

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

October 26, 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		

Special Presentation:

- Jay Treleven congratulated the Post on the success of the Veterans dinner. Jay presented the Post with the proceeds of the bar and tips. Jay reported that the firemen will purchase any left over beer and pop. Jay also indicated that the firehouse will always be available to the Post.
- A motion was made by Ed Goss and seconded to give the firemen the left over beer and pop at no charge. Motion carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the PEC and Post Meeting on 9/28/11 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms, reported 32 members and 2 guests were present. The guests were Jay Treleven, Fire Chief, and Bob Johnson.

Membership:

- John Vonderloh introduced new members Kevin Litton and Dwight Bruss.
- John indicated the rules on transfer have changed.
- John recognized the new members and transfers including Dwight Bruss, Dan Gruezmacher, Ray Fraleigh, Tom Skaug, and Steve Zellner.
- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded to accept all the new members and transfers into the Post. Motion carried.
- John requested all members present at the meeting introduce them self.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No Report

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 \$3564.77. Prizes awarded will be \$1000.00 and ticket printing expense was \$379.00. Total raffle profit \$2185.77. Silent auction profit was \$965.00. Basket raffles profit was \$1420.00. The 50/50 raffle profit was \$368.00.
- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded to approve the financial report as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

Veterans Day Events:

- Dave Lemieux reported on the arrangements for the Veteran Day events at the school. All Veterans are invited, you do not need to be a Post member to participate.
- There will be a poster/coloring contest at each school. Members are requested to judge the posters.
- Dave Lemieux will check will Horans about a lunch after the school ceremonies.

Correspondence:

- Dave Lemieux read a thank you from the King wheel chair fund and the Military Veterans Museum.
- CVSO Bob Stone is having a Veterans Tribute on Nov. 5, 2011 at the Coughlin Building in Oshkosh @ 10:00 AM
- 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.
- 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.
- 50th Anniversary of the Berlin Crisis presented by 32nd Division of the Red Arrow at Volk Field on Oct. 15, 2011

Adjutant Report:

- The PEC voted to present an Educator Of The Year award. A plaque is being made and will be presented at the Veterans Day ceremony.
- The Post will ring bells for the Salvation Army this year on December 16 & 17. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the room.

Chaplain/Sickness & Distress:

- A request for prayers for Christine Reichard for her battle with cancer. The Post has sent a card.
- Chaplain Gollar invites anyone will spiritual needs to contact him.
- Bruce Butkiewicz is having a pacemaker installed

Honor Guard:

- Dean needs more volunteers for a ceremony at Park View on November 10 at 10 AM, see Dean.
- Breakfast with the Vets will be Nov. 11, 2011 @ 6:45 AM at the Omro Care Center.
- Dean will audition a High student to play taps
- the Honor will be take part in the POW/MIA Tribute at Horan's on Nov. 13, 2011. Dean is also looking for volunteers from each branch of service to participate in the table ceremony. There will be a rehearsal on October 31 @ 3:00 PM
- The Honor Guard will participate in the Christmas parade on December 3, 2011.
- Dean will have an Honor Guard meeting to discuss training and uniforms following the Post meeting.

Service Officer:

- Pete Hennes has resigned the office of Service Officer.
- Nominations for Service Officer were opened.
- Darryl Schmidt nominated John Hoeft for Service Officer. Nominations were closed.
- A motion was made and seconded to cast an unanimous ballot for John Hoeft. Motion carried.

Historian:

- Darryl reported the pictures of the dinner are on the front table.

Veterans Dinner:

- Commander Steinert commended Ed Goss and Rick Deiss for their efforts producing a successful dinner.
- Ed Goss commented on the dinner events. Ed announced he would be stepping down for future dinners. Ed suggested that the responsibilities be divided up for future dinners. Ed thanked the membership for all their help.
- Ed Goss suggested the PEC look into some recognition for Donna Hasenfus and Gail Pierce for their help with the auction baskets.

6th District Conference;

- Conference is October 30, 2011. One addition delegate is needed, see Commander Steinert if interested.

Christmas Party:

- Commander Steinert asked for a show of hands for those interested in having a Christmas Party. (Majority indicated yes)
- Christmas Party will be December 10, 2011 at Tanners. Social hour at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$15.00. Tom Bryson will be the chairman for the party.

Past Commander Presentation:

- Commander Steinert presented a plaque to Past Commander Flock for is leadership and Post services.

Good Of The Legion:

- Second Vice-Commander Becky O'Keefe will be deployed December 3, 2011 to Kosovo.

Closing

The meeting closed by Commander Steinert at approximately 8:28 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Chaplain Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Post 234 Adjutant