



**VFW POST
10262
2970 Hickory Drive
Plover, Wi 54467
Post Meeting**



**Minutes
August 12, 2024**

JOINT MEETING.

- Auxiliary President Sandi Kowalski; Donation presentation of \$2500 ea. from Auxiliary Spaghetti Fundraiser to both the Interfaith Food Pantry and the Portage County Family Crisis Center.
- New PCVSO John Olsen introduced himself to the Post.
- Past Commander's (Norb) recognition of Julie & Rodger Zebro, Chris Schildt, Debbie Manthey, and Mark & Karen Spreda.
- New Sexual Harassment and Bullying policy will be implemented, and training is to come.

INTRODUCE GUESTS, ANYONE WAITING. Membership Chair, Sr. Vice Cmdr.

Guest: Kenneth & Lisa Bernhardt (prospective new members)

Any new members or transfers sworn in.

- Robin Schuh, new Life Member.

COMMANDER, OPEN MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Time 19:36 hrs.

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

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Bob Decker

DRAPING/UNDRAPING OF OUR POST CHARTER.

- Draping for Post Members Jim D Borski and Robert J Pallen

READING OF SECTION 230102 OF OUR CHARTER.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Adjutant Shufelt.

Present 17

Excused 0

Absent 1

Post Member's Present 26 Members on Zoom 0.

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

Membership; As of July 22nd, 211 members. 161 Life members, 50 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.

Membership into the VFW is not a given. Membership information will be reviewed and if there are concerns of any kind, the leadership/membership team will review and discuss. DO NOT advise future members that this is a given or a quick process and they just need to complete paperwork, pay and they are in.

As Commander – I would like to recognize the efforts of Comrade Don Mugridge, Comrade Tim Bubla, Auxiliary member Peggy.

- Don just held a Flag Retirement ceremony at his house and retired over 2500 Flags. He was assisted with the event by Tom & Cindy Bredow, Larry Kinyon, Perry Engel, John Herek and Norb Strasser.
- Tim & Peggy have led the charge with flag presentations and recruiting events in the community. Bravo Zulu! Well done.

REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF Meeting MINUTES of: July

No corrections or additions.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Quartermaster Ryan McCaffrey & HC Chair Verhage.

- Post Finances and QM Report. (McCaffrey).
- House Committee Chair Verhage (Financial).

Motion to accept: Comrade Don Mugridge & Comrade Gary J seconded. Motion carried.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yelkin.

WDVA and our partner agency, [Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection \(DATCP\)](#), are raising awareness of scams and fraud targeting servicemembers, veterans, and their families during National Military Consumer Protection Month in July.

“Servicemembers, veterans, and their families have already given so much to this nation; it is appalling to hear about bad actors targeting and taking advantage of them,” said Secretary-designee James Bond. “I’m thankful to DATCP for recognizing this issue and providing resources to combat scams and fraud in our state. WDVA and our partners stand ready to help former servicemembers protect the benefits they’ve earned. If you need assistance, please know there are free resources available.”

For more information and consumer protection resources or to file a complaint, visit DATCP’s Consumer Protection webpage at [ConsumerProtection.wi.gov](#) or contact the Consumer Protection Hotline at (800) 422-7128 or DATCPHotline@wisconsin.gov.

MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN DISTRESS.

- Comrade Manny Rocha's mother-in-law is having A-Fib issues.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJ: Thank you cards and/or updates

Community service on-line report:

Please report/turn in your community service hours to new Jr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Wolf.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Sr. Vice Cdr. Cansino.

NO Report.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Jr. Vice Mike Wolf.


No Report.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Bob Decker – A quick presentation was shared regarding obtaining copies of service record from an online resource. May take a few weeks to receive.

Choose one of three ways to request service records from the National Archives:

- Start your records request online for recent military service.
- Print and fill out a Form SF 180 [PDF, 894KB]. Mail it to the appropriate address on the form.
- Write a letter to request records, following the directions and using the address under number 2 on this web page.

How to get copies of military records - USAGov

 www.usa.gov/military-records

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

House Committee: Members present - HC Chair David Verhage, HC Member Wysocki, Aux President Kowalski, CDR Barbara McCloy, Chris Schildt and Chief of Staff Strasser.

- Building & Equipment Issues
- Update bathrooms-Contractor Charlie Feltz was present and provided Options, wall tile, wall coverings, ceiling Tile, toilet stall refinishing & toilets and budget discussed. No decisions!
- Updating Post interior light fixtures to LED Lighting
- Update on Purchase of Land from DOT. DOT is still waiting for their contractor appraisal.
- Waxing Floors-Looking for more quotes.
- Karen's replacement – still searching & advertising.

- Working on New Kitchen contractor. “Beard Brothers BBQ” was presented with a Post Draft Contract to review. One Brother would like to start with Friday Fish Fry. A possible Start-up Goal is Sept 20th.

