

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
September 23, 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		
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: Sgt-at-Arms reported 11 members and several guests present. Guests included Roy Helms, District Commander, Students and parents of BBS/BGS representatives, and Jim Grover prospective new member.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 7/22/09 and the PEC meeting of 9/16/09 were distributed and approved as printed.

Special Presentations:

- Past Commander Hoeft introduced BBS/BGS representatives Paige Emmrich and Jon Portratz. Paige & Jon discussed their experiences at BBS/BGS.
- Sgt. Romners from the Army Reserve discussed the services he provides out of his office in Oshkosh.

Post 2009/2010 Budget: Commander Deiss discussed the proposed changes in the budget put forth by the PEC. A motion was made by Ed Goss and seconded by Paul Miller to accept the budget as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

Membership Brochure: Commander Deiss discussed the contents the brochure committee has planned for the membership brochure. The initial cost estimates are within budget. More estimates will be sought.

State Convention: Commander Deiss provided a report on State Convention.

Membership Awards: Commander Deiss presented membership award ribbons to the Sgt-At –Arms. Membership award pins were presented to John Vonderloh.

Chaplain's Report: Steve Goller introduced himself as the new Chaplain and requested members contact him for any spiritual needs.

Labor Day Fundraiser: Bob Wipf reported that the PEC has been having discussions about an event on the Labor Day weekend. Commander Deiss will be forming a committee to look into this event. Anyone interested please contact Rick.

Cycle Ride Report: Commander Diess and Bob Wipf will co-chair the committee this year.

Fall Conference: Delegates to the fall conference will be Rick Deiss, Laurie Koepke, and Bob Wipf

County Fair Bar Report: John Vonderloh reported the Post made \$741.00 at this years event.

Correspondence: Commander Deiss read thank you's from the food pantry, Eagle Scout presentation, Chad Flock's commander, and several community members.

District Commander's Report: Roy Helms, District Commander, complimented the post for it's activities and membership. Roy invited everyone to participate in the upcoming Institute training on Oct 10 at Bever Dam

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No report

Financial Officer Report: Toni Viegut presented the post account balances. A copy of the full reports was available on the back table.

Adjutant: No report

Historian: No Report

Sickness and Distress: Ray Janiak has had stomach problems. Bob Gruetzmacher has had some medical problems.

Service Officer: Ken requested permission to use Poppy Funds. Commander Deiss reported that he has sole discretion of the Poppy funds and may dispense the money as needed.

County Commander: Pete Hennes reported on the upcoming county activities. October 27th is county government day. Golden Corral appreciation day is November 16th. Members missing medals can contact the CVSO.

Old Glory Honors Flight: Jim Romnek reported on the Honor Flight program. See Jim for any questions about the program.

Membership Report: John Voderloh introduced new member Jim Grover. Membership is on track for another 100% year. John reported on the new PUFL program. You can still PUFL under the old program until September 30th.

High Ground Trip:

- Ed Goss reported on the plans for the High Ground bus trip on October 3rd.

- John Hoeft reported on the bus status, seats are still available, see John.

Veterans Day: A date for the school programs is not set yet due to school testing the week of Veterans Day.

A&G Testing: Laurie Koepke provided a report on the testing for this year.

Christmas Party: The membership picked December 12th as the date for the party.

Honor Guard: Dean Larsen reported on recent funeral services and the ground breaking to be held at the Oshkosh museum site. Dean has 9 members for the High Ground ceremony he could use 4 more.

DAV Transportation Fund:

- A motion was made by Ed Goss and seconded by Jim Yost to purchase 5 \$10.00 raffle tickets. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ken Ochalla and seconded by Ed Goss to donate back any winnings from the raffle. The motion carried unanimously

For The Good Of The Legion:

- Dean Larsen reported all members are invite to his daughters wedding in St Louis

- Legion Riders is looking for new members, if interested see Tim Freiman.

- John Hoeft has caps available for sale.

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 9:02 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplin, Steve Goller.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wipf

Adjutant Post 234