



VFW POST 10262

2970 Hickory Drive
Post Meeting Minutes
Nov 14th, 2022



INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING DURING THE JOINT MEETING;

- New members Matt Smith and Wayne Gorell.
- Carrie Ligman of the Catholic Financial Services. Mike Zynda was presented a check for \$1000.00 that is applied to the final numbers of the 2022 VFW Post Golf Tournament. We thank them so very much!
- Michael Backman of the Humana Health Plan Benefits presented \$ savings options to the membership.

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:

- Our Post Charter was draped for Post Member Bill Doxrude.

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

SEC- 220 MANUAL OF PROCEDURES, (ABSENCE) Sr. Vice Change. Ken Anderson asked to be relieved of all officer duties. IAW SEC -220, the following change of officers is made. Mark Wysocki agreed to accept the nomination to fill the Sr. Vice Commander position. Commander Strasser asked for a Motion to nominate Mark Wysocki as the Sr. Vice Commander. The motion was made by Gary Matthees. The nomination was seconded by Wayne Gorell. , The nomination was approved by the membership present.

Roll Call of officers.

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| Present | 13 |
| Excused | 1 |
| Absent | 3 |

VFW Members Present 22 members physically present & 2 online participants.

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

| Membership as of; | <u>MEMEBRSHIP</u> | <u>LIFE MEMBERS</u> | <u>CONTINUOUS.</u> |
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| <u>4/01/2022</u> | 198 | 166 | 32 |

Our Post membership has been steady at around 200 members for a number of years.

1. Comrade Wysocki mentioned that he had the Application for prospective Life member Lamke. Mark is waiting for the DD214.
2. Mustering In: Matthew (Matt) Smith & Wayne Gorell. Commander Strasser welcomed and conducted the mustering in ceremony for both new members.

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

QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status:

Quartermaster Berg deferred to Trustee Verhage:

- David Verhage asked the members to review the first page and explained the accounts. He explained the current financial Status of funds, assets and liabilities. He explained that the gross profits from the canteen is almost 65% and is above the past historical numbers. WE are not doing as well with our gambling machines.

Vote to accept the report was made by Mike Worzalla and a motion to second was made by Manuel Rocha. The motion carried.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yelkin,

- Review the PACT Act info Sheet.
- Suggest to sign-up for Camp Lejeune water problems.
- VA Officials report, veterans can enroll in VA health care starting Oct 1st. The largest group is "Post-911" veterans who meet certain criteria and hadn't previously enrolled. They have one year to sign-up. Veterans would need to have served on active duty in a combat theater after the 1991 Persian Gulf War, served against a hostile force after Nov 11th, 1998, or were discharged or released from active duty from Sept 11th 2001, to Oct 1st, 2013.
- For additional groups eligible to enroll; <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/09/28/tens-of-thousands-more-veterans-will-be-eligible-va-health-care-starting-oct-1.html>

MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS: Adjutant McCloy is grieving over the loss of her mother.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

No report!

Community service on-line report: Adjutant.

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

REPORT AS OF 13 Nov 2022

| HOURS | MILES | MEMBERS | DOLLARS SPENT | VALUE | TOTAL DOLLARS |
|-------|-------|---------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| 718 | 3,808 | 364 | \$20,198.00 | \$100.45 | \$20,299.00 |

Commander Strasser mentioned that on Saturday, Nov 12th, for five hours, Don Mugridge along with Tom & Cindy Bredow and himself, retired 1900 unserviceable flags.

POST OFFICERS REPORTS;

1. **SENIOR VICE CDR:** Comrade Wysocki; " After Ten Minutes in Office", Nothing to report
2. **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Griffen; Nothing to report.
3. **Asst Jr. Vice:** Comrade Mugridge; Nothing to report.

4. CHAPLAIN Raschka: Asked the membership to offer a moment of silence for Barb McCloy and the passing of her Mother.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

David Verhage; House Committee Report;

- K & K Lawn Cutting completed the Project on the west side of the Post. We should give some thought to adding some greenery in the spring!
- Rasmussen plumbing replaced the old grease trap, the final payment was made for the total of the \$5,779.00 contract. It turns out that it was only a 20 gal instead of the 30 gal the contract specified. Commander Strasser will discuss this with Rasmussen.
- Perry Engel talked about the outdoor VFW Post “Tall” Sign and the Arrow Sign. It is working well. He picked up some “Marker Rods” and placed them along the rock line behind our building so the snow plow doesn’t dig into the rocks!
- The new TV advertising/marketing system is up and running. Check out the TV’s. The new Marketing TV for the Bar area has been installed.
- We have hired a new bartender, Jenny Pierce.
- The Dining area rental fee will increase to \$100.00 effective January 1st. Post members use is free, but the refundable cleaning deposit applies to all users!
- Bartenders who are called in to work outside of their scheduled time, day or hours, will receive one (1) additional hour of pay.
- Christmas bonuses were discussed and the final recommendations were;
Karen & Chris--- \$250.00 ea.
Julie \$100.00
Bartenders (based on recommended by Chris) \$100.00
Dawn, Post Cleaner; \$100.00.
Commander Strasser asked for a motion of approval of the recommendations. A motion was made by Tegan Griffen to approve the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Larry Kinyon. Motion was approved by the membership.
- Question on the Wall ! The wall removal will start on Tuesday morning at 08:00 hrs.

