



VFW POST 10262
 2970 Hickory Dr. Plover, Wi 54467
POST MEETING
August 9th, 2021



A joint meeting was held;

- Poppy Committee information was provided by Mary Kimmel as to the date, Sept 18th and locations to set-up Poppy Distribution sites! Locations are Trig's, both Metro-Market Stores, Walgreens in Park Ridge & Lowe's. Comrade Mugridge presented Poppy Promoter awards to Perry Engel, Peggy Klitgaard-Mancel, Mary Kimmel and Kathy Matthees. Kathy Matthees collected \$3.00 more than Don Mugridge!

The business meeting was called to order by: Commander Tessmann at 19:25 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING: **Sr. Vice. Commander & Membership Chair.**
 Two potential members were introduced. Mark Lehman and Brad Shufelt. Commander Tessmann led the "Membership Obligation" for the two new "LIFE Members". We welcome them to our Post!

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 WW11 Nurse and Post member **Berniece Ward.**
- We REDRAPED the Charter for Comrade **Ron Hoffmann.**

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- **Was recited by all.**

Roll Call of officers.

Present	12
Excused	4
Absent	0
VFW Members Present	25 members physically present.

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

Senior Vice Wysocki: As of June 30th.

State

Life Members 21652 Continuous 3698 New 381 Total Members 25894 Membership 98.18%

DISTRICT # 7

Life Members 2325 Continuous 407 New 10 Total Members 2769 Membership 98.36%
VFW POST 10262
Life Members 168 Continuous 31 New 0 Total members 197 Membership 97.07

Submissions of Meeting Minutes of previous month: July minutes were accepted with no Changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status! Quartermaster Berg;

Reading/Reviewing of financial status;

- Comrade Berg mentioned that we were still making money but our total payroll expenses were too high, and jumped by over \$5000.00 for July. It was pointed out that our Canteen net income for June was \$970.00 and July was \$301.00.
- QM Berg mentioned that he had purchased another CD so the Post now has two \$50,000.00 CD's and will purchase another in Sept!
- QM Berg pointed out that the Post total income was \$3646.65.

Motion to Accept the QM report was made by Comrade Halverson and seconded by Comrade Taylor. The Motion carried.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Yelkin;

- Comrade Yelkin noted that the latest VFW Magazine listed three new items to the Agent Orange list.
- Comrade Yelkin talked about Veterans with 70% disability and the availability and entitlement to have caregiver support. The PC Aging and Disabilities Center has a list of caregivers. .Work through the PCVSO for this support!
- He also mentioned that if you have been unemployable for over a year and are at a 40% disability, you should go online and file and you will have your disability automatically raised to 100%. He stated that you should go to the VA Webpage, down load, fill it out and enter the information.

MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:

This month, Len Larsen is now home and Guy Mockler is now doing fine!

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

Adj. Strasser mentioned the following;

- Debbie Manthey received a message from Ali Rucinski thanking her for the pictures taken at Albin Rucinski's Funeral and provided by Debbie to the Family. *"Debbie, Thank you so very much for the pictures. They bring tears to my eyes. We miss him dearly. You did a wonderful job. I am so thankful we could do this for Dad; it was one of his final wishes to have veterans there. So thank you so very much. May God bless each and every one of you! Ali Rucinski"*.
- The point that can be made is that each and every Veterans Funeral we provide Honors for, it is also for the family!

POST OFFICERS REPORTS;

- **SENIOR VICE CDR;** Comrade Wysocki mentioned that at Celebrate Plover, we had a lot of visitors stop by our VFW shelter. Comrade Larry Kinyon handed out over 300 drink cartons and the Auxiliary members collected over \$280.00 in Poppy donations. We also had fifteen Veterans interested in our post and at least 13 potential members. Two of those interested folks are now new Post Life Members as of tonight!
- **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Taylor gave a report on the new "Patriots Guard Members". He currently has 23 members signed up. The (PGM's) are Post canteen customers and volunteers who want to help with activities and events that require a larger effort than normally

accomplished by just a few post members! Commander Tessmann is looking to have shirts made for the (PMG's) that will also serve to advertise their support of the Post.

