

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234  
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
November 24, 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, Mission Statement, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by the Chaplain Steve Goller.

**Roll Call:**

**\*Not in attendance # Excused**

<b>Commander</b>	<b>Ken Flock</b>	<b>1st Vice</b>	<b>Dave Steinart</b>
<b>2nd Vice</b>	<b>Tom Bryson</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice</b>	<b>open</b>
<b>Adjutant</b>	<b>Bob Wipf</b>	<b>Sgt.-at-Arms</b>	<b>Jack Haynes</b>
<b>Finance Officer</b>	<b>Toni Viegut#</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>Pete Hennes</b>	<b>Past Cdr</b>	<b>Rick Deiss</b>

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

**Sergeant-at-Arms Report:** Sgt-at-Arms, reported 24 members and no guests.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 10/27/10 were distributed and approved as printed.

**Oratorical Contest:**

- Bob Wipf reported he met with Tracey Miller and two students. Since there appears to be 2 contestants there will be a Post contest on January 9, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the Omro High School library.
- There will be a practice session on December 12, 2010 at the Omro High School library.

**Correspondence:**

- Robert Stone CVSO will be holding a Recognition and Tribute Program on December 11, 2010 at 11:00 AM

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 after the meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- A motion was made by Dave Steinert and seconded by Pete Hennes 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:**

- 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.
- PEC confirmed the Post will pay registration, meals, and transportation for anyone attending the Mid-Winter Conference.
- If you did something that should be recorded on the CPR please add it to the sheet being circulated.

**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.

**County Commander/District VC Report:**

- The County Council endorsed Barbara Belmont for 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander.
- The county oratorical contest will be January 16, 2011 1:00 PM at Winneconne Middle School.
- Americanism Banquet February 19, 2011 at CJ's in Ripon
- Spring Conference April 9, 2011 at 9:00 AM at CJ's

**Service Officer Report:**

- The Stop Loss program for OEF/OIF veterans deadline is December 3, 2010, contact Robert Stone.
- Contact Dean Larsen about any headstones that need replacement.

**Membership Report**

- No Report

**Honor Guard:**

- The Honor Guard will be participating at the Wylewood Baptist Church play. See flyer on the post website.

**Badger Boys/Girls State:**

- The last year's student will provide a report at the January meeting.
- The winner of the Veterans Day Poster contest will also be at the January meeting. Ed Goss started this program and will provide a \$50.00 scholarship for the winner.

**Legion Baseball:** No Report**Omro Veterans Memorial:**

- The Memorial has been incorporated as the Omro Veterans Memorial, Inc.
- The new address for the Memorial corporation is PO Box 254, Omro, WI 54963
- The bank accounts will soon be transferred to the Memorial corporation.
- Donations made to the Omro Veterans Memorial are only tax exempt if made to the Oshkosh Community Fund and earmarked for the Omro Veterans Memorial Fund. Any donation made directly to the Omro Veterans Memorial, Inc. are not tax exempt.

**Veterans Day Ceremonies:**

- Dave read many thank you letters from the Omro Schools
- Dave read thank you letters from the Applebee's organization.
  - Dave requested that anyone having feedback on the Veterans day ceremonies please contact him.
- Laurie Koepke said it was suggested that the program be changed every year to improve student interest.
- Several post members made suggestions about the program.

**Gifts for Troops**

- 24 boxes and \$700.00 were collected for the troops. Only \$300.00 is needed for shipping
- Ken Jungwirth suggested we use the additional funds to purchase more supplies and ship them out.

**A&G Testing**

- Laurie Koepke reported on the results of the testing.
- Laurie commented on several of the current school policies as they pertain to Americanism.
- Bob Wipf suggested ways to improve ways for students to become more involved. There was extended discussion on how the Post can be more involved.

**Good Of The American Legion:**

- John Hoelt requested the Post membership help ring bell for the Salvation Army. Please sign up with John for the bell ringing shifts.
- Rick provided some comedy.

**Closing**

The meeting closed at approximately 8:40 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Chaplain Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Wipf  
Post 234 Adjutant