



**VFW POST  
10262**

2970 Hickory Drive  
Plover, Wi 54467

**Post Meeting Minutes  
January 8th, 2024**



**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING:**

New member sworn-in: None.

**COMMANDER STRASSER OPENED THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS; 19:06 HRS.**

**Salute to the Colors & Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge Was recited by all members.

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Raschka

**Draping/Undraping of the Charter:**

- Charter was Un-draped for Anthony (Tony) Ramczyk

**Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:**

- Was recited by all.

**Roll Call of officers.**

Present	7
Excused	1
Absent	5

VFW Members Present – 7 - members physically present, 2 online participants.

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS, APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS: Membership Chair Sr. Vice - \_\_  
INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS; (Mustering in New Members).**

**Membership;** As of Jan 5th, 2024, 213 members, 166-Life members 47-Annual members.

**Remember:** the goal is for every member to recruit one (1) new member every year. Our National Commander has set a goal for all Posts to work for 102% membership.

**Minutes of the December's Meeting:** Approved with no changes.

**QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Jim Maas & HC Chair Verhage**

Post Finances and QM Report given by both QM Maas & House CMTY Chair Verhage.

- Quartermaster Maas reported on the Canteen operating fund and several accounts.
- House Committee Chair Verhage reported on the reason for some balances and several accounts.
- The Post Quarterly Audit has been completed.

Motion to accept: Don Mugridge & Walter Strebnow. Motion passed.

**SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yelkin – No report.**

**MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN DISTRESS.**

- Commander Strasser shared some info received from Comrade Wysocki.
- Perry Engel reported on John Hansons Condition.
- Rose Sanky, wife of Post Life member Ron Passed away.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:** Read through ‘Thank You’ cards.

- One ‘thank you’ and donation from Santa’s Elves

**Community service on-line report: Adjutant.**

Please report your community service hours to the Adjutant or me.

REPORT AS OF Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

HOURS	MILES	MEMBERS	DOLLARS SPENT	VALUE	TOTAL DOLLARS
1062	8709	667	\$7213.50		\$186.61 \$7362.11

**POST OFFICERS REPORTS.**

**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Sr. Vice Barber – No report.**

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Jr. Vice Mugridge - No report.**

**CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Raschka –** Chaplain shared information regarding Memorial Service coming up Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m. in Neshkoro at St. James Catholic church. Memorial Service for the Four Chaplains – On February 3, 1943, The USAT Dorchester was torpedoed by a German submarine. They gave their own life jackets to help others onto a lifeboat before it sunk. The four chaplains represented different religious denominations and have become a symbol of unity and courage in the face of adversity.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE:** Members; Chair David Verhage, Sr. Vice Barber, QM Maas, Mark Wysocki, Karl August, Canteen Supervisor Schildt, Aux President Kowalski, Facility Manit Sup Spredda and Cdr. Strasser. Members present, Chair Verhage, Aux President Kowalski, Canteen Supervisor Schildt, Bard Shufelt, Karl August, and CDR Strasser.

Items discussed:

1. The new chairs are in. Cdr. Strasser ordered 24 chairs at a cost of \$34.00 ea., and they came on Wednesday, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>. The serviceable old white chairs will be offered for sale. Perry is working on disposing them, one way or another.

2. The purchase of the overflow parking area has been confirmed. DOT informed us that we will be able to purchase only the 75ft X 200 ft overflow parking area. Waiting for the Survey to be completed and sent up to DOT.

3. Discussed the moving of funds, (a) Reducing the Canteen fund balance to around \$40K, (b) Moving \$180K from the money Marker to a One Year CD at 5.15%.

4. Advertising for the Kitchen (Tasty Nook) still under review.

5. Kitchen Fryers are old. Considering looking for new fryers.

6. Cash Register repairs and replacement. The current registers are old and is very hard to get replacement parts.

**Entertainment/Planning Committee:** Chair Members present, Aux Pres Kowalski, Sally Mickelkamp, Laura, Chris, Brad Shufelt & Commander Strasser Issues discussed:

- Steak & Omelet Breakfast and Breakfast with Santa was scheduled for Dec 17th. Santa arrived around 09:30. Kids Presents were ready and Santas helpers were ready. Served around 100 meals.
- Sunday, December 31st, NEW YEAR'S Packer Party. Went OK! Champaign at halftime.
- Valentines Day. The Valentine's Day celebration is scheduled for February 10th. The Slobberknockers Band is booked. Meal options will be available from Tasty Nook. Chicken Cordon Bleu and Shrimp Plate specials plus menu items.
- Thanks to Auxiliary Pres Kowalski and all who helped take down the Christmas Decorations and put up some valentines Day Decorations.
- March 8th, International Women's Day activities. Carnations and Drink Specials.
- March 17th, Sunday St. Patrick's Day and Steak & Omelet Breakfast. Drink Specials, Green & White Baked goods etc.

