

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, March 26, 2008**

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Commander, Rick Deiss at approximately 7:30 PM, a recitation of the Pledge to Allegiance, Preamble to the Constitution, 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	Jon Friedrich
Finance Officer	Ed Mason	Parliamentarian	Ray Hoeft #
Chaplain	Ray Janiak	Historian	Wayne Schmick
Service Officer	Ken Ochalla		
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen # , Ken Jungwirth		

Sergeant-at-Arms Report:

• Jon reported 39 members and guests. New member present Tom Weber.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 2/27/08 and the PEC meeting of 3/19/08 were distributed and approved as printed.

Old Business:

- Comander Deiss reported that he and Ed Mason took a flower basket to Angela Hahn at the Omro nursing home. She was very grateful.
- Commander Deiss reported on the Traveling Wall event April 30th - May 5th to be held in Oshkosh. Omro Post 234 has been invited to provide the 12:30 PM ceremony on May 3rd. A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Pete Hennes & Laurie Koepke to accept the invitation. The motion carried unanimously.
- John Hoeft requested volunteers to help with security and computers at the The Wall. Volunteers should sign up with John after the meeting.
- Bike Ride Chairman, Tim Frieman requested all committee members meet at 6:30 PM before the next post meeting on April 23rd.

New Business:

- Commander Deiss reported that the post was requested to provide Color Guard for Flag Day Sunday June 8th @ 9:30 at the Elks Club in Oshkosh.
- Commander Deiss reported that the post has also been requested to participate in the Waukau Parade on June 8th @ 12:00 PM.
- Wayne Schmick requested that the post consider a donation for the “Bean Baby” campaign being done in Oshkosh for the benefit of Iraq children. The request was tabled.

Correspondence:

- Bob Wipf reported on the Military Funeral Training being held in Princeton on April 12th. See Bob for details.
- Greenlawn Memorial Park is conducting a Armed Forces ceremony on April 17th, see Bob Wipf for details.
- Ken Flock provide an medical update on Tom Korn's wife, Wendy.
- John Hoeft reported posts he visited in FL.
- Ed Goss reported his grandson will be back from Iraq in 2 weeks.

6th District Spring Conference:

• Commander Deiss requested volunteers for conference delegates. Laurie Koepke, Bob Wipf, and Rick Deiss will be the post delegates.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: Pete Hennes provided an update report from Bev Britt in Iraq. She thanked us for the calling cards the post provided

Financial Officer Report as of 11/30/07 & 12/30/07

• Financial Officer, Ed Mason presented the post account balances, a copy of the full reports was available on the back table. A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Laurie Koepke to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjutant: Bob requested anyone aware of a deceased post member within the last year please contact him.

Historian:History books are available for veiwing on the back table.

Chaplin Sickness & Distress Report: No Report

Service Officer: Ken reported that the Poppies have arrived. Distribution will be at the Veterans Dinner, golf outing, Memorial Day, and at Omro Pharmacy.

6th District V-C Report: No report

Post Announcements

• Winnebago County Council meeting is April 17th at Fire Station 17 in Oshkosh @ 7:30 PM.

Membership:

- John Vonderloh requested all members present introduce themselves.
- John presented National Commanders membership award to Commander Rick Deiss.
- Dues can be sent to PO Box 234 Omro, WI 54963

Special Presentation: Laurie Koepke presented Pat Tanner with a antique duck decoy for his continuing support for the post.

Golf Outing: Posters are available. Golf outing will be at Lake Breeze in Winneconne on May 24th 8:00 AM shotgun start. John recongized several post wives who have been out getting donations.

Honor Guard:

- Ed Mason requested that anyone interested in joining the Honor Guard contact him.
- A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Ed Mason to create a standing order to require Honor Guard members to first certify before any uniforms are issued. The motion carried unanimously.

Veterans Dinner Chairman: Ed Goss reported this event is scheduled for May 10th. Social will be at 5PM with Dinner at 6PM. There will also be a raffle and silent auction similar to last year, so start to get donations. This year's speaker is Kate Farrel. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Only 225 tickets will be sold. Posters are available, see Ed Goss.

Memorial Day Report: Please submit the names of any deceased Veterans from this year to Ed Goss.

Children & Youth Report:

- John Hoeft is planning activities in the schools

American Legion Baseball

- First home game is June 5th at the Omro High School. Ten teams are in the league.
- Past Commander Hoeft reported on the details of sponsoring an American Legion Baseball Program. John is ordering patches for the uniforms.
- \$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00 sponsorships are available
- Omro Youth Baseball Association voted to cover most of the actual game expenses.
- Ken Jungwirth requested an article be put in the paper. John will follow up.

TV Show:

- Commander Deiss will follow up on the TV show sponsorship offer from Winch Associates

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 8:38 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplin, Ray Janiak.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf,
Adjutant Post 234