



## VFW POST 10262

POST MEETING

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**A joint meeting was held; Commander Tessmann introduced our new Bar Manager, Bill Volkening!** Bill said he was excited to be here amongst all of the veterans. This is a new experience for him! He was looking to the membership for suggestions and to throw-out ideas that we could work on to bring-in members and patrons! Chili and Jambalaya Cook-off's were mentioned to help fund live music or DJ's. We should look forward to our Christmas Party and New Year's Party! Share your ideas with the Bar Manager and the house committee! Bands or DJ's.!

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING:** **Sr. Vice Commander & Membership Chair.** Potential new member, Lawrence Woyak was introduced and attended our meeting as a guest. A Marine Vet who has served in Korea!

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

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

**Draping/Undraping of the Charter:**

- The Charter was DRAPED for former WW11 Nurse and Post member **Berniece Ward.**

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

- **Was recited by all.**

**Roll Call of officers.**

Present	13
Excused	2
Absent	1

VFW Members Present    22 members physically present.

**Membership Statistics, APPLICATIONS, TRANSFERS & SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS;**  
Senior Vice Wysocki:

- Membership Post 10262 Life members, 168    Continuous 31    Total members 199    97.0 %  
District # 7    Life members 2343    Continuous, 370    Total members 2838    96.72 %

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

**QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status! Quartermaster Berg;**

Reading/Reviewing of financial status;

- QM Berg reported that the Canteen Profit & Loss only report was all that would be discussed at the meeting. Our total gross income was \$27,805 and gross profit was \$21,044. With the Donations that amounted to \$10,937.00 and paying all of the bills and wages, our net income was \$970.00.
- QM Berg mentioned that the Post will get two more CD's of \$50,000 each and get them about three months apart.
- At the last meeting, Commander Tessmann requested that the Trustees sit down with him on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June at 6:15 PM to review the financial reports. After the review, it was determined that the best path forward was to move our large checking account fund into CD's to help protect the funds. Discussion on investing in markets was mentioned but the commander and Trustees felt that they did not want to Risk the Post's funds. The Trustees were given the task of working on or developing a monthly post budget! Discussion also covered the looking into the leased lot we use for parking!

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

**SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Yelkin;**

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!

**MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:**

Guy Mockler was mentioned. Conrad Suchon was also mentioned. John Hanson is looking good!

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:**

Adj. Strasser mentioned to following;

- He mentioned the Tax Exempt Bar Code from Menard's that can be used for purchases.
- Talked about providing Colors for "Opening Ceremonies" for the Plover/Whiting Youth Athletics Softball Tournament.
- The Post Commander received a congratulatory letter from Hal Roesch II the Commander in Chief! for our Post reaching 100% membership. We received a Blue 2021 Ribbon that has been affixed to our Post Flag!
- We received a Thank you Card and a check for \$500.00 from Joanne Johnson, wife of Bill Johnson whose funeral we provided honors for last month!
- Also received a thank you card from Joshua Kolodziej for the Scholarship Award! He will become a ROTC student at UWSP.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT: Adjutant:**

- The Rifle Squad has been Very Busy with Activities since May 6<sup>th</sup>, Six funerals ,Memorial Day activities, Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony and two flag change-outs, two sports programs opening

ceremonies and the very hot 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 1459 miles and 56 Vehicles. This is a lot of Community Service work.

- Continue to bring in your community support information!

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **House Committee:** HC Chair Ransbottom addressed the following:

- HC Chair Ransbottom covered the hiring of Bill Volkening as our Bar Manager.
- The Garage has undertaken a transformation! The Auxiliary sorted their stuff on the 19<sup>th</sup> and thanks to Mike Zynda who supervised the 26<sup>th</sup> "Clean-Out" of stuff & Junk! David Verhage, Mark Wysocki, Don Mugridge, Perry Engel, John Herek, Barb Schultz, Debbie Manthey and Norb helped sort through the stuff, some of which has not been used for over 18 years. Thanks to all who gave up their Saturday morning and braved the constant rain while undertaking the important task!
- Many Thanks to Mike Zynda who Power Washed the Tank! The M60 Tank Painting, Dave's auto body can help! Ron Charneski will get the Camo Patterns from his old unit!
- Our Post Parking Lot Asphalt Maintenance Estimate (Seal Coating, Crack Filling & Patching & Striping) from Arrow Precision. Estimate of \$4,450.00. The commander asked for a motion to accept the quote and a motion was made by Comrade Rocha and seconded by Comrade Halverson to accept the Bid. The motion Carried!
- Repainting the Red VFW Letters on our Post Building is completed. .
- The Post Alarm System was changed and new security door locks are installed.
- HC Chair Ransbottom stated the new computer system has been installed.
- Look for Estimates on a new electric Sign and better Visibility from Post road! Still need to insure we are within the Village Regulations on size and distance etc. Comrade Engel's project.
- We need to have solid answers on a Pergola or Gazebo's for the Patio. FleetFarm and Lowe's have 10 X 10's & 10 X 12's that are solid! Think outside the box! After discussion, the Commander asked for a motion for \$2800 to cover the cost. A motion was made by Comrade Taylor and seconded by Comrade Suchon. The motion carried!
- Some dining Chairs need cleaning! After checking the chairs, most of them need cleaning. Comrade Zynda contacted Duraclean and after discussion they agreed to clean all of the 60 dining room chairs for between \$240 - \$300 dollars. They are scheduled to clean the chairs on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July. Help will be needed to move the chairs. Expect an early morning start!
- Jake's Kitchen Contract is coming up for renewal! A numbers if issued were brought up that will be worked into the new contract!
- We are looking at getting a new Phone system that will include three lines, the Bar, Office and Jakes Kitchen!

