

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

March 28, 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.

1st Vice Commander Tom Bryson resigned his office due to moving out of state. Commander Steinert appointed Jack Haynes to serve the completion of the 1st VC term. The PEC approved this appointment. Jack will resign his position of Sgt-at-Arms and the position will be left open until new elections are held.

Roll Call: ***Not in attendance # Excused**

Commander	Dave Steinert	1st Vice	Jack Haynes
2nd Vice	Becky O'keefe#	Sgt-at-Arms	Dave Schmude
Adjutant	Bob Wipf	Sgt.-at-Arms	open
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		

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms, reported 37 members and 1 guest, Tom Schneider, was present.

Correspondence:

- VC Haynes read a thank you from Hannah Boutin for her support in the oratorical contest.
- The Adjutant discussed the new brochure and special programs at Camp AL.
- There is a stand-down on March 31, 2012 at the Appleton armory for homeless veterans.
- May 4, 2012 there is a celebration for WWII veterans at the National RR Museum in Green Bay.
- The Adjutant discussed the benefits on signing up with the VA. Contact Bob Wipf for details.
- Department Convention is July 19-22, 2012 at Middleton, WI.
- Contact Bob Wipf for applications for Department Standing Committees.
- Post 38 Appleton is hosting the Department golf outing on September 8, 2012. (see Bob for details)
- July 18, 2012 is American Legion Day at Miller Ball Park.

Financial Officer Report:

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the PEC and Post Meeting on 2/22/12 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

Adjutant Report:

- The Adjutant discuss the motions passed at the PEC meeting earlier this evening.

Chaplain/Sickness & Distress:

- The Post Chaplain sent a card to Bob Gruetzmacher. Earl Miller reported on his recent visit with Bob. Our prayers go out to him and his family.
- Ed Goss continues to battle with stage 4 cancer. John Vonderloh reported on his visit with Ed. Our prayers go out to him and his family.

Membership:

- John Vonderloh introduced Don Roberts, one of our distant members who was at the Post meeting.
- John introduced 2 new prospective members, John Crha and James Martin.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the above names, pending confirmation of their DD214, as members of Post 234. **Motion Carried.**
- John had all members present at the meeting introduce themselves.

Special Presentation:

- Commander Steinert displayed a Memorial print (#4) that was donated by the Janiak family to the Post.

Honor Guard:

- The Honor Guard will be present to meet WWII Post member Ray Hoeft at the Old Glory Honor Flight return at the airport on April 5, 2012. All Post members are invited.
- 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. All members are invited to join in.

Legacy Stone At The High Ground:

- John Vonderloh discussed the plans to create a donation fund and set a stone for Post member Ed Goss.
- The fund will be administered by Dave Lemieux.

Service Officer:

- 5000 poppies have been ordered for this year's distributed.

Poppy Chairman Report:

- Dave Schmude reported that poppies will be distributed on April 20 & 21, 2012 at the Piggly Wiggly in Omro.
- The second distribution will be June 8 & 9, 2012 @ Festival in Oshkosh.
- The third distribution will be August 15, 16, 17 @ Omro Piggly Wiggly and Kwik Trip.

Historian:

- Darryl reported the pictures of the 40/8 Flags program are on the front table.

A & G Testing:

- Laurie Koepke reported the test will be given on April 3, 2012. 180 tests were ordered.
- Laurie requested the help of 5 members to grade the tests.

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.

BBS/BGS Report:

- John Hoeft reported on the BBS/BGS program for 2012.
- Each program had 6 applicants. One boy and one girl have been selected to attend

AL Baseball:

- John Hoeft reported on the status on the Baseball program.
- The team will have a new coach this year.
- OBSA will continue to sponsor the program.
- The date of the OAA/Legion tournament has be changed to August 17-18, 2012. The proceeds of the tournament will support a \$500.00 scholarship for a Legion ball player.

Golf Outing:

- Commander Steinert reported on the arrangements for the outing. We will be selling \$75.00 hole sponsorships.
- See Dave Steinert for registrations forms.

Sheepshead Fishing Tournament:

- John Vonderloh reported on the timeline and plans for this year's fishing tournament that will be co-sponsored with the Kiwanis. John has met with the Kiwanis representatives.
- Chuck Schumacher has placed the computer registration program on his computer.
- John reminded the members that the Post will help for members on the day of the event July 7, 2012.

Donation Request:

- Commander Steinert discussed a motion approved earlier by the PEC that recommended the Post donate \$100.00 to the Omro Police K9 unit.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the \$100.00 donation to the Omro Police K9 unit. **Motion Carried.**

District Conference:

- Jim Romnek, Commander Steinert, and Jack Haynes were nominated as delegates to the Spring Conference.
- A motion was made and seconded to elect the three members above as delegates to the Spring Conference.

Motion Carried.

- Pete Hennes and Darryl Schmidt will be Delegates-at-Large.

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