The 8:00 PM Prayer was recited by Chaplain Raschka

Entertainment & Planning Committee: Auxiliary members Debbie Manthey, Diane Lutovsky & Peggy Klitgaard-Mancel, Guy Jones, Mike Zynda & Commander Strasser

- The meeting was called and the members present were; Auxiliary members Debbie Manthey, Diane Lutovsky & Peggy Klitgaard-Mancel. Commander Strasser and guest Billy Monson. Diane Lutovski agreed to accept the Committee Chair duties.
- Just over 30 guests attended the Halloween Party. Not well attended but a really good DJ.
- The Dec 10th Army/Navy game festivities and responsibilities have been passed on to the Portage County Board of Military Veterans.
- A Valentine’s Day Party and Dinner on Feb 11th, was discussed. Including live music (Maybe Drovers or a DJ), with candles on the tables and table coverings! If this sounds interesting, please let us know!
 - a. Nov 13th, Chili Cook-off. Judging took place during the Packer/Cowboy halftime period. \$5.00 to eat/sample all of the “Chef Entries” and selections were made. Ron Fait came in first, Norb was selected second and Mary Colegrove was third. All money collected went to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

- b. **NOV 16TH, 6:00 PM. STEVENS POINT HOLIDAY PARADE! RIDING IN POST MEMBER MATT SMITH'S TROLLEY! The trolley is heated and it will be fun to ride in a parade instead of walking! Line-up is 5 - 6:00 PM.**
- c. Dec 3rd, Post-Christmas Party. BootLeggers will cater the Meal. Cocktails from 4 – 5:00 PM. Dinners served at 5:00 PM, Beef tips and Chicken, DJ from 6 to 10:00 PM. Post will open to the public after 8:00 PM. Get your invitation filled out and sent in to the Post by Nov 18th.
- d. Dec 10th Army/Navy Game!
- e. Dec 18th, Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast 08:30 – 12:00. Breakfast with Santa starting at 10:00 PM.
- f. Jan 1st, New Year's Party. Post will provide Ham & Buns etc. Pot-Luck for the rest, bring in your dish to pass; Check out the "signup sheet". Gray Cats Band from 4 – 8:00 PM.
- g. Post 50th year anniversary scheduled for March of 2023.
- h. April 1st. Final Vietnam Veterans Celebration.
- i. **MONDAY, NOV 28TH, 09:00 HRS. THE POST NEEDS TO BE DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS AND OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY. POST MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP THE Auxiliary. Hanging Decorations from the ceiling requires Ladder Climbing and tall guys!**

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. The final numbers are close. Total income from the Golf Tournament is \$21,975.00. Expenses were \$7,335.10. Net was \$15,542.05. Considering the fact that it rained the entire day, the tournament went well! Golf Committee donations recommended this year include; \$3000.00 for the Post Wall Removal, \$1,000.00 to Operation Bootstrap, \$1000.00 to the Salvation Army, \$1,000.00 to the Boy's and Girl's Club, (\$500 ea. to Plover and Stevens Point).

The commander asked for a motion for approval of the recommendations; Motion was made by Gary Jay and was seconded by Manual Rocha. The motion carried.

Citizenship, Education & Youth Developments Committee:

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.

- The Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Packets were received. "No Teacher of the year this year"!
- Judging was completed Saturday, Nov 5th by Post member Matt Smith & Auxiliary Members Sandi Kowalski, Peggy Klitgaard-Mancel, Mary Kimmel, Stephanie Jones and Carl Coffman. We hope we have forwarded winning packets to the 7th District Competition.
- Recommend we keep the same award package as last year; Patriot's Pen awards, \$150.00, \$125.00 and \$100.00 for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. \$10.00 gift cards for all other competitors. Voice of Democracy Awards Package; \$250.00, \$225.00 and \$200.00. For 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. \$10.00 gift cards for all other competitors.
- Awards will be presented at our December Post Meeting.
- Commander Strasser asked for a motion to approve the recommendation and award the same amounts as last year. Motion was made by Larry Kinyon and seconded by Wayne Gorell. The motion carried.

Donation Committee: (Members Mark Wysocki, Darrell Berg, Mike Worzalla, Scott Halverson, John Thomas & the Commander.

