



VFW POST 10262
 2970 Hickory Dr. Plover, Wi 54467
POST MEETING
April 13th 2022



INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING:

Guests:

Brandi Makuski with Metro Wire – gave presentation about how the Metro Wire started based on what they felt was wrong with how news publications are currently presenting local news. She advised how Metro Wire communicates local news, how to get a news story presented for print and how to get a subscription or physical copy of the Metro Wire online or from the local BP and Kwik Trip.

Tori Jennings, the director of Cycling Without Age – a five year old volunteer program that provides elderly, handicapped and kids with special needs with the opportunity to get outside and socialize to help offset depression and loneliness. They ride in an electric assist trishaw and a qualified pilot will “drive” them throughout Portage County. They opened an invitation for any disabled veterans that may want to participate and ride in a trishaw for the 4th of July parade. If anyone is interested in becoming a pilot or utilizing their services, her contact information was provided on the flyer handed out. For a free Ride, call 715 344-7377.

A huge thank you was shared by Senior Vice Mark Wysocki to the Auxiliary for all the work that was put into the Vietnam Veterans Day celebration. Thank you for everything you do, every time you do it.

Commander: Opened the meeting for business; 19:30 hrs.

Opening Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka.

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

Draping/Undraping of the Charter:

- No drape or undrape

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

Roll Call of officers.

Present	10
Excused	1
Absent	4

VFW Members Present 24 member’s physically present + 1 video conference login

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

Senior Vice Wysocki:

Swear in: James Steuck

Membership	%
Post 10262	86.95
District 7	87.03
Dept WI	88.04
National	84.66

NOT UPDATED

Submissions of Meeting Minutes of previous month: March minutes were accepted W/O changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status: **Quartermaster Berg** reviewed the Post Finances and QM Report. A short detailed report was made by Post Trustee David Verhage. Comrade Gary J made the motion to accept. The motion was seconded by Comrade Suchon. The motion carried.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Yelkin; Comrade Yelkin discussed when you or your spouse go in a nursing home and you are on state aid, social security gives you \$60 spending, VA gives you \$90. If one is in a nursing home and a spouse at home, you qualify for a pension. If both in nursing home they get \$600 in addition. But limited to \$1500 in checking account. Important to remember if income falls below \$23,000 you are entitled to a pension. Wisconsin does not give this money freely. It will come out of your mortgage/house sale, it will be paid back. Stay in touch with County Service Officer for what you or family qualify for.

MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS: none at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

- Sunday, June 12th 10:30am – 2pm. Walk for Wags at Pfiffner Pioneer Park. VFW Rifle Squad will Post the Colors.
- State VFW Loyalty Day, April 30th in Denmark, WI. Our Post purchase a ½ page add in the Sponsor Package.
- District #7 VFW Meeting Sunday, April 24th at the Wisconsin Rapids Elks @ 10am
- Monday, May 2nd & Monday, June 6th are the Spring Honor flights.
- June 14th Stevens Point DAR 10am – 4pm Sponsoring a Mobile Education Exhibit/Museum at Crosby Ave, across from MSTC.
- Request from the Portage Business Council for continuing our membership. Cost is \$325. Comrade Rocha made motion to cancel Business Council membership. This motion seconded by Comrade McCloy. Motion carried.

POST OFFICERS REPORTS;

1. **SENIOR VICE CDR;** Comrade Wysocki reported on thank you cards/letters received and two requests for donations.
2. **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Taylor. Not present.???? NEED CONFIRMED

3. **CHAPLAIN Raschka:** Chaplain Raschka mentioned that there is nothing official regarding the 13 folds of the American flag

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

House Committee: HC Chair Engel:

- Windows and doors ordered
- Blueprints are being drawn up
- Confirming whether interior wall is a supporting wall or not
- Received verbal invoice on mini a/c unit to be installed
- Hood on oven cleaned and good for six months
- Vestibule construction 3 wks.
- Website being cleaned up
- POS machine will not be returned, finding a new home
- New computer needed – Comrade Engel made motion to purchase new computer.
- Comrade Rocha seconded. Motion carried.

