

**WI Department, American Legion Post 234
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
March 25, 2009**

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Commander, Rick Deiss at approximately 7:30 PM, a recitation of the Pledge to Allegiance, Post 234 Mission Statement, 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	Past Cdr	John Hoeft
Members-At-Large:	John Vonderloh, Dean Larsen, Ken Jungwirth		

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Post Meeting on 2/25/09 and the PEC meeting of 3/18/09 were distributed and approved as printed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Sgt-at-Arms reported 34 members and 3 guests present. Guests included Rosemarie Pitz, County Commander, Richard Johnson, Sabrina. The sign-up sheet for the 9-pin tap tournament is in the rear of the room.

Special PEC Meeting: The PEC will meet on 4/18/09 @ 10:00 AM to discuss the action items and recommendations of the By-Law Committee. (Adjutant Note-This meeting was later cancelled)

Post 234 Bowling Tournament: There will be a 9-pin tap bowling tournament on April 3-5. The proceeds of the tournament will be used for the Legacy Fund. Cost to bowl will be \$20.00. There will also be a 50/50 raffle each session. There is sign up sheet in the back to help sell 50/50 tickets at the event, please sign up.

Spring Veterans Dinner: Ed Goss reported on the plans for the dinner. There are currently 60 tickets paid for. See Ed for tickets and get out and sell. The dinner will be May 9th. The cost will be \$20 same as previous dinners. The speaker will be Col Ken Koon. Ken Flock will be accepting auction items either deliver your items to him or leave at John Hoeft's store.

Cycle Ride: The cycle ride will be July 18, 2009. The upper pavilion at Miller Park has been reserved. For many reasons including parking, John Vonderloh suggested that we use the fire house instead of Miller Park. John confirmed that the fire department has offered the facility for our use. Commander Deiss will call the fire chief and discuss the use for this year. If acceptable, Miller Park pavilion will be cancelled.

Memorial Day Committee: Commander Deiss is looking for volunteers for the Memorial Day Committee. The following members volunteered: John Hoeft, Rick Deiss, Ed Goss, Ken Flock, Dean Larsen, and Pete Hennes.

Veterans Meeting with The Legislator:

•John Hoeft reported on the new format for this event to be held on 3/31/09. John has set up a meeting with Rep. Bill Spanbauer. Our other Rep has not responded yet. John and Commander Deiss are currently planning on attending this event. •John Vonderloh requested the issue of cost for WI coins presented at funerals be discussed, Rick said he would discuss it.

• Pete Hennes reported that there will be a public hearing on the state budget at Lawrence University from 10-4 on 4/1/09.

Adoption of 1157th Transportation Unit: The PEC discussed the Wisconsin Department program encouraging each post to adopt a reserve unit. The PEC recommended the post adopt the 1157th. Commander Rick discussed the types of duty the post could provide. A motion was made by John Vonderloh and seconded by Pete Hennes to adopt the 1157th if they are in agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Spring Conference:

- The following members volunteered to be delegates to the spring District 6 Conference being held at Fond du Lac Post on 4/26/09 at 9:00 AM: Laurie Koepke, Ken Flock, Darryl Schmidt, Rick Deiss, Ed Mason, and Pete Hennes.
- Two post members are running for district office. Pete Hennes for Sgt-at-Arms and Ken Flock for Central VC. By unanimous vote of the membership present both members have the endorsement of Post 234 for these offices.

Food Pantry: Commander Rick thanked all that brought in donations for the food pantry.

Correspondence:

- Rick Deiss reported there is a special offer from the Brewers for active duty personnel to receive free Brewer tickets. If interested see Rick for more details.

1st Vice-Commander Report: Ken reported that his son Chad is at Fort Bliss and they are getting ready to deploy.

2nd Vice-Commander Report: Pete reported that Post and County elections are coming up soon. Those interested in holding an office should speak up.

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 Dave Mrstik to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Historian: No Report

Chaplin & Sickness or Distress: Maynard Burkholz's wife has been in and out of the hospital. Ed Pierce's wife passed away, the Post sent a card. Dave Mrstik's brother passed away two weeks ago in Milwaukee. Todd Nortman's condition remains stable, he is waiting on VA funding to make necessary changes to his home.

Service Officer: Ken reported that any veteran with Lou Gehrig's should contact Robert Stone, Winnebago CVSO. This illness is now considered a service-connected disability.

County Commander Report: Next meeting of the council will be on April 15th in Oshkosh at the fire station 7:30 PM. There will be nominations for officers.

Membership Report: John Vonderloh reported that there has been very little activity in collecting past due dues.

Honor Guard: Dean will schedule practice as the weather improves. Ed Mason will provide weapons maintenance to the Winneconne post on 4/4/09. Ed has also acquired 7 slings for the rifles.

Annual Golf Outing: Ken Jungwirth reported the Golf outing is scheduled for the 23th of May At Lake Breeze Golf course. Posters are available. Food will be available after the golf.

Legion Baseball: PC Hoeft reported that the post will need to sponsor the entry fee and additional patches for the team this year. These items are budgeted. The majority of the \$5000.00 + required to sponsor the team is being covered by Omro Baseball/Softball Association (OBSA). Hoeft is taking orders for program advertisements at the \$25, \$50, \$100 levels. See John if you are interested.

Omro Remembers-A Patriotic Past: Dave Mrstik reported on the re-start of the Post TV show. Dave explained his future plans for the show.

Good Of The American Legion:

- Dean Larsen reported on the 40/8 "Flags For First Graders" program being piloted in Omro.

Closing:

The meeting closed at approximately 8:32 PM with retiring of the POW chair and a prayer by the Chaplin, Ray Janiak

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Wipf
Adjutant Post 234