Due to the change in Sr. Vice and Committee Chair, A short meeting was held by Mark Wysocki, Darrell Berg and Commander Strasser. A stack of requests were reviewed and recommendations were made. The final decisions were made at the meeting and are as follows; (1). \$500.00 to come from the Events and Planning Committee Car Show Fund for the Village of Plover PD for their K-9 support. (2). \$100.00 to Community "Empty Bowls"; (3) \$200.00 to the Portage County Board of Military Veterans for the Army/Navy football game. (4) \$250.00 to the Memorial Day Foundations Fund; (5) \$50.00 to the SPASH Wrestling Booster Club program. (6) \$100.00 to ALRA (DAR Wreaths lying at Plover Cemetery). After presenting and members agreeing on the final recommendations, Commander Strasser asked for approval of the recommendations. A motion was made by Larry Kniyon for acceptance and was seconded by Gary Matthees. The motion carried.

Rifle Squad: Strasser;

RIFLE SQUAD:

No Breakfast this month. (Deer Hunting).

- Activities;
 1. Oct 18th Military Honors for William (Bill) Doxrude.
 2. Oct 28th Celebration of life for William (Bill) McGregor.
 3. Nov 6th, Celebration of life for Neil Peterson,
 4. Nov 9th, Visited Roosevelt School and had lunch with the students. A Veterans Day lunch honoring Vets, dads and grand dads!
 5. Nov 10th Visited River Pines. Chaplain Raschka, Sara Rocha and Norb participated in their Veterans Day Program.
 6. **David Verhage**; The cost of everything/food we use for our Steak & Omelet breakfast has gone up well over 20%. Eggs over \$3.00 per Doz. Bread, Butter, Milk, Cheese, Meat, Potatoes all have gone up! We need to raise the price of the Breakfast Options! Effective with our January Breakfast, the Steak & Omelet choice will be raised to \$12.00 and the Sausage & Omelet choice will be raised to \$9.50. This is still well below any restaurant prices when considering everything that is included in our breakfast!
 7. **Nov 13th, SUNDAY-Chili Cook off.**
 8. **Nov 16th**, The Stevens Point Holiday Parade is scheduled to start at 6:00 PM. Matt Smith has his Trolley all set up for the Parade. Join us.

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

Surgeon: Worzalla: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- New and unused POS system! Still working on it!
- The issue of erecting a flag pole at the Guardian Angel Cemetery Columbarium that was presented to the Post by Bob Decker was presented to the Portage County Board of Military Veterans, who elected to take up the task because of their numerous connections with folks and area businesses.
- Oct 28th, The Post received a message from Jesse Milanowski that listed the prices of flag poles and has indicated that he is a distributor of flag poles. No other communications.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Sec. 218 – Officers and Chairmen, Duties and Obligations: (4) Commander Pro Tempore; In the event of the commander, Sr. & Jr Vice absence, the Post shall elect a Commander Pro-Tempore to preside at the meeting of the Post;**

After asking the members present for a volunteer to accept the Commander Pro-Tempore Position, "With No Volunteer", Commander Strasser asked Chaplain Frank Raschka if he would accept the position. With his agreement, the Commander asked for a motion to accept Frank Raschka as the Commander Pro-Tempore; a motion was made by Mike Zynda and seconded by Perry Engel. The motion carried.

- **Sec. 220 – Vacancies or (absent) from office, The Commander may appoint a Pro-Tempore Quartermaster; (for 60 Days). David Verhage is Appointed Pro-Temp Quartermaster effective December 1st. for 60 days...**

Good of the Order:

- **The VFW Calendars: There are 5 calendars left!**
- **SEC. 223-Commemorative Dates:** Each Post shall make arrangements for observances of Memorial Day, see that suitable grave markers, wreaths and flags of the US are placed on the graves of deceased members and, if practical, conduct Memorial Day Services.
- **Each Post shall** see that suitable arrangements are made for the observance of Veterans Day, Flag Day and Loyalty Day. A list of 22 Commemorative Tributes/Dates is available. A listing is available of important events by month that VFW Posts could chose to celebrate. The exceptions are Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day and Loyalty Day that must be commemorated.

UPCOMING EVENTS;

- Dec 3rd Post Christmas Party.
- Dec 31st New Year's Party.

ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAY'S for November 2022.

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

BIRTHDAYS;

11/1 Christine Beck 70; Kenneth Seif 75; Dan Ault 53; 11/2 James Manville 73; Alfred Gburek, Jessie Losinski; 11/3 Raoul Rossier 75, 11/4 Tegan Griffin 38, John Hanson 92; 11/6 David Knight 73; 11/11 James Sorensen 70; 11/13 Michael Butcher 61; 11/19 Jeffery Cohen 78; 11/20 Eric Ecklund 73; 11/21 Gary Kolodziej 73, Ken Anderson 67; 11/22 Nicholas Hanson 41; 11/30 Dwayne Wierzba 62, John Thomas 76.

ANNIVERSARIES;

11/1 Edwin & Fran Atkins; 11/4 Dan & Mahala Ault; 11/13 Thomas & Susan Zajackowski; 11/15 Michael & Hong McKenna; 11/20 Thomas & Cindy Bredow.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE! Winner – Mark Wysocki

CLOSING CEREMONY:

Closing Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka

Next Meeting 19:00 Hrs. December 12th, 2022

Adjournment: 20:30 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norb Strasser
Commander