

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

**February 22, 2012**

**Opening:**

The meeting was opened by Commander, Dave Steinert at approximately 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, with 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**

<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 1/25/12 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Report:** Sgt-at-Arms, reported 27 members and 2 guests were present. Guests were Jerrold Chamberlain and Joe Bruss

**Membership:**

- John Vonderloh invited Tammy and Jerrold Chamberlain to speak about their military service.
- Joe Bruss and Dennis Cox were introduced as transfers and spoke about their military service.
- John Vonderloh submitted James Daubert as a perspective new member.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the above names, pending confirmation of their DD214, as members of Post 234.
- Commander Steinert presented John Vonderloh with the Post Membership awards that were presented at the Department Mid-Winter

**.Correspondence:**

- VC Bryson read a thank you from the 395<sup>th</sup> for troop support shipment made earlier this year.
- The Adjutant read a note from Post members Jeff Chappa
- Kingston Post is have a dinner on March 18, 2012 to celebrate the AL birthday. (see Bob for details)
- The Department bowling tournament is starts March 10, 2012 at Lacrosse. (see Bob for details)
- Post 38 Appleton is hosting the Department golf outing on September 8, 2012. (see Bob for details)
- 6<sup>th</sup> District Americanism Banquet will be on February 25, 2012 at CJ's in Ripon.

**Financial Officer Report:**

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

**Adjutant Report:**

- The PEC discussed 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 Post was offered the opportunity to participate in the VA MyHealthVet training program. Two Post 234 members will, be asked to become trainers for this program. The PEC accepted the VA offer to participate.
- The PEC voted to co-sponsor the OAA/Legion Baseball Tournament to provide scholarships to a member of the Legion Baseball Team. The tournament will be conducted on August 3, 4, & 5 2012.

**Chaplain/Sickness & Distress:**

- Bob Gruetzmacher is in the hospital in a comma. Our prayers go out to him and his family.
- Ed Goss is battling with stage 4 cancer. Our prayers go out to him and his family.
- Chaplian Goller asked for prayers for those deployed in the hotspots overseas.
- John Hoeft provide an update on Rosemarie Pitz's condition.

**Honor Guard:**

- The Honor Guard will conduct training after tonight's meeting.
- The Post will be sending a bus to The High Ground on June 9, 2012. The Post Honor Guard will be participating in the service.
- The Honor Guard will be participating in the St. Patrick's parade.

**Service Officer:**

- 5000 poppies will be ordered for this year's distributed.
- Dave Schmude reported that poppies will be distributed June 8, 9, 10 @ Festival in Oshkosh and August 15, 16, 17 @ Omro Piggly Wiggly and Kwik Trip.

**Historian:**

- Darryl reported the pictures of the 1157<sup>th</sup> deployment, Oratorical contest, and bowling tournament are on the front table.

**Sheepshead Fishing Tournament:**

- John Vonderloh reported on the plans for this year's fishing tournament that will be co-sponsored with the Kiwanis.
- Chuck Schumacher has accept the responsibly of taking care of registrations.

**Junior Shooting Sports:**

- Dave Lemieux discussed the possibility of starting this program.

**FBI Presentation:**

- Dave Lemieux has made arrangements for the FBI to make an presentation on Internet security and social media on April 4 at 2PM and 6PM. The public will be invited.

**Bowling Tournament:**

- The bowling tournament was conducted on February 19, 2012. There were 73 bowlers. The 50/50 raffle made \$325 dollars for the Post general fund and the tournament proceeds netted \$438 dollars for Troop and Family Support.

**Oratorical Contest:**

- Hannah Boutin will be competing at the regional contest at 10 AM at the Ripon College Rodman Centers.

**Good Of The Legion:**

- The Winnebago 40/8 will be distributing "Flags to First Graders" on Tuesday March 20, 2012. All Post members are invited to participate. Contact Dean Larsen for more details.
- Post Member, Ray Hoeft will be on the April 5, 2012 Old Glory Honor Flight.

**Closing**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wipf

Post 234 Adjutant