**Golf Committee: Members, Chair Larry Kinyon.,** Debbie Manthey, Gary & Kathy Matthees, Diane Lutovsky, Brad Shufelt & Cdr. Strasser.  
Nothing new to report.

#### **COMMUNITY & CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.**

- **VFW Community Activities Committee Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **High School Senior SCHOLARSHIPS, Mike Zynda.** Information goes to the schools around April.
- **VOD, PP & TEACHER OF THE YEAR. Commander**
  - Completed for the year.

**Military Assistance Program (MAP), Chair Charneski –** No report.

**SURGEON; Worzalla –** No report.

**The 8:00 PM Prayer was recited by Chaplain Raschka.**

#### **DONATION REQUESTS:**

**Donation Committee Members; Jim Maas, Mike Worzalla, Scott Halverson, Barb McCloy, Brad Shufelt & The Commander.**

- Barb McCloy report.

- District 7 request to support 1/120 St. Barbara Banquet with \$202.67 donation. Check is in the mail and will cover lodging and a meal for one person.

**RIFLE SQUAD:** Cdr. Strasser.

- Dec 16th, the Rifle Squad provided Military Honors at 11:00 hrs. at the Korean War Veterans Memorial supporting the Civil Air Patrol Wreath Placement Ceremony.
- Dec 16th, 13:00 hrs. the Rifle Squad supported the DAR Chapter and provided honors at the Plover Cemetery.
- Dec 17th, The Rifle Squad Steak and Omelet Breakfast and Breakfast with Santa served about 100 meals and over 20 children visited Santa.
- Rifle Squad members Provided Military Honors for two Deceased Community Veterans.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

- **Purchase of Overflow parking area from DOT. 75' X 200". Is waiting for the Local Survey to be completed and forwarded to DOT. Cost of \$2000.**

**NEW Business.**

Nothing new to report

**Good of the Order.**

- Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Mead in Wisconsin Rapids, Feb 2-3, 2024.
- Tim Bubla provided an update on discussions with the National VFW Org and the use of AI for Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen competition to screen out AI generated submissions.
- Commander Strasser mentioned Helen Haydock's donation of \$70,000 to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight Org in honor of Her Husband to fund Flight # 48.
- **A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS, THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP GOALS ARE FOR ALL POSTS TO ACHIEVE 102% MEMBERSHIP. THAT CAN HAPPEN IF EACH MEMBER BRINGS IN JUST ONE (1) NEW MEMBER.**

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND DATES.**

- Valentines Day Party Feb 10th.

**COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES**

Jan 27th, Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord 1973  
 Feb 15th, Sinking of the U.S.S. Maine 1898  
 Feb 28th Liberation of Kuwait-Operation Desert Storm 1991  
 Mar 24th Start of Kosovo Campaign 1999  
 Mar 29th, National Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day  
 Mar 31st, End of Operation Restore Hope-Somalia 1995  
 May 30th, Memorial Day

**ANNIVERSARIE'S and BIRTHDAYS for January 2024**

**WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!  
 BIRTHDAYS.**

1/1 Kenneth Bachmann 66; 1/3 Sharon Cleveland 74; 1/4 Kenneth Fait 77;  
 1/4 James Billings 73; 1/4 Wayne Gorell 89; 1/6 Ernie Anthes 75;

1/7 William Boston 77 1/9 Al Tessmann 60; 1/16 Theodore Bessen 75;  
1/19 Benjamin Bock 38; 1/20 Daniel Golden 80; 1/21 Bruce Djupstrom 66;  
1/22 Robert Bowen 91; 1/25 Richard Chojnacki 60; 1/30 Dirk Gunderson 61;  
1/30 Bryan Schultz 53 1/30 Ronald Garski 71;

**ANNIVERSARIES.**

1/18 Marci & Vincent Ledlow; 1/28 Guy & Gail Mockler

**Attendance Raffle!** Nick Kibler won the \$50!!

**CLOSING CEREMONY;** Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. February 12, 2024

Adjournment time: 2000 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy  
Adjutant