

WI Department, American Legion Post 234

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, June 27 23, 2007

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Commander, John Hoeft at approximately 7:30 PM, a recitation of the Pledge to Allegiance, Preamble to the Constitution and a prayer by the Asst Chaplain, Elmer Manke.. (no POW ceremony)

Roll Call:

***Not in attendance # Excused**

Commander	John Hoeft	1st Vice	Rick Deiss
2nd Vice	Sean Edginer*	3rd Vice	Ken Flock
Adjutant	Bob Wipf	Sgt.-at-Arms	Jon Friedrich
Finance Officer	Pete Hennes	Parliamentarian	Ray Hoeft
Chaplain	Ray Janiak*	Historian	Wayne Schmick#
Service Officer	Ken Ochalla		
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen, Ken Jungwirth		

Sgt.-at-Arms Report: Recorded 34 members present and reported the following guests Rosemarie Pitz, County Commander, Don Tritt, Dominic Rivera., Tom & Joann Faust, Toni Viegut, Antonio Licono, Comander Hoeft invited all members to introduce themselves.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 6/27/07 and the MC/PEC meeting of 6/14/07 were distributed and approved as printed.

Commanders Special Presentations: Commander Hoeft reported on the raising of donations and delivery of the DAV power chair to Post member Jeff Licono.

!st Vice-Commander Message:

- Rick Deiss provided a report on the August 25th Post picnic. The cost is free and all contractors are invited.
- Rick read a report on the signers of the Declaration Of Independence.

3rd Vice-Commander: No Report

Financial Officer Report as of 6/14/07

Post Checking Account Balance \$3,932.08 (not including 50/50 & Golf Outing) Memorial Fund Checking Balance \$7,488.48 Memorial Money Market Account \$18,080.65. Poppy Fund \$547.32 A copy of the full report is available on the back table.

Adjutants PEC Report:

- The PEC recommended the Post rent office space in the Omro Community Center.
- The PEC recommended the development of a Post website.

Chaplin's Report: No Report

Sickness & Distress:

- Herbie Schultz is currently in Park View. John Hoeft is attempting to get him into King.

Service Officer: No report

County Council Report: Ken Ochalla provided report on recent county elections.

Historian: No report

Special Presentations/Correspondence:

- John Hoeft presented a picture of one of the Post namesakes –Hamilton
- WWII Veterans are being honored with picture at the Bergstrom Museum.
- John Hoeft read thank you letters from the Kafer family for the Post's involvement in the memorial service. A \$100.00 donation was included. A separate Honor Guard savings account will be established.
- John Hoeft read several thank you letters for the memorial dedication.
- Bob Wipf reported on the AL all-star game August 19th.

State Convention:

- Delegates are John Hoeft, Bob Wipf, & Rick Deiss. Alternates are Pete Hennes & Jim Romnek
- A motion was made and seconded to have the Post pay actual delegate and alternate expenses to the Department convention. The motion carried unanimously.
- Bob Wipf provided a summary of the convention resolutions to the membership.

Committee Reports:

Honor Guard:

- Dean Larsen reported we have received our rifles.
- Honor Guard has performed 2 recent funerals. The paperwork has been submitted for stipend.
- Ed Mason will be providing training on cleaning.
- Guard will lead the July 4th parade.

Memorial Construction/Maintenance

- John Hoeft has received several requests for a crosswalk to be installed at the Memorial. He will make a request to the city.
- The membership should contact Mike Coleman about helping with the memorial watering and other maintenance.

Memorial Name Committee

- Names are still being collected at the library.
- *Omro Herald* will be featuring a Memorial New column to help gather information
- The Memorial website is available @ www.omroveteransmemorial.com . This website will increase in content in the next several months. If you have pictures or video please submit to Bob Wipf.
- Tom Faust donated 2 decorative garbage containers for the Memorial.

Golf Outing:

- Pete Hennes reported that \$1139.00 was raised from the golf outing.
- Julie Quinn will list sponsors and winners in the *Omro Herald*.

Race Track 50/50 Raffle: John Vonderloh reported that \$632.00 was raised at the 50/50 raffle. John indicated that a second date may be available and addition membership help will be required.

Membership: John reported on recent new members and transfers. Bob Wipf reported that renewal notices should be sent in July

Nominating Committee/Elections:

- Dean Larsen, Committee chairman, provided the following committee recommendations to the post membership: Commander Rick Deiss 1st VC Ken Flock, Sgt-at-Arms John Friedrich, Adjutant Bob Wipf, Financial Officer Ed Mason, Service Officer Ken Ochalla, Chaplin Ray Janiak, Historian Wayne Schmick, Parliamentarian Ray Hoeft, and PEC 3-year term John Vonderloh.
- John Hoeft opened the floor for nominations for any elected Post office. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Jeff Heried motioned and seconded by Elmer Manke to close the nominations and elect the slate of officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously. Installation will be at the July Post Meeting. County Commander, Rosemarie Pitz will preside over the installation.

Post Picnic

- Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the room for the picnic.
- Picnic committee will meet after the meeting tonight.

New Business:

- Rick Deiss 1st VC presented outgoing Commander John Hoeft with a life membership to the Past Commanders Club.
- Commander Hoeft presented his final thoughts and thanks as Post 234 Commander.
- John Vonderloh, PEC , provide information about the available office in the Omro Community Center. John indicated the office will meet the needs of the Post and rent for \$85.00 per month.
- John Vonderloh reported that the Post has been donated a computer and that shared internet access will be available in the community center office for approximately \$20.00 per month
- Paul Miller motioned and seconded by Dennis Loper to authorize the Post Officers to sign a 1-year lease (\$85.00/month) for the available office in the Omro Community Center and if possible, sub-lease space to the *Omro Herald* for \$50.00 per month. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ed Mason provided a presentation about military jackets available in Appleton at Real Leather, see Ed for details.
- Jeff Heried requested we start the process of forming an SAL Squadron. Jeff will volunteer the Chair the exploratory committee.

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 9:10 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Asst. Chaplin, Elmer Manke.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf,
Adjutant Post 234