goss to accept the Constitution & By-Laws as written in the in the July 20, 2010 revision. The motion carried unanimously.

Post Charter:

- Commander Deiss explained the 6-year mix-up that caused the issuance of the post permanent charter to be delayed until March 30, 2010.
- With the revised By-Laws in place, Commander Deiss requested all members that joined the post prior to March 30, 2010 please sign the permanent charter.
- The Charter will be available for several months for members to sign.

Veterans Memorial:

- Commander Deiss recognized Annette and Chris Reichard for planting the flowerbeds at the Memorial.

Outgoing Commanders Message

- Commander Deiss thanked all the members for the support he has had in his three years as Commander.
- Commander Deiss encouraged all members to support the incoming Commander Flock.

Installation Of Officers

- 6th District Commander Helms performed the installation ceremony for the incoming officers.

State Convention Reports

- Pete Hennes reported on the results of the state election.
- Commander Flock reported on the outcome of the Department resolutions. See Commander Flock if you want details.
- State all-time high 5-year membership awards were presented to the post and accepted by Membership Chairman John Vonderloh.
- Individual membership pins were presented to Rick Deiss, Bob Wipf, and John Vonderloh.

Poppy Distribution:

- Ed Goss reported poppy distribution held on Memorial weekend took in \$1,626.97.
- Ed also reported that the one-day distribution at Festival on the last weekend in June netted \$1087.00.
- Ed is requesting 4000 poppies for next year since we sold out early of the 2000 we had for this year.

Sickness and Distress

- Chuck Albashion has returned to the Omro Care Center.

The High Ground

- The Oshkosh Fire Fighters have purchased a Legacy Stone for past Post member Ted Nortman. The Post Honor Guard and membership are requested to participate in the ceremony on April 16th, 2011 at 1:00 PM.
- Commander Flock read a certificate of appreciation for The High Ground

Post Picnic

- Ed Goss requested that we bring paper products to the Post picnic for the benefit of the Omro Food Pantry.
- Commander Flock invited Commander Helms and his wife to the picnic.

Special Presentations

- Dean Larsen presented a flag flown on a Helicopter in Iraq that was sent to him for his daughter.
- Dean also presented a \$500.00 check from Sharon Slover, the wife of deceased veteran Terry Slover. \$450.00 is to be given to the Veterans Memorial and \$50.00 to the Post Honor Guard.
- Rick Deiss accepted the National 100% membership awarded signed by National Commander Hill.

Winnebago County Fair

- John Vonderloh reported on the arrangements for the Fair beer tent this year and requested volunteers to help tend bar.

Pancake Breakfast

- The event raised \$483.00 because all expenses were paid by Tanners Tap & Grill. When you see Pat or Laurie please thank them.

Membership Report

- John Vonderloh presented Lonnie Hanson for membership. A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Pete Hennes to accept Lonnie Hanson as a new member. The motion carried unanimously.
- John Vonderloh reported that membership is running slightly ahead of last year

Correspondence:

- Commander Flock reported on the Wisconsin Badger Football Salute to Veterans. See the website or Bob Wipf for details.
- Wisconsin American legion Riders are running a raffle. A motion was made by Rick Deiss and seconded by Ed Goss to purchase a \$20.00 tickets for the raffle with any winnings to go to the Post. The motion carried unanimously.
- The Artists For Humanities is requesting a donation for their program. The request was referred to the PEC for recommendation.
- An invitation to the 65th Ceremony was presented. See Commander Flock for details.
- The National Convention is in Milwaukee this year, see Bob Wipf for registration details.
- The Department Golf Outing is in Marshfield on September 11, 2010. See Bob Wipf for registration forms.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: VC Byron reported that this year's EAA is conducting a salute to Veterans. Many activities are planned for Veterans. See Tom for details.

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. No motion was taken.
- Budget Committee will meet in August and should have a budget for the membership to vote on by September meeting.

Historian: No Report, history book is available to look at.

Chaplain Report

- Get well cards were sent to Toni Viegut and Jim Rosemier.
- Bob Wipf has been cleared by his doctors to start walking.

Service Officer Report

- Contact Pete Hennes if you are aware of any Veterans that need care.
- Pete will contact Chuck Albashion about a issue with the Omro Care Center.

County Commander Report:

- Pete Hennes reported that the next meeting of the County Council is September 16, 2010. County funding will be discussed. All members are welcome
- Friday August 6th is Veterans Day at the fair.

Honor Guard:

- The Honor Guard has performed 8 funerals this year .
- The Military Appreciation Night at the Timber Rattles baseball game has been moved to August 19, 2010. See Dean if you want tickets.

AL Baseball:

- John Hoeft reported the team ended its season at 12-12 overall. At Regional Tourney they barely missed going to State.
- The team is invited to the August picnic where they will be recognized.

Badger Boy/Girl:

- John Hoeft read a thank you note from this year's Badger Girl, Nicole Toez.

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, Post 234 Adjutant