

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
November 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 Steve Goller

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

Commander	Rick Deiss	1st Vice	Ken Flock
2nd Vice	Pete Hennes	3rd Vice	Ed Mason
Adjutant	Bob Wipf	Sgt.-at-Arms	Tom Weber*
Finance Officer	Toni Viegut#	Parliamentarian	Ray Hoeft#
Chaplain	Steve Goller	Historian	Darryl Schmidt
Service Officer	Ken Ochalla	Past Cdr	John Hoeft
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen#, Ken Jungwirth		

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Acting Sgt-at-Arms, Darryl Schmidt, reported 29 members and one guest, Rosemarie Pitz.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 10/28/09 and the PEC meeting of 11/18/09 were distributed and approved as printed.

LZ Lambeau Event:

- Ken Jungwirth reported that information on this event could be found on the web at www.lzlambeau.org.
- Commander Deiss requested that anyone interested in a ticket for Saturday contact him and he will try to get tickets all in one section. Ed Mason reported that there may not be assigned seating.

Christmas Party: Ken Flock reported the Christmas Party will be December 12th. Social at 5:00PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM. Ken indicated that there are still tickets available, but 70 people is the maximum allowed. Currently about 50 have signed up.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing:

*John Hoeft reported that he has committed the Post to bell ringing at the Piggly Wiggly on December 11 & 12 from 10AM to 6PM. Each shift will be 2 hours. Each shift should have 2 or more members.

Food Pantry:

- Ed Goss requested that all members bring a paper product to the Christmas party.

Christmas Parade:

- Honor guard members should contact Dean Larsen if they are available to march.

Pearl Harbor Services:

- The Color Guard is requested for this event, contact Dean Larsen if you are available.
- John Hoeft indicated that Bob Nipko will be the key note speaker.
- The event is at the EAA hanger at 7:55 AM

Correspondence:

- Commander Deiss read a letter from the USS Arizona Memorial, thanking our post for provided additional information on Raymond Nusser.
- Applebees is offering the AL Department 15% of the proceeds from meals on December 13th for anyone that brings in the flyer. Flyers are available in the back of the room.
- Laurie Koepke reported that Applebees would hold a pancake breakfast on any Saturday and the Post or County will receive the net proceeds. The Post must provide the bussing of the tables and advertizing.
- Ken Jungwirth suggested we have a pancake breakfast coupon mailed with the raffle mailing the Post is considering on doing later this year.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No Report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No report

County Commander Report:

- Pete Hennes reported the CVSO is having a meeting on December 10, 2009. This will be a special meeting recognizing deceased Veterans and others that have contributed to county activities. Post 234 Color Guard has been requested to present colors and rifle salute.

Financial Officer Report:

- Bob Wipf presented the post account balances. A copy of the full reports was available on the back table. Toni is still on excused absence. A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Chuck Albashion to accept the financial report. The motion carried unanimously.
- John Vonderloh requested that the Adjutant send out a current post roster to all members with e-mail.

Adjutant: No report

Chaplain Report: Ray Janiak lost his son last week.

Historian: Darryl Schmidt photographed the Veteran's Day and the pictures are on the front table and the website.

Service Officer: Ken Ochalla reported he has had no requests for assistance the month. Please contact Ken if you are aware of Veteran in need.

Membership Report: Membership is on track for another 100% year. Current paid membership is 117 members. John has contacted 19 members that have not paid yet. Please contact John if you have a change of address.

For The Good Of The Legion:

- You can subscribe to the Badger Legionnaire, Adjutants Notes, and Commander Notes on the state website at www.wilegion.org
- Several members commented on the respect the kids displayed on Veterans Day. It was suggested that we present an award to the kids that sang. Rick will try to get a recording of the kids singing.
- Jim Romnek commented on the changing of the Wisconsin Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 8:20 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplain, Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Adjutant Post 234