



VFW POST 10262

2970 Hickory Drive
Plover, Wi 54467

Post Meeting Minutes
March 11th, 202



INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING:

COMMANDER STRASSER OPENED THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS; 19:05 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 un-draped for Post member James (Jimmy Baseball) Sachs who passed away on Jan 19th and James Mozuch who passed early Feb.
- Charter draped for Past Post member Leonard B Christianson.

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

Roll Call of officers.

Present 13

Excused

Absent 3

VFW Members Present – 25 - members physically present, 2 online participants.

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

New Post Member David F Edwards transferred in from the Wausau Post 388.

Membership; As of Feb 19th, 2024, 208members, 164 Life members 46-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.

REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES FOR: February.

- **Minutes of the February Meeting:** Approved with no changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Jim Maas & HC Chair Verhage.

Post Finances and QM Report given by QM Maas and HC Chair Verhage.

- QM Maas reported on the Canteen Gross Income and Profit, explained some of the expenses including the Cost of the Band for the Valentines Dap Party. He also covered the current YTD balances.
- HC Verhage also explained some of the current Post Financial numbers.

Motion to accept: Wayne Gorell & Manny Rocha. Motion passed.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yelkin.

SO Yelkin's report: Veterans exposed to toxins and other hazards during service are now eligible for VA health care.

This expansion of VA health care eliminates the phased-in approach called for by the PACT Act, meaning that millions of Veterans are becoming eligible for VA health care up to eight years earlier than written into law.

“Beginning today “March 5”, we are making millions of Veterans eligible for VA health care years earlier than called for by the PACT Act,” said VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. Shereef Elnahal. “With this expansion, VA can care for all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror, or any other combat zone after 9/11. We can also care for Veterans who were never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty here at home while working with chemicals, pesticides, lead, asbestos, certain paints, nuclear weapons, x-rays and more. We want to bring all these Veterans to VA for the care they have earned and deserve.”

Tomah also has a test now for asbestos reactions which lead to breathing issues. Visit your local VA for more information and testing.

MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN DISTRESS. Tim Bubla's niece is still suffering major health concerns. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

- A new event on May 18 – Veteran Connection – opens for all Veterans in the local area. Event is from Noon to 4pm. One guest speaker from the Tomah VA and one from the Wisconsin Veterans Museum.

COMMUNITY SERVICE, on-line report: Adjutant.

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

A new VFW State & National dashboard was set up. We are in third place in the number of Post reports submitted as of now.

POST OFFICERS REPORTS.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Sr. Vice Brad Shufelt – nothing to report.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Jr. Vice Mugridge – nothing to report.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Raschka – Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Members; Chair David Verhage, Sr. Vice Shufelt, QM Maas, Mark Wysocki, Karl August, Canteen Supervisor Schildt, Aux President Kowalski, Facility Manit Sup Spreda and Cdr. Strasser. Members present, HC Chair Verhage, QM Maas, Adj McCloy, HC Member Wysocki, Aux President Kowalski, Canteen Supervisor Schildt, HC Member Karl August, and CDR Strasser.
Items Discussed.

1. Sandi, (Auxiliary) Tuesday, June 11th, 4 -8 PM, the Auxiliary will have a Spaghetti feed/Fundraiser.
2. David, (HC)
 - Considering/Discussing ideas on refreshing Post restrooms.
 - The grease trap has been put on a quarterly cleaning schedule.
 - Use of the sink strainers is required. They need to be left in the sink to prevent large food particles from getting into the trap with the grease and plugging the drain. Ends up smelling up the restrooms and kitchen.
 - Semi-annual hood system cleaning is scheduled for march.
 - The new POS System/update for the Canteen is still in the works.
 - We are still looking at replacing the Kitchen Fryers, 2 small and 1 large.
 - The Land Purchase: waiting for DOT to complete appraisal and contact us.
 - Our Post Website is down and are looking to go with a different provider and a new site design.
 - A SUGGESTION BOX NOTE asked the House Committee to consider hanging a Dart Board. This has been seriously considered and we are working on it.

Entertainment/Planning Committee: Members present, Aux Pres Kowalski, Chris, Sally Mickelkamp, Barb McCloy & Commander Strasser

Issues discussed:

- March 8th, International Women Day Activities. Carnations for Ladies starting at 5:00 PM and Drink Specials for Ladies only. "BOGO" rail drinks.
- March 17th, Sunday St. Patrick's Day, and Steak & Omelet Breakfast. Drink Specials, Green & White Baked goods etc. Tasty Nook will prepare and serve a Dinner Special, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Corned Beef and Cabbage with sides, & Desserts, and Kielbasa & Kraut. Sign-up sheets for the Dinner Special are at the Kitchen counter.
- April 8th 7:00 PM Post and Auxiliary Meeting.
- April 9th, National POW Recognition Day.
- April 21st Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast.
- May 4th VFW Post Day of Service. Meet at the Post 08:00 hrs. Coffee and donuts after at the Post.

Golf Committee: Members, Chair Larry Kinyon., Debbie Manthey, Gary & Kathy Matthees, Diane Lutovski, Brad Shufelt & Cdr. Strasser. Season 2024 preparation has started. Times reserved at the Golf Course. Open to new volunteers and helpers to assist with coordination.

- Golf Cmty Chair Kinyon is working on the Wis River Golf Course Scheduled Sept 7th Golf Scramble from Arizona.

