



VFW POST 10262

2970 Hickory Dr. Plover, WI 54467

POST MEETING

November 8th 2021



A joint meeting was held;

- Barb Schultz updated the membership on the Veterans Turkey Giveaway that will take place at the Post on November 13th, 3:00 till 6:00 PM. Included with the Turkey will be a 5lb bag of Potatoes! One Turkey per Veteran or Family on a “first-come” basis! Military ID or DD 214 required! Note: this is open to all Portage County Veterans!
- Members of the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin addressed the membership on invitation from Commander Tessmann. CF CEO Jenny Riggerbach and Sponsorship Coordinator Marlee Samuels presented to the membership three donation opportunities for our membership to consider. They explained the advantages of investing in three different funds. Designated Fund, Donor Advised Fund and the Scholarship Fund. Funds that could be considered are the Designated Fund that requires a Minimum investment of \$10,000.00 and the Scholarship Fund which requires a minimum investment of \$25,000.00. The Designated Fund gives the donor many more options on its use and its growth is 4%. The Scholarship Fund is strictly for Scholarships and after three years, would provide one \$1,000.00 scholarship annually. The growth rate is targeted around 6% with about 4% going back out to the community. The scholarship would not be fully funded until after the third year which means the Post would have to shore up the amount needed to reach \$1,000.00 for several years. Both funds can be retired but the scholarship fund can only be retired if the fund is still committed to scholarships! The designated fund is more liberal with its retirement requirements, but the requirements for fund use would still have to be written into the Designation fund perpetuity directions, at the start. If the Post would need to retire the designated fund, it again could only be used for whatever use that was designated when the Fund was established.
- After much discussion, over 45 minutes of both for and opposed to donating to the Community foundation, the Scholarship Fund and Designated Fund were determined to be more in line for our Post membership to consider. The amounts to consider at the December meeting are \$50,000.00 for two (2) Scholarships or \$25,000.00 for one Scholarship or starting a designated Fund for \$10,000.00.
- A Majority **VOTE BY THE MEMBERSHIP** on the decision to Donate to the Community Foundation will take place at our December **meeting**.

The business meeting was called to order by: Commander Tessmann at 19:45 Hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING: Sr. Vice. Commander & Membership Chair.
Potential new members!

Opening Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka.

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

Draping/Undraping of the Charter:

- Our Post Charter was undraped for Post and Rifle Squad Member Len Larsen.
- Our Charter was draped for Post Veteran & Rifle Squad Member Bob Kitto.

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

Roll Call of officers.

Present 12
Excused 2
Absent 2
VFW Members Present 33 members physically present.

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

As of 1st of Nov.

Senior Vice Wysocki:

Membership	%
Post 10262	86.95
District 7	87.03
Dept WI	88.04
National	84.66

Commander Tessmann led the Post Membership Obligation for Army Veteran and new Post Life Member Ken Steckbauer. We welcome Ken to our Post.

Submissions of Meeting Minutes of previous month:

October minutes were accepted with no Changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status! Quartermaster Berg;

Reading/Reviewing of financial status;

The Canteen Profit & Loss for October is as follows; Total income- \$20,089.68 and the Net income is \$2,505.09. Our Jan thru October Post Profit and Loss; our total net income was \$58,132.43

A motion was made to accept the financial report by Comrade Jay. It was seconded by Comrade Ransbottom the motion carried.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Yelkin; No report.

- Comrade Yelkin can be reached at yelkin@yahoo.com or 715 457-2812.

MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:

Information on members or family members in distress will be mentioned at the meeting, but will not be published because of Privacy concerns!

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

Adj Strasser read the following thank you letters.

- Thank you from the Dept. of Mississippi for our Donation of \$2,500.00.
- From VFW VAVS (of the HOPTTEL) for our donation of \$1000.00.
- From American Legion Riders for our donation of \$200.00 for the Wreaths across America.

- From Dogs 2 Dogtags for our donation of \$200.00.

