



VFW POST 10262

POST MEETING

June 14th, 2021



A joint meeting was held;

Scholarship Chairman Mike Zynda presented Scholarships to the following students; Our Post Scholarship of \$1000.00 was awarded to Student Jacob Bourget, the Bert Platta Scholarship of \$1000.00 was awarded to Joshua Kolodziej, the Mike Helgert Golf Scholarship of \$1000.00 to Riley Cate and Post scholarships of \$500.00 ea. to Nic Cywinski and Sydney Lilienthal. We congratulate the Students for their efforts in composing their "Essays" and assembling their packets, and wish them success in their future education endeavors!

The business meeting was called to order by: Commander Tessmann at 19:17 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING: **Sr. Vice Commander & Membership Chair Wysocki** introduced two Applicants for membership. James (JD) Manville and Guy Jones!

Opening Prayer: Read by HC Chair Ransbottom.

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

Draping/Undraping of the Charter:

- The Charter was UNDRAPED for former Post member **William T Jajewski!**

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- **Was recited by all.**

Roll Call of officers.

Present	11
Excused	2
Absent	2

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 %

- Commander Tessmann conducted the Swearing in of two new members. We welcome into the Post Guy Jones, Army Vet (Korea & Hawaii), Instrument control & repair specialist and James (JD) Manville, Vietnam USMC Vet!

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

QUARTERMASTER REPORT. Quartermaster Berg Reading/Reviewing of financial status;

- QM Berg reported that the Canteen net profit was about \$9000.00 for the month of May. The Post net income is close to \$33,000.00 through the first five months of 2021.
- He mentioned the National Convention that is being held in Kansas City On Aug 5th and needs the applications by the 27th of May.
- QM Berg mentioned that he renewed the \$50,000.00 CD. We also need to consider taking out another \$50,000 CD.
- Commander Tessmann requested that the Trustees sit down with him on the 28th of June at 6:15 PM to review the financial reports.

Motion to Accept the QM report was made by Comrade Verhage and seconded by Comrade Jay. The Motion carried.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Yelkin; At the meeting, due to Ken Anderson's decision to step-back from those duties, Comrade Yelkin requested to resign from the surgeons duties and pick up the services officers duties. This decision was supported by the commander since Comrade Yelkin had previously served in that position in SD. Comrade Worzalla volunteered to accept the Surgeon duties. No report.

MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:

No one mentioned!

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

Adj. Strasser mentioned to following;

- Adj. Strasser mentioned that family & friends of Deceased Veteran John Altenburg who were present at the Funeral Memorial Service were very thankful for the Rifle Squad's Honors and of Debbie Menthey's pictures that she took and provided to the folks who attended!
- May 28th, I was called by the HR person at Donaldson Co. Inc.in Stevens Point and asked if I could come over and accept a donation of \$572.00 that was collected by their small Military Veterans Group. They had no agenda but wanted to do something for the Veterans as Memorial Day neared. They presented me a stack of cash, \$572.00 and a small "Thank You for your service Poster". I have drafted a Thank-you card that was signed by Commander Tessmann and sent!
- He mentioned a "thankyou" from the PCBC for our continued membership!
- All Officers! If you have not turned in a copy of your DD-214, please bring a copy to our next meeting, July 12th.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT: Adjutant:

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.
 - 5) Mowing a vet or vets family lawn.
- Get the info to me so I can log it!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

House Committee: HC Chair Ransbottom addressed the following:

- The House Committee is still working on the hiring of a Bar Manager.
- The new Cash Counter has been received and is in use.
- Post Security system is being changed and should be installed by July 1st. He asked for the list of names of those that will be need access to the Post. This list will need to be screened to insure only those with the need to enter need access! Working off the "Old Access list" is a start, but it needed to be cleaned up and the HC Chair need's the names input from all sides and justification for access! New passwords etc.
- Many Thanks to Mike Zynda who Power Washed the Tank! It still needs a little "Spot Painting". PMCS is needed!
- Repainting the Red VFW Letters on our Post Building was discussed and Comrade Jay has a plan for the repainting.
- The HC is looking to get an estimate on a new Electronic Sign.
- It was reported that the Canteen customers are barely using the new Patio. Discussion on a Pergola and the size is an issue. Our Contact with Lowe's is good so we will work with them if possible! Also, some discussion on using "our shelter" to cover the Patio and also mentioned is some type of enclosure and lights to make the Patio more inviting! Need to get estimates for everything!
- HC Chair Ransbottom also mentioned that he is still working on the Post Officers email addresses.
- HC Chair Ransbottom is working on getting the computers upgraded shortly but related that it took a while for some items to become available.
- Mike also mentioned that he is monitoring the cleaning of the Kitchen, (Jake's Kitchen) and has pointed out areas that need improvement!

