



VFW POST 10262
POST MEETING
May 10th, 2021



A joint meeting was held;

- Mary Kimmel gave the membership an update on the Poppy Distribution that was held on May 1st. The crew of six (7) volunteers that included Gary & Kathy Matthees, Don Mugridge, Mary Kimmel, Debbie Manthey, Peggy Mancel and Cindy Bredow received the following donation amounts. The Post part was \$543.57 and the Auxiliary amount was \$660.57 for a total of \$1204.14. Gary & Kathy Matthees promoted the most at \$273.16. The post will still have a drive at the end of August as planned.
- Plover Village Administrator Dan Mahoney presented to the membership Village Plans on Phase #2 of Lake Pacawa development. He reviewed and covered the current status of the Park and covered the Master Plan. He talked about the ideas and plans of the development and how the new designs will allow handicapped and physically challenged community members to enjoy all of the new elements included within the plans. He also covered opportunities for organizations to support the development with donations and naming rights related to certain elements of the facilities.
- After the presentation, Commander Tessmann suggested that discussing donations for naming rights would be tabled until the next meeting!

The business meeting was called to order by: Commander Tessmann at 19:30 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING: Post member, past Post Commander, former 7th District and State Commander John (Trapper) Schultz is visiting and will also conduct the Installation of 2021 – 2022 slate of Post Officers.

Opening Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka.

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

Draping/Undraping of the Charter:

- The Charter to be **UNDRAPED** for Deceased Post Veteran Robert Litzau 97 yrs. old WW11 Navy Veteran who passed Sept 9th, 2019 & John D Sommers, Army Vet, who Passed Dec 24th 2020. No services were scheduled for either of the vets so we missed their passing.
- The Charter was draped for Post Member William T Jajewski.

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

The installation of new Post officers was conducted by Comrade Schultz.

- The following officers for the 2021 – 2022 VFW duty year and their positions were installed. Commander-Al Tessmann; Sr.Vice Commander, Mark Wysocki, Jr. Vice Commander Brandon Taylor; Quartermaster, Darrell Berg; Chaplain Frank Raschka; Surgeon Bernard Yelkin; Judge Advocate Mike McKenna; 3Yr Trustee David Verhage; 2yr Trustee Scott Halverson; 1 yr. Trustee, Andrew Suchon; Officer of the Day Cal Neigbauer; Service Officer Ken Anderson; Adjutant Norb Strasser; and House Committee members Steve Ransbottom, Perry Engel and Mike Zynda.
- Comrade Schultz did mention that because the Post is a Non-Profit, all officer DD214s must be kept on file while they are elected or appointed officers of the Post.

Roll Call of officers.

Present	11
Excused	2
Absent	3

VFW Members Present 24 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: April minutes were accepted with no Changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT. **Quartermaster Berg** Reading/Reviewing of financial status; The QM reported the Canteen only April gross profit was over \$17000 and after all the bills were paid that included the employee payroll; the net was near \$8000. The Profit & Loss for April 2020, Gross Profit was \$32.00 and 2021 Gross profit is \$16,807.65. Net income for 2020 was -\$5827.78 and for 2021 is +\$5101.51. He mentioned the National Convention that is being held in Kansas City On Aug 5th and needs the applications by the 27th of May.

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

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Mockler.

No report.

MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:

Commander Tessmann reported that our Accountant Barb Schultz is recovering but still is in need of future treatment. Comrade Ransbottom reported that his wife Kelly has more extensive Cancer and will need to continue to receive treatment. Jim Cline is recovering and John Hanson and Rick Stevens and Al Dunlap are also medicating.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

- The Post received a thank you letter and a Check for \$500.00 from Bonnie Wysocki for the Beautiful Honors Service provided for her father, Donald P Smith on April 17th.

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 Post is in the Process of hiring a Bar Manager. As of this point, only three applications have been received from Indeed!
- The cash counter has not been received as of yet.
- Hoover Ave Clean-up was "Honchoed" by Comrade Zynda. The following members' "Age's 71 to 84", showed up! Comrades Engel, Halverson, Herek, Mugridge, Berg, Kinyon, Jay, and Strasser. Unfortunately, we need at least 12 members to do this quickly and efficiently, but we ended up with just Five (5) doing most of the walking and "picking-up of the three miles of Hoover Ave.
- He spoke of the need to update our Computer and the need to be security minded!
- The Post security system is being reviewed and changes are in the works. To complete the process, we need to get the process going and the cost is around \$1700 plus. After discussion, Comrade Strasser made a motion to set a cost limit of \$2000 for the Project. The motion was seconded by comrade Mugridge. The motion Carried.
- Comrade Ransbottom is working on the ATM System and Charter for upgrading of the machines.
- He mentioned that because of security reasons, he is creating VFW Post unique email addresses for each elected and appointed officer.
- The Post Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 5nd was a success, as reported by Barb Schultz.
- Memorial Day! May 31st, we are going to have a Pot Luck Lunch? As of now, the post Auxiliary plans on the Memorial Day Pot-luck meal and will be served on plates through the Kitchen serving window!
- Looking at the M60A1 Tank, it needs to be power washed and may include some Spot-painting to bring it back into its Armor Beauty!
- Shirts for our Bartenders were mentioned, and there appears to be interest in some shirts!
- It was mentioned by Trustee David Verhage that the VFW letters that ID out Post need to be repainted. We also need to look at a new electronic sign and the front of the Post needs an update!

