



VFW POST 10262
2970 Hickory Dr. Plover, Wi 54467
POST MEETING
September 13th 2021



A joint meeting was held;

- Auxiliary Members Debbie Manthey and Peggy Klitgaard conducted the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony for the Membership. Recognition Day is the 17th of Sept.
- Debbie Manthey read a Presentation/Recognition letter to the membership from the Marshfield Clinic Health Systems and presented a check for \$500.00 to the Rifle Squad. Debbie is a member of the Clinic Volunteer Program. RS Commander Strasser accepted the check.
- Poppy Committee information was provided by Mary Kimmel as to the date, Sept 18th and locations to set-up Poppy Distribution sites! Locations are Trig's, both Metro-Market Stores, Walgreens in Park Ridge & Lowe's. Loew's Manager John Cansino volunteered to man his location for a time period!
- Mary Kimmel also mentioned 12 different ways in which one could become a member of the Auxiliary. Contact her or another Aux member for that information. The information is also on the VFW Facebook page.
- Comrade Verhage mentioned to the Joint members that the Rifle Squad was giving \$250.00 to the Auxiliary for their support, (Basket Raffle) of the Past Rifle Squad Steak Feed!

The business meeting was called to order by: Commander Tessmann at 19:15 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING: Sr. Vice. Commander & Membership Chair.
Potential new member Tim Bubla was present.

Opening Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka.

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

Draping/Undraping of the Charter:

- We UNDRAPED the Charter for Comrade **Ron Hoffmann**.

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 21 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 Navy Veteran and new Post life member Tim Bubla. We welcome Tim to our Post !

Submissions of Meeting Minutes of previous month:

August minutes were accepted with no Changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status! Quartermaster Berg;

Reading/Reviewing of financial status;

QM Berg referenced the “Financial Hand-outs” and covered the Post Profit & Loss covering Jan thru August of 2020 and 2021. The Post Net is up over \$21,000. The Canteen net income is down over \$1300 compared to August of 2020. QM Berg mentioned that he moved over \$100,000 from our checking account to a money market. He is moving money to CD’s from the money market, and we will eventually have four 50K CD’s with one maturing each quarter.

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

Commander Tessmann reminded the members present of our mission statement and feels that the Post still needs to be more generous. He is looking for recommendations that would give the Post a Quarterly donation obligation of about \$10,000. He is still looking at helping the Village of Plover with the development of Lake Pacawa, and having the VFW Post Plaque fixed to a Memorial! Commander Tessmann feels that we should be able to “Buy into” at least \$50k for the Village of Plover monument!

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.
- 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;

- A thank you letter from the American Legion Post 543 Commander for our donation to their State Legion Baseball Tournament!
- Also read thank you cards and letters for our donations to the VFW Unmet Needs Program, the Portage County Boy’s and Girl’s Club for our donation, Empowered Dream Hunts, VFW National Home for Children and from the “King” Veterans Home Recreation Committee.

POST OFFICERS REPORTS;

- **SENIOR VICE CDR;** No report!
- **JR. VICE CDR.** No report.
- **CHAPLAIN;** No report.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT: Adjutant:

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

POST 10262 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	23	104	224	\$6,089	1,235	\$173	\$5,531	\$11,792
Youth Activities	7	7	7	\$7,000	0	\$0	\$173	\$7,173
Hospital	0	0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Citizenship Educatio	8	70	181	\$0	707	\$99	\$4,469	\$4,568
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	42	185	416	\$18,039	1,942	\$272	\$10,271	\$28,582

- Continue to bring in your community support information!

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

House Committee: HC Chair Ransbottom addressed the following:

- Our Post Asphalt Maintenance Estimate (Seal Coating, Crack Filling & Patching & Striping) from Arrow Precision. Estimate of \$4,450.00. Schedule for work is still unknown because they have not gotten back to us!
- HC is working on a new electric sign to provide better visibility from Post Road! The Village and Eagle Automotive have given the Post clearance to up-grade our signage! Actually, we are working to go digital and LED. Comrade Engel has been working on getting quotes based on the size and types of signs chosen. Perry Engel is working on the Permit with the Village. Also mentioned the need to have a contract with Eagle Automotive on leasing the Sign Pole and the Utility cost for a year. Looking at both reconditioned and new signs, and the direction we will go to complete the Project is with the reconditioned sign. A motion was made by Comrade Engel for the complete cost for the reconditioned sign and annual lease for \$2000.00. The motion was seconded by Comrade Halverson. The motion carried.
- The M60 Tank Painting status! We have the Camouflage Pattern but we need to find out if TACOM is OK with repainting the Tank! Dave's Auto Body member asked to wait until spring.
- A new Gazebo is here. Comrade Cansino, also our local Lowe's Manager will set up a date to help erect the Gazebo with a small crew of his employees. We thank them in advance!
- Jake's Kitchen Contract is a work in process! HC Chair Ransbottom has presented the reworked and rewritten Contract to Jake. We are waiting for his response in that we know he has reviewed the contract but has not given us any final response.
- New Printer for the office and new phone system for the Post will be completed, once the new phone service is on line! A new phone contract has been signed but is waiting for us to install three new lines, which will then provide us with individual lines for the Bar, Kitchen and office!

