

WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, October 22, 2008

Opening:

The meeting was opened by 1st Vice Commander, Ken Flock at approximately 7:30 PM, a recitation of the Pledge to Allegiance, Preamble to the Constitution, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by the Ass't Chaplain Charles Albashian.

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	Ed Mason	Parliamentarian	Ray Hoeft
Chaplain	Ray Janiak#	Historian	Darryl Schmidt
Service Officer	Ken Ochalla*		
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen , Ken Jungwirth*		

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 9/24/08 and the PEC meeting of 9/17/08 were distributed and approved as printed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report:

- Acting Sgt-at-Arms, Darryl Schmidt reported 30 members. Dan Benedict was reported as a new member and gave a brief introduction.

Old Business:

- Ed Mason reported that the Legacy Fund Drive currently has approximately \$474.84. Several local businesses are conducting weekly 50/50 raffles with the proceeds going to the Legacy Fund.
- Fall Conference is Oct 26th @ CJ's Ripon. An alternate for Laurie Koepke is needed.
- Christmas Party is December 13th @ Tanners 5:30 Social and 6:30 Dinner. The dinner is limited to 80 people.
- Ed Goss provided a report on the Veterans day activities. We will be presenting in the High School, Elementary School, and H.B. Patch. See Ed for a schedule of day's events.
- Ed Goss provided a report on the USS Green Bay dinner. Ed presented a ship's medallion to Bob Wipf.
- Dean Larsen provided a report on the Veterans Breakfast at the Care Center. Dean circulated a sign up sheet for the event
- John Hoeft provided a report on County Government Day plans. Omro will be sending 8 Omro students and 3 AFS students. See John if you would like to help with the event.

Correspondence:

- Bob Wipf reported that there are tickets available for the Commissioning of the USS Freedom.
- Pete Hennes read a thank you letter for the DAV transportation fund. John Hoeft reported the the DAV was able to purchase 5 new vans this year.
- John Hoeft reported that Tom Weber was elected DAV Vice-Commander
- Ken Flock provided a report on the Post 70 Veterans Day dinner activities. See Ken for details and registration.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No report

Financial Officer Report

- Ed Mason presented the post account balances, a copy of the full reports was available on the back table. A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Dean Larsen to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjutant: Bob Wipf provided a report on the motions taken at the PEC meeting. (see the PEC minutes)

Historian: Darryl Schmidt reported the pictures from the High Ground trip are available.

Chaplin Sickness & Distress Report:

- Ed Goss reported that Bob Newhouse passed away.
- Ed Mason provide a update on Ralph Beck's treatment.

County Commander Report: No report

6th District V-C Report:

- Jim Romnek provided a report on upcoming Fall Conference. One item on the fall conference agenda will be District revenues.
- Jim reported that drivers are needed for the Winnebago DAV van.
- Jim provided information on the availability of flu shots this fall.
- Jim provided information on free State Park passes for disabled veterans

Service Officer: No Report

Membership:

- John Vonderloh reported that the Post currently has 116 paid members and 2 new PUFL's.

Honor Guard:

- Dean Larsen reported on the September 26th training session. Dean presented certificates to the 5 new Honor Guard members.
- Pete Hennes requested the Honor Guard lead the Christmas parade.

American Legion Baseball:

- John Hoeft reported that the baseball team and coaches thanked the post for the invitation to the summer picnic. The team and coaches are excited about next year's season.

A&G Testing: Laurie Koepke reported that the test will be given November 4th at the High School. Laurie requested 2 volunteers to help grade the test.

New Business: Any one interested in help start a SAL Squadron please contact the commander.

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 8:47 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Assistant Chaplain, Charles Albashion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Adjutant Post 234