

WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, May 28, 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	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:

• Jon reported 36 members present. Guests included DAV Commander Charles Vanderpas, County Commander Rosemarie Pitz, Don Ruimhave, Stephen Davis, Duane Canon Vietnam Vets of America, and Melissa Thielke

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 4/23/08 and the PEC meeting of 5/21/08 were distributed and approved as printed.

Special Presentations:

• Duane Canon thanked the Post for its participation during the “The Wall Ceremonies” last month.
• Charles Vanderpas, State DAV Commander, provided a report on the workings of DAV transportation system. He also provided contact information for arranging rides and volunteering to drive. (This information has been added to the Post website)

Old Business:

• Ed Goss reported on the results of the Veterans Dinner. The event was attended by, less people, about 160, but still produced about \$3700.00.
• John Vonderloh reported on the results of the golf outing and thanked members and members spouses for their support. The event netted 895.50. The golfing date is scheduled again for next year.
• Commander Deiss reported the Chairman of the July 26th bike resigned due to lack of support and requested a new chairperson step forward for the Bike Ride. Jim Yost volunteered to assume the chairmanship of the event. Jim requested the bike ride committee members meet at Tanners on Wednesday June 4th.
• John Vonderloh requested membership help with the 50/50 raffle at the Speed Zone on June 27th.
• John Vonderloh reminded the membership that the Post will be selling refreshments at the County Fair this year and help will be needed.
• Ed Goss reported on the Post's plans to place a Legacy Stone at the High Ground in Neilsville, WI. on October 4th. The Post is holding a contest to determine what the text on the stone will be. All entries are due to Ed Goss by July 1st. The PEC will make the decision on the winning entries.
• Bob Wipf reported that the local A&G awards will be presented On May 30th 8:00 at the High School.

Correspondence:

• Bob Wipf provided information on the Upper Midwest Bull session and the golf outing and raffle for the Fond du Lac Post.
• The June PEC meeting date in the newsletter is corrected to June 18th.

1st Vice-Commander Report: Ken Flock provided a short inspirational message.

2nd Vice-Commander Report: No report

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 Pete Hennes to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
• All members should make budget requests or fundraising ideas to Ed Mason before the next Post meeting.

Adjutant: Bob requested the membership complete the Post Membership Questionnaire.

Historian: Wayne Schmick thanked everyone for their past support and supported Wayne for election to the Historian position.

Chaplin Sickness & Distress Report: Ken Ochalla had rotator cuff surgery.

Service Officer: Ed Goss reported that members should contact Ken Ochalla to help with Poppy sales.

County Commander Report: Rosemarie Pitz reported the next county meeting will be in Winneconne June 19th. County officer elections will be held.

6th District V-C Report: Past District V-C passed away this week. New District Adjutant/Finance Officer will be Barbara Belmont.

Membership:

- John Vonderloh reported 2008 membership at 112.

Honor Guard:

- The Honor Guard will participate in the Waukau parade.
- A motion was made by Bill Spanbauer and seconded by Pete Hennes to dip the flags when passing the Omro Veterans Memorial. The motion carried unanimously.

American Legion Baseball:

- Past Commander John Hoeft reported on the upcoming baseball season events.

New Business

- Ed Goss requested the Post consider supplying materials for a wheel chair ramp for a local veteran. A motion was made by Bill Spanbauer and seconded by Ed Goss to pay for 1/6 of the needed materials up to \$2000. The motion carried unanimously.
- Commander Deiss requested nominations for the June elections. Pete Hennes provided the Nominating Committee's report. All existing officers are nominated to continue their duties for another year except Historian. The committee's nomination for Historian will be Darryl Schmidt. The committee nomination for 3-year member at large is Dean Larson. Nominations will remain open until the June meeting before elections.
- Ray Janiak reported that he was upset with the booth that was set up in front of the Memorial. The membership discussed the issue and presented many opinions. A meeting will be scheduled by the Commander to meet with the Mayor and City Administrator and report back to the membership.
- The Post will again participate in the Waukau Youth Days parade on June 8th.
- Jon Fredrick requested an updated Post Membership be published. Bob Wipf will provide an updated list by the next meeting.
- A motion was made by Jim Romnek and was seconded by Ed Goss to donate \$50.00 to Camp American Legion to support some immediate repairs to the facility.

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