

WI Department, American Legion Post 234

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, October 24, 2007

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Commander, Rick Deiss at approximately 7:30 PM, a recitation of the Pledge to Allegiance, Preamble to the Constitution, POW/MIA Ceremony and a prayer by the Assistant Chaplin Charles Albashin

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

Commander	Rick Deiss	1st Vice	Ken Flock
2nd Vice	Pete Hennes		
Adjutant	Bob Wipf	Sgt.-at-Arms	Jon Friedrich*
Finance Officer	Ed Mason	Parliamentarian	Ray Hoeft#
Chaplain	Ray Janiak*	Historian	Wayne Schmick*
Service Officer	Ken Ochalla*		

Members-At-Large: John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen#, Ken Jungwirth

Sergeant-at-Arms Report:

- Assistant Ear Miller reported 32 members and 1 guest Robert Kettlewell at present, Robert joined the Post.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 10/26/07 and the PEC meeting of 10/17/07 were distributed and approved as printed.

New Business:

- Commander reported on the PEC discussion on the building of display case for the wall in Tanners. Ken Jungwirth is checking into the construction of the case and will provide future reports.
- Commander Deiss reported on research done by John Hoeft concerning the development of a American Legion Baseball Team. John requested \$600.00 from the post to start the process. Omro Youth Baseball will absorb all additional charges to run the program. Ed Goss questioned if there are enough ball players and Rick reported that John Hoeft's research indicated there was enough interest. Bob Wipf noted that if the unbudgeted \$600.00 is pledged by the Post that additional fundraising will need to done. Ed Mason confirmed that only \$50.00 was budgeted. Bob Wipf suggested that this issue be tabled to the Nov. PEC meeting for recommendation to the Post membership at the November membership meeting. Mark Pendergast motioned and Earl Miller seconded that the issue be tabled to PEC for future recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.
- Commander Deiss requested volunteers for County Youth Day on October 30, 2007.
- Commander Deiss reported on a PEC recommendation that the Post membership ring bells for the Salvation Army at the Piggly Wiggly. A show if hands indicated there would be enough bell ringers for the post to participate. Spouses and children are invited. There is a sign up sheet iat the back of the room.

Financial Officer Report as of 9/30/07

• Post Checking Account Balance \$2,779.01 Memorial Fund Checking Balance \$2,969.71 Memorial Money Market Account \$15,311.83. Poppy Fund \$549.05. Honor Guard Account \$100.16 Raffle Fund \$2,170.38 A copy of the full report was available on the back table.

!st Vice-Commander Report: No Report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No Report

Adjutant's Report:

- The PEC created the following travel expense policy for the post: Vehicle travel at \$0.40 per mile, Meals at the smaller of \$25.00 per day maximum or actual expense, Hotel rooms at the smaller of \$100.00 per day maximum or actual expense.
- Bob Wipf reported that he provided information to the Weyauwega Nursing Home so they may honor Elmer Manke on Veterans Day. The nursing home indicated that Elmer could travel and would appreciate visitors.

6th District:

- Jim Romnek reported that Fall Conference will be this Sunday 10/28 in Ripon at CJ's @ 9:00 AM.

Correspondence:

- Commander Deiss reported on a book signing presentation for "Private Soldiers" 11/10/2007 @ 1:00 PM Oshkosh Library.
- Post 70 is having a dinner on 11/11/07 Veterans Day.
- Golden Corral is sponsoring a free veteran dinner on 11/12/07.

Veterans Day Presentation:

- A video presentation of a "Pittance Of Time " was presented.
- On 11/11/2007 there will be a Veterans Day service at the Winnebago County Courthouse, all members are invited to participate.

Service Officer:

- Ken indicated that the Poppy Sales form will be showing up soon. We will discuss the quantity needed at a future meeting.
- Mark Pendergast reported that the DAV located in Winnebago county should be made available for transport of all veterans.

Committees Reports**Membership:**

- John Vonderloh reported that the Post has 25 PUFL and 43 paid renewals as of the meeting. 10 more paid at this evening's meeting.
- Dues can be sent to PO Box 234 Omro, WI 54963

Post Raffle

- Earl Miller reported that ticket sales in the bars have been slow. Sales at Oktoberfest was good, but at least 400 more tickets must be sold to cover expenses.
- Ed Goss was going to ask Kwik Trip if members could sell out front.
- John Vonderloh suggested that 10 tickets be sent each member in the next week.
- Laurie Koepke motioned and Pete Hennes seconded that will have 500 new tickets printed and mail them out to 50 members that have not sold any. The motion carried unanimously. Bob Wipf will print labels for the mailing.

Veterans Day at the High School:

- Ed Goss reported that the service will be held 11/9/07 at the High School. Veterans should assemble at 10:15 AM. Enter through the Fox Trail door. Dave Steinert will assemble the Color Guard.
- Ed Goss provided a brief summary of the program events.
- Ed will put article in *Omro Herald* inviting all Veterans.

Veterans Breakfast At Care Center;

- Bob Wipf reported that the breakfast will be at 7:30 AM. If you plan on attending please sign up on the sheet in the back of the meeting room.

Honor Guard:

- Dave Steiner had no report.
- ^a Ed presented pictures of the United Honor Guard.

Christmas Party:

- Ken Flock reported the Christmas Party will be December 15th at Tanners Tap & Grill. Cost will be \$15.00 per person. Sign up sheet in the back of the meeting room.

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 8:37 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Asst. Chaplin, Charles Albashin.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf,
Adjutant Post 234