

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

**November 23, 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 John Hoeft.

**Roll Call:**

**\*Not in attendance # Excused**

<b>Commander</b>	<b>Dave Steinert</b>	<b>1st Vice</b>	<b>Tom Bryson</b>
<b>2nd Vice</b>	<b>Becky O'keefe</b>	<b>Sgt-at-Arms</b>	<b>Dave Schmude</b>
<b>Adjutant</b>	<b>Bob Wipf</b>	<b>Sgt.-at-Arms</b>	<b>Jack Haynes#</b>
<b>Finance Officer</b>	<b>Dave Lemieux</b>	<b>Parliamentarian</b>	<b>Jim Romnek#</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Steve Goller#</b>	<b>Historian</b>	<b>Darryl Schmidt</b>
<b>Service Officer</b>	<b>John Hoeft</b>	<b>Past Cdr</b>	<b>Ken Flock</b>

**Members-At-Large:** John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen#, Ken Jungwirth

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the PEC and Post Meeting on 10/26/11 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Report:** Sgt-at-Arms, reported 2 members and 2 guests were present.

**Membership:**

- John Vonderloh introduced prospective member John Horan.
- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded to accept John Horan into the Post. Motion carried.
- John reported that Russell Stone and Tom Skaug transferred in from HQ Post.
- The Post has 25 new or transferred members so far this year.
- The Post reached 100% membership prior to Veterans Day.

**Correspondence:**

- Dave Lemieux read a thank you from Dave Wellhoefer.
- VC O'Keefe read a letter from the WI Department recognizing Post 234 as a 100% Post.
- VC O'Keefe read a thank you note from 6<sup>th</sup> District Legion Riders for the donation we made to repair the cabin at Camp American Legion.
- The Pearl Harbor Service at the EAA grounds on December 7, 2011 will begin at 7:55 AM. Please arrive by 7:30 AM.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commander Report:**

- VC Bryson discussed the arrangements for the Post Christmas Party. Dinner cost is \$15.00 per person. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the room.

**2nd Vice-Commander Report:**

**Financial Officer Report:**

- Dave Lemieux presented an oral and written report of the Post account balances as of the end of October. A copy of the financial report is available on the back table..
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjutant Report:**

- Department Mid-Winter convention is January 19-22, 2012. The Post will pay registration, mileage and meals allowance.
- There will be no December Post meeting or Newsletter.
- A&G Testing will be conducted the first week in April.

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

**Honor Guard:**

- The Honor Guard will participate in the Christmas parade on December 3, 2011.
- The Honor Guard will have a short meeting after the Post meeting.

**Service Officer:**

- John Hoeft thanked the Post for electing him Post Service Officer and will serve out this year's term.

**Historian:**

- Darryl reported the pictures of the MIA/POW and Veterans Day are on the front table.
- Conference is October 30, 2011. One addition delegate is needed, see Commander Steinert if interested.

**Oratorical Contest:**

- The Post oratorical contest will be conducted on January 15, 2012 at 1:00 PM.
- Members are requested to let Bob Wipf know if they can help with the contest.

**Poster Contest:**

- The winners of the poster contest will be in the Omro Herald.
- The poster will be sent to the troops when the troop supplies are shipped.

**Bowling Tournament:**

- The bowling tournament date has not been confirmed yet, but should be after the weekend of the super bowl.

**BBS/BGS:**

- John Hoeft indicated that last years BBS/BGS will give a presentation at the January Post meeting.
- The Post will be sponsoring one BBS and one BGS student in 2012.

**Good Of The Legion:**

- The 1157<sup>th</sup> has been activated and will deploy in February.

**Closing**

The meeting closed by Commander Steinert at approximately 8:10 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by John Hoeft.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wipf

Post 234 Adjutant