



**VFW POST  
10262  
2970 Hickory Drive  
Plover, Wi 54467  
Post Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2024**



**JOINT MEETING:**

- Virtual 5K – Deadline November 17, 2024 – everyone invited to track all walking miles for the month of October. All \$50 registration fees are a donation to Irreverent Warrior. See Commander McCloy for more details on how to register.
- Operation Christmas Angel – see flyer.
- Community Events = Entertainment Committee challenged us to create two additional events that benefit the community as a whole. Ideas shared under Entertainment report.
- Moving time of meetings from 7pm to 6pm – discussion had. Still some interest but review again in November/December. Gets reported to State and remains as a new meeting time for both Auxiliary and Post members.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING:**

**New member sworn-in:** None.

**COMMANDER MCCLOY OPENED THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS: 19:13 HRS.**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Decker

**Draping/Undraping of the Charter:**

- None

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

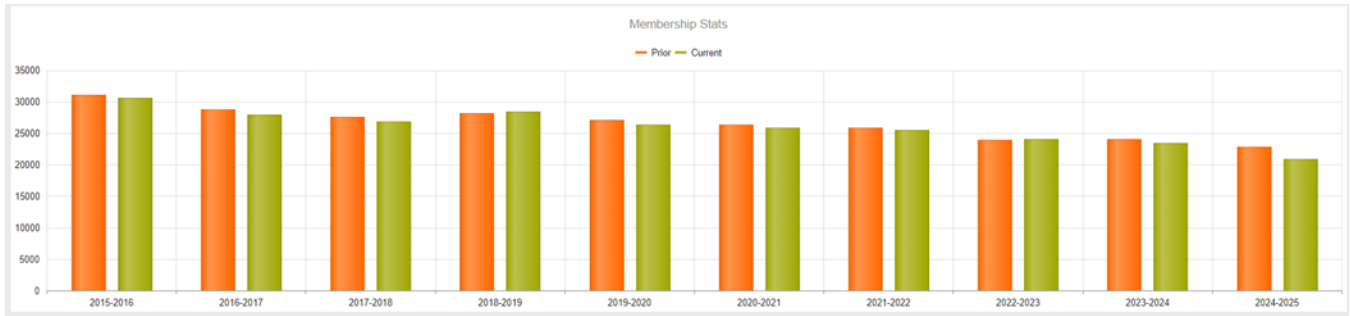
- Was recited by all.

**Roll Call of officers.**

Present	14
Excused	0
Absent	3

VFW Members Present – 25 - members physically present, 0 online participants.

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



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

**Membership; As of October 14, 180 members puts us at 83.72%. We need 39 new members to get to 102% goal put out by National VFW Commander.**

**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.

Pins of recognition have gone out to Comrades Tim Bubla, Gary Jay, Frank Raschka and Mike Wolf for recruiting new members and or reinstating new members. Great job!!

**REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES FOR: Sept.**

**Minutes of the Sept Meeting:** Approved with changes to attendance.

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

**Post Finances and QM Report. (McCaffrey).**

**House Committee Chair Verhage (Financial).**

**Q&A** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion to accept;** Chaplain Decker & Comrade Larry Kinyon

**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 the handout for more information.

**MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN DISTRESS.**

- Comrade Richard Shultz has cancer and is in hospice Room 14 if anyone would like to visit him.
- Hellen Gollen fell but is home and recovering.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJ Brad Shufelt: No thank you cards or updates.**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE on-line report:

- Post is at 71 community service events. Next closest post is at 31. Excellent work!!! Keep up the good work and report, report, report.
- I have challenged the Entertainment Committee to provide two community events a year that give back to the Community and are not relying on funds to fill our coffers. Ideas that count:
  - Easter Egg Hunt
  - Summer event
  - Hayrides
  - Trunk or Treat
  - Santa Claus visit

## POST OFFICERS REPORTS.

**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Sr. Vice Cdr Cansino** - nothing to report.

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Jr. Vice Mike Wolf** – nothing to report.

**CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Decker** – New volunteer to cover during winter months: Comrade Robin Schuh. Thank you for volunteering!

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE:** HOUSE COMMITTEE: Members present, HC Chair David Verhage, Jr. Vice Michael Wolf, CDR McCloy and C of Staff Strasser.

Items Discussed:

- Auxiliary (Sandi)
- Any auxiliary issues
- Sandi was dismissed.
- Building & Equipment Issues (Mark)
- West side rain gutters-D&S Seamless \$1,425
- Updating to LED Lighting-Larry in Spring 2025
- Update on Purchase of Land from DOT (Norb) **(Had assessment finished)**
- Waxing Floors **(went well, completed) Thanks to Post Members who volunteered.**
- Any employee issues.
- Chris's replacement
- Karen's replacement – **Offered employment and training starts 10/28/24.**
- New Bartenders
- Any bar issues
- Any member issues (Everyone)
- "Dilly's BBQ" **(3 Fridays down, turned out OK, looking to expand for Saturdays)**

**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 11/04 AM - Washington Elementary
  - Wed 11/05 AM - STP Christian Academy
  - 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

More events to be scheduled. Thank you again to this team for your hard work and dedication!

