



**VFW POST 10262**  
**POST MEETING**  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



**Our Post March Meeting was Teleconference**

**And in-person meeting.**

- Adjutant Ron Stoflet provided the electronic equipment to support a Teleconference Meeting. The meeting was open to Call-in's at 6:40 PM.
- A short joint Meeting was held. Aux Member Debbie Manthey addressed the Membership. She presented the Rifle Squad & Post a Simulated \$1000.00 Check that was awarded to the Post as a result of Debbie's application for this award through her employment at Security Health Plan.
- A member of the Wisconsin Rapids VFW Post, Larry Frostman along with his friend mentioned a Concert fundraiser at the Double Down bar in Kellner, His second issue was soliciting support/names for his group of Armed Civilians, who he explained would be here to back-up the local police force and protect the community, and protect our Korean War Veterans Memorial, should a traffic stop go bad and the "BTM" group arrive to "riot and destroy" our Memorial! "This is an issue we as VFW members need to be concerned about, but this is an issue for local law enforcement, not ARMED CIVILIANS! (My Opinion only)

**The business meeting was called to order by:** Commander Tessmann at 19:10 hrs.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING:** No one!

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

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

**Draping/Undraping of the Charter:**

- The Charter was **UNDRAPED** for former Post Veteran Greg Michelkamp.
- The Charter to be **DRAPED** for Deceased Post Veteran Robert Litzau 97 yrs. old WW11 Navy Veteran who passed Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 & John D Sommers, Army Vet, who Passed Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 2020. No services were scheduled for either of the vets so we missed their passing.

**Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:**

- Was recited by all.

**Roll Call of officers.**

Present	11
Excused	0
Absent	2
VFW Members Present	25 members physically present plus (0) Call-in's.

**Membership Statistics, APPLICATIONS, TRANSFERS & SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS;**

Senior Vice :

Membership	Post 10262	90.24 %
	District # 7	93.3 %
	Dept. WI	92.4 %
	National	89.4 %

**Submissions of Meeting Minutes of previous month:** February minutes were accepted with no changes.

**QUARTERMASTER REPORT. Quartermaster Berg** Reading/Reviewing of financial status; The QM reported the Canteen March net income was \$4900.00. The Post net income Jan thru March is \$21,600.00. The difference over last year at this point is around \$1200. He mentioned the National Convention that is being held in Baltimore Md. On Aug 5<sup>th</sup> and needs the applications by the 27<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Motion to Accept** the QM report was made by Comrade Ransbottom and seconded by Comrade Suchon. The Motion carried.

**SERVICE OFFICER REPORT:** Comrade Mockler.

No report.

**MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:**

Commander Tessmann reported that our Accountant Barb Schultz has stage 4 Liver Cancer and is Day to Day now and has stepped back from her duties.

Comrade Ransbottom reported that his wife has more extensive Cancer and will need to continue to receive treatment and asks for our prayers for her.

Comrade Dunlap was hospitalized for seven days with Pneumonia.

Rick Stevens and John Hanson are still in treatment!

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:**

- The Post received a letter from DOT addressing the construction of Business 51.
- Received a thank you card from Sally Michelkamp
- Message from Frank Biesel, District Commander concerning the District #7 Meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Oxford
- Received a Thank You letter from Easter Seals of Wisconsin for our Donation of \$500.00 to Camp Wawbeek Family Veterans Camp.
- Received a Thank you from the Salvation Army for our donation of \$750.00.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT: Adjutant Stoflet**

Below is the current activity report that has been received and submitted on your behalf. Although we are doing well as a post, we are lagging behind where we would normally be at this time. I know the past year has been tough to get out and about. I am asking you to put your thinking caps on and report anything that you have done that could be reported as community service.

Past common submissions have been;

- 1) Aid to their neighbor, snow shoveling, leaf pickup.
- 2) Blood donations.

- 3) Transport others to Dr. Apt.
- 4) Helping youth.... i.e. taking time out to help grandkids with school work as parents are working

Thanks for your support!

