

VFW POST 10262
Post Meeting Minutes
12 Dec 2016

- A joint meeting was held with the Auxiliary.
 - Commander Cahill presents:
 - Patriot's Pen Winner Weston Peplinski
 - Voice of Democracy Winner Andrew Tepp.
Both received Challenge Coin Set, Back Pack, Pens and \$100
Andrew won District 7 with his essay being judged at State
 - Paul Klocko, Tepp Program Coordinator for non-profit "The American's For Better Hearing Foundation". He briefed on Special Telephone Communications Equipment that is available for eligible citizens with hearing difficulties. It is a WI State program.

Meeting was called to order by Commander Cahill: at 19:15 hrs.

Opening Prayer – Read by Al Tessmann.

Charter is Re-Draped for deceased post member Robert Turzinski and re-draped for Robert Feltz whom passed away Nov 22nd.

Pledge of Allegiance -- Was recited by all.

Guests – None

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

Roll Call of Officers

Present	12
Excused	1
Absent	0
VFW Members Present	28

Membership Statistics, Applications, Transfers and Swearing In Of New Members

New Member Application. Comrade Tessman reviewed the following membership application and that he met the requirements. Tom Delaney (Army, Vietnam) Comrade Tessman motioned to accept the applicant for membership. Comrade Mugridge seconded. Motion passed.

Comrades Scott Peplinski and Wayne Peplinski were sworn in as new members that were accepted as new member June 2017.

Membership Stats: As of 12/9/16

Post 10262 181 of 224	83%
District 7	91%
Wisconsin	89%
National	86%

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

Quartermaster Report

- Quartermaster Cline reported the financial report.
- **Motion to Accept:** by Comrade Halverson. Second by Comrade Tessman. Motion passed.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT. Comrade Mockler.

Reported that the County Service Officer Mike Clements continues to be very busy with helping Portage County veterans. Christmas cards were received from a local school for veterans and were taken to the King veterans.

Post Members or Post Family Members in Distress

- Comrade Raschka had surgery recently and is in good spirits while resting at home.

Committee Reports:

House Committee:

Comrade Gauthier briefed a number of issues;

1. Employee Xmas bonuses distributed.
2. Comrade Mockler will be meeting with Eagle Construction to review bar refurbishment to be done next spring.
3. Work on the furnace will be completed this month. The auxiliary A/C unit will be installed spring 2017.
4. New soda dispenser system quote came in at \$2,600 – \$2,700, depending on membership vote, will be installed ASAP.

Comrade Mockler motioned to spend up to \$3,000 for a new soda dispenser. Comrade Halverson seconded. Motion passed.

5. Snow plowing contract was renewed for the same price as the previous year.
6. An order of 100 Challenge coins were ordered at a cost of \$550 with our post name and number. They will be given to members and future award winners.
7. Gary Jay will be stepping in the House Committee Chair position during Comrade Gauthier absence during the winter months.
8. Comrade Gauthier asked the membership to consider postponing the 2017 Customer Appreciation and award winners banquet for at least another year due to the building addition and bar remodeling projects. Comrade Halverson motioned to postpone the 2017 Customer Appreciation and Award Winners banquet to spring 2018. Comrade Verhage seconded. Motion passed.

After a plea from a Comrade for financial help. Comrade Matthees motioned to give fellow veteran \$300 for the Holiday's. No second. Commander Cahill will handle through the relief fund.

Rifle Squad

Comrade Mocker briefed.

- 4 funerals the past month.
- \$250 from Rifle Squad was presented to a local Veteran's Family that was in need for this holiday season through the County Service Office.
- Wreath's Across America is this Saturday. Appears that there will be enough wreaths for all the graves.

Comrade Verhage briefed on the monthly breakfast.

- 131 meals served with \$607 profit.
- Breakfast with Santa will be this Sunday.

Commander Cahill gave a personal Thank You to the rifle squad members that participated at the Wreath's Across America presentation at the village park.

Communications from the Adjutant

Comrade Stoflet read messages from the following;

- Thank You for Boys and Girls Clubs for \$1,000 donation last month
- Thank You from Operation Bootstrap for \$1,000 donation
- Thank You card from Brookdale Senior Living for our recent donations
- Thank You card from Brookdale Senior Living for Veteran's Day
- Thank You card from Salvation Army for \$1,000 donation
- Thank You card from Fisher House for the \$5,000 donation
- Thank You card from Portage County Business Council giving back to the community for last month's donations from the Golf Committee.

Golf Outing. Comrade Stoflet. No report.

Scholarships. Comrade Zynda. No report

CITIZENSHIP & EDUCATION / YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Comrade Cahill

- Commander Cahill briefed that he is working with a Boy Scout Troop for a camping event at Ft McCoy for June 2017.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR:

Commander Cahill briefed that he is working on getting Teacher of the Year Entries in. The packet submission close out date is Feb 15th of 2017.

SCOUT OF THE YEAR: No Report.

MAP (vacant) No report.

Poppy Committee; Comrade Mugridge. No report.

Surgeon; Comrade Yelkin. Briefed on Prior approval for Burial in National Cemetery can be done in advance and an electronic copy will be filed.

Donations Committee Comrade Halverson.

- Comrade Mockler made a motion to give \$100 to the Pacilli Catholic School for their Annual Live Auction fund raiser. Comrade Gauthier seconded. Motion passed.

9:00 pm prayer was recited by Al Tessman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commander Cahill briefed that District 7 has asked that the Goldstar Family Monument in Schofield be added as a combined fundraising event with the Gold Star program that the district is working on. No action by the post needed.
- Comrade McKenna briefed for individual support of his discrimination complaint against Portage County Executive Patty Dreier.
- Commander Cahill briefed on Homeless Vets program with Coldwell Banker. Asked for individuals that wish to be a part of the committee to help with this event. Al Tessman put his name in the hat.

Good of the order:

- Comrade Mockler asked about the discussion for the post to have ball caps. The membership wishes to pursue. Comrade Stoflet stated he would hand off the artwork and contact information from national to Comrade Halverson whom will follow-up.
- Comrade Mockler briefed that the Post flag needs to be lowered and raised accordingly when half mask is required. It was decided that members of the post need to be proactive insuring that this is completed.

Birthdays and Anniversaries – Were read by the Commander.

Closing Prayer was recited by Al Tessman.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, December 18

08:30

Rifle Squad Steak Breakfast

Thursday, December 22

19:00

AMVETS Meeting

Monday, December 26

19:00

PLAV Meeting

Tuesday, December 27

17:30

VFW Senior Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

19:00

DAV Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2017

19:00

Auxilliary Meeting

19:00

Post Meeting

Sunday, January 15, 2017

08:30

Rifle Squad Steak Breakfast

Monday, January 23, 2017

19:00

PLAV Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

17:30

VFW Senior Leadership Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 2017

19:00

AMVETS Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

19:00

DAV Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2017

7:00pm

Auxilliary Meeting

7:00pm

Post Meeting

Sunday, February 19, 2017

8:30am

Rifle Squad Steak Breakfast

Thursday, February 23, 2017

7:00pm

AMVETS Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2017

7:00pm

PLAV Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

5:30pm

VFW Senior Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

7:00pm

DAV Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2017

7:00pm

Auxilliary Meeting

7:00pm

Post Meeting

Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:30am

Rifle Squad Steak Breakfast

Thursday, March 23, 2017

7:00pm

AMVETS Meeting

Monday, March 27, 2017

7:00pm

[PLAV Meeting](#)

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

5:30pm

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Adjournment – At 20:33 hrs.

Next Meeting January 9, 2017 at 19:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ron Stoflet
Adjutant