

**VFW POST 10262**  
**Post Meeting Minutes October 8th, 2018**

Refreshments were served before the meeting.

**Joint Meeting:**

- John Koshnick of Jordan's Bar on 66E presented a check to the post for \$1250.00. The money was raised by a Motorcycle Riders Group on their annual Fall Ride. It was mentioned that the Bar has great Friday Fish Fries and entertainment!
- Comrade Mugridge mentioned the results of our July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> Poppy Distributions. Rick Stevens collected \$161.74 in Donations, Don Wiernik collected \$311.25, Gary Matthees collected \$334.35 and Don Mugridge collected at total of \$287.11 for a post total of \$1094.45.
- The top Post Promoter was Comrade Matthees and the Top Auxiliary Promoter was Deb Manthey. All of the Post money collected is to be designated for Veterans Relief purposes.

**Meeting was called to order by Commander: Tessmann** at 19:02 hrs.

**Guests/Anyone in waiting:**

- District #7 Inspector Rick Morey conducted the post Audit and observed our meeting.

**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	4
VFW Members Present	26

**Membership Statistics, Applications, Transfers and Swearing in of New Members.**  
**As of 10/11/18**

Post 10262	179 of 219	81.73%
District 7		87.97%
Wisconsin		88.12%
National		85.01%

Post 10262								
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 -** September minutes were accepted as published.

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

- QM Berg needs the names/numbers of post members who will/are attending the District #7 Meeting on Sunday Oct 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The 24 black VFW Post Unique baseball caps are on order and should be in within a couple weeks.
- QM Berg discussed the 2018 balances VS the 2017 balances. He also mentioned the transferring of funds from one account to another to cover the costs of the Bar Improvements. Also mentioned was the current post equity versus 2017 equity.
- Motion to accept the minutes was made by Comrade Zynda and seconded by Comrade Mugridge. The motion passed.

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

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

Comrade Cahill is in some distress. Robert Wierzba also is in distress.

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

- Received a Thank you letter from the District #8 American Legion Riders for our donation of \$255.00 for Wreaths Across America for the Veterans Memorial Cemetery at King.
- Received a Thank you letter from Pacelli for donating \$100.00 to their 44<sup>th</sup> Panacea.
- A thank you letter from the Family Crisis Center for our donation.
- A thank you letter from B & K Bar Supplies for our business.
- Received a thank you letter from the Portage County Humane Society for our donation of \$100.00.

Reporting as of Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 **PLEASE GET THIS INFORMATION TO ME OR ADJ. STOFLET !!!**

<u>Reports</u>	<u>Mem.</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Citizenship Education	1	18	185	
Community Service	1	3	20	
Safety				
Youth Dev Activities				
Buddy Poppy	4	20	44	
Natl Military Service				
Hospital				
Service Officer				
Total.	6	41	249	

**Committee Reports:**

**House Committee;** Comrade Gauthier reported:

- One suggestion box note came in suggesting that we should look into using Bio-degradable Straws. Ray will get with Mary and look into it and see if the price is reasonable.
- Comrade Gauthier thanked the Rifle Squad for donating \$15000.00 to the post for the Canteen renovation.
- Canteen operating times and closing times were mentioned. The house committee decided that week day closing "Last Call" will be at 1:00 AM and close at 1:30 Am. Weekend days "Last Call" will be at 1:30 AM and close at 2:00 AM.
- The Post Road Pub across the street closed which gives our Canteen the opportunity to possibly pick up some of their early customers, if the post agrees to open at 11:00 AM. The House Committee agreed to a "trial-run" on early opening for a month to determine if the traffic is sufficient to continue, and then make a decision on future operation hours.
- Angie, the Post Road Pub bartender now needs employment/hours and has agreed to help out. Angie has helped out/filled in for the post in the past, and can fill in for Sue who has a medical problem and

will be out for some time. We benefit from having Angie in that she does have some loyal customers that will follow her to our Canteen and we need to have a bartender to cover while Sue is out.

