

VFW POST 10262
Post Meeting Minutes
July 9th, 2018

A joint meeting was held starting at 19:00 hrs.

Comrade David Verhage presented a check for \$1609.70, which was one half of the total amount raised from the Ageless Aviation Fly-in held in June at the Stevens Point Airport, to Guy Stewart representing Ageless Aviation. Guy Stewart then thanked the post for our support of the event.

Comrade Verhage then presented a check for \$500.00 to the Plover VFW Auxiliary. This was presented for all of the support that the Auxiliary gave to the Rifle Squad for the breakfasts and for the Ageless Aviation event.

Commander Tessmann presented to Debbie Manthey an Award Certificate for achieving second place in the State of Wisconsin Post Quarterly News Letter Judging. Congratulations to Debbie for her creative and journalistic efforts in putting the newsletter together.

Diane Lutovski, Auxiliary President, asked the post for a check for \$100.00 for the ½ of the posts contribution for supporting the Grenadier's.

Debbie Manthey mentioned the VA Benefit Seminar at Brookdale Assisted Living Tuesday, July 10, 2018 from 1:00 -3:00 PM. It is open to all Veterans and families.

Meeting was called to order by Commander: Tessmann at 19:16 hrs.

Opening Prayer – Read by Chaplain Raschka.

Charter was undraped for: deceased Post Life Member Robert D. Muelling who passed June 17th.

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	9
Excused	1
Absent	3
VFW Members Present	25

Post 10262							Post Report Terminology	
Memstats Counts (paid for 2018 membership year)								
Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Total	Prior Year	Percent		
163	2	0	45	210	224	93.75%		
Post Counts (members in good standing)								
Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Expiring	Cont. Trans.	Non-Pay Trans.	Installment	Total
162	1	0	44	8	0	1	2	218
Unpaid								
Unpaid 1 Year		Unpaid 2 Years		Total Unpaid		Deceased		
7		8		15		4		

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

Comrade Ransbottom reported no new applications and no other report.

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 - June Minutes were accepted after a couple noted changes.

Quartermaster Report

- Quartermaster Berg pointed out that because the Post was closed for renovation, there was no profit to discuss.
- Comrade Berg with the help of Barb Schultz put together an Annual Donation list which was discussed in great length. No action was taken but the discussion will be continued in New Business. Motion was made Comrade Mockler to accept the financial report. Motion was seconded by Comrade Zynda. Motion Carried.
- Comrade Gauthier, House Committee Chair asked to point out that even though we are down in money taken in, we also are down in canteen expenses because the post has been closed. Looking at as of June YTD 2016-17 vs YTD 2017-18, we are still at a large +\$\$\$\$\$.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT. Comrade Mockler mentioned that a recent Army National Guard PVT died in a Motor Cycle Accident and family wanted Military Honors performed, but the state declined to support because the Federal Government does not support anyone who has not deployed. The state then responded in that they did provide support and the National Guard provided the Honors.

Post Members or Post Family Members in Distress.

The question was asked on the status of Ron Hoffman.

Committee Reports:

House Committee:

Comrade Gauthier reported on the following issues.

- You have seen the bar. The Cooler Doors are in and will be installed tomorrow, July 10th. Still a lot of little things to do.
- Reported that we are getting bills in yet.
- It was discovered that the Cooler was a problem and had to be gutted from top to bottom. New composite rubber mat floor was installed along with a new ceiling and other changes. This had to be completed to meet the Health safety Standards. Fortunately, this was accomplished just prior to the annual Food Safety Inspector arriving. Unfortunately, the inside of the cooler renovation was not included in the Bar Renovation Budget and will need to be considered after all of the bills are in.
- Comrade Gauthier stated that he wants to have a Grand Opening on Monday, July 16th, starting at 3:00 PM. Burgers and Brats will be provided by Tim & Mary. Members are asked to bring in a "dish to pass" and make this a Pot-Luck event.
- Ray asked for a Motion to have the Grand Opening on Monday, 16th of July. Motion was made by Comrade Halverson and seconded by Comrade Ransbottom.. The motion passed.
- Comrade Cahill suggested have a "Ribbon Cutting" so he will work that end.
- Comrade Gauthier mentioned that many hundreds of hours were put in by Jim, Guy, Roger, Mike, himself and others and all deserve many thanks for their unpaid time.

Rifle Squad:

Comrade Mockler reported:

- The Rifle Squad participated in three funerals and four other events.
- Participated in the Stevens Point 4th of July parade with nine Rifle Squad members.
- Comrade Mockler mentioned that as time passes, because of the lack of participation in the Rifle Squad membership, we may need to look at a consolidation of local Veterans groups for events.
- Celebrate Plover is the next big event.

Communications from the Adjutant:

Comrade Strasser reported.

- Read a Thank you Card from Pacelli Project Graduation folks for our donation.
- Read a Thank you Card from Jessica Lange for selecting her for the Mike Helgert Golf Scholarship.

Reporting as of July, 2018. This includes both Auxiliary and Post. total reports submitted.

