



VFW POST 10262
 2970 Hickory Drive
 Post Meeting Minutes
 Jan 9th, 2023



INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING/NEW MEMBERS:

- New Member Induction: Clayton Miller and Randal Lamke.

COMMANDER Pro-Tempore Raschka ; Opened the meeting for business at 19:00 hrs.

Salute to the Colors & Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge Was recited by all members.

Opening Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka.

Draping/Undraping of the Charter:

- Undraped Post Charter for Post Member Alvino Sayas.

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

Roll Call of officers.

Present	20
Excused	0
Absent	4

VFW Members Present 16 members physically present & 4 online participants.

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS, APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS and “Mustering in” of New Members;
 Membership Chair Mark Wysocki.**

- New Members Clayton Miller and Randal Lamke were Mustered-In.

Membership as of:	6/30 2022	195	163	32
	12/26/2022	203	162	41

Our Post membership has been steady at around 200 members for several years.

Submissions of Meeting Minutes of previous month: Approved with no changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status:

Assistant Quartermaster Verhage reported.

First meeting of the New Year. Because of the short time between the end of the year, (Close-out and Audit) and this meeting, also Karen's loss of three family members, not all numbers are ready for reporting

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yelkin,

- VA's telehealth services enable you to meet with your trusted VA provider anywhere in the country without sacrificing the personalized care you expect from VA. More and more Veterans have turned to telehealth to save time while still benefiting from face-to-face interaction with their providers. Programs are available to help Veterans get internet access. If you would benefit from video visits but don't have internet access or a video-capable device, VA's Digital Divide Consult can help. Through the Digital Divide Consult, a VA social worker can determine if you are eligible for the following programs: VA's Connected Devices Program – Loans qualifying Veterans with internet-connected tablets for telehealth. The Digital Divide Consult can help determine if a Veteran is eligible.
- If anyone has any questions or concerns about VA Benefits, i.e. hearing aids, medical coverage or benefits, email or call him and he will do the research for you. Email yelkinj@yahoo.com or call 715 457-2812.

MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS: Advised of member's brother going in for biopsy. Member asked for prayers and support. Name withheld from minutes based on Post Protocol.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

We received 'Thank You' cards from:

1. The American Legion Riders of District 8 for \$100 donation to King's Wreaths Across America.
 2. The Plover Police Dept. K-9 Fund for our donation of \$500.00
 3. Operation Bootstrap for our \$1000 donation
 4. The Boys & Girls Club of Plover for our \$500 donation.
 5. The Boys & Girls Club of Stevens Point for our \$500 donation
 6. The Salvation Army for our \$1000 donation
- Ann, Bob, Darlene, Kathy, Ray, and Steve attended our New Years Day party. It was amazing and no charge for anything. Thank you to the VFW!!

Community service on-line report: Adjutant.

Please report your Community service hours to the Adjutant or me.

REPORT from 1May thru 31 Dec 2022

HOURS	MILES	MEMBERS	DOLLARS SPENT	VALUE	TOTAL DOLLARS
791	4630	405	\$14,858	\$110.67	\$14,969.62

POST OFFICERS REPORTS.

1. **SENIOR VICE CDR:** Comrade Wysocki – He will be flying south Thursday, Jan 12th, and return for the May meeting.. Asked for an excused absence.
2. **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Griffith – extended congratulations and announced the appointment of James Bond as Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

3. **Asst Jr. Vice:** Comrade Mugridge; Nothing to report.

4. **CHAPLAIN Raschka:** Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- **House Committee Member Perry Engel has informed me, (The Commander) that he needs to “step-aside” from the House Committee duties for personal reasons!**
- **Fred Gburek volunteered to “Step-Up” and offered his support for the remainder of the year as the 1yr House Committee Member.**
- **I AW OUR HOUSE COMMITTEE SOP; appointed members are required to be RATIFIED at the next scheduled Post meeting!**
 - A motion was made by Mark Wysocki to accept Fred Gburek to fill out the remainder of the 1Yr. House Committee Member’s Duties. The Motion was seconded by Mike Zynda. The motion carried.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: House Committee Members Commander, Mark Wysocki, Fred Gburek, David Verhage, Darrell Berg, Auxiliary Rep – Robbie Dunlap.

