

VFW POST 10262
Post Meeting Minutes Sept 10th, 2018

Refreshments were served before the meeting.

Joint Meeting:

- The Post auxiliary members, Debby Manthey and Margaret "Peggy" Klitgaard-Mancel conducted their annual September POW/MIA Remembrance Day Ceremony.
- Comrade Mugridge briefed on the Post Poppy Day Donations. He indicated the post did well this year. Collectors Comrades Rick Stevens collected \$161.74, Donnie Wiernick \$311.25, Gary Matthees \$334.35, Don Mugridge \$239.11 plus he collected at the American Legion Brat Fry \$48.00. For a total of \$1094.45. Thanks to all for their efforts!
- Comrade Cahill thanked the Post members for supporting him for the past two years while he was our Commander. He also mentioned that he wanted to end all rumors and in fact he was diagnosed with Lung Cancer.. Later this week he will learn more from his Oncologist.

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

Guests/Anyone in waiting: WW 11 Pearl Harbor Survivor Will Lehner was present.

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	20

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

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 - August minutes were accepted as published.

Quartermaster Report

- Quartermaster Berg thanked the Rifle Squad for conducting the Grave Side Military Honors for his wife's uncle.
- He has received the new VFW Catalog and would like to keep it at his office so if anyone needs to order from it, come in and see him.
- The Financial Year to Date and the Balance Sheet were discussed in length. Money was transferred from one account to another and some figures will change do the need to pay for the Bar Renovation.

- Motion was made to accept the report by Comrade Zynda and seconded by Comrade Cahill. The motion passed.
- Comrade Gauthier explained further to the post membership, the movement of funds and the current status of the finances.
- We need to thank Comrade Gauthier, our Trustees and our Bookkeeper Barb Schultz for their concern of our post finances.

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.

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

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

- The Asst. Adj. read a letter from the DAV transportation coordinator asking for volunteer Drivers..

Reporting as of Sept 10th, 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:

House Committee:

- Comrade Gauthier reported on the profit and loss of the canteen comparing last year with this year. We are a bit better this year than last year.
- Our cost of goods was up some over last year but our profits are also up over last year.
- Our total utilities costs are down due to the energy saving efforts made, i.e. the new Lights, Furnace and Air Conditioner and Water Heater.
- The payroll was mentioned.
- Total expenses were down this year over last year.
- **Fish Fry's start Friday, 28th of September,** as per Tim & Mary.
- The Dining Room floor was stripped of old wax, re-waxed and 39 dining room chairs cushions were cleaned.
- **HELP NEEDED !!!! On Monday, Sept 17th, starting at 08:00, the front room/bar area will be cleaned!** We need help at 8:00 AM to move all the tables, chairs, bar stools etc. to the dining room before the cleaning starts at 9:00 AM.
- The **SHED** will be sorted and cleaned starting at **09:00 hrs.** On the 17th of Sept. **If you have anything stored in the shed, please be there or have someone there to represent you and claim/identify or take ownership of, or it may get sold, given away or thrown out!**

Rifle Squad:

Comrade Mockler reported: One funeral last week.

- The Rifle Squad committed months ago to provide colors and honors for Roger Zebro's sister on Oct 2nd. Between 12:00 and 13:00 hrs. Details still have to be worked out.

- The next Honor Flight which is scheduled for the 17th of Sept. We can meet at the post and leave about 8:30 PM for the Mosinee Airport. The Honor Flights usually return about 10:00PM.
- Comrade John Herek addressed the membership to inform them of the HIGHGROUND of “Central Wisconsin Remembers those who served in Vietnam”, Welcome Home” Parade Ceremony, Saturday September 22nd, 2018. 30TH Anniversary of the High ground & “Fragments” Vietnam Veterans Tribute. Speakers, Tours, Exhibits and Music. **NOON** Yellow Ribbon Parade.
- The Rifle Squad Steak and Omelet Breakfast is scheduled for next Sunday, Sept 16th with serving starting at 08:30 hrs. The Kitchen/Food prep starts at 06:00 hrs. So “Step up” and help out the crew. Just show up and someone will give you an apron and show where you can help out!