Entertainment/Planning Committee: Members present – Aux. Pres Kowalski, Debbie Manthey Sally Michelkamp & C of Staff Strasser, CDR Barbara McCloy and Canteen Manager Chris Schildt

Issues discussed:

- Aug 17th – Post Steak Feed. The Auxiliary will provide desserts.
 - Tickets are \$30 and plenty are still available.
- Sept 7th – Post Golf Outing at Wisconsin River Golf Course
 - Looking for volunteers to assist with setup/cleanup/hole representation, etc.
 - We are a couple teams shorter than our norm. More posters have gone out to be posted. We currently have 14 teams registered for the golf outing.
- Sept 9th – Post & Auxiliary meetings
- Sept 12th – Healing Hearts, Bicyclists from Eau Clair will be coming through. They ride through town and down to Iverson Park where they meet at the pavilion. No new info to share.
- Sept 13th – The Rifle Squad will provide a Pancake Breakfast to the bicyclists and Support Staff of about 40 members. Will need volunteers from Post & Auxiliary to cook, serve and cleanup. Kitchen Prep starts at 06:30 hrs. We will start serving around 0730.
- Sept 15th – The first Rifle Squad Steak and Omelet breakfast of the season.
- Sept 15th – Car Show – no food, no music.
- Sept 23rd – Honor Flight – we do not have listing yet
- Sept 28th – Distilled Rhythm playing 5-8/9pm. Food TBD
- Oct 12th – District 7 meeting in Wausau
- Oct 14th – Post & Auxiliary meetings
- Oct 20th – Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet breakfast
- Oct 26th – Post Halloween Party – Rocker Rocker will be playing. No food
- Nov 9th – US Wars and Conflicts Remembrance Event for local vets and their immediate family.
 - Slobberknockers confirmed to play music.
 - Food TBD
- Nov 11th – Post & Auxiliary meetings
- Nov 11th – Community Veterans Day events
- Dec 7th – Post Christmas Party
 - We are looking for volunteers to be on the Planning Committee

Golf Committee: Chair Larry Kinyon.

- Meeting Report. We currently have 14 teams and are looking to be in a good position for this fundraiser.

COMMUNITY & CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

VFW Community Activities Committee Chair: Jr. Vice Cdr Wolf.

High School Senior SCHOLARSHIPS, Mike Zynda.

- Starts Late March & April 2024 -2025 School year.

VOD, PP & TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM, (Need volunteers to head -up the program ASAP). See or talk to Jr. Vice Commander Mike Wolf.

- 2024 -2025 VOD & PP Competition information (School Posters and Competition Sign-up Sheets) are here in the QM 'S Office and need to be delivered to School Administration/Schools ASAP.

Military Assistance Program (MAP), Chair Ron Charneski.

- Ron called with info that Contact with the 1/120 provided good news, they are "laid-on/committed to the Post Golf Scramble opening Ceremony on Sept 7th. The 120th cannot field a team because they are Drilling on that weekend.

SURGEON UPDATE: Larry Kinyon

- Larry shared that you could log on a computer, go to <https://myhealth.va.gov> and register. Once registered and you utilize VA services, you can track meds, send messages to doctors and nurses, track appointments and ask non-emergency health questions.

Donation Committee Members: CDR Barbara McCloy, Sr. Vice Cdr. Cansino, Norb Strasser Report, Mark Wysocki. Manny Rocha would like to attend.

For the reference of post members:

- Any donation request over \$500 will be reviewed by the Donations Committee before brought to the post members for vote.
- Any emergency donation requests need to be submitted 3-5 days ahead of time (where possible).
- This committee would like to extend the invitation for volunteers. We could use the assistance of two or three more members to assist fellow veterans and our community through our Donations Committee.

8:00 PM PRAYER Chaplain Decker

RIFLE SQUAD: Cdr. Strasser.

- Our Rifle Squad Provided Honors for three Community Veterans that included Past Post Member Robert Pallen.
- The Rifle Squad participated in Celebrate Plover and provided opening Ceremonies our US Colors and Chaplains Prayer.
- Aug 13th, 09:30 **FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY** at Don Mugridge home, 4289 County Rd J, Stevens Point.
- Aug 17th, Rifle Squad Steak Feed.
- Sept 12th, Rifle Squad members display Colors and Flags welcoming the Operation Healing Hearts "Team One Mile" into Stevens Point.
- Sept 13th Serve Breakfast to Team One Mile and support Staff. 07:30 hrs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- Purchase of Overflow parking area from DOT. 75' X 200". Stil waiting for DOT Appraisal information.

NEW Business.

- VFW Calendars Sale – we received 25 for the Post to sell at \$20 each.

Good of the Order.

- Tim Bubla recommended using ID me for access to VA website related things.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND DATES.

- Refer to the Entertainment/Planning Schedule.
- Guns & Hoses annual event coming up Sunday, August 25th at Zenoff park, Noon to 3pm

COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES

Aug 31st, end of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2010.

Sept 2nd, VJ Day; Japan surrendered, 1945 ending WW11fighting.

Sept 11th, Patriot Day.

Sept 3rd Friday – POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Oct 7th, Start of Operation Enduring Freedom – Afghanistan 2001.

Oct 18th, Recognition of Women in Military Service.

Oct 23rd, Beirut Bombing.

Nov 11th, Veterans Day – Signing WW 1 Armistice Day.

Dec 7th, Pearl Harbor Day, Since 1941.

ANNIVERSARIE’S and BIRTHDAYS For August 2024

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

BIRTHDAYS.

8/5 Walter Blanchard, 8/5 Norb Strasser, 8/6 Jared Nagel, 8/6 Joseph Montoya, 8/7 Phillip Casale,

8/7 Ryan Flowerette, 8/8 Donald Rasmussen, 8/9 Robert Zimbauer, 8/12 David Skrzezkoski,

8/14 Evert Woyak, 8/14 Roger Wangen, 8/15 John Eickendorf, 8/18 Donald Phillips,

8/24 Andrew Suchon, 8/30 Gregory Bernas, 8/31 Phil Kalias.

ANNIVERSARIES.

8/4 William & Mary Boston, 8/5 Wayne & Shirley Gorell, 8/20 Manuel & Sarah Rocha,

8/24 John & Lillian Herek.

Attendance Raffle winner. Mark Wysocki

CLOSING CEREMONY: Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. Sept 9th

Adjournment time: 8:46

Barbara McCloy

Commander