

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
October 27, 2010**

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, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by the Chaplain Steve Goller.

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

Commander	Ken Flock	1st Vice	Dave Steinart
2nd Vice	Tom Bryson	3rd Vice	open
Adjutant	Bob Wipf	Sgt.-at-Arms	Jack Haynes
Finance Officer	Toni Viegut#	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 27 members and two guests, Rosemarie Pitz and Robert Stone

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 9/22/10 were distributed and approved as printed.

Post Charter:

Any member that is qualified but has not yet signed the Post Charter should do so after the meeting.

Special Presentation:

Bob Stone provided a presentation on the work of the CVSO and current VA issues.

County Government Day:

- John Vonderloh provided a detailed report on the County Government Day activities.

Oratorical Contest:

- Bob Wipf reported that 10 students attended the organizational meeting. Bob projected that we should have 3 or 4 participants for the January 9, 2011 local Post contest.

Correspondence:

- VC Steinart read request to participate in a Halloween candy drive that would allow kids to donate their candy to troops.
- VC Bryson read a thank you note from Audery Janiak for the funeral service provided for Post member Ray Janiak.
- VC Steinart read a thank you from Old Glory Honor Flight. Ed Mason provided details on the homecoming.

Consolidated Post Report:

Bob Wipf introduced a new monthly CPR report and requested that Post members file their hours, miles and dollars for projects and activities that members done in the most recent month.

1st Vice-Commander Report:

- Christmas Party will be December 11, 2010 at Tanners Tap & Grill. Cocktails at 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. The cost will be \$15.00 with a choice of 3 entries. The dinner is limited to 70 people. Reserve with Dave Steinart by the November meeting.

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No report

Financial Officer Report:

- Bob Wipf presented the Post account balances that were prepared by Toni Viegut. A copy of the full reports was available on the back table. No motion was taken.
- A motion was made by Bob Wipf and seconded by Ed Goss to accept the finance report as printed. The motion carried unanimously.
- During Toni's medical issues please submit all financial information to Bob Wipf.

Adjutant Report:

- Only motion taken out of the PEC was concerning the Memorial. Rick Deiss will provide a full report later in this meeting.
- The Mid-Winter Conference will be January 20-23, 2011 at Ho-Chunk Casino. Members wishing to attend should consider registering soon while hotel rooms are still available, see Bob Wipf for registration forms.

Historian: the most recent activities pictures are in the book at the front of the room.

Chaplain/Sickness & Distress:

- Chaplain Goller requests that members contact him about any sickness or distress.
- Bob Wipf reported on the medical issues of Toni Viegut and requested we keep Toni in our prayers.
- Chuck Albashion is at the Omro Care Center.
- Gordon Cady has some a leaky heart valve that will need attention.
- Ken Jungwirth has some medical issues with his back and was unable to make the meeting tonight. He will have a MRI on Monday.

County Commander Report:

- Rosemarie Pitz reported that the 6th District Conference is October 31, 2010 at Cobblestone Creek in Brillion.

Service Officer Report: No report**Veterans Day Breakfast @ The Care Center:**

- Veterans should show up at 7:00 AM to help with the breakfast.

Honor Guard:

- The Honor Guard will be participating at all the school programs.
- The Honor Guard has been requested to present colors at Belle Vista on 11/11/10. Dean will coordinate the guard.
- See Dean about helping with marking Veterans graves at cemeteries

Membership Report

- John Vonderloh reported that 107 have paid 2010-2011 dues.
- See John for your #1 pin if you have recruited a new member.

Veterans Day @ The Schools:

- Dave Lemieux reported on the agenda for the Veteran Day Programs at the schools. Agenda are available in the back of the room.
- Dave has placed an article in the paper and has encouraged all Veterans to participate in the services.

Christmas Gifts For The Troops:

- Dave Lemieux provided a report on the Troops Gift drive scheduled for November 13, 2010 at Piggly Wiggly. A sign up sheet is being circulated.
- An article has been placed in the paper and was in the October Post Newsletter.

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.
- Ed Goss has arranged a bus for the trip, cost will be \$15.00.

Unfinished Business:

Post 70 is having a Veterans Dinner 11/11/10, see Rosemarie Pitz for tickets.

New Business:**Omro Veterans Memorial:**

- There was a meeting of the Veterans Memorial Committee on 10/20/10 7:00 PM at Tanners Tap.
- Rick Deiss provided a history of the Omro Veterans Memorial Committee, discussed its expenses and revenues.
- The MC recommended that it incorporate itself, transfer memorial funds to its control, and appoint Larry Schuster as Treasurer if approval is received by the Post membership. Bob Wipf and Rick Deiss will be co-signers.
- Rick discussed snow removal terms for 2011.
- The MC will assume the planning of the Memorial dance.
- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Dean Larsen to allow the Memorial Committee to separate itself from the Post, incorporate itself, transfer all Memorial funds currently controlled by the Post Finance Officer to new bank accounts and appoint Larry Schuster as acting Treasurer of the Omer Veterans Memorial. The motion carried unanimously.

Good Of The American Legion:

- John Hoefl requested the Post membership help ring bell for the Salvation Army. A show of hands indicated there is interest in assisting the Kiwanis ring bells this year.

Closing

The meeting closed at approximately 9:04 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Chaplain Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wipf

Post 234 Adjutant