

VFW POST 10262
Post Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2018

Refreshments were served before the meeting.

Joint Meeting:

- Commander Tessmann presented the 2018 “National Outstanding Community Service Award to the post membership. Comrade Matthees who attended the National Convention and received the award for the post spoke of its significance within the “Big Ten District”, and the competition it went through to place our post at that high level. The past post leadership team are to be congratulated for their outstanding reporting and work putting the packet together.
- The Commander mentioned “King Day” coming up on August 18th. The Rifle Squad & Auxiliary members will be involved.
- Mary Kimmel addressed the post membership on the Poppy Drive on August 25th. The locations to set up at are at Trigs, both Copsps’ stores, both Walgreen stores, Walmart and Kwik Trip. Poppy Kits are all set-up at the post. Call Don Mugridge at 715 498-6474 or Mary Kimmel. The set-up time at the locations is 09:00 AM.
- Debbie Manthey mentioned the Rifle Squad and Guy Mockler who helped set up a Military Funeral Honors for a family who’s loved one veteran husband passed a year ago,

Meeting was called to order by Commander: Tessmann at 19:10 hrs.

Guests/Anyone in waiting: Transfer member Walter Blanchard, past Commander of the Stevens Point Post.

Opening Prayer – Read by Chaplain Raschka.

Pledge of Allegiance. Was recited by all members.

Draping/Undraping of the Charter. The charter was undraped for Robert Muelling.

RECITATION OF Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter: Was recited by all.

Roll Call of Officers

Present	11
Excused	1
Absent	1
VFW Members Present	25

Membership statistics, Applications, Transfers and Swearing in of New Members.

- Comrade Ransbottom recommended/motioned for transfer of membership to our post, Walter Blanchard, US Army retired and former Commander of the Stevens Point Post.
- Comrade Ransbottom recommended for membership, a retired First Sergeant with 30 years of service, David Lee Ast Jr. for membership. The motion was seconded by Comrade Verhage. Motion carried.

As of 6/6/18

Post 10262 210 of 224	93.75%
District 7	95.5%
Wisconsin	96.76%
National	97.04

Submissions of Meeting Minutes of previous month - July Minutes were accepted as published..

Quartermaster Report

- Quartermaster Berg pointed out that all the bills were paid. The payroll is paid.
- Quartermaster Berg asked House Committee Gauthier to inform the post on the post's current finances financial status. He reviewed the Profit & Loss Statements/Bills comparing the 2017 status with the 2018. Understanding our post canteen was closed for renovation for one month; the post is still in good financial shape!
- Motion to accept the QM report was made by Comrade Ransbottom and seconded by Comrade Cahill. The motion passed.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT. Comrade Mockler mentioned that the Blue Water/Agent Orange Sailors claim bill is moving slowly and the senate needs to act on it.

Post Members or Post Family Members in Distress.

None mentioned.

Communications from the adjutant. Asst. Adj. Strasser reported:

- Kwik Trip Travel Center at the I-39/54 Truck Stop is Celebrating National Truck Driver Appreciation week and the event organizer is looking for Military Equipment to display for the event held Sept 9th – 15th.
- Received a thank you card from the village of Plover for our Donation to the Annual Plover Golf Outing august 27th.
- A thank you card from Suzanna Viau for the Portage County Gift Certificate.
- Received a Thank you card from Brookdale Senior Living solutions for "Trapper John Schultz's presentation on Veterans benefits.
- Received a Thank You Card from Jessica Lang for the Mike Helgert Memorial Golf Scholarship Award.
- Received a Thank You Donation Receipt from Ageless Aviation for helping make the spirit of WI a reality.
- Received a Thank You Letter from Project Graduation at Pacelli Catholic High School for our donation.

Reporting as of August 13th 2018

<u>Reports</u>	<u>Mem.</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Citizenship Education				
Community Service				
Safety				
Youth Dev Activities				
Buddy Poppy				
Natl Military Service				
Hospital				
Service Officer				
Total.				

Committee Reports:

1. House Committee:

Comrade Gauthier reported on the following; Kitchen expenses and Canteen renovation;

- a. The Kitchen budget was estimated between \$30.000 and \$35.000. The total cost was \$30,942.73.
- b. Items not budgeted for was the overhead door added to the kitchen and the Rifle Squad Storage room which brought the total up to just over \$35.000.

- c. Canteen budget was set at \$50,000. A donation of \$10,000 from the Golf committee and \$40,000 from the post made up the amount set aside. The actual cost for everything was just over \$38,500.
- d. Everything that went into the Canteen renovation is itemized and will be available for review upon request to the House Committee Chairman Gauthier.
- e. The Kitchen Equipment that is currently in the kitchen has been inventoried, itemized and priced/valued out and any decision made to purchase or otherwise is depended on future contracts with Tim & Mary Colgrove and the Rifle Squad needs. It goes without saying that we need a contractor to operate and provide the Fish Fries for our post as past in-house efforts were not very successful. Tim & Mary do a great job for us and we owe them many thanks for their efforts.
- f. The annual Garage/Shed clean-up is scheduled for Sept 17th at 09:00 hrs. Anyone who has stuff in the shed should be represented/available to help sort out things and help get rid of excess/junk etc.
- g. The annual Post Floor Stripping and Waxing is always a challenge getting members to show so the House committee is going to look at costing it out to a Vender.
- h. The next House committee meetings are scheduled for Sep 7th, Oct 5th, Nov 9th and Dec 7th.
- i. Judge Advocate McKenna recommended to the House Committee that a "Use Agreement" for the Kitchen Equipment, to Memorialize it and we not work on a handshake, be drawn up and be included in the Annual Contract with Tim & Mary Colgrove.

