

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

April 25, 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, Mission Statement, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by John Hoeft.

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		

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the PEC and Post Meeting on 3/28/12 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

Financial Officer Report:

- Dave Lemieux presented an oral and written report of the Post account balances as of the end of March. 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. **Motion carried.**

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms, reported 34 members and 1 guest, Jennifer Wolel, was present.

Membership:

- John Vonderloh introduced Jennifer Wolel.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Jennifer Wolel, pending confirmation of her National Guard status. **Motion Carried.**
- Member Debra Johnson provided a brief history of her military service.

Correspondence:

- May 4, 2012 there is a celebration for WWII veterans at the National RR Museum in Green Bay.
- July 18, 2012 is American Legion Day at Miller Ball Park.
- Post 38 Appleton is hosting the Department golf outing on September 8, 2012. (see Bob for details)
- Contact Bob Wipf for applications for Department Standing Committees.
- Department Convention is July 19-22, 2012 at Middleton, WI.
- The Adjutant discussed the new brochure and special programs at Camp AL.
- Received a thank you from the City of Omro Police for our donation to the K9 fund.

1st Vice Commander: No report

Adjutant Report:

- The Adjutant discussed the motions passed at the PEC meeting earlier this evening. Donations included: \$100.00 to the Military Museum in Oshkosh, \$500.00 to the Omro HS Band uniform fund, \$200.00 AL Legacy Scholarship Fund, \$300.00 to DAV transportation fund, \$500.00 to Camp American Legion facilities fund.

Special Presentation:

- Commander Steinert displayed a certificate the Post received from the National Commander .

Membership:

- Post membership is at 151. Eight members have been contacted several times and have chosen not to renew.

Honor Guard:

- The Color Guard will lead the Memorial Day Parade and the Waukau Parade.
- 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.
- The OAA has requested the Color Guard post colors at the opening of the baseball season. This is the 40th year of OAA.

Service Officer:

- Contact John Hoeft with any veteran benefit issues.
- John visited Post member Russ Wagner at Parkview. Russ sends greeting to the Post.

Chaplain/Sickness & Distress:

- Ken Larsen visited Bob Gruetzmacher and noted he will be coming home on Friday
- 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.

A & G Testing:

- Laurie Koepke reported that 158 student took the test this year.
- The teachers are requesting additional information on the test material.
- Winners in each grade will be presented stipends at the Spring assembly

BBS/BGS Report:

- John Hoeft reported on the BBS/BGS program for 2012.
- The BBS is conducted at the Ripon College.

Historian:

- Darryl reported the pictures of the Honor Flight are in the book at the front table.

Fishing Tournament:

- John Vonderloh reported on the arrangements, permits, and licenses for the tournament.
- John is requesting assistance with picking up door prizes. See John for the list of past donors.
- Registration forms will be sent out in May.

Golf Outing:

- Commander Steinert reported on the arrangements for the outing.
- Five teams have currently registered.
- Major prizes include tickets to Country USA and Rock USA.
- Hole sponsors have been contacted.
- See Commander Dave if you need forms or posters.
- Workers are needed for the event day May 19, 2012

Memorial Day Events:

- Help is needed for cleaning up the Memorial on Sunday May 27th. See Commander Steinert if you can help.
- May 26, 2012 will be the Memorial Dance. Next month a sign up sheet for workers will circulate.
- 41 names will be engraved on the Memorial this year. (Adjutant's Note: the final number is 48)
- See Rick Deiss for dance posters.
- Flags will be put on the Picket cemetery one week before Memorial Day.

Legacy Stone At The High Ground:

- Dean Larsen reported on the busses arranged for the trip to Highground. Six openings are still available.
- Post 234 will be providing all the services on that day.
- Dean requested members to help with making sandwiches and other refreshment items. Several members volunteered to assist Dean with food items.

6th District Conference:

- Commander Steinert asked for anyone wishing to be a delegate to contact him after the meeting.

SpeedZone Raffle:

- Post 234 will conduct the 50/50 raffle on September 7 & 8.

Winnebago County Fair:

- John Vonderloh will be looking for bartenders again this year. See John if you are interested in helping.

Post Officer Nominations:

- Contact Dean Larsen if you are interested in holding a Post Officer position.
- Commander Steinert requested anyone interested in being appointed to the Adjutant position contact him.

Good Of The Legion:

- Winnebago County Voiture 751 is conducting a fundraising event at Applebee's on May 20 & 22.

Closing

The meeting closed by Commander Steinert at approximately 8:19 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by John Hoeft.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Wipf , Post 234 Adjutant