

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
June 24, 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 5/27/09 and the PEC meeting of 6/17/09 were distributed and approved as printed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms reported 27 members and 3 guests present. Guests included Rosemarie Pitz, County Commander, Sgt. Joseph Connley 1157th, a

Summer Picnic: Commander Deiss request the membership choice the date of picnic between a Saturday night or the regular meeting night August 26,2009. The membership selected August 26,2009. The picnic will be held at Miller Park

Post Insurance: Several months ago the PEC requested several members to look into the cost on general liability insurance for the post. Rick Deiss & Ed Mason recently spoke with a representative. About what was needed to properly protect the post. This would include the insuring of events such as the MC ride and the bonding of officers for embezzlement. The price of the policy required was \$571.00. A motion was made by Paul Miller and seconded by Laura Koepke to accept the insurance bid. The motion carried unanimously.

4th of July Pancake Breakfast: The post was requested to conduct s pancake breakfast on July 4th by Tanners Tap. The breakfast will be \$5.00 per plate and server from from 7-11 AM . Everything is being provided by Tanners except the table servers and buses. To assist with the event contact Ed Mason or Pete Hennes. Even if you can't help thank Pete and Ed for making this fundraiser happen.

Speedzone 50/50 Raffle: Help is needed for the July 17th Speedzone Raffle. This is a good chance to meet some of your friends, raise some money for the post and see some local racing. Either sign up on the sheet in the back of contact ED Mason or Rick Deiss.

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. There was not enough interest to rent a bus, so not bus will be available, but see Dean Larsen if you still need tickets for the game

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. Ray Jainiak chose to retire from Chaplain this year and Steve Goller accepted the nomination. Dean Larsen was nominated for the 3-year member-at-large

Election Of Officers: Having no contested officers a motion was made by Laurie Koepke and seconded by Tom Weber to elect the roll of nominated officers. The motion carried unanimously

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. Jim requested all members get more door prizes.

High Ground Tribute: Ed Goss reported on the plans for tribute to be held at the Omro Veterans Memorial on August 5, 2009 at 3:15 PM. If you would like to participate and attend the dinner contact Ed Goss

Poppy Fund: There will be opportunities to collect at Piggly Wiggly, Kwik Trip, and the pharmacy on the June 26th and 27th. Contact Ed Goss if you can help

Adoption of 1157th Transportation Unit: Commander Deiss introduced Sgt Connely from the 1157th who expressed his gratitude for our offer to help support his unit and shared some ideas on how this relationship could grow.

Badger Boys/Girls State: Commander Rick read a thank you note from this years BBS participant, PC Hoeft wil[try to have them speak at a future post meeting.

1st Vice-Commander Report: Winnebago Red Arrow is having a Brat Fry at Red's on 26th and 27th.

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 Ed Goss and seconded by Laurie Koepke to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

• Ed provided detailed reports for the golf outing and dinner.

Legacy Fund: Rick reported that nearly \$200.00 has been collected so far.

Historian: Pictures are available for viewing from the recent Memorial Day events

Service Officer: Ken requested volunteers for the poppy drive

County Commander Report: Rosemarie indicated the Pete Hennes will be taking over as County Commander after State Convention. Rosemarie also presented \$100.00 to Ed Goss for the High Ground Tribute.

6th District Report: No Report.

Membership Report: No Report

Honor Guard: No Report

4th of July Parade: To participate in the parade be at the Omro PW building by 11:30,

Legion Baseball: PC Hoeft reported the season is started and our team is looking good. See John Hoeft for any details about how you can help or donate

October DAV High Ground Event: See John Hoeft 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