

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, November 26, 2008**

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 Chaplain Ray Janiak.

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 10/22/08 and the PEC meeting of 11/19/08 were distributed and approved as printed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms reported 28 members and 4 guests present. Guests included Jim Bishop, Mike Zimmer, Kyle Zimmer, and Amelia Abraham. New members included Annette Reichard and Chris Reichard. Introductions of members present was conducted.

Special Presentation: Badger Boys State representative Kyle Zimmer provided a report on his Badger Boys State experience.

Initiation of new members: Commander Deiss and Past Commander Hoeft conducted the initiation service for Annette Reichard and Chris Reichard.

Christmas Party: Ken Flock reported that 49 have signed up for Christmas Party

Veteran's Day Services: Ed Goss provided a follow-up report on all the Veterans Day services at the schools. Dean Larson reported on the breakfast with the veterans service.

Vroman Plaque: Commander Deiss reported on the Memorial Plaque to be presented to the Vroman family.

Legionnaire Of The Year Plaque: Commander Deiss reported on the design of this new plaque.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Past Commander Hoeft provided a report and requested volunteers for ring the bells this year.

Eagle Scout Ceremony: John Hoeft and Rick Deiss will represent the post at this ceremony.

Correspondence: Commander Deiss read the open invitation to the AmVets Pearl Harbor ceremony.

1st Vice-Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No report

Financial Officer Report

• Ed Mason presented the post account balance, a copy of the full reports was available on the back table. A motion was made by Laurie Koepke and seconded by Pete Hennes to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Historian: Darryl Schmidt reported on recent additions to the history book.

Chaplin Sickness & Distress Report:

- John Vonderloh reported the member Judd Frees is receiving hospice care at home.
- Chaplin Janick reported that Post Member Maynard Birkholtz is receiving care at Omro Care Center
- Ed Mason reported that his wife Pat has been diagnosed with cancer and will be having surgery in the near future.

Service Officer: Ken Ochalla reported on the activities of the poppy distribution.

6th District V-C Report: No report

Membership:

- John Vonderloh reported that the Post has reached the 100% paid members for the 2009 year.
- Bob Wipf reported on the new PEC policy for members that are deployed outside the USA.

A & G Testing: Chairman Laurie Koepke provided a report on the A&G tests conducted at Omro HS.

Honor Guard:

- Dean Larsen reported on the plans for the Christmas Parade

American Legion Baseball:

- John Hoeft will try to attend upcoming meeting

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 8:42 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplin, Ray Janiak.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Adjutant Post 234