



VFW POST 10262
POST MEETING
February 8th, 2021



**Our Post December meeting was also a Teleconference
And in-person meeting.**

- Adjutant Ron Stoflet provided the electronic equipment to support a Teleconference Meeting. The meeting was open to Call-in's at 6:40 PM.

The business meeting was called to order by: Commander Tessmann at 19:06 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING: New Life member Richard Moore.

Opening Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge Was recited by all members.

Draping/Undraping of the Charter:

- The Charter was **UNDRAPED** for former Post Veterans James W Catlin and Richard Bishop.

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

Roll Call of officers.

Present	9
Excused	2
Absent	2

VFW Members Present 13 members physically present plus (7) Call-in's.

A big thankyou to all who called in and joined our meeting!

Membership Statistics, APPLICATIONS, TRANSFERS & SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS;

Membership Post 10262	90.24 %
District # 7	93.3 %
Dept. WI	92.4 %
National	89.45%

Submissions of Meeting Minutes of previous month: January minutes were accepted with no changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT. Reading/Reviewing of financial status (HC Chair)

Post Finances and QM Report.

- Quartermaster Berg is "Snow-birding" for 3 months.

- **HC Chair Gauthier reported for the QM.** Comrade Ray reported that the Canteen income is down about 35 – 40 % from Jan 2020. Our net income for Jan 2021 \$6,944.00. Our total Liabilities and Equity is up about 5%.

Motion to Accept the QM part of the report was made by Comrade Mockler and seconded by Comrade Zynda, The Motion carried.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Mockler.

No report.

MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:

Comrade Mugridge is having minor surgery.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE Asst. ADJUTANT:

- Fifty of the KN-94 Masks offered to Korean War Vets and those who served in Korea are ordered by Village of Plover Dan Mahoney.
- **Portage County Business Council:**
- The Portage County Business Council asked Dan Mahoney about our lack of renewal of our PCBC membership and asked Dan to reach out to us. My response to Dan was forwarded to the PBCB contact that reached out to me and asked for an opportunity to explain how we can help each other in the Community.
- Ray asked the question of the members what the PC Tavern League does and the response was that maybe a few Bars join but not aware of any League policy.
- It was mentioned that the PCBC is loaded with the “Movers & Shakers” of the communities and there could/should be potential for some business support.
- It was pointed out that the benefits we would receive from joining the PCBC are null and the money spent could be put to better use by just supporting a community activities like the Plover Legion Baseball Team. The PCBC meetings don’t take place in a Tavern!
- It was mentioned that the PCBC actually is involved in doing stuff for the whole County and our membership would be supporting these events. New member Richard Moore suggested that before we walk away from it, we should dig into it a bit more. He volunteered to represent us at the PBCB meetings should we rejoin. He also suggested that we should look at the PCBC Gift Certificates!
- Asst. Adj. Strasser was asked to contact the PCBC for a sit-down and discuss the issues mentioned above!

A motion was asked to be made to Table the PCBC decisions until the next meeting. Motion was made by Comrade Anderson and seconded by Comrade Suchon. The motion Carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT: Adjutant Stoflet

Below is the current activity report that has been received and submitted on your behalf. Although we are doing well as a post, we are lagging behind where we would normally be at this time. I know the past year has been tough to get out and about. I am asking you to put your thinking caps on and report anything that you have done that could be reported as community service.

Past common submissions have been.

- 1) Aid to their neighbor, snow shoveling, leaf pickup.

- 2) Blood donations.
- 3) Transport others to Dr. Apt.
- 4) Helping youth.... i.e. taking time out to help grandkids with school work as parents are working

Thanks for your support!

POST 10262 Community Service Report (Jan '21)

Category	# Reports	# Members	Hours	Costs	Miles	IRS Mileage (\$0.14 Mile)	Volunteer Time Costs (\$24.69 /hr)	Total Dollar Value
Community Service	23	97	267	\$2,279	1,445	\$202	\$6,592	\$9,074
Youth Activities	4	10	10	\$3,100	0	\$0	\$247	\$3,347
Hospital	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Citizenship Education	19	31	55	\$0	610	\$85	\$1,358	\$1,443
NAMS	3	3	3	\$700	0	\$0	\$74	\$774
Safety Programs	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legislative Action	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buddy Poppy	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	49	141	335	\$6,079	2,055	\$288	\$8,271	\$14,638

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

House Committee:

Comrade Gauthier reported;

