



VFW POST 10262

2970 Hickory Drive
Plover, Wi 54467

Post Meeting Minutes
April 10th, 2023



INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING DURING THE JOINT MEETING.

AMVETS President Deborah Suchon spoke to a Joint Meeting concerning the" SOFAS for SERVICE Non-Profit and their mission.

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 undraped for Post member Darrell Berg at Celebration of Life April 15th, 2023.

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

Roll Call of officers.

Present 11

Excused 1

Absent 4

VFW Members Present – 16 - member's physically present & 2 online participants.

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

Our membership on May 1, 2022 was 195 members. 163 Life members 32 Annual

As of April 1st, 2023 210 members, 167 43 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.

Report shared with members. Income \$3000.81. We just received our \$16k in stimulus for 3 quarters.

Motion to accept report – Don Mugridge 2nd – Manny Rocha Motion carried.

• **SERVICE OFFICER REPORT:** Comrade Yelkin,

- **Spread the word about PACT Act eligibility;** if anyone has any questions or concerns about VA Benefits, i.e. hearing aids, medical coverage or benefits, email or call Bernie Yelkin and he will do the research for you.
- **Additional info on the benefits of PACT ACT; it added hypertension for exposure to Agent ORANGE.** I asked for an appointment with the Marathon County VSO for more information.
- **The tests for hypertension require readings to be taken two or more times on at least three different days. A 60% hypertension rating could qualify a veteran for total disability & individual un-employability benefits. TDIU benefits are for veterans who can no longer work because of their service-connected disabilities.**
- **A 20 percent rating is assigned for diastolic pressure that is predominantly 110 or more, or systolic pressure predominantly 200 or more. A 40 percent rating is assigned where diastolic pressure is predominantly 120 or more. A 60 percent rating is assigned where diastolic pressure is predominantly 130 or more.**
- Email yelkinj@yahoo.com or call 715 457-2812

MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:

- Received ‘thank you’ card from Manny and Sarah for our \$1500 donation to them in their time of need.
- Thank you letter received from Dogs2Dog Tags for our \$100 donation to their program.

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 8 April 2023

HOURS MILES MEMBERS DOLLARS SPENT VALUE TOTAL DOLLARS

1457 5733 546 \$17,170.45 \$203.91 \$17374.36

POST OFFICERS REPORTS.

1. **SENIOR VICE CDR:** Comrade Wysocki – Nothing to share.
2. **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Griffith – Absent
3. **Asst Jr. Vice:** Comrade Mugridge; Nothing to report. Will verify that poppies were ordered.
4. **CHAPLAIN Raschka:** Two police officers were slain in Barron County. Let’s remember them in our prayers.

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;

- The Kitchen Hood System’s semi-annual contractor cleaning was completed March 27th.
- David will stop at Point Supply to check on cost of new Kitchen Floor mats.

Other issues;

- Ice Maker drain issues will be corrected by Mark.
- Dining area floor needs to be stripped and waxed. Scheduled for April 17th. 08:00 hrs.
- Mark will be purchasing paint for the lower half of the dining area.
- Jake’s Kitchen operations were discussed. On April 5th, a Department of Revenue Agent entered our Post and asked for Jake Shearier, “Jake’s Kitchen LLC operator”. The DOR Agent advised us that Jake’s Kitchen sellers permit was revoked as of March 28th, 2023 for failure to pay taxes. Jake’s Kitchen is closed!
- Permission was asked to send Jake’s Kitchen a letter to terminate current lease agreement.
 - - Larry Kinyon made motion to send letter
 - Gary Matthees 2nd motion
 - Motion carried. Letter will be mailed, emailed and sent certified.

Entertainment/Planning Committee:

- April 15th, Celebration of life for Darrell Berg is on track.
- April 16th Steak & Omelet Breakfast is on track.
- April 22nd, OUR Post 50th year Anniversary Celebration. With Jakes Kitchen closed committee members stepped-up and volunteered to host the meal. After discussion, the meal will consist of Chicken, Potato Salad and Slaw, Roll, Veggies & Cheese trays, Beans and deserts. Entertainment by DJ Z-Man. Volunteers will be appreciated. Contact Diane.
- April 29th, Loyalty Day at Merrill.
- May 6th, Hoover Ave/Day of Service Cleanup. Meet at the Post.08:00
- May 20th O’so Brewery 5K Fun Run.
- May 29th, Memorial Day, Rifle Squad Ceremonies and lunch at the Post.
- June 4th.Village of Plover Korean War Veterans Ceremony at 11:00 hrs.
- June 6th. Auxiliary Spaghetti Feed & Basket Raffle fund raiser.
- July 4th Stevens Point Parade and snacks at the post after the parade.
- August 12th, Post Poppy Drive
- Sept 17th, Car Show/Rifle Squad Breakfast.

Golf Committee: Chair Mike Zynda;

- Mike will get the process started and help Larry work into the leader’s position.

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. No report

DONATION REQUESTS: Chair Mark Wysocki.

- **Donation Committee Members; Darrell Berg, Mike Worzalla, Scott Halverson, Barb McCloy, Brad Shufelt and John Thomas & The Commander.**
- Barb McCloy report. Four donations recommended.
 - - Leukemia Foundation for \$100
 - - Manny Rocha made motion to donate \$100
 - Jim Maas 2nd
 - Motion carried
 - - Wreaths Across America – for \$100
 - - Dave Verhage made motion to donate \$100
 - Mike Zynda 2nd
 - Motion Carried
 - Pacelli Project Graduation and SPASH Project Graduation \$100 each
 - - Gary Matthees made motion to donate \$100 to each
 - Manny Rocha 2nd
 - Motion carried
 - Knights of Columbus for \$50
 - - Frank Raschka made motion to donate \$50
 - Mike Zynda 2nd
 - Motion carried
 - Donations received in house from Al Czech family in lieu of flowers. Total donations were \$100.