The 8:00 PM Prayer was recited by Comrade Ransbottom!

Rifle Squad: Strasser

- We provided Military Honors at Three Funerals!
- The Rifle Squad and many Post members turned out for Memorial Day Ceremonies!
- We Changed out two flags and provided Military Honors for Whispering Pines June 1st.
- For the Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony, the Squad was joined by the State Rifle Squad, Plover Legion Post 543 and AMVETS Post 1051. They all looked great!
- Many thanks go to everyone who has supported the Post on these events. Rifle Squad Members, WOW! We received a lot of complements on our Performance and Appearance at the Korean War Memorial Ceremony, with both the Colors and Marching & Firing.
- Comrade Verhage asked about providing Memorial Flag Cases to veteran family's, but we currently only provide the cases to Post Veteran families. We will offer Flag Cases to our Veteran family's at every memorial service! Comrade Worzalla will look into the prices!

Golf Committee: Comrade Stoflet;

- The next meeting is scheduled for next Monday June 21st 7PM.

Citizenship, Education & Youth Developments Committees:

Scholarship Committee:

Comrade Zynda; Mentioned at the beginning of the meeting!

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

Comrade Strasser; No report."

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charnerski:

- The Golf Outing 11th of Sept with the 120th 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 28th.
- Ron Charnerski and Aux members will be picking up the cash results of Trigs Cup-Cake Memorial Day Weekend Fund Raiser on Tuesday the 15th.

Surgeon: Worzalla

- No report:

Poppy Committee: Comrade Mugridge;

- Comrade Mugridge mentioned a bit of what was covered by Mary Kimmel, but we will have an August drive as scheduled!

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

Comrade Wysocki reported!

- Donations Committee Chair Wysocki reported that he had received a call from the PCVSO Mike Clements relating that a Veterans Widow has a serious respiratory illness and needs an Air conditioner. After investigating the issue, Comrade Wysocki purchased a Portable Window AC from Lowe's with his Veterans Discount for \$439.00. Comrade Ransbottom made a motion to reimburse Wysocki for the Purchase and the motion was seconded by Comrade Jay. The motion Carried.
- Comrade Wysocki and the commander talked about the 'Hop tell' in Milwaukee as a good opportunity for support in the future!
- Commander Tessmann has asked for some members to step-up and volunteer 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!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Adj. Strasser informed the Post that the Scholarship Committee made a united decision to award the 4th & 5th place finishers a \$500.00 scholarship.
- We only had five (5) applicants and felt we could afford to reward all five for their efforts. This would be a one-time deal only, for awarding the \$500.00 Scholarships.
- Comrade strasser asked the commander for a motion to approve the decision and approve the two \$500.00 scholarships. A motion to approve the scholarship donations was made by Comrade Jay and seconded by Comrade Ransbottom. The motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Comrade Verhage informed the Post that the Rifle Squad has decided to start the Steak & Omelet Breakfasts in Sept, and we have reserved the 21st of August for this year's Steak Feed! A serious look at how the tickets will be handled and cut-off near the steak feed date to avoid last minute steak purchases!

Good of the Order:

- Mike Zynda is in charge! Annual "Garage Clean-out" is scheduled for June 26th, starting at 10:00 hrs. All parties that have IMPORTANT Stuff in the Garage are reminded to be present as the stuff is sorted through!
- I have contacted Joe Alexander who is doing the 4th of July Parade registration for Stevens Point and I have registered both the Post and the auxiliary! (Only a few weeks away)!! The Bus will be available to transport the Rifle Squad and any Auxiliary members to the Parade and return!
- **The parade starts at 12:00 hrs. Usually lasts well over an hour!**
- The auxiliary will put on a Luncheon after the Parade, consisting of Hot Dogs, Buns, Chips & pickles along with all of the fixings! You are also welcome to bring a dish to pass!
- June 23-26th State Convention Tundra Lodge, Green Bay. Who is attending!
- 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! I 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!
- We need to relook at the Civil War enactment that was planned! Comrades JD Manville and Vehrage volunteered to work with Adj. Strasser.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO EVERYONE!

Birthdays & Anniversary's:

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

Closing Prayer: Read by Comrade Ransbottom

Adjournment: 21:25 Hrs.

Next Meeting 19:00 Hrs. July 12th, 2021

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser
Adjutant