



VFW POST 10262

2970 Hickory Drive
Plover, Wi 54467

Post Meeting Minutes
March 13th, 2023



Short Joint Meeting;

Cherrie Paulson asked to talk about Little Charlotte’s Rescue for Dogs. Our post member’s wife! Cherrie explained program and how their rescue dogs can support local veterans by providing emotional and mental support. Adoption fees are waived for combat veterans with an accepted adoption application and reference check. Website: www.littlecharlottesrescueinc.com

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING DURING THE JOINT MEETING.

- Walter Stabnow

COMMANDER STRASSER OPENED THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS; 19:15 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:

- Charter to be draped for Post member Darrell Berg

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

Roll Call of officers.

Present 10

Excused 1

Absent 6

VFW-members 16 members physically present & 2 online participants.

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

- Our membership on May 1, 2022 was 195 members. 163 Life members 32 Annual
- As of March 5, 2023 202 members 162 40
- Note; Commander Strasser reported Two members transferred out to new posts, one member deceased. He emailed or mailed letters to 18 former members. Offering to help them rejoin our Post. So far, one has rejoined and one promised to rejoin.

Swearing in of New Member: Walter Stabnow – Navy veteran, served on USS England, two West PAC's, 8 years reserve was Mustered-in. Moved here from Beaver Dam.

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

QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status:

Quartermaster Pro-Tem & House committee Chair Verhage reported.

Reviewed cash flow. Found an error with pull tabs and how the payouts were recorded. Fixed that, hence an increase in net income for February 2023. Discussed that canteen account looking a little large and will make deposits to bring it back down to agreed amount of \$40,000.

Motion to accept report – Don Mugridge

2nd – Larry Kinyon

Motion carried.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yelkin,

- Sleep apnea not covered – must be covered under another approved disability. If you have both covered, see your local VSO to file a claim.

MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS: Darrell Berg's family

- Celebration of Life scheduled for 15 April 2023 at the post.
- Manny Rocha's wife Sarah is back home after a hospital stay. They are in need of financial support. Motion made by Tegan Griffith for post to donate \$1500 to them. 2nd by Chaplain Frank Raschka. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT: We received 'Thank You' cards from:

- Newsletter from High Ground
- Newsletter from Easter Seals of Wisconsin
- Invitation from Daughters of the American Revolution – they have a 125th Anniversary of the Stevens Point Chapter slated for June 4, 2023. There will be a dedication of a plaque and a Liberty Tree at the Pulaski Monument near Guardian Angel Cemetery.
- Subzero Mission thanked us for \$100 donation
- Thank you from VFW National Home for our \$100 donation and a certificate for a brick with our name on it.

Community service on-line report: Adjutant.

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

REPORT from 1 May 2022 AND AS OF 9 March 2023

HOURS	MILES	MEMBERS	DOLLARS SPENT	VALUE	TOTAL DOLLARS
819	4956	440	\$1908.95	\$114.59	\$15,023.34

POST OFFICERS REPORTS.

1. **SENIOR VICE CDR:** Comrade Wysocki – Absent

2. **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Griffith – 6 yr anniversary of her swearing in. Meeting with UWSP Veterans Club president coming up. Scanning event for our Anniversary

celebration in April went well this past March 11th. We have a lot of good photos of building being built, floors going in, tank brought in, and more documentation of this post.

3. **Asst Jr. Vice:** Comrade Mugridge; consider the Buddy Poppy Contest for best display to be held at the Central Wis. Expo Center in Rothschild for the State Convention in June.
4. **CHAPLAIN Raschka:** March 13, 1942, marks the official birthday of the U.S Army K9 Corps! On this day, the U.S. Military began actively recruiting and training canine forces.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: House Committee Members Commander, Quartermaster, Sr. Vice Commander, Fred Gburek, Karl August. David Verhage, Auxiliary Rep – Robbie Dunlap.

David Verhage; House Committee Report;

- The Canteen had 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 were planned for March 7th, 2023. Chris, David and Karen were working on getting all of the product cost information needed to reprogram the cash register...
- **OTHER ISSUES**
 - (1) Repainting the lower half of the dining area; on hold as of yet!
 - (2) Ice Maker drain issues – still in process.
 - (3) New Dimmable lights in the dining area are installed.
 - (4) Dining area floor needs to be stripped and waxed. Scheduled for April 17th. 08:00 hrs.
 - (5) New locks being installed on the shed door and Auxiliary closet.

Entertainment/Planning Committee:

- The meeting was called and the members present; Chair Diane Lutovsky, Chris Schildt, Debbie Manthey, Mike Zynda,, Guy Jones, Barbara McCloy, Tegan Griffith and Commander Strasser.
- April 1st. Final Post Vietnam Veterans Celebration. (Vietnam Vet Event Committee)
- April 22nd, OUR Post 50th year Anniversary Celebration. This event includes the support of the entire Post. “Everyone is invited”! Starts at 1:00 PM.
- April 29th, Loyalty Day at Merrill.
- May 6th, Day of Service. Hoover Ave Cleanup.
- May 20th O’so Brewery 5K Fun Run.
- August 6th Post Family Day – Post members and their families only. Not open to the public.
- Sept 17th, Car Show/Rifle Squad Breakfast.

Golf Committee: Chair Larry Kinyon.

- Mike Zynda will get the process started and help Larry work into the leader’s position. Bobby Barber, life member here, wants to connect and help with Golf Committee.

