

WI Department, American Legion Post 234

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, July 25, 2007

Opening:

The meeting was opened by 1st Vice-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 Parliamentarian, Ray Hoeft

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

Commander	John Hoeft#	1st Vice	Rick Deiss
2nd Vice	Sean Edginer*	3rd Vice	Ken Flock
Adjutant	Bob Wipf	Sgt.-at-Arms	Jon Friedrich*
Finance Officer	Pete Hennes*	Parliamentarian	Ray Hoeft
Chaplain	Ray Janiak*	Historian	Wayne Schmick
Service Officer	Ken Ochalla		

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 6/27/07 and the MC/PEC meeting of 6/14/07 were distributed and approved as printed.

Installation of Officers:

- Rosemarie Pitz, Winnebago County Commander performed the installation ceremony of all incumbent and newly elected Post officers.
- Winnebago County Commander, Rosemarie Pitz, performed the installation of Rick Deiss, Post Commander.

Commanders Presentations:

- Commander Deiss thanked the membership for their trust in him and announced it was his birthday.
- Commander Deiss presented Membership Chair, John Vonderloh two Department membership awards received on behalf of the Post.
- Commander Deiss presented 1-Pin's to all membership that recruited at least one member.
- Commander Deiss presented the Department PR award to Steve Volkert & Ken Bressers for the Omro Remembers TV show. This award will also be presented to the Omro A/V Club this fall.
- Vice-Commander Flock presented a Department PR award to Julie Quinn, on behalf of the Omro Herald

Asst Sgt.-at-Arms Report: Recorded 29 members present and reported the following guests Rosemarie Pitz, County Commander, Victor Alveraz, Clausen, Steve Volkert, Julie Quinn, Ken Bressers.

Financial Officer Report as of 7/12/07

- Post Checking Account Balance \$4,289.40 Memorial Fund Checking Balance \$3,724.24 Memorial Money Market Account \$15,117.36. Poppy Fund \$548.06. Honor Guard Account \$100.00 A motion was made by Bob Wipf and seconded. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the full report is available on the back table.
- Outgoing Financial Officer, Pete Hennes, thanked the post membership for all the support he has received over the last 3 years and received the thanks of the post membership.

!st Vice-Commander Message: no report

Adjutants PEC Report:

- At the 7/12/07 PEC meeting, the PEC authorized a donation of \$50 to the National Commander's Lindstul fund.
- The PEC also authorized a \$100.00 donation for the Stg. Wallace Scholarship Fund.

Historian: No report

- Bob Wipf reported that the Post History book is available at the library.

Service Officer: Ken reported on the legislative status of the GI Bill Benefits.

County Council Report: •

Winnebago County Commander Rosemarie Pitz, reported on a new gun lock program as part of the C&Y program.

- Next meeting will 3rd Thursday in September at Neenah.

6th District

- Jim Romnek has been elected the 6th District VC West.
- Jim provide a report on the new slate of District Officers.

State Convention:

- Jim Romnek reported on the results of the Department elections.
- Bob Wipf provided a report on the results of the resolutions presented at conference. Most notably the increase in Department dues was increased to \$3.00. Another resolution concerning eligibility status was approved and forwarded to National.

Chaplin's Report: No Report

Sickness & Distress: No Report

Correspondence:

- Ed Mason reported that the Post Membership is invited to the United Honor Guard picnic on September 22nd at the Marine Corp League.
- Commander Deiss reported that the 80% Vietnam Traveling Wall will be in Oshkosh from April 30th till May 5th. The Wall will be at the Winnebago Expo grounds.
- Bob Wipf has the forms to register for the Department Golf Outing in September, see Bob if interested.
- Dean Larsen reported on the Badger.
- Ed Goss reported that a bus is going to the Highground on October 6th to celebrate the laying of legacy stones for the DAV, VFW, and Marine Corp League.
- Mark Pendergast explained the Omro Athletic Booster calendar raffle.

Old Business:

- Commander Deiss reported that the Post has not taken occupation of the office at the Community Center yet. Occupation is now schedule to be August 1st 2007.
- Adjutant Wipf reported that only 6 membership surveys have been turned in so far. In September the survey will be tabulated and presented to the PEC in October.

New Business:

- Commander Deiss suggested that a major raffle be conducted this fall with the drawing being conducted at the Christmas parade.
- A motion was made by Bob Wipf and seconded by Paul Miller to form a raffle committee to conduct a raffle that will return \$5000.00 to the Post. The motion carried unanimously The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Parade.
- The following members volunteered for the raffle committee: Paul Miller, Laurie Koepke, and Earl Miller, Laurie will be chairman.

Committee Reports:

Post Picnic

- Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the room for the picnic.
- They is no longer a requirement to bring a dish to pass.

Legislative

- Adjutant Wipf reported on the pending legislation concerning the WI GI Bill Benefits. More information is available in the flyer at the back of the room.

Membership:

- It was noted that renewal notices do not appear to have been sent to the Omro membership again. Bob Wipf will investigate the renewal notice problem.
- A discussion on the benefits PUFL was given.

Memorial Name Committee

- Names are still being collected at the library. There has been very little activity.
- It is hoped that we can engrave more names before Veterans Day.
- The Memorial Committee could use more help with name research.
- Mike Coleman provided a report on the Memorial maintenance.

Veterans Dinner

- Ed Goss reported the Veterans Dinner is scheduled for May 10, 2008 at the Fin'n Feather.

Honor Guard:

- Dean Larsen reported there will be training provided on August 6th @ 6:30 PM

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 9:10 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Asst. Chaplin, Elmer Manke.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf,
Adjutant Post 234