**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:

**October:**

- 14 Oct – Post & Auxiliary Meeting
- 20 Oct – Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast
- 26 Oct – Halloween Party/Rocker-Rocker band booked 5-9pm.
  - Costume contest
  - Dilly's BBQ Food specials
- 28 Oct – Last Honor flight of the year
  - o Larry Kinyon on flight

**November:**

- 9 Nov – Saturday, Remembrance of all US Military Conflicts
  - o 11:30-1:30 for veterans. Free food for vets during this time.
  - o 2-3speakers (1 is State Commander).
  - o Bar opens at 2pm to the public.
  - o Live music – SlobberKnockers 5-8pm
  - o 50/50 raffle to support Families in need Thanksgiving baskets.
- 11 Nov – Post & Auxiliary Meeting
- 11 Nov – 11:00 hrs. Veterans Day Activities at Village of Plover Area Vet Memorial  
12:00 hrs. Potluck food after (members only, food served by Plover Legion Aux)
- 17 Nov – **\*\*CANCELED\*\*** Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast (HUNTING SEASON)
- 28 Nov - Thanksgiving baskets for families in need funded from 9 Nov. event 50/50

**December:**

- 7 Dec – Post Christmas Party
  - o Bootleggers catering
  - o DJ Casey Gumney 5-9
- 9 Dec – Post & Auxiliary Meeting
- 14 Dec – Army/Navy Game – Bar open 11am, Kick off at 2pm POTLUCK
- 15 Dec – Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast & Breakfast with Santa

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

- Event highly successful.
- More entries and more successful
- Planning for next year to start soon.

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

- **VFW Community Activities Committee Chair: Cdr Wolf** – nothing new to report.
- **High School Senior SCHOLARSHIPS, Mike Zynda.**
  - o Information will go out in May.
- **VOD, PP & TEACHER OF THE YEAR. Commander**
  - o The Post Leadership following up with schools as deadline nears. October 31st.
  - o Submissions are coming in. Will need volunteers to judge.

**Military Assistance Program (MAP), Chair Ron Charneski** – We are officially adopting the 120<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Unit located in Stevens Point, WI. Comrade Ron has received a drill schedule, and we will look to be involved in supporting this unit.

**SURGEON; Comrade Larry Kinyon**

- The VA expanded their Tele-Emergency Care Options. You can call or chat with VA Health Connect 24/7/365. See the handout for more information.
- Information was shared about ticks. You have 36 hrs. to remove before they infect you. Kits were provided if anyone was interested in assisting the State with their research. There is an

invasion tick called the Lone Star Tick that if not removed quickly can make an individual allergic to red meat.

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

**DONATION REQUESTS:**

**Donation Committee Members; Commander Barb McCloy, Adjutant Brad Shufelt & Sr Vice John Cansino, Member Rocha & Chief of Staff Strasser. Report:**

- Members to vote on donating \$1000 to VFW Department of Wisconsin to be earmarked for VFW Post 891 in Asheville, NC – **voted on and approved by members.**
- Members voted on donating \$1000 to Team One Mile to support Operation Healing Hearts that came through on their bike ride on September 12th. **Voted on and approved by members.**

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.

RIFLE SQUAD: Cdr. Strasser.

- Had a quiet month.
- Rifle Squad Members will be needed for the Veterans Day Ceremonies at the Plover Area Veterans Memorial.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

- Purchase of Overflow parking area from DOT. 75' X 200' Still waiting for DOT Appraisal information, although completed no Offer on cost of leased lot has been received.

**Good of the Order.** Cooties organization sponsors/has bingo at King on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays.

- Reach out to Comrade Gary Matthees or Comrade Frank Raschka to carpool.

**NEW Business.**

- Nick had handouts and information on Fallen Heros Outdoors. He will also be a guest speaker at our Veterans Remembrance Day event on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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.**

- Navy Birthday – Sunday, October 13
- Marine Corps Birthday – Sunday, November 10
- VFW All Conflicts Remembrance Event Saturday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – speakers and snack food
- Veterans Day – November 11 – potluck at post after Plover Memorial Park event
- Veterans Day Gathering at High Ground Welcome Center with JT Savor as guest speaker.

**ANNIVERSARIE'S and BIRTHDAYS for October 2024  
WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**BIRTHDAYS.**

10/5 Edwin (Bud) Atkins

10/16 Scott Peplinski

10/18 Stephen Wimmer

10/18 Thomas Delaney

10/21 Ronald Sankey

10/24 Danny Dye

10/25 Bradley Shufelt

10/26 Curt Wojtalewicz

10/27 Dax Burroughs

10/29 James Steuck

10/29 Joshua Zimmerman

10/29 Robert Potter

10/31 Allyn Dunlap

10/31 David Edwards

**ANNIVERSARIES.**

10/1 James & Nancy Steuck

10/2 Gary & Sherrie Jay

10/15 Robert & Pamela Kitowski

10/26 Peter & Constance Congdon

**Attendance Raffle** – \$50 Winner: Fred Gburek

**CLOSING CEREMONY;** Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. November 11, 2024

Adjournment time: 2031 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy

Commander