- He also mentioned the excess DOT Surplus Land (parcels) behind our Post. 2.75 acres. He explained the methods of sale depending on the size and shapes and value of the property.
- **CHAPLAIN;** Chaplain Raschka mentioned Len Larsen and Guy Mockler health issues!

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT: Adjutant:

District 7 Community Service Report (May 1 - August 8 '21)								
Category	# Reports	# Members	Hours	Costs	Miles	IRS Mileage (\$.14 Mile)	Volunteer Time Costs (\$24.69 /hr)	Total Dollar Value
Community Service	97	480	2,880	\$11,666	2,886	\$404	\$71,107	\$83,177
Youth Activities	17	32	59	\$8,100	42	\$6	\$1,457	\$9,563
Hospital	14	15	43	\$0	696	\$97	\$1,062	\$1,159
Citizenship Educatio	26	233	2,406	\$200	1,401	\$196	\$59,404	\$59,800
NAMS	7	6	4	\$4,950	2	\$0	\$99	\$5,049
Safety Programs	5	1	1	\$150	6	\$1	\$25	\$176
Legislative Action	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buddy Poppy	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	166	767	5,393	\$25,066	5,033	\$705	\$133,153	\$158,924

POST 10262 Community Service Report (May 1 - August 8 '21)								
Category	# Reports	# Members	Hours	Costs	Miles	IRS Mileage (\$.14 Mile)	Volunteer Time Costs (\$24.69 /hr)	Total Dollar Value
Community Service	23	104	224	\$6,089	1,235	\$173	\$5,531	\$11,792
Youth Activities	7	7	7	\$7,000	0	\$0	\$173	\$7,173
Hospital	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Citizenship Educatio	8	70	181	\$0	707	\$99	\$4,469	\$4,568
NAMS	4	4	4	\$4,950	0	\$0	\$99	\$5,049
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
TOTAL	42	185	416	\$18,039	1,942	\$272	\$10,271	\$28,582

The Rifle Squad has been Very Busy with Activities since May 6th, Eighteen events that include Six funerals ,Memorial Day activities, Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony and two flag change-outs, two sports programs opening ceremonies and the very hot 4th of July Parade! Many thanks to every member to the Rifle Squad who found time within their busy schedules to support the Family requests for Military Honors for their loved ones and supporting all of the Community Events! Adding all of that up, 108 members, 1942 miles and 56 Vehicles. This is a lot of Community Service work.

- Continue to bring in your community support information!

The 8:00 PM Prayer was recited by Chaplain Raschka!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

House Committee: HC Chair Ransbottom addressed the following:

- Our Post Asphalt Maintenance Estimate (Seal Coating, Crack Filling & Patching & Striping) from Arrow Precision. Estimate of \$4,450.00. Schedule for work is still unknown because they have not gotten back to us!
- HC is working on a new electric sign to provide better visibility from Post Road! The Village and Eagle Automotive have given the Post clearance to up-grade our signage! Actually, we are working to go digital and LED. Next & now working on getting quotes based on the size and types of signs chosen.

- The M60 Tank Painting status! We have the Camouflage Pattern but we need to find out if TACOM is OK with repainting the Tank! Then we move on!
- Dining Room Chairs were cleaned! Duraclean did a good job and thanks to the efforts of Mike Zynda and Perry Engel for doing the “Chair Labor”.
- A new Gazebo is on the way! Waiting for delivery on the 17th.
- Jake’s Kitchen Contract is a work in process! HC Chair Ransbottom is working on drafting the new contract and once completed, the HC will review it and then present it to Jake. The Commander and HC Chair mentioned a number of issues that will be addressed in the contract.
- New Printer for the office and new phone system for the Post will be completed, once the new phone service is on line!

