

**VFW POST 10262**  
**Post Meeting Minutes November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Refreshments were served before the meeting.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES AND RESPOND!**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Joint Meeting:

- Aux President Diane gave a report for the joint session on the judging of the Patriot's Pen/Voice of Democracy winners and that the winning entries were sent on to district level competition. The VOD student selected was Ally S. Kleiner from the Christian Academy and the PP winner was Evan J Wegner from St. Paul Lutheran School.
- Elaine Flora from Brookdale Assisted living spoke briefly to the membership and thanked all Veterans for their service.
- Diane also informed the post membership that the decorations and the thank you cards came from the Washington and Roosevelt Elementary Schools.
- Decorating was accomplished by Diane and Frank Raschka's granddaughter.
- TV Channel 7 Reps showed up and did a nice story on the TV news coverage of the post Veterans Day activities and conducted a few interviews that were aired with the video presentation.

**Meeting was called to order by Commander: Tessmann** at 19:05 hrs.

**Guests/Anyone in waiting:** None.

**Opening Prayer** – Read by Chaplain Raschka.

**Pledge of Allegiance.** Was recited by all members.

**Draping/Undraping of the Charter.**

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

**Roll Call of Officers**

Present	9
Excused	0
Absent	3
VFW Members Present	26

**Membership Statistics, Applications, Transfers and Swearing in of New Members.**

**As of 11/06/18**

Post 10262 180 of 219                      82.19%

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Post Report Terminology

Memstats Counts (paid for 2019 membership year)								
Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Total	Prior Year	Percent		
165	0	0	14	179	219	81.73%		
Post Counts (members in good standing)								
Life	New	Reinstate	Continuous	Expiring	Cont. Trans.	Non-Pay Trans.	Installment	Total
164	0	0	13	41	1	0	1	220
Unpaid								
Unpaid 1 Year	Unpaid 2 Years	Total Unpaid		Deceased				
4	1	5		3				

**Submissions of Meeting Minutes of previous month -** October minutes were accepted as published.

**Quartermaster Report** Quartermaster Berg reported the following:

- Quartermaster Berg reported that he had the Black VFW Baseball Caps for sale for \$15.00 each.
- QM Berg deferred the remainder of the financial report to House Committee Chairman Gauthier. (See the (HC) Report for details).

**SERVICE OFFICER REPORT.** Comrade Mockler: No Report.

**Post Members or Post Family Members in Distress.**

Comrade Cahill is in some distress. .

**Communications from the adjutant.**

None Reported.

Reporting as of Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 PLEASE **GET THIS INFORMATION TO ME OR ADJ. STOFLET !!!**

	Reports	# Reports	Mem.	Hrs	Costs	Miles
<b>Community Service</b>	(CS)	10	82	288		1,294
Citizenship Education	(CE)	27	181	322		1,512
Safety Programs	(SA)					
<b>Youth Activities</b>	(YA)					
<b>Natl Military Service</b>	(NAMS)					
Legislative Action	(LE)					
<b>Total</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,806</b>

**Committee Reports:**

**House Committee;** Comrade Gauthier reported.

1. The Financial Statements were reviewed for the Post covering Oct 2017/2018 versus 2016/2017<sup>th</sup> and showed that we were “in the black” by \$3,000. The Canteen Only review covering Oct 2017/2018 versus Oct 2016/2017 also shows we operated “in the black” by about \$12,000.
2. Comrade Gauthier reported that we have not received all cost information on replacing our use of plastic straws with new bio-degradable straws.
3. After a (3) week trial run opening the Post and Canteen/Bar at 11:00 hrs., it was decided that “Bar Traffic” did not support an early opening in that 65% of the patrons came in after 12:30 hrs. With this information, the House Committee decided to change the opening to 12:30 Hrs. Data will continue to be collected and the status will be reviewed at our December Meeting
4. **POST CHRISTMAS PARTY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> Starting with Cocktails at 5:00 PM. Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 PM.**

5. Please send in your reservation request by December 1<sup>st</sup>. (by email: [vfw10262@vfw110262.com](mailto:vfw10262@vfw110262.com) or regular US Postal service) to 2970 Hickory Dr., Plover Wi 54467. Catering will be done by Shooters and the Music DJ will be Casey Gummey. Registration is necessary for correct food/catering prep numbers.
6. There is no cost for the Christmas Party and each person will receive (2 free mixed drink tickets).
7. The Post New Year's Party was voted on by the post members to be held on December 31<sup>st</sup>. and was actually intended to be a New Year's Eve Party. After discussion, a motion was made to go with past New Year's Party Activities and the Post would donate \$300.00 to support the event.
8. **COMRADES AND LADIES!** More discussion on the above decision has taken place since the meeting, basically because the meeting decision was made without coordinating with our post Auxiliary members! **The House Committee and the Aux President have discussed our New Year's event and "you the membership" are asked to help with this decision by sending your vote by email to Comrade Gauthier (ASAP) at [sgauthier@charter.net](mailto:sgauthier@charter.net).**
  - a. Hold a New Year's Day Party Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. which the Auxiliary would be interested in supporting with an early afternoon closing time. Food was discussed by them and they voted to donate \$100.00 toward the party! The post will donate \$300.00 and use Happy Hour Prices!
  - b. Hold a New Year's Eve Party, Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. but "someone other than the Auxiliary" would have to "step-up" and host the event. Your Decision!!!!!!
  - c. Please email Ray Gauthier with your decision with a very short response to (a) or (b) above, ASAP or by Friday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Rifle Squad:** Comrade Mockler reported that the Rifle Squad was busy and participated in (6) Veterans Day and a Funeral event.

**Golf Outing.** Comrade Zynda. No report.

**Scholarships.** Comrade Zynda, No report.

**CITIZENSHIP & EDUCATION / YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

- Comrade Cahill: No report.

**MAP Comrade Dye:** No Report.

**Surgeon;** Comrade Yelkin: No report.

**Poppy Committee:** Comrade Mugridge: No report.

**Donations Committee:** Comrade Worzella:

No donation requests!

**9:00 pm prayer was recited by Chaplain Raschka.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Commander Tessmann mentioned that not all of the finances are in from the Vic Ferrari Concert.
- Nominations to fill the vacant Sr/Jr. vice position remain open as no-one stepped up to assume the duties!
- Upping the Scholarship offerings mentioned at the last meeting was discussed. A motion was made by Comrade Zynda to change the Post Scholarship from \$500.00 to \$1,000. It was seconded by Comrade Mockler. The motion passed.
- Commander Tessmann mentioned that the Mike Helgert Golf Scholarship and the Bert Platta Rifle Squad Scholarship also will become \$1,000 scholarships!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commander Tessmann:

- Wellings Woodworks and Custom Cabinetry of Stevens Point donated a Desk Top for the office. Motion was made to send a Thank You Card to them by Comrade Verhage and seconded by Comrade Mugridge. Motion passed.

**Good of the order**

- The Ball Caps are available from the QM at \$15.00.

**Commander Tessmann** mentioned the Birthdays and Anniversaries.

**Closing Prayer was read by Chaplain Raschka**

**Adjournment:** 20:07 hrs.

**Next Meeting** : December 10<sup>th</sup>, 19:00 hours.

Meeting information was gathered from Comrades Worzalla, Halverson, Gauthier, Berg, Tessmann and Aux Members Debbie Manthey and Diane Lutovsky. If the information is not accurate or lacking, please email me ASAP so changes can be made.

Respectfully submitted by:

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