POST OFFICERS REPORTS;

- **SENIOR VICE CDR;** Comrade Wysocki mentioned that he had checked on the flag pole located near the Holiday Inn in Steven Point, that was mentioned as the flag being too small . Comrade Worzalla mentioned that the AMVETS are taking care of the Flag Pole and Flag and put up a small 3 x 5 for the winter.
- **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Taylor mentioned he is contacting his Patriots Guard members about support for the next Steak & Omelet Breakfast.
- **CHAPLAIN;** Comrade Raschka; No report!

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT: Adjutant:
Please continue to bring in your community service information!

POST 10262 Community Service Report (May 1 - Nov 4 '21)								
Category	# Reports	# Members	Hours	Costs	Miles	IRS Mileage (\$.14 Mile)	Volunteer Time Costs (\$24.69 /hr)	Total Dollar Value
Community Service	71	229	517	\$7,193	2,561	\$359	\$12,765	\$20,316
Youth Activities	9	9	10	\$7,200	20	\$3	\$247	\$7,450
Hospital	1	1	4	\$0	57	\$8	\$99	\$107
Citizenship Education	10	81	197	\$0	946	\$132	\$4,864	\$4,996
NAMS	11	12	20	\$16,245	0	\$0	\$494	\$16,739
Safety Programs	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legislative Action	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buddy Poppies	1	20	60	\$240	140	\$20	\$1,481	\$1,741
TOTAL	103	352	808	\$30,878	3,724	\$521	\$19,950	\$51,349

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

House Committee: HC Chair Ransbottom addressed the following;

- The new phone system is in place and operating. We now have Voice Mail.
- The Point of Sale (POS) System ordered that was approved by the House Committee is still not in.
- Finalizing Contract with Jakes Kitchen is complete! A two year contract. With the finalizing of the contract, only Jake’s Pizza’s will be sold at the Post.
- The side doors replacement has been awarded to Mark Spreda. The future plans now being looked at are for a Vestibule and a Glass door for the Parking lot side door.
- The T shirts are in and the sale and distribution of them is on-going.
- HC Chair Ransbottom is reviewing the Quote for addressing Main Sign and adding in the Digital Signage, just need to review with vendor the requirements called out so that they meet our requirements. The quote needs to reviewed!
- Sign on Automotive Pole has been ordered, just waiting on the exact install date, need to finish contract for power cost annually and the ‘rental’ of the pole. The legal terms have been worked out and yearly electrical cost is being worked on!

Rifle Squad: Comrade Strasser

- We had a quiet month with the exception for our Rifle Squad providing Military Honors for Post & Rifle Squad member Len Larsen.
- Bob Kitto, our former Bugler will have his Military Honors provided at another date in Madison. His service was held Nov 6th at St Paul's Methodist Church in Stevens Point.
- Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Celebration of Life event for Len at our Post. It was a special and emotional event that recognized the relationship our Comrade Len had with the membership and our Post in general! Rest in peace, Len!
- October Steak and Omelet Breakfast was slow! Looking forward to our December Christmas with Santa Breakfast and hope it is better attended. Comrade Verhage can provide our money numbers for the Oct. Breakfast! Comrade Verhage reported that we took in \$506.00 and the cost was \$474.00, so we made a total of \$32.00. Appears we were in competition with the Local KC's breakfast that they just started.
- Need all Rifle Squad members for our Veterans Day event at the Plover Veterans Memorial to check out their planning calendars. Our Post Flags, (3) will need to be carried and we need seven (7) Riflemen to properly provide the Rifle Salute! With our Bugler, that makes a dozen (12) members required for this Veterans Day event!
- **Our Veterans Day Ceremony is the Plover Legion Responsibility, but our Post Rifle Squad is involved with the Ceremony that starts at 11:00 AM at the Plover Area Veteran's Memorial. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony at the Memorial and then attend the "Pot Luck Lunch" that is hosted by the Legion Auxiliary after the Ceremony at our VFW Post!**
- Comrade Strasser also mentioned that he and Chaplain Frank would be visiting the Stevens Point CBRF/Assisted living home on Sherman Street Nov 10th for Veterans Day Activities and he would also be visiting the Christian Academy Nov 15th as a Guest Speaker for the AMVETS for Veterans Day Activities!