The 8:00 PM Prayer was recited by Chaplain Raschka

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. These scholarships are for any veteran’s children and grandchildren as well.

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

DONATION REQUESTS: Chair Mark Wysocki.

- **Donation Committee Members; Quartermaster, Mike Worzalla, Scott Halverson, Barb McCloy, Brad Shufelt and John Thomas & The Commander.**
- Barb McCloy report. Two donations recommended.
 - Dogs 2 Dog Tags – nonprofit out of Sheboygan Falls, WI. They have 10 acres and want to improve their property to allow for more training and a small veterinary clinic.
 - Motion made by Tegan to donate \$100 one-time donation, seconded by Larry Kinyon. Motion passed.
 - Office of the Sheriff of Portage County – drug education and child safety. Looking for yearly \$75 donation. Motion made by Scott Halverson \$75 one-time donation, seconded by Gary Matthees. Motion carried.
 - Diane asked for \$100 donation to Portage County Tavern League. Dave Verhage made motion, Scott Halverson second. Motion carried.

RIFLE SQUAD: Rifle Squad Strasser;

- **Rifle Squad Activity;** Thankfully quiet again during Feb.
- The Post received another \$100.00 donation to help cover the cost of our wall removal project from Mrs. Helen Gollon, next door.
- March 19th Steak & Omelet Breakfast. Serving 8:30 to 12:00 hrs.
- April 29th, Loyalty Day in Merrill. We will be able to ride in trolley car during parade.
- May 29th Memorial Day Activities & Lunch at the Post.
- June 25th, Portage County Humane Society “Walk for Wags” at about 11:00. Will need Color Guards and Flag Bearers.

- **March 19th Steak & Omelet Breakfast serving from 08:30 to 12:00 hrs. Kitchen prep starts at 06:00 AM and Clean-up ends about 1:00 PM.**

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charneski: Nothing new to report.

Surgeon: Worzalla: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mark and I drove out to check out the Handicap issue that the somewhat disabled husband required. Mark took the measurements and is putting together a plan for redoing the current ramp. It will cost somewhere between \$800 - \$1000. We will work with the Portage County Board of Military Veterans on the finished cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations to take place for new slate of officers for 2023 -2024 VFW year.

Commander: no nominee

Sr. vice Commander: Larry Kinyon

Jr. Vice Commander: Robert Barber

Quartermaster: Jim Maas

Chaplain: Frank Raschka

One Trustee (3 yr.) Randy Lamke

Good of the Order:

- Are we interested in inviting Badger Aces Author Mike O'Connor to visit our post and give a 30 minute presentation on the areal exploits of Fred Lord, Dick Bong? George Doersch, Conrad Mattson, and Jeff Feinstein. All Wisconsin Aces! Suggest maybe on some Sunday Afternoon like April 23, April 30th. This surely can be a family invite for the presentation.
- Membership did not express any interest!
- 1899 is the year your VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families. Our VFW Mission statement is: TO FOSTER COMARADERIE AMONG VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS, TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF ALL VETERANS, AND TO SERVE VETERANS, THE MILITARY AND OUR COMMUNITIES.
- March 20th Iraq War Commemorative Date

UPCOMING Events:

- March 17th St Patrick's Day
- April 9th Easter Sunday.
- April 15th & 16th, State Corn Hole and Bowling Tournament - **cancelled due to lack of interest**
- April 22nd. Post 50th Anniversary Celebration.
- April 29th, Loyalty Day Parade.
- May 6th. Post Day of Service. Policing up Hoover Ave.
- May 13th. ROTC Awards Ceremony. Our Cadet this year, Haillie Stremkowski, MS11.
- May 29th, Memorial Day.
- June 4th, Village of Plover Vietnam Veterans Memorial Celebration. 11:00 hrs.
- June 6 -10 VFW State Convention, Cedar Creek Convention Center, Rothschild.
- June 25th, Humane Society "Walk for Wags" at Piffner Park Stevens Point.
- COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES: Dates in U.S. History –
 1. Mar 24th, Start of Kosovo Campaign 1999.
 2. Mar 29th, National Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day.
 3. Mar 31st, End of Operation Restore Hope—Somalia 1995.
 4. May 1, National VFW Loyalty Day.
 5. May 8th, VE Day. German unconditional surrender signed, 1945.
 6. May 30th, Memorial Day.
 7. June 6th, D Day; Allied invasion of Europe, 1944.
 8. June 14th, Flag Day.
 9. July 4th, Independence Day.

ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS for March 2023.

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

BIRTHDAYS; March.

Adam Ramczyk 3/1- 78' Walter Zakrezewski 3/4= 51, Robert Barber 3/5=49, James Borski 3/11= 83
David Hanson 3/11= 65, Robert Bauer 3/11=52, Roy Churchill 3/13=78, Conrad Suchon 3/13=75
Jim Sachs 3/17=81, Matthew Smith 3/23=42, Thomas Bredow 3/24=90, Theresa Lasota 3/24=60
Lyle Koepke 3/29= 75, Ronald Firkus 3/31=74.

.ANNIVERSARIES;

Matthew & Stephanie Smith, Mar 4th, Norb & Deedy Strasser Mar 18th,
Brad & Donnell Shufelt Mar 22nd, William & Teri Jenkins Mar 23rd.

Attendance Raffle winner. Walter Stabnow

CLOSING CEREMONY; Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. April 10th 2023.

Adjournment time: 20:30 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy
Adjutant