



VFW POST 10262
2970 Hickory Dr. Plover, Wi 54467
POST MEETING
October 11th 2021



A joint meeting was held;

- Commander Tessmann Presented Certificates of Appreciation to Post Member and Lowe's of Plover Store Manager John Cancino and his crew for their help with the Erection of the new Post Gazebo.
- The Commander also awarded Certificates of Appreciation to dedicated volunteers and supporters of our Post; Roger Zebro, Dennis Cychosz and Brian Diehn...
- Mary Kimmel shared the recent Poppy Donation numbers with the members. The Post Auxiliary Members and the Post Members Total Poppy Donations were \$ 1954.34. Individual Post collections were Don Mugridge \$308.87, Gary Matthees \$346.42 and John Cansino the "Big winner" with \$472.34. The Post share of the donations was \$1127.57. The Auxiliary collected \$826.78.
- Barb Schultz updated the membership of 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!
- Scout Michael Cobb of Troop 99 was introduced and mentioned his Eagle Scout Project which is to clean very old, Civil War and WW11 Gravestones in the Patch Street Cemetery. He is asking for monetary support for cleaning supplies that he estimated would be around \$350.00. Post member John Cansino, our Post member and Lowe's Manager offered to donate all of the cleaning supplies needed for his Project. A vote was taken during the "New Business" portion of the meeting and the membership Approved \$100.00 toward the Eagle Scout Project.

The business meeting was called to order by: Commander Tessmann at 19:22 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING: Sr. Vice. Commander & Membership Chair.
Potential new member present Thomas Zajackowski.

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 draped for Post and Rifle Squad Member Len Larsen.

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

Roll Call of officers.

Present 14
Excused 1
Absent 1

VFW Members Present 23 members physically present.

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

Senior Vice Wysocki: As of August 31st . . .

Membership	%
Post 10262	82.6
District 7	83.74
Dept WI	84.45
National	80.09

Commander Tessmann led the Post Membership Obligation for Marine Veteran and new Post life member Thomas Zajackowski. We welcome Tom to our Post.

Submissions of Meeting Minutes of previous month:

September minutes were accepted with no Changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status! Quartermaster Berg;

Reading/Reviewing of financial status;

QM Berg and Commander Tessmann entered into a discussion about what financial report documents should be made available to the membership. Currently, the following reports are made available;(1) Post current month "Profit & Loss" – Canteen only; (2) Post January through current month, Profit & Loss; (3) Post current month Profit & Loss – All; and (4) Post January thru current month Profit & Loss "All".

- After much discussion and recommendations from many members present, the decision was made that copies of the four above reports would be made available for each meeting, and be made available for Pick-up and review at the beginning of the meeting!
- Quartermaster Berg will make all of the current financial information available at the beginning of each meeting.
- Now other financial status was mentioned.

Motion was made to accept the report by Comrade Suchon and Seconded by Comrade Jay. The motion carried.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Yelkin;

- Comrade Yelkin passed out two VA benefits pamphlets, one covering Burial Benefits and one listing all of the VA benefit opportunities. All veterans need to make sure that their wives are listed on their VA Registration. If you are receiving VA Benefits, she is automatically registered but if not receiving any VA benefits, this should be a concern.
- He commented on the above info and included that one could pre-register for burial at a State or National VA Cemetery. Once authorization is made available to you, your family only needs to present the authorization to the Funeral Home at the appropriate time! The forms are

available on the Internet at Wisconsin VA Cemeteries or at the Portage County Veterans Service Officer.

- Comrade Yelkin can be reached at jyelkin@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 mentioned the following;

- The Post & Rifle Squad received a Thank You Card for their participating in the Village of Plover 911 Remembrance Ceremony!
- Received a Thankyou letter for our \$1000.00 donation to the Two Towers Foundation in New York that supports first responders and veterans!
- A letter was read about the small US Flag on a tall Flag pole near the amber Grill area. Comrade Wysocki said he would check it out and report back to the Post.
- He mentioned that he received a phone call from River Pines assisted Living for us to do something for their Veterans around Veterans Day. Comrade Strasser agreed to Visit the 10th of November around 11:00 AM and asked for members to join him on the Visit!

POST OFFICERS REPORTS;

- **SENIOR VICE CDR;** Comrade Wysocki mentioned that at the Past District #7 Meeting, Bill Knudson stated that no VFW meeting should last for more than one (1) hour!
- **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Taylor mentioned he is contacting his Patriots Guard members about support for the next Steak & Omelet Breakfast.
- Commander Tessmann mentioned that the Patriot's Guard T-Shirts could be finished by this weekend. He wants to have a meeting with them when they get their shirts!
- **CHAPLAIN;** Chaplain Raschka gave his report on Len Larsen during the Draping of the Post Charter Ceremony! Frank mentioned that he had just visited Len and he was in good spirits during his visit!