Rifle Squad: Strasser

- The Rifle Squad has been busy the last two months as noted in the Community Service Report.
- RS Commander Strasser mentioned that New Members to the Rifle Squad, Larry Kinyon and Guy Jones were ready to step-in and get their feet wet at our next funeral.
- We will offer Flag Cases to our Post Veteran families at every memorial service for free and ask for \$45.00 to Non-Post Veterans! Comrade Worzalla said we have six on order for \$35.00 each.
- The Rifle Squad Steak Feed is scheduled for August 21st and Steak & Omelet Breakfasts start Sept 19th. Steak feed tickets are available at the Bar to pick-up and sell or for your own steaks! The Cut-off on ticket sales is COB Sunday the 15th of August.
- Comrade Verhage mentioned that we should have some Baskets made up to Raffle off because the cost of steaks is so high, we may not make very much on the meal!
- Coordination for all of the areas for the Steak Feed will be sent out ASAP!

Golf Committee: Comrade Stoflet;

- The next meeting is scheduled for next Monday August 16^h 7PM. Mike Zynda reported that we still had room for eight more teams!

Citizenship, Education & Youth Developments Committees;

Scholarship Committee:

Comrade Zynda; No report.

Voice of Democracy & Patriot’s Pen & Teacher of the Year.

Comrade Strasser; Mentioned that the new 2021-22 school year VOD and PP Themes are out. The Voice of Democracy theme is; “America, where do we go from here”! And the Patriot’s Pen theme is; “How can I be a Good American”. We need to get the new information packets on order and work with the school district to get the info into the schools.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charneski:

- Ron reported that he contacted the State to confirm the 120th support of The Golf Outing Sept 11th. The State NG Bureau disapproved the request because of a lack of funds!
- The Bravo Battery Spaghetti Feed is scheduled for Saturday, August 28th.

Surgeon: Worzalla

- **SURGEON:** (Worzalla) No report

Poppy Committee: Comrade Mugridge;

- No report.

Donation Committee: Donation Committee members; Comrades Tessmann, Ransbottom, Wysocki and Taylor.

Comrade Wysocki reported!

- Commander Tessmann has asked for some members to step-up and volunteers to be a part of the Donation Committee! The Post really needs at least two or more members to step up and with combined efforts, offer their opinions and bring to the membership some worthy objectives or areas for our Post membership to support! There is a real need to have some of the Donation Committee members be impartial, and not a part of the elected officers! Contact the Commander, Comrade Wysocki or myself to help you join the donation committee!
- Commander Tessmann explained that by Sept 7th, at 6PM, he wants to have a “Donation Committee Meeting. The goal is to have the House Committee Chair, Quartermaster, Trustees, and Sr. & Jr. Vices all agree on an amount of funds that would be available for donations!
- **Note: at the end of our meeting, New Post member Comrade Brad Shufelt volunteered to become a member of the Donation Committee! Thanks Brad!**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The issue of honoring our departed members by “lowering our Post Flag” for a day was brought up. After much discussion, it was agreed that we would lower the Flag of the deceased Veteran on the day of their Funeral or scheduled Memorial Service, if we were aware of them!
- A change-out of our flag-pole rope was discussed and new flag attaching snaps would be used to attach the flags.

Good of the Order:

- It was mentioned that the 2020 Honor Flights were cancelled because of the COVID issue!
- Comrade Ransbottom asked the Post membership to consider the impact unfounded or unsubstantiated rumors or “gossips” have on both individuals and the Post itself. “STOP THEM”!
- Both HC Chair Ransbottom & Commander Tessmann asked the membership to “bring to the table” areas and issues within the inside and outside of our Post that would improve the overall appearance and functioning of our Post.
- Of note to all, the suggestion box is still available to the membership for anyone who would prefer to remain anonymous with their suggestions or concerns.
- It was mentioned that our Post restrooms need to be renovated.

- It was mentioned by the Commander that we need to look into the future and develop capital and operating budgets. Look at our monthly Canteen net and set aside money for annual needs, and out-year projects, renovations and future needs that may develop!

Birthdays & Anniversary's:

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

Closing Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka

Adjournment: 21:05 Hrs.

Next Meeting 19:00 Hrs. Sept 13th, 2021

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser
Adjutant