

WI Dept. American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
July 24, 2019

Mission: The mission of Daugherty-Hamilton Post 234 is to provide services to Veterans, their families, and our community.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Allen at 7:00 pm @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Mission Statement, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by Chaplain Tom Artz.

Roll Call:	* Not in attendance	# Excused	
Commander	Gary Allen	1st Vice	Sue Koon
2nd Vice	Jack Maloney	Sgt-at-Arms	Dave Schmude
Adjutant	Dave Steinert	Sgt-at-Arms	Tom Schmude
Finance Officer	Rick Deiss	Parliamentarian	Ed Mason
Chaplain	Tom Artz	Historian	Darryl Schmidt
Service Officer	Tom Snider#	Past Cmdr.	Jack Haynes

Members at large: John Vonderloh, Ken Jungwirth, Dean Larsen

Sgt-at Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms reported 31 members and 5 guests – Diane Steinert, Brian Allison, Devin Allison, Jim Troxell, Ken Kafer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the June meeting were distributed. Motion to accept as amended. Carried.

Finance Officer:

Copy of the financial report was available on the back table.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the finance report as printed. Carried.

Correspondence:

Thank you note from BJ Prior.

Thank you from the Winnebago County Veterans Service office for our donation of \$1,00.00 in gift cards.

Newsletters for the Highground, Military Veterans Museum.

Celebration of Freedom at Portage on Sept. 4 – 8.

Thank you from the family of Tom Artz.

Omro Auxiliary is having their Support the Troops Community Donation Drive on September 8.

Chaplain: Nothing to report.

Membership: Dave reported that we started the year with 209 members. We have 3 new members so far with 55 renewed at this time.

Honor Guard:

We have had 8 funerals so far this year. Presented colors at the Timber Rattlers game. On the way to Highground, it rained so hard that they postponed the laying of Don Tritt's Stone. Dean reported that we had a problem with one of our funerals. Ken Kafer apologized to the post for his sister. He presented a check for \$500.00 to the post in appreciation for the military honors given to his father.

Historian: Pictures of the Sheepshead Fisheree, July 4th Parade, and Pancake Breakfast.

Brian Allison reported that there will be a benefit for Jacob Lindstedt. Jacob needs a lung transplant. The benefit will be "Pasta for a Purpose" at Woodeyes in Winneconne, with a Cornhole tournament and dinner to follow, along with raffle baskets. He is requesting to use our Legion name, tax number, and raffle license for the benefit. Motion to accept the request. 2nd. Carried. The event will be held September 21.

Green Wagner reported that Discover Wisconsin had an article about Omro's July 4th celebration, which included a picture of John Vonderloh.

Old Business:

Sheepshead Tournament – John Vonderloh reported that everything went fine. Only complaint was because of the 50/50 raffle that no one claimed it, the money went back to the post. Also, we need a larger truck with electric brakes to haul the fish, as we were overweight. Rick Deiss reported that we made a profit of \$3,424.86. Next year, it should be better because it is going to be a week later.

State Convention – Dave Steinert reported that he took over as the District Adjutant. Convention went well. Bob Borszich is our new District Commander. Jack Maloney is the new Vice Commander West. Our new State Commander is Dave Wisher. Dan Seehafer will be running for National Commander in 2022.

Pancake Breakfast – Laura reported that everything went well. Rick reported that we made \$772.88. Motion by Tom Schmude to give the money to the Venturing Crew. Passed.

New Business:

Gun Raffle – Jack Maloney will be printing up the tickets this week.

Veterans Dinner - Chairman Jack Haynes reported that it will be held on Oct. 19. Lauri Piper, Pat Tanner and Connie Raygo have agreed to cater the dinner.

Flag Retirement – Scheduled for Tuesday, July 30th.

Post Picnic – August 28. Chuck Schumacher reported that everything is on track. Needs some help the day of the picnic.

Sons of the American Legion – Dave Steinert reported that we have 34 members at this time. Next meeting will be August 5th with election of officers.

County Fair – John reported that we still need 4 people to work.

Closing:

The meeting was closed by Commander Allen at 8:08 pm. with the retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Tom Artz

Respectfully submitted by:
David Steinert
Adjutant