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT: Adjutant:

Please continue to bring in your community service information!

POST 10262 Community Service Report (May 1 - Sept 9 '21)								
Category	# Reports	# Members	Hours	Costs	Miles	IRS Mileage (\$.14 Mile)	Volunteer Time Costs (\$24.69 /hr)	Total Dollar Value
Community Service	47	158	406	\$6,189	1,945	\$272	\$10,024	\$16,485
Youth Activities	7	7	7	\$7,000	0	\$0	\$173	\$7,173
Hospital	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Citizenship Educatio	9	80	191	\$0	760	\$106	\$4,716	\$4,822
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	67	249	608	\$18,139	2,705	\$379	\$15,012	\$33,529

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS; Oct HC meeting; Steve Ransbottom, Perry Engel, Al Tessmann, Darrell Berg, and Bill Volkening Excused: Mike Zynda

House Committee: HC Chair Ransbottom addressed the following

- Meeting opened with discussion on the new Patio Canopy/Gazebo. Concern was mentioned over the Vendor that this was purchased from as opposed to Lowe's that had been a miscommunication on the part of me the Chair, as I thought I understood that they did NOT have that at Lowes. Be Advised, I am a HUGE supporter of Lowes and what they do for Vets and shop there exclusively.
- Discussed the new phone system and noted that Mark completed the final connections to set this up; this will be completed and ported over once time allows.
- An updated Point of Sale (POS) System was ordered that was approved by the House Committee from the previous meeting. The current system is 20+ yrs old and did not fulfill the need. The new POS system will track Inventory to help the Canteen with Inventory and Cost Control so that we can provide more details to Post Members, as well as now have an employee 'Punch-in/out System' that is easily exported to QuickBooks for less workload on Barb. It is due to arrive in 3 Weeks, approximately. The new system will cost about \$1200.00 and then have a small monthly fee. We will be "Locked-in" with a two year contract!
- Finalizing our Contract with Jakes Kitchen after some final edits. It was mentioned that the new contract will raise Jake's monthly rental/operators fee by 73% to \$950.00. Some others issues have been worked out and hopefully the contract will be signed shortly! The new contract confirms the options for Jake to cater meals and open for more days per week and support more events.
- Reviewed the Quotes for replacing the exterior doors (Kitchen & Main Side) and the consensus of the Committee is that the contract should be awarded to Central Door Solutions – This was due to the company and not an individual backing the product and install / Support.
- The new electronic sign for the Automotive Shop next door has been ordered and could be installed sometime during November. Insurance on the Sign Pole was discussed. The contract with the automotive shop needs to be drawn up and signed on all agreements and concessions!
- The large sign that sits on the Post sign pole will be lowered about 4 feet and turned. Framing for a digital sign, about 3 X 8 ft. will also be mounted to the pole. The new sign will be digitally controlled and programmed. The approximate cost for all of this is estimated at about \$5400.00.
- Commander Tessmann asked for a motion for \$5500.00 for the Project. A motion was made by Comrade Halverson and Seconded by Comrade Rocha. The motion carried.
- Discussion on the T-Shirts, some confusion occurred in the order and to how the order was placed; Al mentioned that he had sorted it out.

Rifle Squad: Comrade Strasser

- The Rifle Squad provided Military Honors for several funerals. Thanks to our new members, Larry Kenyon, Guy Jones and Tim Bubla, we can still provide seven Riflemen when some of the members have other commitments!
- **Steak & Omelet Breakfast update!** Our first Breakfast held as scheduled on Sept 19th went pretty well. A remade crew! A really big thank you for the Volunteers ; Brandon Taylor, Ron & Sherry Peters, Kami Brillowski, Ron Fait, Debbie Verhage & Gary & Kathy Matthees ! Without your help, we would have struggled!
- Maddy Mancel of Scout Troop 9299 helped in all areas of the dining room!
- Comrade Verhage reported that our First breakfast Sept 19th brought in \$1407.00. A basket Raffle brought in \$495.00 and total expenses were \$784.00 so we made \$624.00 and served 138 guests. Two years ago, we only served 85 on our first breakfast.
- David asked for the 'Patriots Guard' help for our next breakfast which will be Next Sunday, Oct 17th.

Golf Committee; No Report!

