

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

May 23, 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 Chaplain Ed Mason.

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	Ed Mason	Historian	Darryl Schmidt
Service Officer	John Hoeft	Past Cdr	Ken Flock
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen, Ken Jungwirth		

Resignation Of Chaplain:

• Commander Steinert accepted Chaplain Goller's resignation and appointed Ed Mason to complete the term of Office. The PEC confirmed this appointment.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the PEC and Post Meeting on 4/25/12 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report:

Sgt-at-Arms, reported 33 members and 2 guests, Tom Snider and John Kleinschmidt was present.

Correspondence:

- Received a thank you from the DAV for our donation to the transportation fund.
- Department Convention is July 19-22, 2012 at Middleton, WI.
- July 18, 2012 is American Legion Day at Miller Ball Park. See Bob Wipf for tickets.
- 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.

1st Vice Commander: No report

Financial Officer Report:

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

Chaplain Report:

- Chaplain Mason requested that all members contact him if they are aware of any Veterans needing a Chaplain.

Membership:

- John Vonderloh reported that we remain at 114% in membership, we did however lose 8 prior members.

Honor Guard:

- The Color Guard will lead the Memorial Day Parade and the Waukau Parade.
- On June 14, 2012 the Post will be making a presentation at the VA Center in Appleton. See Dean if you would like to participate.
- The Color guard will lead the July, 4 parade.
- On July 22, 2012 the Color Guard will present colors at the Timber rattlers game.
- The Post will putting flags on the Pickett Cemetery on June 25, 2012. See Dean for details.

Service Officer:

- Contact John Hoeft with any veteran benefit issues.

Historian:

- Darryl reported the pictures of the golf outing and flag presentation are in the book at the front table.

A & G Testing:

- Winners in each grade will be presented stipends at the Spring assembly on Friday June 1, 2012 @ 8AM.

Legion Baseball:

- Legion baseball will begin on June 14, 2012 at Wautoma. The schedule will be put on the Post website.
- A \$500.00 Legion / OAA Scholarship will be awarded to a Omro Legion ball player that played 2 or more years of Legion Baseball.

Flag Disposal: Flag disposal service will be June 14, 2012 at 6 PM.

Golf Outing:

- Commander Steinert reported the golf outing grossed \$6,038 and netted \$3,280.62.

Fishing Tournament:

- John Vonderloh reported that 106 invitations have been mailed out.
- Chuck Schumacher reported that at present there are 51 boats registered.
- John requested help on the day before and the day of the fishree.
- 3000 tickets have been printed and help is needed to sell tickets. Earl Miller “volunteered” to administer the tickets sales.
- John read the list of major event donors.
- John has door prize donation forms.

Memorial Weekend Events:

- May 26, 2012 will be the Memorial Dance. At 7:00 PM there will be tribute to Veterans. See Rick Deiss for dance posters. A sign up sheet for workers will circulated tonight.
- Help is needed for cleaning up the Memorial on Sunday May 27th. See Commander Steinert if you can help.
- Ed Mason reported that the Post has received 87 chairs from the Catholic church. They will be stored at the firehouse.

High Ground Trip:

- Dean Larsen reported six seats are still available on the bus. Two busses will leave the Omro HS at 8:00 AM on June 9, 2012.

Poppy Distribution:

- Dave Schmude reported that Poppy distribution will be on June 8, 9. & 10 at Festival Foods
- More Poppy distributions will be on June 15, 16, and 17 at Piggly Wiggly & Kwik Trip.
- Sign up sheets are available in the back of the room.

Adjutant Report:

- The Adjutant requested that members turn in their activities reports, so the CPR can be completed.

Spring Conference Report: No motions affecting the Post were passed.

County Commanders Report:

- County Commander Hennes discussed the events that will be happening at the Winnebago County Fair this year.
- Friday is Veterans Day at the fair.
- Saturday the booth will be manned by the Winnebago County Posts. American flags will be raffled off on Saturday.

Nominations Committee Report:

- Dean Larsen reported the following nominations have been made for Post Officers: Commander Dave Steinert, 1st VC Jack Haynes, 2nd VC Becky O’Keefe, Service Officer Bob Wipf, Sgt-at-Arms Dave Schmude, Chaplain Ed Mason, Historian Darryl Schmidt, Parliamentarian Jim Romnek, 3-year Member-at-Large Ken Jungwirth
- There is one Sgt-at-Arms position open.
- Finance Officer and Adjutant are appointed by the Commander and confirmed by the PEC.
- Nominations are still open until election next month.

Good Of The Legion:

- Ed Mason reported that he has become aware of four burial plots in Lakeview in Oshkosh that are available for Veteran use. See Ed for more details.

Closing

The meeting closed by Commander Steinert at approximately 8:25 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Chaplain Ed Mason.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Wipf, Post 234 Adjutant