



# VFW POST 10262

2970 Hickory Drive  
Plover, Wi 54467



## Post Meeting Minutes

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Joint Meeting.

- Canteen Manager Sweeney thanked the Auxiliary members for the support they gave for the Celebration of Life for Orley.
- Auxiliary President Kowalski thanked the Auxiliary for all of their support for Orley’s Celebration of Life.
- House Committee Chair Engel conducted a “Ribbon Cutting Event” for our Post Renovated Restrooms. Also recognized Contractor Mark Sommers.

### INTRODUCE GUESTS, ANYONE WAITING.

- Commander Cansino introduced visiting VFW member Darwin Zwieg from the Neillsville Post.

**COMMANDER Cansino opened the Meeting for business.** Time 18:10

**Salute to the Colors**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Opening Prayer: Chaplain Bob Decker**

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

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

- The Charter was **UNDRAPED** for deceased Air Force Vet Kenneth Piotrowski.

### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Present 11\_\_

Excused 1\_\_

Absent 1\_\_

Post Member’s Present: 21      Members on Zoom – 0

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS, APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS: Membership Chair Sr. Vice - \_\_**

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

Post	Dist	Annual New	Annual Cont.	Annual Reinst.	Life New	Life Cont.	Life Reinst.	Life Upgrade	Current	Prior	%	Div	City	State
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**Membership is 98%. 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 101% membership. Our Current membership is 200.**

**REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF April Meeting MINUTES.**

(Corrections/additions) - None Noted.

**QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Ryan McCaffery.**

**Trustee Verhage discussed financial status.**

- He mentioned that he separated the building fund from the separate account setup for the restroom renovation. Already had several contractor draws from the account.
- The machine's income is similar to last year's.

**Motion to Accept the QM Report as stated;** Comrade Engel and seconded by Comrade Kinyon. Motion passed.

**BENEFITS OFFICER, No Report**

**MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN DISTRESS:**

None reported.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJ**

Adj Strasser mentioned the following.

- Adj Strasser also mentioned the Plover Chapter of DAR and their efforts putting together a Historically themed event about the Plover Cemetery and History of Plover scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>. To assist and be a part of the program as period actors, please contact Joan Hagen at 715 250-3982.
- Adj mentioned the Phone message received from a local Vet who Paints Portraits and is interested in painting Veterans.

**Community Service on-line report. Ryan McCaffery**

- No Report

**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Sr. Vice Stoflet. No report**

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

- Larry Kinyon picked up this year's order of Cemetery Flags and Holders from the PCVSO. We have plenty of new flags on hand to replace those that may get tattered and need replacement this year.
- The Post members are getting ready to put up the Cemetery Flags.

**CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Bob Decker.**

- It was reported that the Flag on HWY 10 East has been replaced.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE:** HC Chair Perry Engel, Aux President Kowalski, Adj Norb Strasser, Canteen Mgr. Diane Sweeney, Mark Wysocki, Ron Stoflet, Fred Gburek & Cdr. Cansino.

HC Chair Engel reported.

- Perry has contacted a Paint Specialist to get a quote on repainting our M60A2 Tank. Sandblasting and repainting it Military OD. A two-to-three-day Project. He is still working on the project.
- Putting reflective covering on the front door glass was quoted at \$250 for ea. Door.

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE:**

Norb Strasser, Sally Michelkamp, Diane Lutovsky, Debbie Manthey, Sandi Kowalski, and CDR Cansino. Entertainment Committee is open to non-members.

**May 2026**

- 12 May TACO Tuesday 4:30 – 6:30 PM

- 16 May – OSO 5K – Lake Pacwa. Rifle Squad event.
- 25 May – Memorial Day – Post Rifle Squad Honors at seven cemetery's and two memorials. 11:00 hrs. Memorial Day Ceremony at the Village of Plover Area Veterans Memorial. Potluck lunch served at the VFW Post around noon. Open to the Public.

#### **June 2026**

- 9 June - Auxiliary Spaghetti Feed...
- 22 June – Ageless Aviation flights at the Stevens Point Airport.
- 27 June – Plover DAR provides a Historical/Veterans Plover Cemetery Walk.

#### **July 2026**

- 4<sup>th</sup> July, Stevens Point Parade
- 14-19 Customer appreciation week. Details are being worked on.
- 19 July, 3-6pm. Band, Booked Gary Katz.
- 24– 25 July Celebrate Plover and “Post membership Recruiting event”.

#### **August 2026**

- 15<sup>th</sup> Aug - Rifle Squad Annual Steak Feed.

#### **Sept 2026-**

- 12 Sept - Post Golf Scramble
- 20 Sept; - Car Show and Steak & Omelet Breakfast.

#### **Oct 2026**

- 31Oct - Halloween and Gray Katz

#### **Golf Committee: Chair Ron Stoflet & Connie Takacs.**

- Comrade Stoflet mentioned that the next committee meeting is tomorrow night at 6:00 PM.

