

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

January 25, 2012

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 Chaplain Gollar.

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	John Hoeft	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 11/23/11 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms, reported 27 members and 4 guests were present. Guests were Janice, Mike, & Hannah Boutin and Dennis Cox

Special Presentation:

Hannah Boutin, Post 234 Oratorical contest winner presented her Oration for the membership. After her presentation she was presented with the Winnebago County Oratorical award.

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- There is an Old Glory Honor flight to Pearl Harbor for survivors on June 14-18, 2012. If anyone knows a survivor contact Bob Stone's office.
- The 6th District Americanism banquet is on February 25 at CJ's in Ripon. See Bob Wipf for registration forms.
- Applebee's promotion for the group that makes quilts for the troops will be held on February 2, 2012.
- There are new ribbons for Wisconsin Nation Guard members Contact Bob Stone's office for details.
- The "Hire Heroes Act of 2011" is creating many new job opportunities for Veterans. Contact Bob Stone's office for details
- The Department bowling tournament is starts March 10, 2012 at Lacrosse.
- Post 38 Appleton is hosting the Department golf outing on September 8, 2012

1st Vice-Commander Report: None

2nd Vice-Commander Report: None

Financial Officer Report:

- Dave Lemieux presented an oral and written report of the Post account balances as of the end of December. 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:

- The PEC was offered a opportunity to partner with the Kiwanis to host the Sheephead Tournament on July 7, 2012. Commander Steinert will appoint a Chairperson to discuss details with the Kiwanis and report back to the PEC.
- The PEC made a \$100.00 donation to the Omro Food Pantry.

Chaplain/Sickness & Distress:

- Card was sent to Toni Viegut and Ed Goss, both need our prayers.
- A thank you was received from the Don Schuster family. The Schuster family donated \$250,00 to the Post and \$250 to the Omro Veterans Memorial.
- Bob Schultz had a hip replacement on January 2, 2012.

Membership:

- The Post received several 100% membership award at Mid-Winter.
- The Post was awarded the national "Post Excellence Award" at Mid-Winter. Commander Steinert handed out the ribbons given by the Department Commander to each Post member.

Honor Guard:

- The Honor Guard did 9 funerals last year.
- The Honor Guard will have a training session after next month's Post meeting. Talk with Dean Larsen for details.
- Dean Larsen reported he received a request from Ed Goss to have the Post members attend and take part in the a High Ground stone laying ceremony for Bob Faust on June 9, 2012.
- Dean Larsen questioned if our insurance covers the Honor Guard activities. The Adjutant will follow up on insurance coverage.

BBS/BGS:

- Commander Steinert discussed a conversation he had with John Hoeft about Badger Boys/Girls participants.

Historian:

- Darryl reported the pictures of the Christmas dinner are on the front table.
- Darryl reported on the meetings held at the Mid-Winter.

Omro Veterans Memorial:

- Rick Deiss reported on the discussions at Memorial Board meeting.

Bowling Tournament:

- February 19, 2012 is the Post Bowling Tournament. Two sessions are at 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM. The proceeds will be used for troop and family support.

Poppy Distribution:

- Poppies will be distributed at Festival Foods on June 8, 9, & 10 of June.

New Business

- Dean Larsen requested the membership's help selling tickets for a fundraiser for the Winnebago 40/8. See Dean for details.

Mid-Winter Report

- Dave Lemieux reported on the Junior Shooting Sports program that was presented at Mid-Winter.
- A special presentation from the FBI on internet security was discussed. There was discussion about bring this presentation to Omro.

Closing

The meeting closed by Commander Steinert at approximately 8:16 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Chaplian Gollar

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wipf

Post 234 Adjutant