



**VFW POST  
10262**  
2970 Hickory Drive  
Plover, Wi 54467  
Post Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2024



**INTRODUCE GUESTS - ANYONE WAITING. Membership Chair, Sr. Vice Cdr. John Cansino**

- **Joint Meeting** – review weekend events, turn-in miles for Irreverant Warrior, \$100 was donated by a local area business for Veterans Day drinks.

**Any new members or transfers sworn in.**

- Felix Grutzik, Jr.

**COMMANDER, OPEN MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Time 1910**

**Salute to the Colors:**

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Opening Prayer: Chaplain Bob Decker**

**DRAPING/UNDRAPING OF OUR POST CHARTER.**

- None to my knowledge

**READING OF SECTION 230102 OF OUR CHARTER.**

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Adjutant Shufelt**

Present: 14

Excused: 0

Absent : 3

Post Member's Present: 27 Members on Zoom: 0

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS, APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS: Membership Chair Sr. Vice - John Cansino**

**INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS; (Mustering in New Members). Felix Grutzik**

**Membership; As of November 11: 171 Life members, 10 annual members, 28 members who will come due in next few months. 183 total members puts us at 85.11%. Once those who are coming due pay, our numbers increase in each category.**

**Remember: the goal is for every member to recruit one (1) new member every year.**

**\*NEW Membership Challenge \*** from State Membership Chairman Randy Engness.  
\* New points system in place for every new member, life member, members who convert to Life and members who convert to Legacy. Each event gives a Post points towards \$1000, bragging rights and entries into a drawing for a coveted traveling trophy.

**REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF Meeting MINUTES of: October 2024**  
(Corrections/additions) \_\_\_\_\_.

**QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Quartermaster Ryan McCaffrey & HC Chair Verhage.**

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

Q&A \_\_\_\_\_ -

Motion to accept; Comrade Wayne Gorell & Comrade Don Mugridge. Motion carried.

**SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yelkin.**

- 2025 VA Disability Increase Rates/Pay
  - 2025 VA disability pay rates go into effect December 1, 2024 with a year over year increase of 2.63% based on latest cost of living (COLA) announced by the social security administration. See handout for more information.

**MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN DISTRESS.** Richard Schultz – still in care. Cancer.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJ Brad Shufelt:** Thank you cards or updates

**Community service on-line report:**

- *Post is at 110 community service events. We have a bunch of numbers to put in this month. Let's get our miles in for Irreverant Warrior and all the Veterans Day events as well. Keep up the good work and report, report, report.*

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

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Jr. Vice Mike Wolf**

**CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Bob Decker** - this will be his last month in town for winter season. Comrade Robin Schuh will fill in as Chaplain during his absence.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE:** Members present, HC Chair David Verhage, HC Member Wysocki, Aux President Kowalski, Mark Spreada, HC Member Ron Stoflet, Norb Strasser and CDR Barb McCloy.

Items Discussed.

- 1 AUXILIARY – Sandi given permission to purchase garland for decorating post.
- 2 We'll need two bartenders for Christmas Party on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 3 Post will be closed to the public for the Christmas Party from 2-9PM.
- 4 Kitchen fire suppression system needs to be updated. We will be getting a quote.
- 5 Mark noted that the parking lot will likely need sealing in 2025.
- 6 West side rain gutters have yet to be installed.
- 7 David noted that we have hired Tim Zywicki (a 20+ year Air Force veteran) to replace Karen and that the salaries will be higher than usual while he is training.
- 8 When other veterans groups are using the post facilities, they do not get happy hour prices for drinks.
- 9 Dilly's BBQ is doing well, sales increasing as word get out.
- 10 There have been only two Bar Manager applications submitted. Will be contacting them for an interview.

**Community Outreach Team:** Tim Bubla, Peggy Klitgaard-Mancel, Annie Hazelton and Sarah Rocha

- This team will be performing Veterans Day presentations at the following locations:
  - Tue 11/05 AM - STP Christian Academy
  - Wed 11/06 AM - Washington Elementary
  - Thu 11/07 AM - Plover- Whiting Elementary
  - Thu 11/07 PM - Stevens Point Health Care
  - Fri 11/08 AM - Roosevelt Elementary School
  - Fri 11/08 PM - Wellington Place

Huge thank you to this team for the items listed above and more that are not listed. This team kicked serious butt with all their presentations. Please turn in your hours as well.

