

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

July 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 Chaplain 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 Hoelt#	Past Cdr	Ken Flock
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen, Ken Jungwirth		

The minutes of the PEC and Post Meeting on 6/27/12 were distributed and approved as printed. Minutes are also on the Post website.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report:

Sgt-at-Arms, reported 28 members and 4 guests were present. Guests were Gary Peplper, Floyd Waters, Tom Schiender, and David Holtz.

Membership:

- John Vonderloh introduced new members Gary Peplper, Floyd Warers, and Tom Schiender.
A motion was made and seconded to accept these three veterans into the Post Membership. **Motion Carried.**
- Post membership goal is 167 for 2013. Currently 83 members have renewed.

Correspondence:

- Department golf outing on September 8, 2012 at Winnegamie Golf Course. (See Bob Wipf for details)
- August 16-19 "The Wall" will be at the Oshkosh Expo Center.

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 June. 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.**

Adjutant Report:

- No major voting issues were brought before the PEC.

Chaplain Report: Nothing to report

Honor Guard:

- The Honor Guard did four funerals so far this year.
- On July 22, 2012 the Color Guard did present colors at the Timber rattlers game.
- Dean Larsen requested that three of the Honor Guard be available to post colors at the Ed Pierce Memorial ball game.

Service Officer: No report

BBS/BGS:

- Commander Steinert reported that both the boy and girl attended their respective camps and will provide a report at the Summer Picnic

Legion Baseball:

- There was a good turnout of members for the July 11, 2012 Post 234 night. The Color Guard posted colors.
- The Post 234 team suffered their first defeat of the season.
- A \$500.00 Legion / OAA Scholarship will be awarded to a Omro Legion ball player that played 2 or more years of Legion Baseball.

Historian:

- Darryl reported he is finishing the Post 234 history book for the 2011-2012 year.

Pancake Breakfast:

- Ken Jungwirth reported that the pancake breakfast net profits were \$480.00.

Sheephead Fishing Tournament:

- John Vonderloh reported that 108 boats participated.
- John recognized the tournament's major sponsors.
- John reported that net profit was \$4,816.16. The pay out to the Kiwanis has not been determined yet.

Department Convention:

- Commander Steinert reported on the events of the Department Convention.
- Post 234 had a 30 minute meet with the National Commander.
- Post 234 won five different memberships awards, including the national "Post Excellence Award".
- The convention program book is available for viewing, see Bob Wipf.

New Bussiness**Summer Post Picnic:**

- Chris Deiss reported on the arrangements for the summer picnic to be held on August 22, 2012 @ 5:30 PM @ Lower Miller Park Shelter. Contact Chris for details.
- There is a sign up sheet being passed around.
- There will be no newsletter for August.

Winnebago County Fair:

- John Vonderloh requested members to sign up for several of the open shifts.
- Bob Stone CVSO will have a booth on Friday which is Veterans Day. If you can help man the booth contact Bob Stones office.
- Winnebago County Council will man the booth on Saturday, contact Pete Henes to help.

50/50 Speed Zone Raffle:

- John Vonderloh requested help running the 50/50 raffle on September 7 & 8.

Veterans Dinner:

- Dinner will be held on October 27, 2012 @ the Omro Firehouse. Tickets are available for sale, please take some tickets to sell.

Veterans Day:

- A motion was made and seconded to hold the regular Veterans Day events on Friday November 10, 2012. **Motion Carried.**
- Left over poppies will be distributed to the students.

Post 234 Christmas Party:

- The Christmas party will be December 15, 2012. More information will be available next meeting.

Wheelchair:

- Ken Jungwirth reported on a motorized wheelchair that is available from Post 75 in Fond du Lac. Ken is currently storing it. Please let Ken know if you are aware of any Veteran that needs one.

Installation Of Post Officers:

- Officers were installed by Past Post 234 Commander Rick Deiss.

Good Of The Legion:

- Dean Larsen is placing an order with emblem sales, contact him if you have an item you would like ordered.
- Prayers are needed for Inert Larsen's son.

Closing

The meeting was closed by Commander Steinert at approximately 8:16 PM with the retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Chaplain Ed Mason.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Wipf
Post 234 Adjutant