



# VFW POST 10262

2970 Hickory Drive  
Plover, Wi 54467

Post Meeting Minutes  
May 8<sup>TH</sup> , 2023



**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING DURING THE JOINT MEETING.** None

**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:** Acting Chaplain, Comrade Tim Bubla

**Draping/Undraping of the Charter:**

- Charter was draped for Post Member Lloyd Firkus

**Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:**

- Was recited by all.

**Roll Call of officers.**

Present	15
Excused	--
Absent	1

VFW Members Present – 29 - member’s physically present & 2 online participants.

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

**Welcome and Muster in New Member Don Phillips.**

Our membership on May 1, 2022 was 195 members.	163 Life members	32 Annual
As of May 1st, 2023	210 members, 166	44 Annual

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

**QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status:**

Quartermaster Pro-Tem & House committee Chair Verhage reported.

- Post Finances and QM Report.

Q&A Questions were raised about the current high balance of the Canteen fund. Quartermaster Verhage said this would be addressed, funds would be moved to bring the balance down to the prescribed level.

Motion to accept; Mark Wysocki & Scott Halverson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

- **SERVICE OFFICER REPORT:** Comrade Yelkin,
- High blood pressure – There are lots of things affected by high blood pressure. If you think you have it, get it addressed and reviewed with a doctor or the VA.
- Commander Strasser mentioned if anyone has received an exam from Dr. Mary Jo Lanska between 2004 and 2020; please reach out to the VA. There is an ongoing investigation and many members may have been wrongfully denied benefits.
- Email [yelkinj@yahoo.com](mailto:yelkinj@yahoo.com) or call 715 457-2812

**MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:** Chaplain Frank Raschka is recovering.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:**

We received 'Thank You' cards from:

- Received 'thank you' letter from the Office of the Sheriff for our \$75 donation.
- Received 'thank you' letter from the Memorial Day Foundation for our \$100 donation.

**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 APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> 2023**

HOURS	MILES	MEMBERS	DOLLARS SPENT	VALUE	TOTAL DOLLARS
819	4956	440	\$1908.95		\$114.59 \$15023.34

**POST OFFICERS REPORTS.**

1. **SENIOR VICE CDR:** Comrade Wysocki – Nothing to share.
2. **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Griffith – Jim Maas had a meeting with the UWSP Student Vets. He extended the offer to use our post for events and meetings. May 1<sup>st</sup>, Kasuns Food Vender Truck is slated for our Post to offer their food.
3. **Asst Jr. Vice:** Comrade Mugridge; Nothing to report. Will verify that poppies were ordered.

**CHAPLAIN Raschka:** On Zoom but nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

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

**David Verhage; House Committee Report;**

- Larry Kinyon gave an overview of the new Webcam in use that will eventually be permanently installed. It has remote control of both rotation and range adjustment.
- Floor mats were discussed and the post will work with the current vendor on the mats.
- Mark will be purchasing paint for the lower half of the dining area.
- Jake's Kitchen contract has been terminated. Kitchen is closed.
- Cleaning/stripping the floors has been rescheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of July. One half of building floors will be stripped on each Monday!
- House committee members are looking for a new Kitchen Contractor

### **Entertainment/Planning Committee:**

- May 29<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day, Rifle Squad Ceremonies and lunch at the Post.
- June 6<sup>th</sup>. Auxiliary Spaghetti Feed & Basket Raffle fund raiser. Serving from 3:00 – 6:00 PM.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Stevens Point Parade and snacks at the post after the parade. (Will the Auxiliary have a float)!
- August 6<sup>th</sup>, Plover VFW Family Picnic. (Drovers are booked to play 3 – 6 PM). Barbara McCloy developing and planning the program and activities.
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Car Show/Rifle Squad Breakfast. Consider Show Parking in our Main Parking lot to keep down the dust from all of the entries!

**Golf Committee: Event is scheduled for Sept 9<sup>th</sup>; Chair Larry Kinyon. Called meeting for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 18:00 Hrs. Members present, Debbie Manthey, Gary & Kathy Matthees, Norb Strasser**  
Items Discussed;

- Larry has set-up a meeting with Wis River Golf's Bill to discuss the price before the committee can set the entry fees.
- Discussed the current donations.
- Food was discussed but temporarily put on hold to see what develops with a potential kitchen contractor.
- Sponsor assignments; Help is needed to contact a few places and business for donations and hole sponsors.
- Many other event issues were covered!
- Larry and a couple other volunteers can't do this by themselves. This event is extremely important to the Post in that it raises funds that enable our Post to continue with community support of Awarding Scholarships and supporting many donations requests. Your help at the course for the tournament and at the Post is needed.

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

- **Scholarship Committee: Comrade Zynda:**
- Scholarship Applications are out and packets are coming in! Only have 6 so far.
- VOD & PP. (2023 -2024 Patriot's Pen Theme) "How are you inspired by America".

**Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen & Teacher of the Year.** No report

**DONATION REQUESTS: Chair Mark Wysocki.**

**Donation Committee Members; Mike Worzalla, Scott Halverson, Barb McCloy, Brad Shufelt and John Thomas & the Commander.**

- Barb McCloy report.
  - Plover Kiwanis Club – for the Kids from Wisconsin show at Sentry World.
    - Scott Halverson made motion to donate \$100, Tegan Griffith 2nd. Motion carried.

