

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
January 28, 2008**

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 Ass't Chaplin Charles Albashion

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 Cmd	John Hoeft
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen, Ken Jungwirth		

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 11/26/08 and the PEC meeting of 1/21/09 were distributed and approved as printed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms reported 30 members and 5 guests present. Guests included Rosemarie Pitz, County Commander, Julie Quinn, Morgan Grove, Nicole Toe

Special Presentations:

- Nicole Toetz, Omro High School Sophomore, presented her Oratorical Speech for the membership. Bob Wipf presented Nicole with a Certificate and a scholarship check. Bob also presented Tracey Miller, Omro High School teacher, with a Certificate and a coaching fee.

- Rick Deiss presented John Vonderloh with a 100% Membership award that the Post received at Mid-Winter.

Membership Report: John Vonderloh briefly discussed how membership names appear on the rosters and how that information is tied to renewal notices.

50/50 Raffles: Commander Rick discussed the decision of the PEC to divide the proceeds of all 50/50 raffles this year equally between the Post general revenue and the Legacy Fund

Legionnaire Of The Year: Commander Rick informed those that were not at the Christmas dinner that Ed Goss was chosen as Legionnaire of the Year.

Spring Veterans Dinner: Ed Goss reported on the early plans for the dinner. The dinner will be May 9th. The cost will be \$20 same as previous dinners. Ken Flock will be taking care of the raffles and auctions.

25th Anniversary of the High Ground: There will be a re-enactment of the bicycle ride done 25 years ago. The Omro Veterans Memorial will be one of the stops on the bike tours. They have requested our honor guard and other services. They will also need lodging for the bike riders. There will be more detail next month.

• Mid-Winner Conference:

Pete Hennes reported on the discussions during the general sessions. The membership is encouraged to keep an eye on the state legislator for bills that effect veterans.

- Jim Romnek discussed the decision by the Department DEC to cut the Badger Legionnaire from 12 issues per year to 10 issues.

Correspondence: Bob Wipf reported on the February 21st Sixth District Americanism Banquet. Reservations should be made with Ed Mason by Feb. 15th.

!st Vice-Commander Report: Ken Flock presented Pete Hennes with the "I Got Hooked Award"

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 Charles Albashion and seconded by Shorty Miller to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- There was a recent deposit to the Omro Veterans Memorial Account that had no name. If anyone knows the identity please connect Ed Mason
- Ed reported that the Oshkosh Foundation Fund has dropped below \$20,000 and will not be available for expenses until it climbs back to above \$20,000.

Adjutants Report: Working with the HS Counselor, a new recruiting format has provided enough applicants to send 3 girls and 3 boys to BBS/BGS.

Historian: Darryl Schmidt reported on recent pictures he has taken at the Christmas dinner. Darryl has also made Post 234 refrigerator magnets that are available for sale, see Ed Mason.

County Commander Report: Next meeting of the council will be at Omro on Feb 19th.

6th District V-C Report: Jim discussed some of the general qualifications for the Samsung scholarship.

Post 234 Bike Ride: Commander Rick requested volunteers for this event contact Tim Freidmen

Honor Guard:

- Dean Larsen reported on recent funerals performed by the Omro Honor Guard. Any Honor Guard members needing uniforms contact either Dean or Ed Mason

A & G Testing: Bob Wipf reported that 3 of the 4 Omro students won scholarships. The Scholarships will be presented at the spring awards at the High School

American Legion Baseball:

- John Hoeft reported that our team making plans for next year's season.

Post 234 Bowling Tournament: There will be a 9-pin tap bowling tournament on April 3-5. The proceeds of the tournament will be used for the Legacy Fund. Cost to bowl will be \$20.00. There will also be a 50/50 raffle each session.

Good Of The Order:

- Dean Larsen presented an offer for patriotic t-shirts.
- John Hoeft requested Post 234 support for the DAV Legacy Stone on Oct 10th

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 8:42 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Ass't Chaplin, Charles Albashion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wipf

Adjutant Post 234