**Entertainment/Planning Committee: Chair** Members present: Sr Vice John Cansino, Jr Vice Mike Wolf, Aux Pres Sandi Kowalski, Debbie Manthey, Diaine Litovski, Sally Michelkamp & C of Staff Strasser

Issues discussed:

### **November:**

- 9 Nov – Saturday, Remembrance of all US Military Conflicts
  - Live music – Slobber Knockers 5-8pm
  - Roughly \$330 was raised through the 50/50 raffle to support Families in need.
- 11 Nov – Post & Auxiliary Meeting
- 11 Nov – Veterans Day Activities at Village of Plover Area Vet Memorial
  - Potluck food after (members only, food served by Plover Legion Aux)
- November 14<sup>th</sup> – Drills to Tour Presentation put on by Portage Cty Historical Society
  - Features local 120<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery National Guard Unit @ 7pm
- November 21<sup>st</sup> – Phil Hollis – Free Informational Event for Open Enrollment
  - How does Medicare work with Tricare

- What do Veterans qualify for
- Q&A for Veterans – Free Free Free
- 17 Nov – **\*\*CANCELED\*\*** Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast
- 28 Nov - Thanksgiving baskets for families in need funded from 9 Nov. event 50/50
- 30 Nov – Sandi, the Auxiliary President, will be removing Fall décor and putting up Christmas if anyone wants to come assist. 10am.

**December:**

- 7 Dec – Post Christmas Party – turn in your RSVP asap – NLT Nov 20th.
  - Bootleggers catering
  - DJ Casey Gumney 5-9
- 9 Dec – Post & Auxiliary Meeting
- 15 Dec – Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast & Breakfast with Santa
- 14 Dec – Army/Navy Game – Doors open 11am, kick-off 2pm. Raffles, 50/50 raffle, potluck. There is also a Christmas Party going on with Dylan from the kitchen.

**Golf Committee: Chair Comrade Larry Kinyon.**

- The 2024 Golf Committee met October 24 and put together a list of deserving organizations and events that monies from the proceeds of the 2024 Golf Scramble will be allocated to. These include events at our VFW Post and areas that Veterans will benefit from such as the privately funded King KX which provides needed clothing for Veterans at yearly King that can not afford them. Also included are some of the normal yearly donations such as the Salvation Army and the scholarship we support. All in all, we will be spending over \$6500.

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

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

- Do we want to work with Entertainment Committee or address separately?

**High School Senior SCHOLARSHIPS, Comrade Mike Zynda.**

- Nothing to update

**VOD, PP & TEACHER OF THE YEAR:**

- We received 12 submissions for Voice of Democracy
- We received 22 submissions for Patriots Pen
- Voting was Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. We had a fantastic turnout. Thank you Norb for pulling those people together.
- Our winners are being submitted to District this week. More to follow.

**Military Assistance Program (MAP), Chair Ron Charneski.**

- **Nothing to report.**

**SURGEON UPDATE: Comrade Larry Kinyon**

The VA expanded their Tele-Emergency Care Options. You can call or chat with VA Health Connect 24/7/365. See handout for more information.

## **DONATION REQUESTS:**

**Donation Committee Members; Comrade Jim Maas, Commander Barb McCloy, Adjutant Brad Shufelt & Sr Vice John Cansino Report:**

1. Green Circle Trail: \$100 - They're looking for funds to make improvements in the trail.
  1. Nothing to vote on

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: Rifle Squad Cdr. Strasser.**

- Update on Rifle Squad activities.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

- Purchase of Overflow parking area from DOT. 75' X 200". Whole area was not appraised in full. New appraisal being completed. We are not paying for that.

**NEW Business:**

**Good of the Order:**

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND DATES.**

- November is Military Family Month
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> – Marine Corps 249<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Free WWII Presentation – 120<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Drills to Duty 7pm @ Post
- Nov 21<sup>st</sup> – Free Open Enrollment Presentation with Secure Heritage Insurance 11-Noon @ Post
- Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving

**ANNIVERSARIE'S and BIRTHDAYS For November 2024.**

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

**BIRTHDAYS:**

11/1/24 Christine Beck

11/2/24 Alfred Gburek, Jesse Losinski, James Manville

11/3/24 Raoul Rossier, Harry Skalla

11/4/24 John Hanson, Tergan Griffith

11/6/24 David Knight

11/11/24 Walter Stabnow, James Sorenson

11/13/24 Michael Butcher

11/19/24 Jeffrey Cohen  
11/20/24 Eric Ecklund  
11/21/24 Ken Anderson, Gary Kolodziej  
11/22/24 Nicholas Hanson  
11/23/24 Brian Paulson  
11/30/24 Brian Paulson  
11/30/24 John Thomas, Dwayne Wierzba

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

11/1/24 Edwin (Bud) & Fran Atkins  
11/6//24 Gary & Kathy Matthees  
11/13/24 Thomas & Susan Zajackowski  
11/15/24 Michael & Hong McKenna  
11/20/24 Thomas & Cindy Bredow

**Attendance Raffle:** Winner: Jr Vice Mike Wolf

**CLOSING CEREMONY;** Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. December 9, 2024  
Adjournment time: 2010

Barbara McCloy  
Commander