**The 8:00 PM Prayer was recited by Acting Chaplain Bubla.**

### **RIFLE SQUAD: Commander Strasser;**

- Funerals on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.
- May 20<sup>th</sup>. Oso's Brewery 5K run. David Verhage commented on the food for the event.
- May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Activities & Lunch at the Post.
- June 4<sup>th</sup>, Village of Plover Korean War Veterans memorial 11:00 hrs.
- June 25<sup>th</sup>, Humane Society "Walk for Wags" at about 11; 00 Color Guards and Flag Bearers.

### **MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charneski:**

- Ron has the request in to the State NG Hq's for NG 1/120 Arty to support the Golf Scramble!
- There has been a new Change of Command. The FRG is now only a couple people. They are looking for donations for their Christmas party.

**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. This is a late May or June project!

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **INSTALLATION OF NEW POST OFFICERS;**

Past Post Commander Ron Stoflet was asked to and did perform the installation of the 2023 – 2024 slate of officers. The following Elected, Appointed and Returning Post Officers were present for the Installation Ceremony on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Cmdr Norb Strasser, SrV .Robert Barber, JrV Don Mugridge, QM Jim Maas, CH Frank Raschka, 3YrT Alfred Gburek, 2YrT Mike Zynda, 1YrT John Herek, ,Adj Barbara McCloy, JA Gary Matthees, SO Bernard Yelkin and OD Scott Halverson.

### **Good of the Order:**

#### **State of Wisconsin VFW Convention June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> at the Expo Center in Rothschild Wis.**

- Post Delegates to the State Convention; Larry Kinyon, David Verhage, Michael Zynda, Barbara McCloy, John Schultz and Commander Strasser.
- Day of Service Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. "ONLY" the following Post members volunteered to support the Post's "Day of Service"; Carl Coffman, Mike Zynda, Fred Gburek, Scott Halverson, Don Mugridge, Bob Decker, Matt Smith, Perry Engel, Larry Kinyon, Barb McCloy and her Grandsons Kaden & Riley. They were all rewarded with Coffee and Donuts after they finished "Police Call".
- King Veterans Home in Waupaca is now open to visitors – no mask required.
- The Grenadiers play at the Village of Plover. They asked us to split a donation of \$125 with the Auxiliary. Mike Zynda made motion to agree. Scott Halverson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND DATES;**

- May 13<sup>th</sup>. ROTC Awards Ceremony. Our Cadet this year, Haillie Stremkowski, MS11.
- May 15<sup>th</sup>, Mission #44 Never Forgotten Honor flight
- May 20<sup>th</sup> O'So's Brewery 5K fun run. Rifle Squad, Post & Auxiliary members help with this. This is another Community Activity that our Post will receive a lot of exposure. Be prepared to help with refreshment stations and road guides for the event.
- May 29<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day and lunch after at the Post.
- June 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 11:30 hrs. At the Lincoln Center. Flag Day Activities for the Veterans. **Tim Bubla will take care of this.**
- June 4<sup>th</sup>, Village of Plover Korean War Veterans Memorial Celebration 11:00 AM.

- June 6<sup>th</sup>, Auxiliary Spaghetti Feed and Basket Raffle fund raiser.
- June 7 -10 VFW State Convention, Cedar Creek Convention Center, Rothschild.
- June 25<sup>th</sup>, Humane Society "Walk for Wags" at Pfeiffer Park Stevens Point.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. Stevens Point River Front Rendezvous.
- July 4<sup>th</sup>, Stevens Point Parade with snacks after at the Post.
- August 12<sup>th</sup>, Auxiliary & Post Poppy Drive.
- August 19<sup>th</sup>, Rifle Squad Steak Feed.
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> VFW Golf Scramble. Wisconsin River Golf Course.
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Steak & Omelet Breakfast and Car Show.
- Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, Mission #45 never forgotten Honor Flight.
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, Mission #46, Never Forgotten Honor Flight.

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

1. May 29<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day.
2. June 6<sup>th</sup>, D Day; Allied invasion of Europe, 1944.
3. June 14<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day.
4. July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day.
5. July 27<sup>th</sup>, signing of the Korean Armistice in 1953.
6. August 31<sup>st</sup>, End of operation Iraqi Freedom 2010.
7. Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> VJ Day; Japan Surrendered. 1945 ending WW11 fighting.
8. Sept 11- Patriots Day
9. Sept (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday) POW/MIA Recognition Day

**ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS for May 2023.**

**WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!**

**BIRTHDAYS; May.**

5/2 Bryce Lothe 30; 5/7 Gary Matthees 77; 5/8 Frederic Fleishauer 79; 5/15 Larry Kinyon 79; 5/18 Anthony Almanza 61; 5/22 Katie Kealiher 47' 5/23 Guy Jones 66; 5/23 Timothy Victor 76; 5/26 Peter Congdon 57; 5/28 Ron Kozlowski 77; 5/31 Thomas Zajackowski 67.

**.ANNIVERSARIES; May**

5/1 Ronald & Rose Sankey; 5/1 Robert & Mary Carlson; 5/1 Bruce & Janice Djupstrom; 5/25 Ronald & Kay Stoflet; 5/26 Jim & Sue Sachs; 5/26 Allyn & Roberta Dunlap 5/29 Perry & Sherry Engel.

**Attendance Raffle winner; Don Phillips**

**CLOSING CEREMONY;** Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. April 10<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Adjournment time: 20:50 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara McCloy  
Adjutant