

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

September 28, 2011

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Commander, Dave Steinert 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	Dave Steinert	1st Vice	Tom Bryson#
2nd Vice	Becky O'keefe#	Sgt-at-Arms	Dave Schmude
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	Ken Flock
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen, Ken Jungwirth		

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the PEC and Post Meeting on 7/27/11 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

Financial Officer Report:

- Dave Lemieux presented an oral and written report of the Post account balances as of the end of August. A copy of the financial report is available on the back table.
- The Post raffle tickets sales are over the brake even point.
- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Laurie Koepke to approve the financial report as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms, reported 37 members and no guests were present.

Membership:

- Current Post membership is 110 paid for the 2012 year.
- John would like to be at the 100% level before December.
- John recognized one of our members, Howard Posorske. Howard just completed the "Honor Flight". Howard has assembled a scrapbook of his military experiences o be donated to the Omro Library. Wayne Schmick has book for Post members to look at this evening.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No Report

Adjutant Report:

- Ken Bressers donated a copy machine to the Post.

Correspondence:

- There will be a POW/MIA Tribute on November 13, 2011 @ Horan's On Main. This ceremony is presented by Calvin Morgan. The Post Honor Guard will participate in the POW/MIA ceremony. All members are invited, you must register with Horan's for the dinner. There will be more information at the October meeting.
- Golden Coral will have a free dinner for Veterans on Nov. 14, 2011.
- Post 70 will be having a Veterans dinner at the Elks Club on Nov. 11, 2011. Contact Rosemarie for tickets.
- CVSO Bob Stone is having a Veterans Tribute on Nov. 5, 2011 at the Coughlin Building in Oshkosh @ 10:00 AM
- 50th Anniversary of the Berlin Crisis presented by 32nd Division of the Red Arrow at Volk Field on Oct. 15, 2011
- Ed Goss read a thank you note from the family of Bob Faust.

Chaplain/Sickness & Distress:

- A request for prayers for Christine Reichard for her battle with cancer. The Post has sent a card.

Honor Guard:

- there is another Honor Flight on October 8, 2011 @ 8:30 PM. Everyone is invited to participate in this celebration, contact Dean Larsen if you plan on attending.
- the Honor will be take part in the POW/MIA Tribute at Horan's on Nov. 13, 2011. Dean is also looking for volenteers from each branch of service to participate in the table ceremony.
- Dean is looking for a gun safe to replace the one in the office that will hold 10 rifles, contact Dean.
- If you are interested in joining the Honor Guard contact Dean.

Breakfast With The Vets:

- Breakfast with the Vets will be Nov. 11, 2011 @ 7:00 AM at the Omro Care Center.

Service Officer: no report

Historian:

- Darryl reported the pictures of the Post picnic and the recent Honor Flight are in the history book on the front table.
- Darryl requested that anyone with information, cards, or other Post materials give the information to him for the history book.
- Darryl has been appointed as the 6th District Historian.

Veterans Dinner:

- The dinner will be Oct. 22, 2011 @ the Firehouse.
- Ed Goss reported on the arrangements for the dinner and requested that members help with the arrangements.
- Dan Sanchez will be requested to provide the PA system.
- Ticket sales are down slightly, so now is the time to sell dinner tickets
- Craft items are needed for the auction
- The Post will be at the Piggly Wiggly on this coming Friday & Saturday to sell dinner and raffle tickets. There will also be donation can.
- All members are requested to help with set up on Saturday morning.
- DonnaMarie Hasenfus has many baskets ready for the auction.

Veterans Day:

- Dave Lemieux reported on the arrangements being made for Veterans Day. All Veterans are invited, you do not need to be a Post member to participate.

Fall Conference:

- The conference is October 30, 2011 in New Holstein
- Pete Hennes, Bob Wipf , and Darryl Schmidt will be Delegates-At-Large to the conference
- Dave Steinert, Jim Romnek, and Laurie Koepke will be the Post delegates

Special Presentation:

- A video on the POW/MIA recovery services provided by JPAC was shown.

Closing

The meeting closed by Commander Steinert at approximately 8:41 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Chaplain Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Post 234 Adjutant