	<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					

Golf Outing. Comrade Zynda reported the next meeting would be Wednesday, July 11th at 5:30. We are still needing help to run the actual event Sep 8th. Need volunteers to work the holes. See or call Mike or Ron. He also mentioned that he has found a sponsor that will provide large golf Towels for each golfer.

- Comrade Mockler mentioned that Golf Signs were available in the back room and please pick one up and put it in a visible location.

Scholarships. Comrade Zynda, No report

CITIZENSHIP & EDUCATION / YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Comrade Nagel. No report.

MAP Comrade Dye No Report.

Poppy Committee; Comrade Mugridge . 500 Poppies were delivered to the Moose Lodge.

Surgeon; Comrade Yelkin. No report.

Event Committee. Comrade Tessmann in good of the order.

Donations Committee:

- Comrade Halverson mentioned the 3rd annual Fund Raiser at Donna's Showboat Bar for the Never Forgotten Honor Flight Guardians. He motioned for \$250.00. Comrade Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9:00 pm prayer was recited by Chaplain Raschka.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discussion again ensued on the list of automatic annual donations. Comrade Cahill attempted to explain to the members the state White Hat requirements vs the annual local community donations.

- The Commanders Program Book lists the White Hat requirements. Many issues also factor into the Department Commanders program book each year after it comes out.
- It appears that the post needs to form a donation committee of at least five members that includes the Commander, Quartermaster and three other members.
- An SOP will have to be developed which will help provide direction for the donation Committee.
- Comrade Gauthier mentioned that we need to look back five years and put together a list that included all donations for that period of time. This will then give the committee something to work with.
- Comrades Verhage and Ransbottom volunteered to be members. Comrade Halverson has been a "Committee of One".
- Issuing checks automatically for donations is an issue that will need to be discussed.
- The New Commanders Program Book comes out at the state convention.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Post One year Trustee Comrade Darrell Berg was elected as the new Quartermaster which disqualified him for Trustee Duties.
- Comrade Jim Cline volunteered to assume the post One Year Trustee Position.
- Commander Tessmann asked the post for comments on the move. No Post Member stepped up to take the position. There were no negative concerns or comments so Commander Tessmann made the recommendation to the membership to accept Comrade Cline as the one year Trustee by "Unanimous Acclamation". The membership approved the recommendation.
- Commander Tessmann mentioned Celebrate Plover. The post is set up to go. Set up a Tent and have a presence.
- Comrade Mockler mentioned that we need to have a sign-up roster for manning the tent.
- Tim and Mary usually have a crew of post members helping them so a roster will be needed.
- Commander Tessmann suggested that the tent needs to be set up on July 27th, in the afternoon after 5:00 PM.
- At this point, Comrade Mockler does not have any input from the Village on the Rifle Squad involvement but will see the Village Administrator this week.
- Comrade Tessmann mentioned the Annual National Home for Children VFW Trip.

Good of the order

Commander Tessmann passed on to the membership a few issues that he feels the post members/officers need to look at as a goal.

1. Officer Training has not been conducted for a while. Thinks we need some to improve.
 2. Commander Tessmann mentioned that there will be officer training offered at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. He intends to attend and has offered a ride.
 3. Recruitment of new members. Look at how we approach prospective new members.
- Commander Tessmann would like everyone to who needs to contact him to use his new email address_cmdr.vfw10262@gmail.com Senior Vice commander Ransbottom svice.vfw10262@gmail.com
 - The commander asked the membership to send to him via email any items that should be included on the monthly meeting agenda. CC a copy to the ADJ.
 - Commander Tessmann mentioned that contacting members without email addresses is an issue. Need to insure the data base is up to date.
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 - Comrade Tegan Griffith mentioned that she has a new job at the US National Forrest Service in Rhinelander so this may be her last meeting. She also mentioned that Trapper sent her a message that there was \$3000 available for University Student Veteran Organizations. Each university had access to

\$500 of that amount so the UWSP Student Veterans Associations used their fund to have a large Table Cover made that identified the organization for outreach use.

- The upcoming Vic Ferrarie Concert is planned for the 19th of October at Sentry World. Things are starting to come together.

Commander Tessmann mentioned the Birthdays and Anniversary's

Closing Prayer was read by Chaplain Raschka

Adjournment – 20:30 hrs.

Next Meeting August 13th, 19:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser
Asst Adjutant

Upcoming Events

	18:00 VFW Sr. Ldr. Meeting	Monday, August 27, 19:00 hrs PLAV Meeting
Monday, July 23, 2018 19:00 PLAV Meeting	Tuesday, August 7, 2018 19:00 DAV Meeting	Tuesday, September 4, 2018 19:00 DAV Meeting
Monday July 16th 3PM Post Canteen Grand Opening	Monday, August 13, 2018 19:00 Auxiliary Meeting	Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018 18:00 Sr. Ldr. Meeting
Thursday, July 26, 2018 19:00	Post Meeting	Saturday September 8th Golf Outing Wi River Course
Saturday July 28 Celebrate Plover	Thursday, August 23, 2018 19:00 AMVETS Meeting	Monday Sept 11th 2018 19:00 Post & Auxiliary meeting
Wednesday, August 8th, 2018		