Golf Committee: Comrade Zynda mentioned that the Golf Committee would have a scheduled meeting at 6:30 on the 15th to finalize the Golf Tournament financial and other issues.

Citizenship, Education & Youth Developments Committees:

1. Scholarship Committee:

Comrade Zynda; No report.

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

- **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY & PATRIOT'S PEN COMMITTEE:** (Strasser)
- The approval the Monetary Awards for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers in both categories is great! VOD awards of \$250.00, \$200.00 and \$150.00 and also \$150.00, \$125.00 & \$100.00 for the PP winners will be presented ASAP when all of the awards etc. are received. We will need to purchase of Gift Cards for all of the Competitors who entered the Competition. Approximately 27 for \$10.00 each.
- Recommend Our Teacher of the Year Award "should be Twice the amount of the HS winner" \$500.00 would be adequate. Also some gift like the "Golden Apple Teachers award!"
- A motion was asked for by the commander to approve the \$500.00 for the Teacher Award. The motion was made by Comrade Jay and seconded by Comrade Suchon. The motion carried.
- The VOD & PP Judging was conducted Saturday afternoon. There were 30 PP Competition entries. There were 19 entries from St Paul's Lutheran and 11 from the Christian Academy. The winners for the PP Competition were # (1) Olivia Wiza, St. Paul's, # (2) Nathan Herman, St. Paul's, # (3) Yonah Swan. Christian Academy. There were only four (4) VOD Competition entries, all from SPASH, and the winners were # (1) Pamela Domres, # (2) Adeline Johnson
- # (3) Lillith Higgins.

- Our Post Teacher of the year entry is Dan Hoppe, HS Social Studies and History Teacher from SPASH.
- Thanks to our seven Judges, Mark Wysocki, Sherri Engel, Robbie Dunlap, Sandi Kowalski, Peggy Klitgaard-Mancel, Mary Kimmel, Deb Suchon. Hope their selections go far into the District and Dept. Judging!

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charneski:

Surgeon: Worzalla

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

Poppy Committee: Comrade Mugridge;

- No report.

Donation Committee: Donation Committee members; Comrades Tessmann, Ransbottom, Wysocki, Taylor, Brad Shufelt & new member John Thomas!

Comrade Wysocki reported on requests!

- **Subject: Donation Committee;** received a request from the Auxiliary for a donation of \$200.00 for support of the hosting of the Army/Navy football game on Dec 11th.
- **A request from Deb Suchon for a donation of \$75.00, to help the AMVETS Post 2180 in TOMAH to secure items for Veterans Christmas Party in Necedah in the Veterans Building.**
- **A motion was made to cover both requests was made by Comrade Jay and seconded by comrade Halverson! The Motion Carried.**
- **Received** two thank you letters, one for the Salvation Army for our \$200.00 donation and form Portage County Boys and Girls Club of Portage County. The card was written by children.
- A donation Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec 2nd at 6:30 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The issue of where and what direction the Gazebo should be facing before it is anchored down was discussed. After discussion and recommendations, a vote on anchoring it where it currently is was taken. Only 13 members out of 33 voted to leave it where it currently is setting. The vote to turn it 45 degrees and anchor it facing the parking lot was taken, and 20 members voted for the move. The majority voted to move the shelter and the Commander then directed the membership the set up the date to move the shelter!
- The issue of Lake Pacawa was brought up and Commander Tessmann who handed out a "Dear Members letter" asking the members to read and consider the message contents and support his efforts to help the Village of Plover create a patriotic area near the children splash pad and playground. He is asking the membership to consider donating \$10,000 per year for five years for naming rights for a Flag Memorial. Attached to the letter is the Rettler Corp Flag Memorial-Conceptual Donor Recognition Rendering!
- The Rendering features three granite blocks that would be engraved to depict the three most recent conflict areas our veterans were deployed to. A map of Vietnam, a map of Iraq and a map of Afghanistan with each etched to identify major units deployed to each area and other information may be included. He felt that the granite blocks would become "reflection blocks" for those who visited the memorial!
- Members! Please note that Commander Tessmann considered the impact of the decision made by just 23 Post Members at our October Post Meeting, to support Funding of the Lake Pacawa Flag Memorial. Understanding and considering all of the feedback he has received, he has decided that all of the membership, in one form or another, should participate in the decision, on whether to vote for, or against the donation to the Village of Plover Lake Pacawa Flag Memorial Project!

