



**VFW POST 10262**  
 2970 Hickory Drive  
 Plover, Wi 54467  
 Post Meeting Minutes  
 August 14th, 2023



**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING DURING THE JOINT MEETING.**

Potential New members were named and introduced by Membership Chair Mark Wysocki; **Mentioned:** Transfer-in Ben Bock from Hartland Post 5158, New Members; Michael Byrum, Ryan Flowerette, Joe Montoya and Chester Laskowski & Guy Robitielli.

**COMMANDER STRASSER OPENED THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS; 19:00 HRS.**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Raschka

**Draping/Undraping of the Charter:**

- No drape or undrape of the charter.

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

- Was recited by all.

**Roll Call of officers.**

Present	14
Excused	1
Absent	1

VFW Members Present – 29 - members physically present, 1 online participant.

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS, APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS and “Mustering in” of New Members;** Commander Strasser conducted the ceremony for.

- Benjamin Bock and Guy Robitielli not present.
- Michael Burum, Ryan Flowerette & Chester Laskowski.

**Membership;** As of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 211 members, 165-Life members 46-Annual members I thank the Crew that Manned the recruiting shelter at Celebrate Plover for “getting out there” and meeting and greeting prospective recruits and encouraging membership into our Post.

**Remember: the goal is for every member to recruit one (1) new member every year.**

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

**QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status:**

Quartermaster Jim Maas reported.

- Net income of \$5,067.92 from Canteen and machines minus expenses.
- Comparison of July Sales from 2022 to 2023 shared. We are up in the Canteen and down minimally on machines.

Motion to accept by Comrade Gary Jay & Comrade Manny Rocha 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

- **SERVICE OFFICER REPORT:** Comrade Yelkin,
  - For sign up or questions on the Pact Act, Go to your Local County VS0. **There is no deadline to apply for PACT Act benefits.** If you filed a PACT Act claim or submitted an intent to file by August 9, 2023, however, you may receive benefits backdated to August 10, 2022, when the legislation was passed.
  - **PACT Act Deadlines to be aware of:** If you apply for PACT Act-related benefits on or before August 9, 2023, your benefits may be backdated to August 10, 2022 – so get your claims in as soon as possible. And if you are not ready to submit a full claim by then, do not worry – you can also submit an intent to file before August 10, 2023, and still receive the same effective date.
  - Also, there are only four months remaining in the PACT Act one-year special health care enrollment period for post-9/11 combat Veterans. VA encourages all Post 9-11 Combat Veterans to apply now before this eligibility window closes on September 30.
  - To learn much more about the Pact act, visit [VA.gov/PACT](http://VA.gov/PACT) Email [yelkinj@yahoo.com](mailto:yelkinj@yahoo.com) or call 715 457-2812

**MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:** Comrade Jim Sachs and Comrade Guy Mockler are Post members in distress. Please keep them in your prayers.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:**

- Thank you received from Raymond Meshak family for Military Honors
- Thank you received from Guy Lutz family for Military Honors
- Thank you received from Colby/Abbotsford VFW for our donation after their Post’s fund raiser chicken feed fire.

**Community service on-line report: Adjutant.**

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

**REPORT AS OF Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

HOURS	MILES	MEMBERS	DOLLARS SPENT	VALUE	TOTAL DOLLARS
472	4,894	394	\$362.00		\$66.12
\$428.12					

**POST OFFICERS REPORTS.**

1. **SENIOR VICE CDR:** Comrade Bobby Barber – Nothing to report.

2. **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Don Mugridge –Poppy Sales =Total raised, \$2931.97. \$2329 raised by Auxiliary & \$607.48 raised from Don Mugridge and Gary Mathees.
3. **CHAPLAIN Raschka:** Chaplain's report – today is Navajo Code Talker Day. This is a day set aside to remember the service and sacrifice of the legacy created by the men who served as code talkers to encrypt communications during World War II.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE: House Committee Members** present; Commander, Mark Wysocki, Fred Gburek, Karl August. QM Elect Jim Maas, Sr. Vice Bobby Barber, Golf Committee Chair Kinyon, and HC Chair Verhage.