### POST 10262 Community Service Report (Jan '21)

Category	# Reports	# Members	Hours	Costs	Miles	IRS Mileage (\$0.14 Mile)	Volunteer Time Costs (\$24.69 /hr)	Total Dollar Value
Community Service	23	97	267	\$2,279	1,445	\$202	\$6,592	\$9,074
Youth Activities	4	10	10	\$3,100	0	\$0	\$247	\$3,347
Hospital	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Citizenship Education	19	31	55	\$0	610	\$85	\$1,358	\$1,443
NAMS	3	3	3	\$700	0	\$0	\$74	\$774
Safety Programs	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legislative Action	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buddy Poppy	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>\$6,079</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>\$288</b>	<b>\$8,271</b>	<b>\$14,638</b>

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### House Committee:

Commander Tessmann assumed the HC Chair Role and addressed the following:

- (Commander) The Post is in the Process of hiring a Bar Manager. The expected duties were reviewed and the Job Posting will appear in the PCBC Webpages. The Posting was completed by Aux Member Manthey and Adj Strasser. A second (BM) posting was made and in the system on INDEED Support which is a Job hunting service.
- The approved copy of the up-dated HC SOP has been completed and will be available for the new HC Members.
- The Commander and Temp Bar Manager/accountant Barb Schultz have recommended the Post invest in a Cash Counting Machine. There are many models available from simple counting/adding up the total of a pile of separated bills, i.e. ones, fives, tens, twenties etc. to the very sophisticated machines that will separate counterfeit from legal tender, count out a total from a stack of all denominations of cash fed into the machine, and will set up stacks ready for banding for deposit, and is equipped with a USB port that can be hooked to the printer for a print out of the cash totals. Using a high quality cash counter will provide the Post with documented counting of daily intake from the canteen. No” BS” on the counts and no stacks of bills spread out all over the bar for physically counting every bill once, twice or three times to insure accuracy, and will save a tremendous amount of time! It will keep everyone honest!
- Barb said she did her research and recommends a Carnation CR1500 mixed denomination Bill counter and sorter that costs about \$2000.00. After much discussion, a motion was made by Comrade Jay that the Post Purchase the listed Cash Counting Machine. The motion was seconded by Comrade Rocha. The motion Carried
- Schedule a Hoover Ave Clean-up Date! The membership agreed to April 24<sup>th</sup>, starting at 08:00 hrs.

- Cinco De Miyo Celebration May 5<sup>nd</sup> at the Post. We should fund the celebration. Pay for Taco's for the celebration! The membership agreed to support the celebration. Comrade Ramsbottom made a motion to provide \$75.00 and the motion was seconded by Comrade Halverson. The motion carried. New Jr. Vice Commander Selectee Brandon Taylor volunteered to donate all of the beef needed for the event.
- Memorial Day! May 31<sup>st</sup>, we are going to have a Pot Luck Lunch? As of now, the post Auxiliary plan on the Memorial Day Pot-luck meal and will be served on plates through the Kitchen serving window!

**Rifle Squad:**

- Been quiet for the last month but have a Funeral next Sat.

**Golf Committee:** Comrade Stoflet.

No Report!

**CITIZENSHIP, EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT Committee:**

**Comrade Anderson.** No report

**Scholarship Committee:**

**Comrade Zynda** No report.

**Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen & Teacher of the Year.**

**Comrade Strasser; No report."**

**Military Assistance Program:** Ron Charneski

- Ron reported that the MAP is waiting out the Covid-19 situation before they look at scheduling anything.

**Surgeon:** Comrade Yelkin:

- No report.

**Poppy Committee:** Comrade Mugridge;

- Comrade Mugridge mentioned that he was planning a Poppy Event May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Memorial Day Flags were also discussed. A guide-line was established by PCVSO that whenever the flags were picked up, to provide them with a count of replacements needed. Guidance is that picking them up earlier is better and will help with the need to replace so many destroyed by weather.

**Donations Committee: Asst. Adj. Strasser reported:**

- **Donation Committee: Comrades;** Raschka, Worzalla, Halverson, Mugridge & Tessmann:
  1. Received a request from the VFW National Home for Children. We donated \$100.00 last year!
  2. Received a donation request from the Memorial Day Foundation that will be sending Wreaths to American Overseas Cemeteries for placement on May 29<sup>th</sup> to honor those American who were not returned home. We donated last year and recommend \$100.00.
  3. We received a message from the Military Science Dept. of UWSP that because of COVID Issues, the ROTC Military Ball will not be held. They are asking for us to consider supporting a Cadet as we have in the past. The Post should to continue granting a UWSP ROTC Cadet, the \$1000.00 Scholarship that we presented annually in the past.

