

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
May 27, 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 4/22/09 and the PEC meeting of 5/20/09 were distributed and approved as printed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms reported 3 guests present. Guests included Rosemarie Pitz, County Commander, James Freeman, and Lt Col Hurt

Special Presentations:

- Heather McQue provided a presentation on the website work she is doing to assist sending parcels to the troops. The PEC will discuss at a future meeting if we can provide help with postage.
- Lt Col Hurt provided a presentation on Iraq Freedom. He discussed his experiences with the 432th during 2 different Iraq tours in 2004 and 2008.

Resolution to Incorporate the post: Commander Deiss read the resolution to incorporate the post. A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Ed Goss to ratify the resolution as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Nomination of officers: Pete Hennes conducted nomination of officers for next year. All existing officers were nominated and accepted nomination for next year except Finance Officer. Toni Viegut was nominated and accepted for the office of Finance Officer. Nominations will remain open until elections next month.

Spring Veterans Dinner: Earl Miller and Ed Goss reported on the positive and negative comments received about the dinner

Timber Rattler Game: Commander Deiss reported that the Honor Guard has been invited to post colors at the ball game on July 3, 2009. All veterans will be admitted free with identification. Rick will check in to obtaining a bus so the post could travel as a unit.

Cycle Ride: The cycle ride will be July 18, 2009. The event will start and end at the firehouse. Jim Yost reported he had 10 volunteers so far. Jim has made plans for posters and banners. Jim is also working on the route.

State Convention Delegates: Delegates and alternates were selected.

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:

- Two post members were elected for district office. Pete Hennes for Sgt-at-Arms and Ken Flock for Central VC. Roy Helms was elected for District Commander.

Phone Cards for the troops: A request was made to purchase phone cards for Chad Flock's unit. A motion was made by Dean Larsen and seconded by Tom Weber to purchase \$100.00 worth of cards. The motion carried unanimously

Correspondence:

- Commander Deiss reported letter indicating \$142,000 donation has been received for the Museum in Oshkosh
- Ken Flock read a letter from his son's commander in Iraq

1st Vice-Commander Report: No Report

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 Laurie Koepke and seconded by Chuck Albashion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ed provided detailed reports for the golf outing and dinner.

Historian: Pictures are available for viewing from the recent events

Chaplin & Sickness or Distress: Elemer Manske has transferred to Post Everlasting

Service Officer: Ken requested volunteers for the poppy drive.

County Commander Report: Next meeting of the council will be on June 18th in Winneconne. Election of officers will take place. Plans are being made for county government day.

6th District Report:

- Jim Romnek reported that District has cut the awards for the oratorical contest.
- Jim provided more information on the Honor Flights program.
- Free admittance to the Milwaukee County Zoo is July 5th. See Bob Stone CVSO for free wristbands.

Membership Report: Any one interested in PUFL membership should see him.

Honor Guard: Dean reported on the upcoming events for the Honor Guard, including Flag retirements and Timber Rattlers game.

Legion Baseball: PC Hoeft reported the schedule will start in about 2 and half weeks.. Program advertisements are available at the \$25, \$50, \$100 levels. See John if you are interested.

Winnebago Fair: John Vonderloh reported the post will again be tending bar at the fair in August.

Good Of The American Legion:

- Ed Goss invited everyone to his 80th birthday party on June 19th.
- Ed Mason is accepting orders for Legion Hats or other items.

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 9:03 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplin, Ray Janiak

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Adjutant Post 234