Rifle Squad:

- The Rifle Squad needs to get things together for the Memorial Day Visit to all of the Cemeteries.

- The Village of Plover Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, June 6th, 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.

Golf Committee: Comrade Stoflet;

- No Report.

Citizenship, Education & Youth Developments Committees:

Scholarship Committee:

Comrade Zynda; The Post has received six packets as of now and plan on judging the packets next week. He will call and confirm the date that works for the judges.

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. The FRG has had a change of leadership.
- The Cannon firing request for the Golf Tournament has been filled out and is awaiting action!

Surgeon; Comrade Yelkin:

- No report.

Poppy Committee: Comrade Mugridge;

- Comrade Mugridge mentioned what was covered by Mary Kimmel.
- Memorial Day Flags were also discussed. Comrade Mugridge reported that all of the Cemeteries are covered and those putting them out have enough flags.

Donation Committee:

• Donation Committee members; Comrades Tessmann, Ransbottom, Wysocki and Taylor. Comrade Wysocki reported!

- The following list of recommendations for donations was presented to the membership;
 1. State Unmet needs fund; \$1000.00
 2. King Recreation Center; \$2000.00
 3. National Home for Children; \$ 450.00 for three (3) ea. \$150.00 gift cards for children of a Wisconsin Family living there.
 4. Tunnels for Towers; \$1000.00
 5. Child Passenger Safety of Portage County; \$2500.00
 6. Portage County business council. Ten (10) \$100.00 gift cards for Veterans \$1000.00
 7. Beloved Community of Churches. \$1500.00 (Reimbursement) to the church for assisting a Veteran, (Jessica) in moving expenses.
 8. Empower Dream Hunts; \$2500.00 provides a disabled Veteran an opportunity to experience hunting.
 9. Leukemia/Lymphoma Society; \$100.00 A requested donation.

Total \$12,050.00

After much discussion, issues and many questions that were asked and explanations given, the membership considered the above listed donations. A point was made that this type of donation is planned for once a quarter. Members are asked to “dig-deep” and identify opportunities that are Charitable and fall into the categories that our Post can support. Certainly, Veteran and Family members should be considered first. A motion was made by Comrade Ransbottom to accept the list of donations that total \$12,050.00. The motion was seconded by Comrade Wysocki. After more discussion, a majority show of hands approved the motion.

- For the record, Commander Tessmann listened to the membership and their desires to have our future donations channeled to local, county and State as opposed to national agencies and charities.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 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 was discussed briefly and Tabled until Sept.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Comrade Jay mentioned that he has the “quilts of Valor” website if they are interested in receiving one.
- Commander Tessmann mentioned that the our Bar Tenders and other members of the Post are asking the membership to consider purchasing a Covered Shelter, “Pergola” for the new outside seating area. The House Committee will look into the cost of a Pergola.
- Also mentioned was the lot that we lease and if it is for sale by the state! A HC Issue to look into.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- No word from the Village of Plover on the KN-94 masks.
- Comrade Worzalla mentioned that the AMVETS fund raiser brought in over \$13,000.00.
- Commander Tessmann mentioned that his Patriots Guard volunteer’s members are being headed up by Jr. Vice Brandon Taylor and there is a sign up list at the bar. The events need to be identified where help is needed and get that information to the Team Leader Brandon!
- The Commander mentioned that posts are celebrating anniversaries and our Post was chartered in 1972, so we need to think of how we can celebrate the Anniversary and work on some plans.
- From the District Meeting: The commander mentioned that new members and officers need to be mentored.
- He also mentioned that the Trustees need to scrutinize closely, the audit numbers and insure the Audit procedures are followed.
- **ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS ONLY NEED TO BRING INTO THE POST A COPY OF THEIR DD214’S. IT MUST REMAIN ON FILE AT THE POST AS LONG AS THEY ARE IN OFFICE! REQUIRED BECAUSE THE POST IS A NON-PROFIT OGRANIZATION.**

Birthdays & Anniversary’s:

- May 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. June 14th, 2021

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser
Adjutant