

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, July 23, 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 Ray Hoeft.

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#		
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen , Ken Jungwirth*		

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 6/25/08 and the PEC meeting of 7/16/08 were distributed and approved as printed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report:

• Sgt-at-Arms, Tom Weber, reported 31 members and 3 guests present. Guests included County Commander Rosemarie Pitz, Jay Treleven, Steve Dallar.

Installation Of Officers: 6th District Vice-Commander, Jim Romnek, conducted the installation ceremony in due form.

Old Business:

- Bob Wipf presented a report on the activities of the Americanism Committee and State Convention caucuses. Ken Flock provided a report on the results of the resolutions put forward at convention and results of the state elections. (Adj. Note; more state convention is available on the Department website)
- Commander Deiss presented 5-year and 100% membership awards received at state convention to Membership Chair John Vonderloh.
- Ken Flock presented a special award to Bob Wipf.
- Commander Deiss presented a special appreciation award to Ed Goss for his tireless efforts on behalf of the post.
- Commander Deiss requested a new Memorial maintenance chairperson volunteer to accept the responsibilities.
- Commander Deiss provided an update on the plan for the scheduled MC Ride.
- The PEC recommended the TV show be shot 4 times per year. Dave Mrstik has accepted the chairmanship for the show.
- The PEC donated \$100 to the DAV Transportation Fund.
- The cost of the disabled ramp donated last month turned out to be \$134.00.
- Ken Flock reported on the plans for the summer picnic. The baseball team has been invited as our guests.
- The 2008/2009 post committee assignments are on the back table. Let Rick know if you feel there should be changes.
- John Vonderloh reported on the plans for the post to bar tend at the County fair, volunteers are need, see John after meeting.

Correspondence: Pete Hennes read a thank you note for the wheel chair ramp.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No report

Financial Officer Report

• 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.

Historian: Darryl Schmidt reported on his efforts to develop a post calendar.

Service Officer: No Report

County Commander Report:

- Rosemarie Pitz reported on the plans for County Government Day. Next County meeting is in Menasha.

6th District V-C Report: No report

Membership:

- John Vonderloh reported that the Post has 26 PUFL's and 32 paid members for the 2009 year.

High Ground Legacy Stone Ceremony;

- Ed Goss reported on the plans for the bus trip. The bus will leave at 7:30 AM from the High School parking lot. The winning entry for the engraving contest was "American Legion Post 234 Omro WI Salutes all Veterans. This entry was submitted by Rick Deiss.

Honor Guard:

- Dean reported that the Honor Guard did put flags out at the Pickett Cemetery.
- The Honor Guard will be participating at The High Ground.

American Legion Baseball:

- Commander Deiss reported that one of the Omro players was selected to participate in the all star game in Milwaukee.

New Business

- Ed Mason reported on Camp American Legion information he received at state convention. All members are encouraged to use this facility.
- Bob Wipf provided a report on the American Legion Legacy Fund.
- Bob Wipf reminded the membership about the Veterans Salute Badger Football game in Madison.

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 8:46 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by Ray Hoeft.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wipf

Adjutant Post 234