4. Pacelli Catholic High School has asked for support for their Project Graduation to be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Last year we donated \$100.00.

After discussion, a motion was made, to approve a change to the VFW National Home donation from \$100.00 to \$1000.00 and items # 2, \$100.00, item 3# ROTC \$1000.00 and item 4# \$100.00. Comrade Ransbottom made the motion and was seconded by Comrade Halverson. The motion carried.

**The 8:00 PM Prayer along with the closing prayer was read by Chaplain Raschka.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Last Month, Commander Tessmann brought it to the attention of the membership, that he had erroneously informed HC Chairman Gauthier that he had been relieved and removed him of the HC Chair of his HC duties.
  - a. Podium Edition 2020 Manual, Congressional Charter/Bylaws, Procedure Ritual Sec. 220- Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers or Committee Members describes the proper procedures for this action. A Post may, upon a motion duly passed at a meeting, propose the removal of an officer or committee member at the next regular or special meeting.
  - b. The Post, at that regularly scheduled meeting, (held March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021) may, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, declare vacant, the position of any elected officer or elected chairman or committee member, who may have failed to fulfill the duties of the office specified in Section 218 of the Bylaws and Manuel of Procedure.
  - c. A motion for removal from office of HC Chairman Gauthier, IAW the above listed regulations, at the next scheduled meeting, (which is tonight April 12<sup>th</sup> 2021) is required.
  - d. Tonight, (at this regularly scheduled meeting), a motion was made for Removal from Office, for HC Chairman Ray Gauthier. After reviewing the above information with the membership, the Commander asked for a motion for removal from office of HC Chairman Ray Gauthier. A motion for removal was made by Comrade Ransbottom and was seconded by Comrade Wysocki. The motion was approved for removal by all 25 members present!

**Commander Tessmann opened nominations for the second round of 2021-2022 Elected slate of officers; the first slate of the following members were nominated during our March meeting for the positions as listed below.**

Before Commander Tessmann began the call for any new nominations, he took some time to explain to the membership the new additional duties he expects some of the elected officers to undertake:

- Senior Vice Commander; He has directed the Senior Vice to head-up a Donation Committee that will look at creating a “more robust” committee and step up our giving. He has set a goal of giving 90% of our monthly Canteen income. He has also directed that the Sr. Vice put more effort into the Membership program and look at our retention program, do things to attract new membership, look at Life membership raffles, and increase the Life Memberships.
- Junior Vice Commander; Commander Tessmann would like the Jr. Vice to head-up, form and organize an event committee. The committee would include a House Committee member and would be staffed with both VFW members and non-VFW members who are loyal Post supporters and want to be a part of this team. Commander Tessmann would like to call them “The Patriots Guard”. This Team would/could support many of the Post events such as; The annual Golf Tournament, the August Steak Feed, Hoover Ave Clean-up, Celebrate Plover, Cutting Grass around the Post, Stripping and Waxing the Floors and any other event that requires “able –bodied” help. The Commander envisions having some shirts and cap designed to identify the supporters.

- Commander Tessmann has asked Comrade Mugridge to continue his efforts and responsibilities with the Poppy Donations, the Memorial Day Flag Postings and pick-ups and reporting to the PCVSO.
- Commander Tessmann spoke to the other elected and appointed positions and asked for their support in helping the post to be serious about their officer positions.

For Commander; (Al Tessmann) was nominated; For Sr. Vice Cdr. (Mark Wysocki) was nominated; For Jr Vice Cdr. (Brandon Taylor) & (Don Mugridge) were nominated; For Quartermaster, (Darrell Berg) was nominated, for Chaplain (Frank Raschka) was nominated; for 3 yr. Trustee (David Verhage) was nominated. For 3yr. HC Member (Steve Ransbottom) was nominated; For 2 yr. HC Member (Perry Engel) Was Nominated. 1yr HC member, Mike Zynda was placed back into the position.