- The Canteen has had a Loaner Juke Box installed until the Vender receives our new unit!
- New foot rails were installed by Mark with help from Roger Zebro and Len Larsen. They are sealed along the bottom so no water will get under the edge and they also installed Aluminum 90 degree Corners to control the wear.
- **SUPERBOWL WEEKEND ISSUES!**
- The issue of following the CDC guidelines concerning food carried in to the post has not changed. The Post voted during the June 2020 meeting that we would follow the CDC Guidelines for the reopening which specifically addressed food handling. Only packaged food was allowed. The only food allowed to be served in our Post is food that is prepared and served in our Kitchen or by our Kitchen Tenants.
- HC Chair Gauthier informed the membership of issues that surfaced over “food to share” being brought into the Canteen for Football Games. HC Chair Gauthier feels that there appears to have been a slight let-down in the expected duties of our Bar Manager and the control of the Bartenders, which hopefully can be repaired. Ray feels that although the Manager is not expected to be present all day, every day the bar is open, the Bar Manager should be aware of what is going on during events such as College and Pro Football Games, and insure the Bartenders are on-board with the operational procedures established by the House Committee and Post membership.
- The purpose of the House Committee is to act on behalf of the Post, making certain that the Club/Canteen is run in an **efficient, reputable and legal manner, and that the rules of the VFW Post are adhered to.**

- Unfortunately and perhaps misunderstood by some of our members, (as outlined in the Commanders guide) it must be remembered that the VFW Rules and the Post House Committee outlines the way the Post Club/Canteen must be run.
- The Post, **in all cases**, is above the House Committee and the Club/Canteen. The Canteen is merely an activity of the Post, and must be treated as such. In no case is it a separate entity.
- Per the Commanders Guide, the operations of VFW Posts and their Canteens are a credit to the organization and a source of pride to its membership. Through proper adherence to the rules of the VFW and the duties and responsibilities of our officers, we can avoid misunderstandings, and bitter arguments, which can break the finest Post.
- Discussion on Bar operating hours was discussed and the membership agreed to change the operating hours as follows:
 1. Tues, Wed: open at 2:00 PM and Close at 11:00 PM.
 2. Thurs & Friday open at 2:00 PM and close when less than 4 customers present.
 3. Sat & Sunday: open at 2:00 PM and close at 11:00 PM.

Motion was made to accept the changes to the Bar operating hours by Comrade Moore and seconded by Comrade Taylor. The motion Carried

Rifle Squad:

- Comrade Mockler; Just a funeral on Friday!

Golf Committee: Comrade Stoflet.

Comrade Stoflet hinted that a 2021 Golf is up in the Air as of yet. Depends totally on the Covid-19 conditions and commitments from Volunteers to support the event.

Scholarship Committee:

Comrade Zynda: No Report.

CITIZENSHIP, EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT Committee:

Comrade Strasser ;

- No report.

Military Assistance Program: Ron Charneski

- Ron informed me that the MAP is waiting out the Covid-19 situation before they look at scheduling anything.

Surgeon: Comrade Yelkin:

- No report.

Poppy Committee: Comrade Mugridge

- No report.

Donations Committee: Asst. Adj. Strasser reported:

There were three requests for donations,

1. Empty Bowls The membership voted for \$100.00
2. Plover Legion Black Sox. (A full page ad) for \$100.00
3. Boys & Girls Club. The Golf Committee supported \$375.00 to each, Stevens Point & Plover Boys and Girls Clubs for a total of \$750.00.

Motion was made to accept the recommendation was made by Comrade Stoflet and Seconded by Comrade Rocha. The motion carried.

- The Post received donations totaling \$1395.00 in honor of James Catlin from the DuPage Foundation and family members.

- The Post received thank you letters for our donations to the Salvation Army, Wisconsin USO, Pacelli Catholic Schools and Leukemia & Lymphoma Foundation.

The 8:00 PM Prayer along with the closing prayer was read by Chaplain Raschka.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

- .A heads up to all members: The First Nominations for all elective Post Officers positions for the VFW Year 2021-2022 start at our March Meeting. Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, 3 Year Trustee, House Committee 3 year Trustee.
- Commander Appointed positions Surgeon, Judge Advocate, Officer of the Day, Service Officer and Adjutant. All appointed officers position is open to volunteers Also.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- **The AMVETS** Spring Fund raiser is still scheduled for next spring, April 26th 2021.
- Comrade Matthees mentioned that a New Fisher House was built in Madison near the Madison VA Facility.
- Dan Mahoney informed me that the Village of Plover is being a bit optimistic and looking forward to some advance planning for the Village of Plover Korean War Veterans Memorial event this year early June and Celebrate Plover in late July.
- District #7 winter meeting in Marshfield! I/Norb attended on line along with Gary Matthees. Trapper attended in person. Items of interest discussed and presented:
 1. If you have an AMAZON Account and shop on Amazon, Smile Amazon offers an option for Charities available, so consider directing them to the National Home!
 2. Members of the 7th District are looking at forming a District Riders group.
 3. Loyalty Day will be held at Post 6705 in Denmark this year. The 7th District is looking at eliminating "Snail Mail" and a motion was made by Trapper to eliminate. Discussion covered several issues concerning members who don't use computers. Basically, most communications will be sent electronically.

Birthdays & Anniversary's:

- February Birthdays and Anniversaries were read by Asst. Adj. Strasser.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO EVERYONE!

Closing Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka.

Adjournment: 20:58 Hrs.

Next Meeting 19:00 Hrs. March 8th 2021

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser
Asst.. Adj.