The 8:00 PM Prayer was recited by Chaplain Raschka

RIFLE SQUAD: Rifle Squad Strasser;

- **Rifle Squad Activity; Thankfully; Quiet** again during March.
- April 12th Funeral at St Brons, 11:30 hrs. For Honors.
- April 15th, Celebration of Life for Darrell Berg. Visitation starts 10:00 hrs.
- April 16th, Steak & Omelet Breakfast serving from 08:30 to 12:00 hrs...
- April 17th, Mission #43 Never forgotten Honor flight.
- April 29th, Loyalty Day in Merrill.
- May 29th Memorial Day Activities & Lunch at the Post.
- June 25th, Humane Society "Walk for Wags" at about 11; 00 Color Guards and Flag Bearers.
- May 15th Mission #44 Never Forgotten honor Flight?

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/Election/Second round for new slate of officers for 2023 -2024 VFW year.

Commander: Norb Strasser (Accepted Nomination)

Sr. vice Commander Robert Barber _

Jr. Vice Commander Don Mugridge

Quartermaster_ J Jim Maas

One Trustee (3 yr.) _ Fred Gburek

- Voting “Run-off” by members attending meeting: 11-5 in favor of Fred Gburek over Randal Lamke, for 3 yr. Post Trustee.
- By Unanimous acclamation, all nominated members were accepted and approved by the members present.
- Gary Matthees suggested lowering the flag for Darrel Berg for Saturday and the Celebration of Life. Garry Matthees made motion. Manny Rocha 2nd. Motion carried. Mike Zynda will take care of this task.

Good of the Order:

- Gary Matthees mentioned when attending the Cooties Meeting. There were signs for a meat raffle. Members sell tickets. When all tickets sold, drawing held and winners win meat packet, or various prizes. This is a great fundraiser. This suggestion was referred to the House Committee to review and address at their next meeting.
- Dave Verhage mentioned that our post is registered for the “Game Bar of the Month’ with the Milwaukee Brewers. Only Tavern League of Wisconsin Members is eligible to register and win. According to the website, names of participating taverns are drawn at every game with the winner receiving 40 tickets in the left field Loge Bleachers for a future Friday night game.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND DATES;

- April 17th, 08:00 hrs. Strip & Wax the dining area floor. Crew help needed!
- April 17th, Mission #43, Never Forgotten Honor Flight
- April 22nd. Post 50th Anniversary Celebration.
- April 29th, Loyalty Day Parade. Merrill 10:30 hrs.
- May 6th. Post Day of Service. Police Hoover Ave. 08:00 Hrs.
- May 13th. ROTC Awards Ceremony. Our Cadet this year, Haillie Stremkowski, MS11.
- May 15th , Mission #44 Never Forgotten Honor flight
- May 20th O’os Brewery 5K fun run
- May 29th, Memorial Day and lunch after at the Post.(Around Noon)
- June 4th, Village of Plover Korean War Veterans Memorial Celebration 11:00 AM.
- June 6th, Auxiliary Spaghetti Feed and Basket Raffle fund raiser.
- June 7 -10 VFW State Convention, Cedar Creek Convention Center, Rothschild.
- June 25th, Humane Society “Walk for Wags” at Pfiffner Park Stevens Point.

- June 30th & 31st. Stevens Point River Front Rendezvous.
- July 4th, Stevens Point Parade with snacks after at the Post.
- July 28th - 29th, Celebrate Plover
- August 12th, Auxiliary & Post Poppy Drive.
- August 19th, Rifle Squad Steak Feed.
- Sept 9th VFW Golf Scramble. Wis. River Golf course.
- Sept 17th, Steak & Omelet Breakfast and Car Show.
- Sept 25th, Mission #45 Never forgotten Honor Flight.
- Oct 16th, Mission #46, Never Forgotten Honor Flight.

- **COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES;** (Dates in U.S. History)
 1. May 1, National VFW Loyalty Day.
 2. May 8th, VE Day. German unconditional surrender signed, 1945.
 3. May 30th, Memorial Day.
 4. June 6th, D Day; Allied invasion of Europe, 1944.
 5. June 14th, Flag Day.
 6. July 4th, Independence Day.

ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS for April.

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

BIRTHDAYS;

4/1 Tim Bubla 55th; 4/1 Frank Raschka 79th; 4/4 Rodney Schreiber 52nd; 4/7 Barbara McCloy 53rd;
 4/9 Bernard Yelkin 83rd; 4/18 John Lasota 66th; 4/23 Branden Taylor 42nd; 4/23 Errol Johnson 38th
 4/30 Brent Stelzer 30th.

.ANNIVERSARIES;

4/20 Dwayne Wierzba; 4/22 Mike & Lynda Zynda; 4/22 Andrew & Kathy Suchon;
 4/27 Kenneth & Jill Steckbauer; 4/30 Ernie & Cynthia Anthes.

Attendance Raffle! Winner is; Gary Matthees

CLOSING CEREMONY; Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. May 8th.

Adjournment time: 20:35 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy

Adjutant