Golf Outing. Comrade Stoflet reported that 95 people showed up for the tournament. Overall it was a success and he thanked all who showed up and helped out. Ron thru-out a pitch for next year to inform the membership that some of those who were involved this year would not be available next year. A great opportunity to join this great committee!

Scholarships. Comrade Zynda, No report

CITIZENSHIP & EDUCATION / YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

- Comrade Cahill is waiting for Banners that were ordered and as soon as the get in, he will get them out to all of the schools. Scott Coburn says the packets are due in by the end of October!

MAP Comrade Dye No Report.

Surgeon; Comrade Yelkin, no report.

Poppy Committee: Comrade Mugridge: No report.

Donations Committee:

- Comrade Worzella reported that we had only one repeat request from the American Legion Riders for funds. 17 Wreaths for \$15.00 ea. The committee recommended donating \$255.00 for wreaths for King Cemetery.
- Four new requests were recommended, Boy Scouts Troop 290, “Eagle Scout Project” \$150.00, MDA Muscular Dystrophy Assn \$50.00, Portage County Humane Society \$100.00 and the Jason Simcakoski Foundation \$100.00.
- The donation recommendations were questioned and discussed. Comrade Mockler motioned that we accept the recommendations and was seconded by Comrade Dunlap. The motion passed.

9:00 pm prayer was recited by Chaplain Raschka.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commander Tessmann updated the post on the Vic Ferrari Concert preparations for October 19th.

- The money spent so far is \$17.00 dollars. Money generated by donors \$300.00, three committed sponsors for \$1000.00 ea.
- We have a signed contract with the band. We are committed to Sentry, Vic Ferrari and NRG Media for Radio Advertisement. We need to deal with Event Insurance, Security, band needs as part of the contract. Ticket sales, posters and banner were also discussed. Tickets will cost “On line” \$20.00 plus .99 sir-charge. We hope to have tickets available at the bar shortly. The post has budgeted \$10,000 for the event. “Much discussion took place”!
- 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commander Tessmann brought up the issue of how we pay our bills. Comrade Gauthier informed the membership on how we pay our bills. How we are going to pay NRG Media was discussed in great detail. We hope to pay them with a check!

The Annual National Home for Children Department of Wisconsin VFW Trip was discussed. The trip costs \$185.00 per person. The question was asked if anyone wanted to go. A recommendation was made to fund the cost of two persons. Comrade Gauthier made a recommendation that the post provide funds for two members of the post or Auxiliary to make the trip. The motion was seconded by comrade Cahill. The motion passed.

Good of the order

- The Ball Cap order is being worked on!
- Comrade Gauthier mentioned that Wayne and Mary Herzog wanted to make a donation to the post and wanted to be assured that all of it would go to Veterans in Need. In need would suggest that if a soldier is deployed, help could be offered to the family for various things but to be given only to needy veterans. A check was presented to Comrade Gauthier for \$1000.00 to be passed on to the post.

Commander Tessmann mentioned the Birthdays and Anniversaries.
The Adjutant read off the names.

Closing Prayer was read by Chaplain Raschka

Adjournment – 20:38 hrs.

Next Meeting October 8th 19:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser
Asst Adjutant

Upcoming Events

Sept 16 th 08:30 Steak & Omelet Bkft	Oct 8 th 19:00 VFW Meeting Aux Meeting	DAV Nov 8 th 18:00 Sr. Ldrs Donations Cmty
Sept 24 th 19:00 PLAV	Oct 21 st . 08:30 Steak & Omelet Bkft	Nov 12 th 19:00 VFW Meeting Aux Meeting
Sept 27 th 19:00 AMVETS	Oct 22 nd 19:00 PLAV	Nov 18 th 08:30 Steak & Omelet Breakfast is cancelled due to Deer Hunting
Oct 2 nd 19:00 DAV	Oct 25 th 19:00 AMVETS	
Oct 4 th Sr. 18:00 Sr. Ldrs Meeting Donations Cmty	Nov 6 th 19:00	

