

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234  
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, April 23, 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**

<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>Jon Friedrich</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>Wayne Schmick</b>
<b>Service Officer</b>	<b>Ken Ochalla</b>		
<b>Members-At-Large:</b>	<b>John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen # , Ken Jungwirth</b>		

**Sergeant-at-Arms Report:**

• Jon reported 37 members present and County Commander Rosemarie Pitz.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 3/26/08 and the PEC meeting of 4/16/08 were distributed and approved as printed.

**Old Business:**

- Commander Deiss reported on the Traveling Wall event scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup> to be held in Oshkosh. Omro Post 234 will be in charge of the 1:00 PM ceremony. Rick discussed the agenda for the ceremony.
- Past Commander John Hoeft reported on the status of volunteers for the "Wall Event."
- Ed Mason reported on the status of the Honor Guard for the "Wall Event."
- Ed Goss reported on the status of the Veterans Dinner. Only 72 tickets are sold to date.
- John Vonderloh reported on the status of the Memorial Golf Outing. At present there are no groups signed up yet. John requested volunteers for the event.
- Commander Deiss requested volunteers to cleanup the Memorial on 5/25/08 at 10:00 AM.
- Commander Deiss discussed the program agenda for the Memorial Day Service. Rick reported that 69 names will be added to the wall.

**New Business**

- Commander Deiss requested a hand vote on whether the August summer picnic should be held on a Saturday or on the regular Post meeting night. The regular meeting night won. The summer picnic will be August 27, 2008. Social at 6:00 with Picnic at 7:00 PM.
- Bob Wipf and John Hoeft reported on the PEC discussion concerning Post 234 use of the DAV copy machine. The DAV has offered the use of their copy machine if the Post will share in the annual maintenance cost. The machine will be housed in the Post 234 office. Bob Wipf motioned and Dave Steinert seconded that the post pay the DAV \$300 per year as its portion of the annual maintenance cost. The motion carried unanimously. The copy machine ownership will remain with the DAV.

**State Convention Delegates**

- Commander Deiss requested nominations for state convention. Bob Wipf nominated Rick Deiss, Ken Flock, and Ed Mason as delegates with Katy Werginz as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Pete Hennes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** No Report

**1st Vice-Commander Report:** No report

**2nd Vice-Commander Report:** No report

**Nominations Committee:** Pete Hennes requested that anyone interested in running for an office should contact him this month.

**Financial Officer Report**

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

**Adjutant:** No report

**Historian:**No report

**Chaplin Sickness & Distress Report:** Chuck Albashian is in the Care Center. He should be getting out next week.

**Service Officer:** Ken reported that the Poppies have arrived. Distribution will be at the Veterans Dinner, golf outing, Memorial Day, and at Omro Pharmacy. Ken requested volunteers contact him for poppy distribution assignments.

**County Commander Report:** Rosemarie Pitz reported on the county meeting held last week. Next county meeting will be in Winneconne June 19th. County officer elections will be held. County Government Day is being planned for last Tuesday in October. A mock trial is being planned.

**6th District V-C Report:** District Conference is next 4/27/2008

**Membership:**

- John Vonderloh reported membership at 111, this is second place in the district.

**High Ground Legacy Stone Report:**

- Ed Goss reported on the Post's plans to place a Legacy Stone at the High Ground in Neilsville, WI.
- Ed requested that post members submit possible engraving text for the stone. 3 lines with 20 characters each is permitted.
- Ed provided possible dates for the Legacy Stone ceremony. A hand vote of the membership set the date for Oct 4, 2008 at one 1 PM

**Post Announcements**

- Ed Goss reported that the post will have a National Day Of Prayer ceremony on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the High School flagpole.

**Honor Guard:**

- Dave Steinert requested all Honor Guard members participate in the ceremony at the "The Wall"

**American Legion Baseball:**

- Past Commander John Hoeft reported that the uniforms have been ordered.
- \$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00 sponsorships are available, let John know if you would like to sponsor.
- John has committed the membership to sell food at one of the games, date to be announced later.

**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