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

### **Rifle Squad: Strasser**

- The Rifle Squad has been busy the last two months as noted in the Community Service Report
- We will offer Flag Cases to our Veteran families at every memorial service! Comrade Worzalla will look into the prices!
- A message to Debbie Manthey from the William Johnson Funeral;  
Hi Debbie, Thank you so much for these photos!! Our family is so thankful that you took the time to take these pictures and to send them to us. It means the world to us to have these. We are so grateful to all of you for the wonderful Military Honors. It went so far beyond our expectations and we can never thank all of you enough!!! Our dad would have been so pleased. ! Thanks again, Stephen Johnson P.S. "Your photography skills at catching both the muzzle flash and shell casings are amazing"!

- The Rifle Squad share of the cost of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July food is \$75.00. The Commander asked for a motion to repay the Auxiliary for their July 4<sup>th</sup> Support. A motion was made by Comrade Suchon to cover the Auxiliary cost of \$75.00 of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July food and it was seconded by Comrade Zynda. The motion carried.
- The Rifle Squad Steak Feed is scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup> and Steak & Omelet Breakfasts start Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Steak feed tickets are available at the Bar to pick-up and sell or for your steaks!

**Golf Committee:** Comrade Stoflet;

- The next meeting is scheduled for next Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> 7PM.

**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".

**MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charnerski:**

- Ron reported that he needed to contact the State to confirm the 120<sup>th</sup> support. The Golf Outing 11<sup>th</sup> of Sept with the 120<sup>th</sup> and the Shot Gun Shoot with a Cannon, the paperwork has been submitted (30 Mar). From what has been said, the unit and their command are ready for it and they're just waiting for the "Official" stamp of approval from State Headquarters.
- The Bravo Battery Spaghetti Feed, I gave notice to the CO and FRG that the VFW is ready for them. They have responded and it is scheduled for Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Ron Charneski and Aux members picked up the cash results of Trigs Cup-Cake Memorial Day Weekend Fund Raiser on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. With Ron's four (4) days of dedication to this event and with support from the Auxiliary members, Diane, Debbie Manthey, Mary Kimmel and Peggy, they all collected over \$1200.00 for the post.

**Surgeon: Worzalla**

- **SURGEON:** (Worzalla) (Note; from Norb), The Delta Variant Virus has now spread to all 50 States: The "WHO" has warned this week that a trifecta of "easier to spread strains", insufficiently immunized populations and a drop in the Mask use will delay the end of the pandemic. Scientists believe the delta variant is about 50% more transmissible. The question to ask yourself is this, who has been vaccinated and who is not! Most seniors have, but many younger adults who have not gotten their shots, and engage in close contact social activities etc. can become unsuspected spreaders! Could be family or friends! Stay safe and live longer!

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:**

- Chaplain Raschka reported that at our last Funeral Honors at St. Brons Cemetery, Fr. Guenther praised the Honor Guard/Rifle Squad as the best that he has seen in his two years at St. Brons!
- Chaplain Raschka said he had contacted Member Bob Kitto who is 95 yrs. Old and he is doing well.

**Poppy Committee:** Comrade Mugridge;

- Mary Kimmel reported that she has set-up poppy distribution at five locations for the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

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

**Comrade Wysocki reported!**

- Post Member Comrade John Herek is also the Plover Legion Commander and has asked for some financial support for his Post, that will be hosting the State Legion double elimination baseball tournament. After discussion, the membership agreed that we should donate \$1000.00 to the Legion to help support this Community event. The Commander asked for a motion and a motion was made by Comrade Ransbottom to support the \$1000.00 donation to the Plover Legion. The motion was seconded by Comrade Engel. The motion carried.
- Comrade Wysocki mentioned the PCTL Golf Tournament on July 26<sup>th</sup> that requires entries by the 19<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Comrade Berg to sponsor a \$50.00 hole and was seconded by Comrade Rocha. The motion carried.
- Several months ago, the PCVSO asked the Post to help support a needy Veteran financially who needed support moving. She was working with the Redeemer Lutheran Church for funds and our Post had approve to repay/reimburse the Church \$1500.00 that reportedly was the cost of moving. Checking with the Pastor, Comrade Wysocki discovered that the Church had only given her \$387.00 , so Comrade Wysocki hand carried the check for that amount to the Pastor
- Commander Tessmann has asked for some members to step-up and volunteers to be a part of the Donation Committee! 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!