The 8:00 PM Prayer was recited by Chaplain Raschka!

Entertainment Planning Committee: Comrade Zynda

- May 3rd Cinco de Mayo, tacos at the VFW
- May 7th VFW Day of Service – Hoover Ave cleanup
- Memorial Day – luncheon after we return from cemetery
- Discussion underway regarding retirement party for Sue (bartender)
- Lots of ideas/discussion floating around for future events, picnics, music, cornhole & darts. Nothing solid yet.

Rifle Squad: Strasser;

RIFLE SQUAD: (Strasser).

- Provided Military Honors for deceased veteran Michael Sherman on Friday, April 8th.
- The Rifle Squad took part in the April 9th Post Vietnam Veterans Day Event. Looked great!
- Our ROTC Cadet this year is Jalena Sprague, a sophomore student.
- 30th of April ROTC Awards Ceremony and scholarship presentation will be at 3pm. Jake will provide the snacks.
- **Comrade Berg** reported on the rifle squad breakfasts. No breakfast this coming weekend – it's Easter. Will start back up again in the fall. March breakfast served 87, took in \$886, made \$634. Out of all 6 this year, served 527, average less than 100 people. \$2219. For next year, we may need to invest in more advertising. City Times, Metro Wire, Shoppers Guide. We need our numbers back over 100.

Citizenship, Education & Youth Developments Committees:

Scholarship Committee: Comrade Zynda; Three received so far. Deadline is May for presentation in June.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charneski: Not present.

Golf Committee: Ron Charneski –

- Paperwork for golf outing completed. Going to submit a little earlier than 90 day deadline.
- Memorial Day Cupcake sale – usually at Festival Foods, new ownership. Reaching out to new manager for information to see if they will continue that.

Surgeon: Worzalla

- **SURGEON:** Comrade Worzalla; Not present
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Poppy Committee: Comrade Mugridge; No report

Donation Committee: Donation Committee members; Comrades Tessmann, Ransbottom, Wysocki and Taylor, Thomas and Shufelt.

- **Comrade Wysocki reported!** Six thank you letters for donations.
- \$25 monetary donation
- Three donation requests: Project Graduation from Pacelli and Project Graduation from SPASH, and Deb Suchon with American Indians Reaching for Opportunities – requesting \$100.
- Motion to donate \$100 a piece from “GARY Jay” and second from Comrade Rocha. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: New slate of Post Officers: 2nd Round. No new nominations for any position. Nominations were closed. Everyone voted into slots – Commander Tessmann asked for Unanimous Acclimation of the Slate of Officer Nominees. All members approved.

COPY PASTE FROM AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS – Brewers Baseball Lamers Trip Wednesday, July 27th

- Lamers picks up in front of the old Shopko in Plover 0800.
- If interested, call Lamers 715-421-2400 in Wisconsin Rapids.
- Early afternoon game, home around 7:30pm or so.
- Bus has bathrooms, can bring your own drinks. They stop for lunch and dinner.
- Cost is \$92 – does not include meals.

Good of the Order:

- **Seventh District Meeting:** April 24th at the Wisconsin Rapids Elks 10 am – 5 members going
- **VFW Day of Service:** May 7th Hoover Ave Cleanup, Meet at VFW 0800. Email to come. Extend invite Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.

- **The First 2022 Honor Flight** is scheduled for May 2nd. Jim Sachs will be on the flight. We need Post members to go to CWA Airport and welcome him home. The flight usually returns to CWA around 22:00 to 22:30 hrs. Member should arrive at CWA around 21:00 hrs. to find a spot to stand in and greet the arriving Veterans as they walk down the crowded aisle of greeters.

Birthdays & Anniversary's:

- April Birthdays and Anniversaries were read by Adj. Strasser.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE! Winner, Post Adj Strasser

Closing Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka

Adjournment: 2030

Next Meeting 19:00 Hrs. May 9th, 2022

Meeting Minutes recorded and prepared by Incoming Adjutant Barbara McCloy.

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser

Post Adjutant