David Verhage; House Committee Report;

- The Canteen will need to raise the price of drinks to keep up with the increase in the cost of about everything. **The anticipated \$0.25 cent rise on all Keg & Bottle Beer and High end single and doubles was approved. Still working on food items.**
- New prices are planned for March 1st 2023. Chris, David and Karen are working on getting all of the product cost information needed to reprogram the cash register.
- New Projects that will be looked at; (1) Repainting the lower half of the dining area; (2) providing dining area light dimming possibilities, (3) looking at installing strategically located “Track-Lighting” in the dining area and (4), look at possibly installing some “Wall Lights” near the high outlets over the Mural and along the side walls. “Dining Area Ambiance”!
- We were advised that two Kitchen Fryers are pretty old and may need to look for new replacements and the new Grease Trap need to be put on a schedule for cleaning and is scheduled for April.
- Mary’s husband Tim asked for \$500 for the current freezer in the garage. We can get a new one for \$1100 and have it delivered. Roughly same size and will maintain for current needs in the VFW. Manny Rocha made motion to spend up to \$1200 for new freezer. Larry Kinyon 2nd. Motion carried.
- Tim Bubla gave brief presentation on new cameras for the post. He will update his presentation and provide quotes and options (2-4 cameras) at next meeting for review and vote. These will be attached to current ceiling and wires stay in overhead out of sight. Will be less cumbersome and easier to use.
- **Entertainment & Planning Committee:** The meeting was called and the members present; Chair Diane Lutovsky, Lori Sniadajewski, Chris Schildt, Debbie Manthey, Mike Zynda, Ron Stoflet, Guy Jones, Barbara McCloy and Commander Strasser.

MANY THANKS TO DIANE, DEBBIE, MIKE AND ALL WHO WORKED “OVERTIME” TO MAKE ALL OF THE EVENTS A SUCCESS!

- Christmas Party notes: 86 persons signed up for the Christmas party and 83 attended. Many Compliments on Bootleggers Catering and we should be looking at booking them for next year now.

- Jan 1st New Year's Party was a great Success. The Gray Catz provided Classic Rock and the Dance area was crowded. We received many positive complements about the "New Look" of the Post now that the center wall has been removed.
- Feb 11, Valentine's Day Dinner Party. 4 – 8 PM, Jakes Kitchen will offer a menu of Stuffed Pork Chops, Raspberry Chicken, Gulf Shrimp and Baked Spaghetti and Appetizers. Meal's cost starting around \$15.00. Entertainment by D.J. Diva.
- Changed to April 22nd, OUR Post 50th year anniversary... This must be an event that includes the support of the entire Post. It would be great if someone, or two or three would volunteer to head up this important event. Please contact me ASAP with your support and ideas!
- Anyone who has any information or a piece of our Post's History, please share it with us so we can put together a presentation for the event.
- April 1st. Final Vietnam Veterans Celebration.
- **Golf Committee:** Comrade Zynda – Mike has informed us that he will not be handling the Golf event next year. We need someone to step up and volunteer to chair this event next year.
- Committee donations –Set aside \$10,000 towards the Golf Event scholarships for the next ten years (\$1000/year).
- Mike also referenced the Adjutant's report of items #'s 3 – 6 donations.
- Mike mentioned that the Golf Committee still has over \$8000.00 in its account uncommitted.

Citizenship, Education & Youth Developments Committee: Nothing new to report.

Scholarship Committee: Comrade Zynda: Mike reported that the scholarship applications will be handed out during March of 2023.

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

- We are finished with this for the year.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Ron Charneski.

- Nothing to report for MAP.
- Informing the membership that every Friday, at Festival Foods, from 8:00 to 10:00 AM, free coffee and Donuts to Veterans. Not sure of how many months.