- A motion was made by Comrade Jay to start the 11:00 AM opening as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Comrade Mockler. The motion passed. It was noted that Angie will first cover Sue's normal hours until Sue returns and then the 11:00 AM test-run will start.
- Cleaning the post dining room and canteen is only done once a week, paying only for three hours. We need to allow the house committee to hire an outside cleaner to come in for another three hours and clean the post at least twice a week. Four requests for quotes went out and Dura-Clean agreed to clean for \$40.00 per hr. or \$120.00 for three hours. Comrade Zynda made a motion that we set up to clean the post six hours per week. The motion was seconded by Comrade Halverson. The motion carried.
- The House Committee recommended that the post give out Christmas bonuses again this year to our nine employees totaling \$350.00.
- The House Committee is recommending a small wage increase of \$.25 per hr. to our employees and \$.50 per hr. increase to our bookkeeper Barb. A motion was made by Comrade Halverson to approve the raises and was seconded by Comrade Mockler. The motion carried.
- Our Christmas party is scheduled for Dec 8<sup>th</sup> this year. Comrade Gauthier volunteered to Chair the Christmas Party Committee event along with two members from the Auxiliary and two members from the post. Comrades Zynda and Halverson volunteered to join the committee.

#### **Rifle Squad:**

Comrade Mockler reported that the past month was quiet.

- The Rifle Squad will present the Colors at the District Meeting on Sunday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at Smiley's.
- The next Honor Flight is scheduled for Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and Comrade Scott Halverson will be on the flight. Let's get together/meet at the post about 8:30 PM for our trip to the Mosinee Airport to greet Scott as he walks the "Airport Welcome Home" gathering space.
- We have been asked to provide Military Honors for a Veterans Funeral on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Post has been invited to have lunch with students at Roosevelt School on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Nov, 2018 to help Celebrate their Veterans Day activities.
- Comrade Verhage mentioned our Steak & Omelet Breakfast for Sept was not well attended. Road construction could possibly be part of the blame and will again impact our Oct Breakfast. We did make a small profit but hopefully October will turn out much better. Please make it a point to join us for Steak and Omelet Breakfast on Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Golf Outing.** Comrade Zynda reported that there are still some loose ends and a final meeting by the committee should clear up the final figures and possibly areas selected for donations.

**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: Gave out Poppy Drive Stats at Joint Meeting!

**Donations Committee:** Comrade Worzella:

- The post received a request from Cub Scout Pack 299 to assist in their Pop Corn sales or provide a donation in increments of \$25.00. The Donations Committee recommended donating \$50.00. Comrade Jay made a motion to approve the \$50.00 and was seconded by Comrade Dunlap. The motion carried.

- VFW National sent out a request for a Disaster Relief donation. Options were either in goods or in a check to National Hqs. in Kansas City. Comrade Gauthier motioned that we donate \$200.00 and Comrade Zynda seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- We received a donation request from the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin Green Circle Trail to which we donated to last year. Comrade Gauthier motioned we donate \$100.00 and it was seconded by Comrade Engel. The motion Carried.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commander Tessmann updated the post on the Vic Ferrari Concert preparations for October 19<sup>th</sup>.

- Current information on ticket sales through “Brown Bag” is slow. No information on sales at Associated Bank or other sales locations.
- Event Insurance was discussed.
- We owe on the printing of the event posters.
- Point Beer has come on board as a sponsor and will be the only beverage available at the event.
- The Band is contracted to play two 90 minute sets.
- No takers for the visit to the National Home!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commander Tessmann:

- Read a resignation request from Sr. Vice Ransbottom. Comrade Ransbottom has indicated that his work demands interfere with his ability to dedicate the needed time to carry out his duties. Asst. Adjutant Strasser read to the post from the Manual of Procedures the order of succession. Nomination of a Back-fill of the vacant officer position will take place at the next meeting. Until then, by regulations, Comrade Mugridge will ascend to the Sr. Vice position and carry out any Sr. Vice Duties.
- The Auxiliary has asked the post to contribute \$25.00 toward the cost of the pre-meeting lunch.
- A motion was made and seconded to do this. Discussion ensued and a motion was then made to “Table the motion” and more information is needed to make a final decision.
- Comrade Zynda expressed his feeling that the post needs to raise our three (3) Scholarship Offerings by \$500.00 to \$1000.00 each. This should be brought up at the next meeting.
- Comrade Jay mentioned that three (3) past or current Commanders pictures are missing from our Commander’s Photo Gallery. Why are they not up-there?

**Good of the order**

- The Ball Caps are on order.

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

The Adjutant read off the names.

**Closing Prayer was read by Chaplain Raschka**

**Adjournment:** 20:31 hrs.

**Next Meeting** : November 12<sup>th</sup>, 19:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser  
Asst Adjutant