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Skyward of Stevens Point has for many years supported our Golf Tournament with teams and paying for ½ of the entrance fee for all veterans. Cliff King recently passed away and it was recommended by Comrade Zynda that we donate back to Skyward for their Scholarship Program! A motion was made by Comrade Ransbottom to donate \$500.00 and the motion was seconded by Comrade Suchon. The motion carried.
- The office printer needs to be replaced. A new printer was recommended by the HC Chair Ransbottom costing about \$815.00. A motion was made by Comrade Halverson to purchase the printer and seconded by Comrade Rocha. The motion carried.

**Good of the Order:**

- **Post road will be closed beginning July 21<sup>st</sup> for three weeks while the East side Causeway/spillway is constructed.**
- Our current written reimbursement policy recognizes Post Officers who attend District, Department and National Conventions, but does not address former officers who attend and in what capacity they could represent our Post... When our Post Commander and Quartermaster chose not to attend, should/could we consider our Past Post Commanders and Quartermasters

who attend Department and National Conventions as our Post representatives and reimburse them at the Commander and QM rate!

- The membership has agreed that we will continue to reimburse when the circumstances warrant this.
- **June 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> State VFW Convention;** Tundra Lodge, Green Bay. Comrades Matthees and Past Department Commander and Post Member John "Trapper" Schultz attended...
- Comrade Matthees reported that the State Honor Guard is looking for new members!
- He also informed the membership of the following
  - a. Former State Senator Dave Zien of the Eau Claire area recruited 26 new members and won \$800.00.
  - b. Our State VFW News Paper has been judged No 1 in the country for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
  - c. The State bought a "Stand-BY Generator: for the National Home for Children "Wisconsin" sponsored house.
  - d. The national home is also looking for donations to pay for a snow plow attachment for their pickup truck.
  - e. A member of the Oxford Post mentioned that he really likes Jakes Fish Fry's.
  - f. Our new State Commander is Corey Geisler.
  - g. The Green Bay Packers gave \$250,000 to homeless Vets for Carpenter Training in Milwaukee.
  - h. The Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin are building small home for veterans in Racine and Milwaukee.

### **Information reported by Trapper from the convention;**

2021 VFW State Convention

Green Bay, WI

Mileage, Junction City to Green Bay: 106 Miles, one way

Hotel, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday night: \$125.00 per day

Wednesday night was the Awards Presentation and Patriotic Rally night (Teacher of the year, VOD/Pats Pen, Distinguished Civil Patriots (Police, Fireman and EMS) Over 125 VFW and Auxiliary members attended.

Thursday, during the day, was the first half of the committee reports and state goals for next year.

Thursday night was the Memorial Ceremony, and the State Honor Guard did the best ceremony ever.

Friday morning the business session started with Posting of Colors by State Honor Guard. There were more committee and financial reports given. Friday night was the Red Carpet, All State award Banquet, with over 250 persons in attendance.

Saturday morning right after the opening ceremony, the Dept. held a ceremony to recognize the Lao and Hmong Veterans Association. There were 30 members of their Veterans Association and three of our Past State Commanders spoke and praised them for their assistance in Vietnam. I was one of them. Al Kochenderfer, PSC, Huey Helicopter pilot was shot down three times in Viet Nam, and one time in Cambodia, where we were not supposed to be. The Lao Army went in, found Al, and got him out. Had he been captured, he would have been taken to North Vietnam, and probably would not have come home alive.

Saturday afternoon we had Officer Elections and Ron Ramos won, as Willy Stokes conceded during the election as balloting was one sided, 75 votes for Ron for every 1 for Willy. We have a great young man coming up the ranks.

We had three National Candidates for Junior Vice Commander, and it is evident that Carolyn from Iowa is the leading candidate. She is very personable, well-spoken and will represent us and is the best of the three.

National Jr Vice Commander Fritz was in attendance for the Convention, was totally impressed with how well run and organized the event was, and mostly impressed with the State Honor Guard. This was one of the better conventions in a long time.

Respectfully,

John Schultz

Plover 10262 Convention Delegate

Monthly "Post Officer BIO" 2-4 minute Oral Story of their Military & Civilian Career! Hope to start this at the July meeting! This will be the beginning of our Historical Documentation of Post Officers Ledger! It would be great to have Binders filled with past Post officers and Historical Documents that covered the past 49 years! A small picture along with a BIO in a Document Protector is what we are looking for! We need some post History! Pictures & Documents!

**Birthdays & Anniversary's:**

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

**Closing Prayer:** Read by Chaplain Raschka

**Adjournment:** 21:05 Hrs.

**Next Meeting** 19:00 Hrs. August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser  
Adjutant