

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234  
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
July 22, 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

**Roll Call:**

**\*Not in attendance # Excused**

<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 6/24/09 and the PEC meeting of 7/15/09 were distributed and approved as printed.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Report:** Sgt-at-Arms reported 34 members and 1 guest present. Guests included Rosemarie Pitz, County Commander

**Installation of Officers:** Rosemarie Pitz, County Commander performed the installation of officer's ceremony.

**Special Presentation:** Commander Deiss presented Laurie with a flower arrangement for her help in organizing the pancake breakfast.

**Fair Beer Tent:** John Vonderloh is looking for volunteers to man the beer tent.

**Organ Donations:** Toni Viegut discussed organ donation and provided organ donation cards for the membership to use.

**Post 2009/2010 Budget:** Commander Deiss discussed the proposed budget put forth by the PEC. A motion was made by Ed Goss and seconded by Laurie Koepke to send the budget back to committee for revision. The motion carried unanimously.

**Summer Picnic:** The picnic will be held at Miller Park on August 26, 2009. Please sign up on the sheet in the rear of the room.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Pancake Breakfast:** Ed Mason provided a financial report for the breakfast.

**Cycle Ride Report:** Jim Yost had no report. Ed Mason provided a financial report for the cycle ride.

**Poppy Fund:** Ed Goss reported on the success of the poppy drive this year, over \$800 was collected.

**High Ground Tribute:** Ed Goss reported on the plans for tribute to be held at the Omro Veterans Memorial on August 5, 2009 at 4:30 PM. If you would like to participate and attend the dinner contact Ed Goss. There is sign up sheet to sign up for the dinner.

**Veterans Dinner:** Ed Goss discussed plans for the May 8, 2011 dinner. The committee is considering using the Omro Fire House.

**Correspondence:** Pete Hennes read a thank you from the Badger Girl the post sponsored.

**1st Vice-Commander Report:** Ken reported on free Brewer tickets. See Ken for details.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Commander Report:** Pete Hennes reported on the plans for Veteran's Day at the Winnebago County Fair

**Financial Officer Report**

- Ed Mason presented the post account balances. A copy of the full reports was available on the back table.
- The PEC requests that chairman provide input for the budget.

**Historian:** No Report

**Sickness and Distress:** Bob Wipf is home after his last surgery.

**Service Officer:** Ken requested members let him know if there are veterans that need help. Ken thanks those that worked on the poppy drive.

**Membership Report:** John Voderloh reported that most members present at the meeting have paid their 2010 dues. John requested that all members with e-mail should provide him with their e-addresses.

**Honor Guard:** Dean Larsen reported on upcoming requests for the color guard.

**Legion Baseball:** Commander Deiss reported for PC Hoeft that the season is over and the team is one game over 500. They will be participating in the playoffs.

**For The Good Of The Legion:**

- Laurie Koepke reported on recent Veterans benefits for Lou Gerigs.
- It was again suggested the the Post publish a new member brochure and mentor program

**Closing:**

The meeting closed at approximately 8:53 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplin, Ray Janiak

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Wipf  
Adjutant Post 234