Rifle Squad: Comrade Strasser

- The Rifle Squad provided Military Honors for Three Funerals during August, one on the 10th and two on the 14th!
- We have now had a pretty quiet couple of weeks! The Rifle Squad participated in the Village of Plover 911 ceremony!
- A big Thank You to everyone who "Pitched-in" and helped with the steak Feed! I think it was successful. We did have some Volunteers from Brandon Taylor's group help out in the morning with the shelter set-up and Corn! We will also need some Volunteers (3 or 4) to help out with the Steak & Omelet Breakfast.
- **Steak Feed up-date.** Comrade Verhage has put together some numbers for us! Looking at his figures, and after a lot of work, the gross revenue was \$3,463.00. After all of the bills were paid, we netted \$1,275.03 Thanks to our VFW Rifle Squad Members who helped out!
- **Many thanks have to go out to three wives who were there all day helping out.** Debbie Verhage, Sue Diehn and Sherri Engle. Thanks to all of the Auxiliary members who donated baked goods and especially Sally Michel Kamp and Diane Lutovski and for the effort the Auxiliary put into the Basket Raffle. Roger Zebro, Bryan C and David V were there until the end!
- **Steak & Omelet Breakfast update!** Our first Breakfast is scheduled for Sept 19th starting at 08:30 hrs. We will be breaking in some new "Crew Members" and expect to have some real "team building" fun as we prepare to serve another excellent meal! Join us Sunday for Breakfast starting at 08:30 Hrs.
- New Post members are welcome to join the Rifle Squad to help with events like the Steak & Omelet Breakfast or the annual Steak Feed! They don't have to be a Rifle Squad Member to help out!

Golf Committee: Our Post VFW Golf scramble took place Saturday Sept 11th at the Wisconsin River Golf Course. The Golf Scramble received complements over how well it was organized and run! There were 25 full teams and the weather was perfect. Jake served a delicious meal to a bunch of hungry golfers. Awards were handed out to the winners after the meal. Numbers will be available at the next meeting! Thanks to Ron Stoflet's dedication to this event, it was successful!

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

The 2021 – 2022 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? The information and forms are on order!

- I met two SPASH Teachers on the 6th Hole of the Golf Scramble who stated they will encourage their students enter the VOD & PP Competition. We have a good start in that I have sent out the VFW National website information to all of the appropriate schools in the community so they can download the Contest Applications and information and get started!

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charneski:

- No report!

Surgeon: Worzalla

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

Poppy Committee: Comrade Mugridge;

- No report.

Donation Committee: Donation Committee members; Comrades Tessmann, Ransbottom, Wysocki, Taylor and New member Brad Shufelt!

Comrade Wysocki reported!

Subject: Donation Committee Considerations;

The following are donations approved by the Donation Committee to be considered for the VFW September 13th meeting:

1. \$1000 - Thanksgiving Ham/Turkey project - an Auxiliary project that provides a Ham or Turkey to Any Veteran that shows a Veteran's ID or DD-214; the total cost is expected to be \$2500. DAV will apparently donate. Our donation can come from our VFW Relief Fund. The details are still being worked out!
2. \$104.00 - American Legion Fundraiser - Four tickets @ \$26/ticket; Legion sponsored a hole for our golf tourney.
3. \$2500 - VFW Hurricane Fund for Mississippi - Donation goes to the MS State VFW Unmet needs funds.
4. \$2500 - VFW Hurricane Fund for Louisiana - Donation goes to the LA State VFW Unmet needs fund.
5. \$1000 - Hoptel - Lodging for veterans that need overnight lodging/meals while receiving treatment at a Wisconsin VA facility.
6. \$200 - Empty Bowl Stevens Point.
7. \$200 - Interfaith Food Pantry – Plover.
8. \$200 - Salvation Army.

9. \$200 - Wreaths across America - Placing wreaths on veteran's gravesites at Christmas time; \$15/wreath.

10. \$200 - Plover Youth Athletics - funds for Plover youth sports activities

11. \$200 - Dogs to Dog Tags - Sheboygan Falls, WI, organization that trains dogs for needy veterans; training takes place in Sheboygan Falls.

12. \$300 - 12 Kwik Trip gas cards (\$25 each) for veterans - to be distributed as needed by the Plover PD.

\$8604.00 - Total quarterly donations.

- A question was asked about the last time we donated a large amount! Comrade Tessmann explained that we are donating quarterly and the second quarter, Apr, May and June we donated just over \$12,000 and this donation is for July, Aug and Sept.
- Comrade Strasser made a motion that we accept the recommended donations as written. The motion was seconded by Comrade Halverson, The motion carried!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- From the August Meeting, the Post needs to give Bill Scheve, "Walk of Honor Presenter" an answer on our intentions! The membership discussed the issue and decided that we were not interested in this opportunity.
- The adj. will send a message to the presenter!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commander Tessmann brought up the Proposed Memorial Site at the Village of Plover Park and after discussion, it was recommended that the 'Commander Bring some Graphics of the Memorial, projected cost Etc. to our next meeting and table this discussion until the next meeting! A motion was made and seconded and approved by the membership to table the issue until next month!

Birthdays & Anniversary's:

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

Closing Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka

Adjournment: 20:50 Hrs.

THE MEMBERSHIP MONTHLY \$50.00 RAFFLE WAS HELD! Comrade Wysocki has won for the second time!

Next Meeting 19:00 Hrs. October 11th, 2021

Respectfully submitted by;

Norb Strasser

Adjutant