2. Rifle Squad:

Comrade Mockler reported:

- The Rifle Squad supported several events this past month.
- King Day activities, Saturday the 18th at King VA Home. The Parade is scheduled to start at 12:30 hrs.

Golf Outing. Comrade Zynda reported that help was needed to run the event. The Committee is looking for donations to support the Basket Raffle. Anything that is Golf, Hockey, Football, Baseball or Sports related will be appreciated. Any and all items that you would see at the annual church picnics that is used to fill baskets for raffles will work. Drop off the items at the post during operating hours. The baskets will be made up! As of last Wednesday, there was room for only 6 more teams.

Scholarships. Comrade Zynda, No report

CITIZENSHIP & EDUCATION / YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Comrade Cahill

- On Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen, Letters were sent out to all Schools Leadership folks.
- Also information on Teacher of the year for Elementary, Jr. High and High Schools was sent out. He also explained how the Teacher of the year system works.
- He has contacted the local officials of the Boy and Girl Scouts for Scout of the year.
- Comrade Cahill received a request from the Scouts Council for an opportunity to have one night a month set aside for the scouts to come in and receive their Merit Badges. He is not sure what day of the week it will be!

MAP Comrade Dye No Report.

Surgeon; Comrade Yelkin mentioned that if getting glasses through VA and need Transitional Lenses, one should go to Wisconsin Rapids. You can't get them at Tomah. He also talked about retirees joining the Federal Program and paying \$25.00 per month and getting one free examination and a pair of glasses each year.

Poppy Committee: Comrade Mugridge: No report.

Donations Committee:

- Commander Tessmann mentioned that he has a request for the post to sponsor a Hole at the upcoming Mike Helgert Memorial Golf Scramble from Comrade Stoflet, the Golf Committee Chairman. A motion was made by Comrade Ransbottom to take a Silver Level for \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Comrade Zynda. The motion carried.

- The Portage County Tavern League sent two fund raiser raffle tickets for us to purchase for \$20.00 each. A motion to purchase the two was made by Comrade Ransbottom and seconded by Comrade Halverson. The motion passed.
- Comrade Mockler mentioned that our Post Auxiliary has Calendars for sale and would like a make a motion for the post to purchase one for \$20.00. The motion was seconded by Comrade Mugridge. The motion passed.
- Commander Tessmann also mentioned that our Post has a box of Calendars for sale.

9:00 pm prayer was recited by Chaplain Raschka.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commander Tessmann brought to the floor the Annual Donations List. The list was put together and we also now have a “Five Year” look back list compiled by Comrade Verhage. Less than \$25.00 donations were not listed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commander Tessmann asked the membership to review/look over the proposed “Donations SOP” for comments and approval. After much discussion and many comments as to we “don’t need” an SOP and to “why we do need an SOP”, Commander Tessmann spoke of the need to have a functioning committee. It was agreed that we need to have a structured way of looking at each donation request and that can be accomplished with a functioning Donations Committee.

Comrade Gauthier made a motion that the post accepts the SOP as currently written. The Motion was seconded by Comrade Ransbottom. The membership passed.

Commander Tessmann asked for volunteers to serve as Committee Members of the Donations Committee. Volunteers were Comrades Halverson, Ransbottom, Worzella and Raschka.

The Donations Committee will meet on the Thursday prior to the Post meeting, about 18:30 hrs. After the Sr. Leadership Meeting which starts at 18:00 hrs.

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Commander Tessmann discussed the following:

- The upcoming Vic Ferrari Concert is planned for the 19th of October at Sentry World. Things are starting to come together. Comrade Cahill has been working on Co-Sponsors for the event. Letters are out to the business counsel. Radio ads will be out in mid Sept.
- The Posters are being worked on.
- The Contract has been signed with Vic Ferrari. Ticket prices were discussed but no decision has been made as of yet.
- The National Home for Children Department of WI VFW Trip. See the flyer attached to the agenda.
- Commander Tessmann mentioned that he had four possible member leads that he received through the Celebrate Plover event.
- He mentioned that we have had requests for more “Ball Caps”. The commander recommended we order 12 black caps. Comrade Ransbottom motioned we order 12 Caps. Comrade Halverson seconded the motion. Comrade Ransbottom amended his motion for 12 caps and changed it to 24 after much discussion. The motion carried.
- The option to have the caps made locally is being looked into
- Officer Training Sunday, the 19th at 10:00 hrs.at the Wausau VFW Post.

Commander Tessmann mentioned the Birthdays and Anniversary’s
The Adjutant read off the names.

Closing Prayer was read by Chaplain Raschka

Adjournment – 20:55 hrs.

Next Meeting September 10th 19:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser
Asst Adjutant

Upcoming Events

August 23rd 19:00
AMVETS

August 27th 19:00
PLAV

Sept 4th 19:00
DAV

Sept 6th 18:00
Sr. Ldrs.
Donations Cmty.

Sept 10th 19:00
VFW Meeting
AUX Meeting

Sept 16th 08:30
Steak & Omelet Bkft

Sept 24th 19:00
PLAV

Sept 27th 19:00
AMVETS

Oct 2nd 19:00
DAV

Oct 4th Sr. 18:00
Sr. Ldrs Meeting
Donations Cmty

Oct 8th 19:00
VFW Meeting
Aux Meeting

Oct 21st. 08:30
Steak & Omelet Bkft

Oct 22nd 19:00
PLAV

Oct 25th 19:00
AMVETS

Nov 6th 19:00
DAV

Nov 8th 18:00
Sr. Ldrs
Donations Cmty

Nov 12th 19:00
VFW Meeting
Aux Meeting

Nov 18th 08:30
Steak & Omelet Bkft