

WI Department, American Legion Post 234

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, September 26, 2007

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 9/26/07 and the MC/PEC meeting of 9/13/07 were distributed and approved as printed.

Financial Officer Report as of 7/12/07

• Post Checking Account Balance \$1,752.56 Memorial Fund Checking Balance \$2,962.217 Memorial Money Market Account \$15,282.88. Poppy Fund \$548.06. Honor Guard Account \$100.00 Raffle Fund \$995.00 A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Ken Ochalla to accept the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the full report was available on the back table.

Chaplin's Report:

- Commander Deiss reported that Elmer Manke is in the nursing home in Weyewega. Chaplin Janiak reported that he visited Elmer and he is able to walk and he is breathing on his own. He suffered from congestive heart failure
- Ray Janiak requested that our Representative Tom Petri assist in moving Memorial Day back to the original date. Ray will provide a future.

Correspondence:

- Commander Deiss reported on the new law that allows veterans to salute the flag out of uniform.
- Bob Wipf reported we received a thank you notes from VFW Post 2126 and Sgt Wallace Scholarship Fund for our donations.
- There are forms for the National Commanders recruitment award on the back table.
- There will be a High Ground Legacy Stone service on October 6th.

Commanders Presentations:

- Kristen Hodges provided a report on her tour in Iraq and presented a flag that was flown by the 1157th over a palace in Iraq to Commander Deiss.
- Commander Deiss presented Honor Guard certificates to Armin Lewis, Ed Mason, and John Vonderloh
- 1st Vice Ken Flock presented a certificate for appreciation from National Commander Paul Motrin for the donation to Operation Landstul.

Post Budget:

- Bob Wipf presented a summary report on the budget recommended by the PEC.
- The \$120.00 county assessment was unbudgeted but is covered in undesignated expenses.
- A motion was made by Ed Goss and seconded by Dean Larsen to accept the budget as recommended by the PEC. The motion passed by majority voice vote with one objection recorded.

Post & Memorial Committees:

- Commander Deiss reported on the appointed post committees for 2007/2008. The Post and Memorial committee lists were published in the Newsletter. The Memorial committee is comprised of 8 post members and 5 community members. The first meeting of the newly formed Memorial Committee will be November 7th.

!st Vice-Commander Message:

- Ken Flock presented a report on the history of "taps."

6th District:

- Commander Deiss appointed Laurie Koepke, Bob Wipf, Ed Mason and himself to attend fall conference.
- Jim Romnek reported that Bob Wipf was appointed Department A&G Chairman.
- Jim also reported on the Patriots Day service.

Historian: No report

Service Officer:

- Ken reported the DAV would be available on September 27th or those having questions.
- At the moment the County is in the process of hiring a new Veterans Service Officer.

County Council Report:

- Winnebago County Commander Rosemarie Pitz, reported County government day is October 30th. Any help with this event will be appreciated.

Committees Reports**Honor Guard:**

- Dean Larsen reported that himself and Ed Mason attended the Medal Of Honor service in Menasha.

Children & Youth:

- John Hoeft requested those wanting to help with county Government Day be at the High School by 8:10 AM.

Post Raffle

- Earl Miller reported that ticket sales in the bars have been slow. Earl indicated he will pull tickets from the bars on December 1st and redistribute them. All members should help sell tickets at Oktoberfest. Approximately \$2000.00 worth of tickets have been sold so far.
- 3 signs will be placed around town.

Veterans Day at the High School:

- Ed Goss reported that the service will be held 11/9/07 at the High School. Veterans should assemble at 10:15 AM

Veterans Breakfast At Care Center;

- Dean Larsen reported the breakfast will be held again this year on 11/7/07 at 7:30 AM. Members should sign up at next months meeting.

Membership:

- John Vonderloh reported that the Post has 25 PUFL and only 11 paid renewals as of the meeting.
- Dues can be sent to PO Box 234 Omro, WI 54963
- Renewal notices still have not been sent from national.

Christmas Party:

- Ken Flock reported the Christmas Party will be December 15th at Tanners Tap & Grill. Cost will be \$15.00 per person. More information will be available next month.

Oratorical Contest:

- Bob Wipf reported that the materials have been sent to Tracy Miller at the school and there most likely will be a Post contest again this year.

Channel 19 TV Show:

- Bob Wipf reported there was no September show taped due to the moving of the studio to the Community Center. There will be an October show.
- If you know of a Veteran that would make a good guest, please contact Bob Wipf

Active Duty Veteran News:

- Bev Britt will be deployed, see Dean Larsen for details
- Ed Goss reported that Travis Goss is deployed for the 3rd time.
- Brian Vroman is also deployed.

Closing:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf,
Adjutant Post 234