COMMUNITY & CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

VFW Community Activities Committee Chair:

- **VOD, PP & Teacher of the year, early fall event.**
- **High School Senior SCHOLARSHIPS, Mike Zynda.** Packets were handed out to the High Schools and have a deadline of May 11,202

- This program awards three scholarships – one from VFW Post 10262, one from the Golf Committee and one the Bert Platta Scholarship – each in the amount of \$1000.

Military Assistance Program (MAP), Chair Charneski – Nothing new to report.

UWSP ROTC MILITARY BALL AND AWARDS PRESENTATION EVENT. Scheduled at the Plover Memories Ballroom Thursday April 25th. Invitation only event.

SURGEON; Worzalla – No report.

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

DONATION REQUESTS:

Donation Committee Members; Mark Wysocki, Jim Maas, Mike Worzalla, Scott Halverson, Barb McCloy, Brad Shufelt & The Commander. Mark Wysocki presented:

- Our Post has sponsored Jim & Sue Cormac Race Car. (#7) Our Logo is already on the Car.
- Request for reserving Iverson Lodge for \$250.00 for Operation Healing hearts Sept 12th, for the event. Activities here in Stevens Point. Reservation made.
- Donation requested from SPASH 2024 Project Graduation – Chaplain Frank Raschka made a motion to donate \$100. Gary Matthees second. Motion passed.
- Members immediately voted to approve donating to Pacelli 2024 Graduation for \$100 as well.
- Donation requested from American Legion Post 6 towards Bowling Tournament April 6th at Skipps Bowling Alley. Mike Zynda made the motion to donate \$100. Larry Kinyon second. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- Purchase of Overflow parking area from DOT. 75' X 200". The survey is completed and forwarded to Village of Plover and then DOT. Waiting for DOT appraisal completion and info from DOT.

RIFLE SQUAD: Cdr. Strasser.

- Two funerals, One for Post Member James Mozach and for Air force Member William Reed.
- Chaplain Frank and I will Participate in the Celebration of Life Ceremony at the Stevens Point Elks for Past Post member Leonard Christianson. on Sunday, March 17th.
- Mar 17th Steak & Omelet Breakfast. Always need help or join us for Breakfast.

Good of the Order.

- A HOUSE COMMITTEE ISSUE FOR ALL MEMBERS. Incidents at our post are rare but they do happen. Most meetings are conducted in a CIVIL MANNER; however, concerns have been brought to the attention of the House Committee and me about comments made in meeting settings about member sexuality. Also, there are issues of individual incidents of Belligerent and Rude Behavior and comments considered RACIST in the Canteen. We all understand the right to free speech, but this kind of speech and inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated in our Canteen or Post.

NEW Business.

- Nominations made for new Officer positions:
 - Commander – Brad Shufelt and Barbara McCloy
 - Senior Vice – John Cancino
 - Junior Vice – Mike Wolf
 - Quartermaster – Ryan McCaffrey

- Three-year Trustee – John Herek

LOYALTY..... A very large thank you to every Post Life Member and Annual Member who lives a long way from our Post, for remaining faithful to our Post.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND DATES.

- Mar 8th International Women Day
- Mar 11th Post & Auxiliary Meeting
- Mar 17th St Patrick's Day
- Mar 17th Steak & Omelet Breakfast.
- Mar 29th National Vietnam Veterans Day. The ET Committee has currently decided to have an "all inclusive" Veterans Day event on Nov 11th.
- Apr 8th Post & Auxiliary Meeting (2nd round of Post officer nominations/elections)
- Apr 9th National POW Recognition Day.
- Apr 21st Steak & Omelet Breakfast (Last one until Sept)
- Apr 22nd Never forgotten Honor Flight, Mission # 47.
- Apr 25th ROTC Military Ball at Memories Ballroom.
- May 4th, 7th District Meeting (Marshfield)
- May 4th, Post Community Service (Day of Service)
- May 13th Post & Auxiliary Meeting.
- May 18th (Morning) O So's Brewery 5K Honor Flight Fundraiser, Membership Recruiting, Burgers & Brats.
- May 18th Post Hosts "All Area Veterans Gathering".
- May 20th Never Forgotten Honor Flight #48.

COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES

- Mar 24th Start of Kosovo Campaign 1999
- Mar 29th, National Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day
- Mar 31st, End of Operation Restore Hope-Somalia 1995
- May 1st Loyalty Day Not celebrated this year.
- May 30th, Memorial Day

ANNIVERSERIE'S and BIRTHDAYS for January 2024

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/1 Sharon Cleveland 74, 3/4 Walter Zakrzewski 52, 3/5 Robert Barber 50,
 3/11 Robert Bauer 53, 3/11 David Hanson 66, 3/11 James Borski 85,
 3/13 Roy Churchill 79, 3/13 Conrad Suchon 76, 3/23 Matthew Smith,
 3/24 Theresa Lasota 61, 3/24 Thomas Bredow 91, 3/29 Lyle Koepke 76
 3/31 Ronald Firkus 75

ANNIVERSARIES.

3/4 Matthew & Stepanie Smith, 3/11 Nick & Elezabeth Kibler 3/18 Norb & Deedy Strasser,
 3/22 Bradley & Donell Shufelt

Attendance Raffle February & March change!! For both February and March meetings, Post members attending our meetings, a raffle! We will raffle three (3) free chances each month to win in the Dept VFW 2024 Gun Raffle. I have six (6) \$20.00 tickets for the raffle. A total of 16 Guns will be Ruffled off with 16 winners. Six Handguns, Six Rifles & Five Shotguns.

The drawing will be held MAY 24TH.Not sure of the location but expect the State Hqs.

CLOSING CEREMONY; Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. April 8th, 2024.

Adjournment time: 2040 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy
Adjutant