Donation Committee: Donation Committee Members; Darrell Berg, Mike Worzalla, Scott Halverson, Barb McCloy, Brad Shufelt and John Thomas & The Commander.

- No donations to report at this time.

SURGEONS REPORT; Mike Worzalla.

No Report.

The 8:00 PM Prayer was recited by Chaplain Raschka

Rifle Squad: Strasser;

RIFLE SQUAD:

- **Rifle Squad Activity; pretty quiet during Dec.**
- **Dec 17th 11:00 hrs. Rifle Squad,** provided Honors for the Civil Air Patrol Wreath Placing Ceremony at the Village of Plover Korean War Veterans Memorial.
- **Dec 17th 13:00 hrs. Rifle Squad** provided Honors for the DAR Wreath Placing Ceremony at the Plover Cemetery.
- **Should be noted that while eating lunch at IHOP, a lady paid for the lunch of seven (7) Rifle Squad Members and walked out without letting us know! Found out from a waitress and Mike Z ran out to thank her! Merry Christmas!!!!**

- **JAN 21ST 10; 00 HRS.** Rifle Squad Training/Certification for Flag Folding and Honor Guard Training! Free lunch! (Open to all 7th District Posts)

David Verhage;

- **December Steak & Omelet Breakfast and Breakfast with Santa** - 33 kids visited Santa; Santa and his helper really did a great job with the kids!
- **Final numbers for the breakfast** – 138 this year/75 last year. \$1,414 in sales, \$593 in expenses with an \$821 profit.
- January 15th – Steak Breakfast – can always use assistance. Workers start at 6am, serving starts at 0830.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was brought up that Sentry is having their big Golf Event next summer. Do we want to look at possibly advertising for the Post to bring in new business? The Activities Committee will discuss further at their next meeting.

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- Nothing new to report.

UPCOMING Events:

- Jan 21st, 10:00 hrs. Rifle Squad Flag Folding and Military Honors Training. Open to 7th District members. Training to be conducted by State Honors Team and certifying after training..
- Jan 22nd. District #7 Quarterly meeting at Marshfield.
- Feb 3rd & 4th, State Mid-Winter Conference at Oshkosh. Best Western
Feb 12th, Valentine's Day Dinner and DJ. 4 to 8 PM
- April 1st – Final Vietnam Veterans Celebration
- April 15th & 16th, State Corn Hole and Bowling Tournament!
- April 22nd. Post 50th Anniversary Celebration.

COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES; (Dates in U.S. History)

1. Jan 27th, signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord in 1973.
2. Feb 15th, sinking of the U.S.S. Maine, 1888.
3. Feb 28th, Liberation of Kuwait-Operation Desert Storm 1991.
4. Mar 24th, Start of Kosovo Campaign 1999.
5. Mar 29th, National Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day.
6. Mar 31st, End of Operation Restore Hope—Somalia 1995
7. May 1st, Loyalty Day celebrated annually.

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAY'S FOR JANUARY 2023.

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

BIRTHDAYS.

1/1 Kenneth Bachmann 65; 1/3/ Sharon Cleveland 73; 1/4 Kenneth Fait 76; 1/4 James Billings 72;
1/6 Ernie Anthes 74; 1/7 William Boston 76; 1/9 Al Tessmann 59; 1/16 Theodore Besen 74;

1/20 Daniel Golden 79; 1/21 Bruce Djupstrom 65; 1/22 Robert Bowen 90.
1/25 Richard Chojnacki 59; 1/30 Brian Schultz 51; 1/30 Ronald Garski 70.
1/30 Dirk Gunderson 60.

ANNIVERSARIES;

1/18 Marci & Vincent Ledlow; 1/28 Guy & Gail Mockler.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE! Winner – Comrade Fred Gburek

CLOSING CEREMONY:

Closing Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka

Next Meeting 19:00 Hrs. February 13th, 2023.

Adjournment: 20:30 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy
Adjutant