Items Discussed.

- Painting the lower half of the dining area.
- Cleaning/stripping the floors has been completed. Huge Thank you to the Crew members who put in the time! John Herek, David Verhage, Larry Kinyon, Brian Diehn, Karl August, Bobby Barber, Roger Zebro, Ron Wroblewski, Bob Decker, and others. Their skills with Mops and Mop Buckets, A Buffer with floor stripper and Wax are amazing.
- The House committee is looking for a new Kitchen Contractor.
- A used Kitchen Warming Oven was purchased.
- Our New outdoor Sign is in, Mark will build a mounting bracket.
- HC Chair Verhage has some Garage re-roofing estimates. Comrade Verhage made a motion to approve up to \$3000 for roof repairs, based on quotes received. Comrade Larry Kinyon 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Members voted; motion carried.

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

The ET Committee meeting was Chaired by Laura Sniadajewski and held on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 18:00 hrs. Members present; Debbie Manthey, Mike Zynda, Barbara McCloy, Peggy Klitgaard-Mancel, Mike Zynda and Commander Strasser.

Items discussed:

- August 6<sup>th</sup>, Plover VFW Family Picnic.
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Car Show/Rifle Squad Breakfast and Parking.
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party W/Band.

**Golf Committee: Event is scheduled for Sept 9<sup>th</sup>; Chair Larry Kinyon. Called meeting for** Larry and a couple other volunteers cannot 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. Help at the course for the tournament and at the Post is needed.

- Committee Chair Kinyon reported that we are ahead of last year in funds.
- Chair Kinyon reviewed the list of past supporter/donors to insure all were being contacted or revisited if they were given a packet of event information.

**Citizenship, Education & Youth Developments Committee:** Commander is looking for someone to assist or take over this role. Reach out to schools and keep this program running.

- **VFW Community Activities Committee; (Need a Committee Chair).**
- **HS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: \_\_\_\_ (Need a Committee Chair).**
- **VOD, PP & TEACHER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE\_\_\_\_ (Need a Committee Chair).**

2023 -2024 Patriot's Pen Theme, "How are you inspired by America".

2023-2024 Voice of Democracy Theme, "What are the Greatest Attributes of our Democracy".

- **SCOUT OF THE YEAR.**

**The 8:00 PM Prayer;** Prayer recited by Chaplain Raschka.

**Military Assistance Program (MAP),** Chair Charneski emailed an update to Commander Strasser.

- Ron has the request in to the State NG Hq's for NG 1/120 Arty to support the Golf Scramble!

**Surgeon: Worzalla:** Comrade Worzalla – Not present. No report.

**DONATION REQUESTS: Chair Barb McCloy.**

- **Donation Committee Members; Jim Maas, Mike Worzalla, Scott Halverson, Barb McCloy, Brad Shufelt and John Thomas & The Commander.**
- Barb McCloy reported Three donation requests and presented them to the post:
  - Central Wisconsin Children's Museum – Downtown Stevens Point. Senior Vice Bobby Barber made motion the VFW Post donate \$100. Comrade Gary Jay 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Members voted; motion carried.
  - Comrade Don Mugridge made a motion that we donate to the Dream Flight operations for this year's event = \$250. Comrade Larry Kinyon 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Members voted; motion carried.
  - UWSP ROTC Program reached out asking for a sponsorship donation for the 2023 Ranger Ruck, same as last year - \$100. Senior Vice Bobby Barber made a motion to donate the \$100. Comrade Manny Rocha 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Members voted; motion carried. Post Adjutant reached out to the UWSP ROTC to confirm donation.