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 Post received the VOC & PP Competition information packets. I passed out the info to all of the appropriate schools and early indications are that we will have a much greater interest this year! I personally hope that we become overwhelmed with competition packets from students! Competition information was distributed to six different schools.
- With the pending conclusion of the VOD & PP competition, the Post needs to again approve the Monetary Awards for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers in both categories. Recommend approval of VOD awards of \$250.00, \$200.00 and \$150.00. and also \$150.00, \$125.00 & \$100.00 for the PP winners! We also need to approve the purchase of Gift Cards for all of the Competitors who entered the Competition. A motion to approve and fund the Awards recommendations was made by Comrade Ransbottom and seconded by Comrade Rocha. The motion carried.
- Traditionally, the Auxiliary is also involved in the program so we will work with them in every way to insure our program is successful!

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charneski:

- No report by Ron but he reported to the Adjutant that the Spaghetti feed brought in after expenses \$3795.04.

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!

Subject: Donation Committee Considerations; No donations but;

- **Comrade John Herek** who is also the Plover Legion Post Commander asked for support with a Benefit Raffle on November 11th and has two \$50.00 tickets that he would like to Post to purchase. A motion was made to purchase the tickets for \$100.00 by Comrade Raschka and was seconded by Comrade Suchon. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Commander Tessmann on the “Tabled” Village of Plover Lake Pacawa Phase #2 Park Project Memorials”!
- A motion was made to bring the tabled issue forward was made by Comrade Ransbottom and seconded by Comrade Halverson. The Motion carried.
- Commander Tessmann presented the 23 members present with a Graphic/Rettler Corp picture/rendering of the proposed “Flag Memorial” with a Plaque suggesting “Flag Memorial was donated by VFW Post #” and continued to encourage the membership to consider supporting his effort to Fund the Memorial! He feels that this is an opportunity to get our name on the memorial before anyone else does and he wants “naming rights”. He also mentioned an Eagle Scout Project that consists of stations and explains the folds of the Flag. He feels it’s a once in a generational opportunity because it is “front and center” of the Park.
- A motion was made by Comrade Ransbottom to support the \$50,000.00 requirement and donate \$10,000.00 per Year. Comrade Raschka seconded the motion!
- Comrade Verhage, one of our Post Trustees and a Certified CPA advised to not make any payments to the Village until we review our future Capital Improvement requirements.
- Also noted was that if we are able to “Give away” money so easily, what is the point of having future Fund Raisers! After much discussion and expressed opposition of the Post donation because Comrade Tessmann is a member to the Village of Plover Board, the issue came to a head.
- Commander Tessmann encouraged supporting a Five Year, \$10,000.00 per year option for \$50,000.00 and put it to a Vote! A secret ballot was used for a Yes or No vote for support of the Five Year, \$10,000.00 per year plan to fund the Flag Memorial! The votes were counted by Comrade’s Jay and Neigbauer! Thirteen (13) members voted (yes) to support and Ten (10) voted (No) to not support! The majority approved so the Post will commit to donating \$2500.00 every quarter to the Village of Plover, totaling \$50,000.00 for the next Five years to the Village of Plover!
- It was recommended that the Donation Committee consider the \$2,500.00 Village of Plover quarterly obligation in their future decisions on where our Post money is going to go!

NEW BUSINESS:

The Eagle Scout Donation was discussed and a motion was made to donate \$100.00 to Eagle Scout Michael Cobb for his Project by Comrade Halverson and seconded by Comrade Suchon. The motion Carried.

Good of the Order:

- Barb Schultz covered the Thanksgiving Turkey give away at the opening of the Joint meeting! Barb Schultz and Sherry Engel are the lead members of the Turkey event.
- Comrade Matthees mentioned that our Officers are required/expected/obligated to attend District Meetings;
- The next District meeting will be Held in Merrill on February 20th.
- The Department (State) Midwinter meeting is February 4th & 5th at the Hochunk Casino.
- April 30th is Loyalty Day.

- June 7th thru 11th is the Department Convention and will be held in Milwaukee at the Potawatomy Casino. The Department 100th anniversary will be celebrated at the Convention.
- Google the Center for Veterans issues on your phone and it will provide all of the benefits veterans are entitled to:
- **The issues at King were brought up:** before we look at what we may have heard recently as gospel needs to be investigated farther and Fact-Checked!
- **The Gazebo** issue was brought up and was immediately tabled by Ransbottom until to next meeting with a motion. It was seconded by Comrade Neigbauer. The motion carried.

Birthdays & Anniversary's:

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

Drawing for the monthly \$50.00 meeting incentive!

Comrade Suchon won the drawing this month.

Closing Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka.

Closing Ceremony:

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

Adjournment Time: 21:25 hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 17th Steak & Omelet Breakfast 8:30 – noon

Oct 30th 6:00 PM Halloween Party- Bring a snack to pass. Music by; Night Riter

Nov 8th 7:00 PM Post & Auxiliary Meeting.

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

