

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
April 22, 2009**

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Commander, Rick Deiss at approximately 7:30 PM, a recitation of the Pledge to Allegiance, Post 234 Mission Statement, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by the Chaplain Ray Janiak

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

Commander	Rick Deiss	1st Vice	Ken Flock
2nd Vice	Pete Hennes*		
Adjutant	Bob Wipf#	Sgt.-at-Arms	Tom Weber
Finance Officer	Ed Mason	Parliamentarian	Ray Hoeft #
Chaplain	Ray Janiak	Historian	Darryl Schmidt
Service Officer	Ken Ochalla	Past Cdr	John Hoeft
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen, Ken Jungwirth#		

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 3/25/09 and the PEC meeting of 4/15/09 were distributed and approved as printed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms reported 33 members and 3 guests present. Guests included Rosemarie Pitz, County Commander, Senator Randy Hooper, Norman Thums, and Steve Davis

State Legislative Meeting Report: Commander Deiss and PC John Hoeft provided a report on the meetings held in Madison. Rick identified the 3 key veteran issues of concern with the proposed state budget.

Special Presentation by Senator Randy Hooper: Senator Hooper provided a presentation and background information on the transfer tax, bed tax, and revenues slated for the Veterans Museum. He then fielded several question on the proposed tax. He has offered to assist any Veteran or attend any meeting where he could be of assistance.

Resolution to incorporate the post: Commander Deiss read the resolution to incorporate the post. This resolution will be read and voted on at the next regular post meeting.

Consolidated Post Reports: Members should report any activities they where involved in this year. Please indicate the number of hours and any monies spenp

Post 234 Bowling Tournament: The proceeds of the tournament was \$517.00 And will be donated to the Legacy Fund.

Spring Veterans Dinner: Ed Goss reported that the deadline for getting the food order in is the 1st of May. Chuck Albashion and Bill Spanbauer currently lead the ticket sales. Any last minute donation should be dropped off at John Hoeft's office

Food Pantry: Ed Goss thanked all that brought in donations for the food pantry last month and reminded the membership they can bring items each month.

Cycle Ride: The cycle ride will be July 18, 2009. The event will start and end at the firehouse. Jim Yost is in need of volunteers for the ride.

Memorial Day Committee: Commander Deiss is looking for volunteers for the following Memorial Day services.

–Memorial clean up will be Sunday 24th @10 AM.

– Members to carry the flowers for the POW/MIA's

– Members to set up chairs, sound system, and podium at 7:30 Monday morning.

– Please signup on the sheet in the back of the room

Adoption of 1157th Transportation Unit: Commander Deiss has had communication with the unit and is expecting another call next week. He will present more information at the next meeting.

Spring Conference:

- The following members volunteered to be delegates to the spring District 6 Conference being held at Fond du Lac Post on 4/26/09 at 9:00 AM: Laurie Koepke, Ken Flock, Darryl Schmidt, Rick Deiss, Ed Mason, and Pete Hennes.
- Two post members are running for district office. Pete Hennes for Sgt-at-Arms and Ken Flock for Central VC.

Correspondence:

Commander Deiss reported the post is invited to participate in the Annual Youth Days in Waukau June 14th. Prade line up will be at 11:30. Dean will take care of arranging the Honor Guard.

1st Vice-Commander Report: Ken reported that his son Chad is at Fort Bliss and they are getting ready to deploy.

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No Report

Financial Officer Report

- Ed Mason presented the post account balance, A copy of the full reports was available on the back table. A motion was made by Jon Vonderloh and seconded by Dean Larsen to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ed Mason & Jim Romnek provided a explanation of the C19 versus C3 tax status

Historian: No Report

Chaplin & Sickness or Distress: Elemer Manske is still in a nursing assistance home in Tennessee

Service Officer: Ken requested a committee meeting following the post meeting to discuss issues with the Poppy Drive

County Commander Report: Next meeting of the council will be on June 20th in Winneconne. Election of officers will take place. Plans are being made for county government day.

6th District Report: Jim Romnek reported on the some pending decisions that Department will be making on the future printing of the Badger Legionnaire

Membership Report: John Vonderloh reported that the post is at 116% membership. Any one interested in PUFL membership should see him.

Honor Guard: Dean reported 7 members showed up for a practice. Several funerals are scheduled. The HG will be putting flags up at the Pickett Cemetery

BBS/BGS: John Hoeft reported there will be 3 participants sponsored for each event. One each from Post 234

Legion Baseball: PC Hoeft reported that the program is strong. Cost to the post for entry fees will be \$325. Program advertisements are available at the \$25, \$50, \$100 levels. See John if you are interested.

Good Of The American Legion:

- See Ed Mason if you are interested in helping with the Honor Flights of WWII veterans to Washington DC. There is a hub forming in Appleton.
- The 40/8 will be conducting a flags for 1st graders program at the Omro School. See Dean Larsen for details.

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 8:53 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplin, Ray Janiak

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Adjutant Post 234