**RIFLE SQUAD: Rifle Squad Strasser.**

- The Rifle Squad participated in the Celebrate Plover Opening Ceremony Veterans Tribute.
- Rifle Squad Members and several Post members "manned" the Post Recruiting Shelter at the Celebrate Plover Event.
- The Rifle Squad Provided Military Honors for four Deceased Veterans and Provided/Presented the Colors at the Plover Legion's Baseball tournament.

**David,** updates on the Steak Feed.

- August 19<sup>th</sup> Steak feed, Cost is \$30.00 this year. Hope the corn is ready!
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup> First 2023 Steak & Omelet Breakfast and Car show.

**NEW Business.**

- Commander Strasser reported that he ordered a new membership recruiting kit and plans to conduct an informal membership recruiting training session in the future.
- Comrade Gary Matthees brought up the Military Order of the Cootie. They meet the first Wednesday of every month @ 11am for one hour and have lunch at the Plainfield VFW. They have a \$15/yearly membership. If there is any interest, let him know.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

**Thank you to Mark Spreda, Roger Zebro, David Verhage, John Herek.** We completed the rebuild of the ADA compliant ramp for the Veterans Husband. Took two hot & sweat filled days to complete the project. The post membership request for physical help was ignored, except for David Verhage and John Herek. Each worked one day on the two-day Project. The project cost that included the Material and the Labor of both Contractor Mark Spreda and Roger Zebro was \$1334.88.

**LOYALTY..... A very big thank you to every Post Life Member and Annual Member for remaining faithful to our Post.** We have many members who have moved out of our local area, and out of the state, (you know who you are), to Colorado, Arizona, Connecticut, South Carolina, Arkansas, Alabama, Missouri, Florida, Minnesota, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Washington. Yet, you stay Loyal to our Post. I see your names, and I remember you, every time I review our Post roster. We appreciate your loyalty very much!

**SAFETY BRIEFING: School will be starting in a couple of weeks! DON'T SPEED!**  
**Watch out for kids, Bus Stops and School Zones.**

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

- August 19<sup>th</sup>, Rifle Squad Steak Feed.
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> VFW Golf Scramble. Wisconsin River Golf Course.
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 19:00 hrs. VFW Post and Auxiliary meeting.
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Steak & Omelet Breakfast and Car Show.
- Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, Mission #45 never forgotten Honor Flight.
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 19:00 hrs. VFW Post and Auxiliary meeting.
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, Mission #46, Never Forgotten Honor Flight.
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Party with a band.
  
- **COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES; (Dates in U.S. History).**
  1. August 31<sup>st</sup>, End of operation Iraqi Freedom 2010.
  2. Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> VJ Day; Japan Surrendered. 1945 ending WW11 fighting.
  3. Sept 11- Patriots Day
  4. Sept (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday) POW/MIA Recognition Day
  5. Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Start of Operation Enduring Freedom – Afghanistan 2001.
  6. Oct 18<sup>th</sup> – Recognition of Women in Military Service.
  7. Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day
  8. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Day

## **ANNIVERSARIE'S and BIRTHDAYS for August 2023.**

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

**BIRTHDAYS.** 08/05 Walter Blanchard 76; 08/05 Norb Strasser 87;08/06 Jared Nagel 46.  
08/07 Ryan Flowerette 38; 08/07 Phillip Casale 68; 08/08 Donald Rasmussen 73;  
08/09 Robert Zimbauer 78; 08/12 David Skrzeczkoski 76; 08/14 Everest Woyak 74;

08/15 John Eickendorf; 08/24 Andrew Suchon 74; 08/30 Gregory Bernas 59; 08/31 Phil Kallas 77.

**ANNIVERSARIES.**08/04 William & Mary Boston; 08/05 Wayne & Shirley Gorell;  
08/08 Larry & Suzanne Kinyon; 08/20 Manuel & Sarah Rocha; 08/24 John & Lillian Herek.

**Attendance Raffle Winner!** Scott Halverson

**CLOSING CEREMONY;** Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. September 11<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Adjournment time: 20:30 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy  
Adjutant