Appointed Positions	Current	New Nominees
Judge Advocate	Mike McKenna	Volunteered for another year!
Officer of the Day	Scott Halverson	Cal Neigbauer
Service Officer	Guy Mockler	Ken Anderson
Adjutant	Norb Strasser	Norb Strasser

Sec. 218 – (a) (4) Commander **pro Tempore**. In the event the neither the Commander, Sr. Vice or Jr. Vice is present to conduct the monthly Post meeting, the Post shall elect a Commander Pro Tempore to preside at the meeting of the Post. Comrade Tessmann recommended Adj. Norb Strasser for the position and was nominated to fill the Positon. The Post membership approved the nomination.

Adj. Strasser asked the newly nominated officers to bring in their DD214's. We need to keep a copy of elected/serving officers DD214's on file.

At this point, Commander Tessmann reviewed the nominated slate of officers and a requested a vote on the two Jr. Vice candidates. Asking for a show of hands for nominee Taylor as Jr. Vice Commander, the majority voted for Brandon Taylor. With no objections, the Slate of Officers for the 2021 – 2022 term of office is set. Commander Tessmann asked the membership to approve by “Unanimous Acclimation” the slate of officers for the next term. It was approved!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A response to Commander Tessmann’s letter to the membership last month by Comrade Karl August suggested that the Post consider looking at offering an incentive at monthly meeting which could help with retention, recruitment and meeting attendance! Karl suggested a \$50.00 drawing be offered at each monthly meeting for those physically attending. After Discussion, the membership agreed that this would be a great incentive! A motion was made by Comrade Ransbottom to start the incentive \$50.00 drawing at out next meeting. The motion was seconded by Comrade Suchon. The motion carried!
- Comrade Stoflet recommended establishing a “Recruiting and Retention fund”. This fund could be funded by donations and events after the initial draw from the general fund to start the fund.
- Also open for discussion is offering a quarterly **LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP** with drawings held during January, April, July and October meetings. Drawings would be for those physically attending the meeting! This Idea was discussed and eventually tabled until the next meeting.
- Comrade Ransbottom has informed the post that our IT system is way out of date. He has recommended changes that include new monitors, new desk top computer, new routers and new

wireless connections and a back-up external drive. Comrade Ransbottom indicated that this would cost about \$2500 on the market, but with his connections, he can acquire the equipment and install it for \$1233.00 Comrade Worzalla made a motion to go with the proposal and the motion was seconded by Comrade Engel. The motion carried.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- **The AMVETS** Spring Fund raiser is still scheduled for spring, April 26th 2021.
- Commander Tessmann continued to expound on his idea of the Patriots Guard. Because he has received offers from Non-VFW members but loyal customers, to help the post with functions and events, this idea of forming a group/team of volunteer's turned into his idea of forming the Patriots Guard. The commander is looking at a New Donation Committee that consists of the Commander, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Rich Moore, and the Adjutant.
- The Commander asked the Post for permission to establish the Patriots Guard which was accepted without objections! We need to check on the liability of volunteers.
- Commander Tessmann is asking for the Post membership to look hard for opportunities to support Veterans, Veteran family members and organizations that support veterans! The Commander wants to give away 90% of the Canteen monthly profits. Many suggestions were thrown out to include supporting Camp American Legion!
- District Meeting is scheduled for SUNDAY, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Oxford, Neenah Valley VFW Post 6003. Luncheon reservations are due by April 21<sup>st</sup>. Officers, we can attend (ZOOM on line) at the Post. The meeting starts at 10:00 AM. New officers are encouraged to attend the Zoom Meeting!
- Memorial Day activities need to be planned by the Rifle squad.
- The Village of Plover Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine, starting at 10:45 AM. The State Honor Guard will be present and join in with our VFW Post Honor Guard as part of the program. The new Name Tiles added to the memorial are read and are part of the annual program. Of note, Trapper is the CSM of the State Color Guard and they intend on being present to Honor Tom Hoffmann, from Colby, a former active State VFW Member!
- No word from the Village of Plover on the KN-94 masks.

### **Birthdays & Anniversary's:**

- April Birthdays and Anniversaries were read by Adj. Strasser.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO EVERYONE!**

**Closing Prayer:** Read by Chaplain Raschka.

**Adjournment:** 21:18 Hrs.

**Next Meeting** 19:00 Hrs. May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser  
Adjutant