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

##### **VFW Community Activities Committee Chair:**

- Comrade Bubla mentioned that GameDay will commence in June.
- Tim mentioned that ADRC also asked for Memorial Day event help.

**High School Scholarships: Mike Zynda.** We have received nine application Packets. Judging will be set up for 10:00 hr. on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **VOD, PP & TEACHER OF THE YEAR.**

- VOD/PP applications and large Posters are on order. Amherst has a VFW Post and as a rule we don't infringe on their territory, however we did accept application from Adams/Friendship several years back.

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

- Ron reported that he started the paperwork for the National Guard for the firing the 120 MM Howitzer at the start of the Gold Scramble.
- Ron also mentioned that the B/120<sup>th</sup> is interested in becoming our MAP Unit.

**SURGEON Report: No Report.**

#### **DONATION REQUESTS:**

**Donation Committee Members; Frank Raschka, Ryan McCaffrey, Mark Wysocki, John Cansino, Ron Stoflet, Mike Wolf & Norb Strasser.**

- Received six requests. The committee recommended the five following donations: Portage County Historical Society \$250, VFW National Home \$100, Blood Cancer \$50, Partners HP Empty Bowls \$100 and Fisher House Madison \$200.00.
- A motion was made to approve the recommendation by Comrade Kinyon and seconded by Comrade Raschka. Membership present approved of the motion.

**7:00 PM PRAYER; Chaplain Bob Decker**

**RIFLE SQUAD: Cdr. Strasser**

- Our Steak & Omelet Breakfast results this past season our total income, \$9754.34, Costs \$4008.37 and net is \$5,745.97
- OSO's 5K run/walk event scheduled for May 15 will be the second year held at Lake Pacawa and "lessons learned" will help make the serving/vending of food faster. A Post/Rifle Squad "Honor Flight fund Raiser" event.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 09:30 Flag retirement ceremony at Don Mugridge House at 09:30 hrs. Don Lives at 4289 Cty Rd J, His Phone # 715 498-6474.
- May 25<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day event need "all Hands-on Deck" for the Rifle Squad.
- June 7<sup>th</sup>, Village Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony at 11:00 hrs.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**Review of the Draft By-laws.**

- We will have to work on completing the Post membership approval of the B-Laws and SOPs.
- Covering the Front Doors with Reflective covering.
- Repainting the M60 A2 Tank.

**NEW BUSINESS: Installation of new Post Officers;** Past Commander Strasser Conducted the Installation Ceremony; The following officers were Installed. Cdr. John Cansino, Sr. Vice Dax Burroughs, Jr. Vice Brandon Taylor, QM James Mass. Chaplain Bob Decker, One Yr Trustee John Herek, Two Yr Trustee David Verhage, Three Yr Trustee Richard Chojnacki, Adj Norb Strasser, Benefits Officer Guy Jones, JAG Gary Matthees, Surgeon Larry Kinyon.

**Good of the Order:**

- **Gary Matthees** mentioned that he had picked up 30 Gun Raffle Tickets, at the 7<sup>th</sup> District meeting, a Dept Raffle. Tickets cost \$20.00 ea. of six for \$100.00. Tickets will be located at the Bar, for sale by the bartenders.
- Question came up on Bonding requirements new QM and Canteen Manager will look into it!

**COMMEMORATIVE Dates and upcoming activities**

- 16 May - OSO's 5K
- 25 May Memorial Day activities.
- 6 June – D-Day Allies Invasion of Europe 1944
- 14 June – Flag Day
- 4 July – Stevens Point Parade.
- 26 -27- July Celebrate Plover.
- 27 July – Signing of Korean Armistice 1953.
- 12 Sept – Post Golf Scramble
- 20 Sept Steak & Omelet Breakfast and Car & Truck Show.

**ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS for May 2026**  
**WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!**  
**(If I am missing anyone, please let me know)**

**BIRTHDAYS:** William Jenkins – 5/2, Bryce Lothe - 5/3, Gary Matthees - 5/7, Frederic Fleishauer - 5/8, Chester Laskowski – 5/10, Larry Kinyon - 5/15, Anthony Almanza – 5/18, Robert Decker – 5/21, Katie Kealiher – 5/22, Victor Timothy – 5/23, Guy Jones – 5/23, Peter Congdon – 5/26, Ronald Kozlowski – 5/28, Thomas Zajackowski – 5/31

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary & Robert Carlson – 5/1, Janice & Bruce Djupstrom – 5/1, Lorraine & Thomas Delaney – 5/4, Roberta & Allyn Dunlap – 5/26, Mrs. and David Skreczkowski – 5/29

**Attendance Raffle: Three State Gun Raffle Tickets.** Winners; Guy Jones, Mark Wysocki & Dax Burroughs.

**CLOSING CEREMONY;** Next Meeting will be on June 8th<sup>h</sup>, 18:00 hrs.  
Adjournment time: 19:10 hrs.

For the Commander,  
Norb Strasser  
Adjutant