- After a considerable amount of emotional debate and discussion, to include Comrade Dan Ault who addressed the membership with an emotional message in support of the memorial, and Comrade Ransbottom informing the membership of his family's patriotic history, a motion first had to be made to rescind the October majority vote. The option is to vote yes to rescind, or no, to not rescind to October majority vote. A motion was made to rescind the October vote by Comrade Zynda. The motion was seconded by Comrade Jay. The motion carried by a super majority.
- No further discussion took place and Commander Tessmann stated that a revote on the Lake Pacawa Donation to the Village will take place at our regular scheduled December meeting.
- Commander Tessmann stated that his desires are that all Post members have an opportunity to vote on the Lake Pacawa donation of \$50,000 to the Village of Plover in yearly \$10,000 increments.
- Comrade Worzalla made a motion that no mail-in votes be counted. The Only votes to be counted are from the members who are attending the meeting. The motion was seconded by Comrade Ransbottom! The motion carried without any discussion!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Proposed Changes to both the HC SOP and the Donation SOP that should be considered at our Meeting. The suggested changes are Drafts that can be changed to meet the current membership opinions on situations concerning Donations and House Committee expenditures.
- **HOUSE COMMITTEE** change, Draft of Para; 3. Of the Finances section; the largest sum which the House Committee may spend for normal operations without a vote by Post members at regular Post meeting, shall be \$700.00. When and if projects develop that require a membership vote of approval, the approximate cost, time and estimates, as complete and accurate as possible, should be provided to the Adjutant for entry on the next scheduled Post Meeting Agenda! This will allow all concerned members an opportunity to consider the project, form opinions and decisions for input at the next Post meeting!

DONATION COMMITTEE Change is an addition of para 6. All Donation or Funding requests that the Donation Committee has proposed or considered at their meeting, must be brought to the membership for approval. All recommended donations that are under \$500.00 each, should be mentioned to the membership at the meeting, without much explanation, however, they should have first been researched and recommended for approval, by the committee. Donations and Funding requests that are larger than \$500.00 must be explained and justified, and passed on to the Adjutant for inclusion in the Agenda for the next scheduled Post meeting!

This will allow all concerned Post members an opportunity to consider the donation or funding request, prior to the meeting, there-by, provide "Feed-Back", and provide opinions, and decisions that are in the best interests of our VFW POST.

Commander Tessmann asked the membership if they accepted and approved the proposed changes to the SOP's. For acceptance with "Yea's, the majority were yea's. Change will be made to the current SOP's to reflect the approved changes in the November minutes!

Good of the Order;

- The next District meeting will be Held in Merrill on February 20th.

Birthdays & Anniversary's:

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

Drawing for the monthly \$50.00 meeting incentive!

Comrade ? Won the drawing this month.

Closing Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka.

Closing Ceremony:

Next Meeting 19:00 Hrs. November 8th, 2021

Adjournment Time: 21:45 hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov 11th Veterans Day, Post Rifle Squad Ceremony at the Plover Veteran's Memorial at 11:00 hrs.

Legion Pot-Luck at noon. Later/ Afternoon; 20% off Jake' Kitchen Menu.

Dec 4th Post & Auxiliary Christmas Party. Music included and by Invitation only. Closed to the Public.

Dec 11th, 1:00 PM Army/Navy Game Basket Raffles, Chili and Hot Dogs provided.

Dec13th 7:00 PM Post & Auxiliary Meeting.

Dec 19th 8:30 – noon Steak & Omelet Breakfast with Santa.

Jan 1st New year's Day Party- Food/bring a dish to pass 3:00 PM

Ring in the new Year 5:00 PM and music, TBA

Respectfully submitted by;

Norb Strasser

Adjutant