

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234  
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
February 25, 2009**

**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 Chaplain Ray Janiak

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>*Not in attendance # Excused</b>		
<b>Commander</b>	<b>Rick Deiss</b>	<b>1st Vice</b>	<b>Ken Flock</b>
<b>2nd Vice</b>	<b>Pete Hennes</b>		
<b>Adjutant</b>	<b>Bob Wipf</b>	<b>Sgt.-at-Arms</b>	<b>Tom Weber</b>
<b>Finance Officer</b>	<b>Ed Mason</b>	<b>Parliamentarian</b>	<b>Ray Hoeft #</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Ray Janiak</b>	<b>Historian</b>	<b>Darryl Schmidt</b>
<b>Service Officer</b>	<b>Ken Ochalla*</b>	<b>Past Cdr</b>	<b>John Hoeft#</b>
<b>Members-At-Large:</b>	<b>John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen, Ken Jungwirth</b>		

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 1/28/08 and the PEC meeting of 2/18/09 were distributed and approved as printed.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Report:** Sgt-at-Arms reported 3 guests present. Guests included Rosemarie Pitz, County Commander, Richard Johnson, Kenny ?

**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. Posters are still not ready. There is sign up sheet in the back to help sell 50/50 tickets at the event, please sign up.

**Spring Veterans Dinner:** Ed Goss reported on the plans for the dinner. There are still many tickets to be sold so see Ed for tickets and get out and sell. The dinner will be May 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$20 same as previous dinners. Ed has posters so see him if you have a place to put one up. The speaker will be Col Ken Koon. Ken Flock will be taking care of the raffles and auctions.

**V&R:** Ed Goss requested a sign up sheet to assist with any transportation needs that Bob Wipf may have during his recovery.

**Food Pantry;** Ed Goss requested that each post member bring a non-parishable food item to each meeting for the new food pantry being run by Tom Faust.

**Correspondence:**

- Rick Deiss reported there is a "My Military Hero" essay contest sponsored by the YMCA for children. See Rick for the entry form.
- Rick reported on plans for "Veterans Day at the Capital" There will be a stake holders conference from 10-12. The afternoon will provide opportunities to speak with your representatives. Winnebago is not planning a bus this year so transportation will be on your own.
- Rick read an updated report on the VA claims policy concerning Agent Orange.
- Rick read an reduced ticket offer for military personnel offer from Disneyworld, see Rick for details of offer.

**1st Vice-Commander Report:** No Report

**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 Ed Goss and seconded by Laurie Koeopke to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Chaplin & Sickness or Distress:** Ken Jungwirth provide a report on Post member Ken Nortman,s progress. Our Prayers and hopes go out to the family.

**County Commander Report:** Next meeting of the council will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Oshkosh at the fire station 7:30 PM. There will be nominations for officers. Winnebago oratorical contestant took 2nd at regional.

**6th District V-C Report:** 6th Spring Conference is April 26th at the Fond du Lac Legion Post 75. District elections will be conducted. Rosemarie Pitz was named Legionnaire of the year at the Americanism banquet.

**Membership Report:** John Vonderloh recently sent out 9 letters to those members that have yet to pay their dues.

**Annual Golf Outing:** Ken Jungwirth reported the Golf outing is scheduled for the 23th of May At Lake Breeze Golf course. Posters are available. Food will be available after the golf.

**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:** Laurie Koepke provided a report on A& G Testing results

**Good Of The Order:**

- Rick Deiss has American Legion Rider tickets for sale. Excellent prizes and limited tickets, so see Rick
- Pete Hennes encouraged members to become involved in County Council. Most offices are up for election and many Omro members would make excellent candidates, see Pete or Rosemarie.
- Wayne Schmick informed that the trailer we use for Memorial Day may be sold.

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 8:32 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplin, Ray Janiak

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Wipf  
Adjutant Post 234