



**VFW POST 10262**  
 2970 Hickory Dr. Plover, Wi 54467  
**POST MEETING**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup> 2022**



**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING:** \_\_\_\_\_ No Guests!

**Commander:** Opened the meeting for business; 19:00 hrs.

**Opening Prayer:** Read by Chaplain Raschka.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge Was recited by all members.

**Draping/Undraping of the Charter:**

- The charter was Undraped for our Deceased member William “Bill” McGregor.
- The Charter was draped for deceased Post & Rifle Squad Member Jim Cline.

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

- Was recited by all.

**Roll Call of officers.**

Present 9  
 Excused 4  
 Absent 3  
 VFW Members Present 17 members physically present. No video conference.

**Membership Statistics, APPLICATIONS, TRANSFERS & SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS;**

Senior Vice Wysocki:

Transfer in: Barbara McCloy

<b>Membership</b>	<b>%</b>
Post 10262	86.95
District 7	87.03
Dept WI	88.04
National	84.66

**Submissions of Meeting Minutes of previous month:** January minutes were accepted W/O changes.

## **QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status! Quartermaster Berg is Snow birding!**

**Comrade Verhage** reported that the Post net income for 2021 was \$45,666.40 Gross profit has been consistent over the past four years. Salaries, Wages and Benefits % to income was higher in 2020 due to the pandemic and higher in 2021 with the addition of the bar manager. For a complete financial report covering the last few years, contact Trustee Verhage who can provide you that information. With no other comments the commander asked for a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Comrade Wysocki made the motion to accept. The motion was seconded by Comrade Anderson. The motion carried.

**SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Yelkin;** Comrade Yelkin brought up application for headstone plate. Only the veteran can answer the questions to the application to ensure it has the proper information on it. The VA will purchase for veteran. Eagle foundry of Utah should be contacted to obtain form and more information.

## **MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:**

The membership was made aware of two individuals who were in need of prayers!

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:** None

## **POST OFFICERS REPORTS;**

1. **SENIOR VICE CDR;** Comrade Wysocki had no report.
2. **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Taylor. Not present.
3. **CHAPLAIN Raschka:** Chaplain Raschka mentioned the Four Chaplains which is in February. Big deal in the Legion. Feb 3, 1943 there were 4 Chaplains on the Dorchester. It was hit by a torpedo from a U Boat and 600 people died. The Chaplains assisted others into life boats. The Four Chaplains prayer was recited.

**The 8:00 PM Prayer was recited by Chaplain Raschka!**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**House Committee:** HC Chair Engel:

- **New House Committee Chair was elected.**
- **HC Chair Engel:**
- **Liquor Prices:** Expected to rise by 6%. Prices may increase.
- **Bartenders:** Some are having issues that will be dealt with by bar manager, Bil
- **Bathroom Improvements:** \$5900 to move electrical box to ensure walls are brought out to provide for ADA access. Need more space for stool, away from wall.
- **Vestibule:** Mark to get quote. 10' X 7' with two doors. Fee of \$18,800 and permits need to be filed. \$500 for blue print to ensure to code. Won't affect bar being open.
- **Door by Kitchen:** 36" and rusted out. \$1,875 estimate.

After comments, a motion was made by Comrade Verhage to spend up to \$2K for door to kitchen and \$20K for the vestibule. Motion was seconded by Comrade Wysocki. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Removal of Center Wall:** More room for weddings, etc. Supporting wall so need engineer. Bi-fold door will separate and allow for auxiliary meetings. These are soundproof.

- **Grease Trap:** When bathrooms are done, should increase the size of the trap. Too small with the volume of grease.
- **Kitchen Code:** Passed inspection and up to full code
- **Road Sign:** Needed vs a want. Could be up to \$20K. Quotes coming based on different options. Old signs have issues with parts availability. May be best to use new sign with a warranty.

**Rifle Squad: Strasser;**

**RIFLE SQUAD:** (Strasser).

- Funeral on January 27 for Jim Cline
- February 5<sup>th</sup> went up to present colors at hockey game which was on FB.
- Funeral scheduled for Friday, February 18.
- Musical insert for bugle lost in snow.
- Ordered XXX large V-neck sweaters.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April is Easter. Moving breakfast to 4<sup>th</sup> week of April.
- 30<sup>th</sup> of April scholarship presentation.
  
- **Comrade Verhage** reported on the January Breakfast. We served about 101 meals. Our net income was about \$773. Comrade Verhage encouraged members to join us for breakfast which is served from 08:30 until 12:00 hrs.

**Golf Committee:** Comrade Zinda. Golf outing will happen this year with Comrade Zinda as Chairman. He has 5 to help and needs more. First meeting in March, on the 5<sup>th</sup>. September 10 is outing. Recent meeting a decision was made to disperse funds as follows, \$15 to building fund to help with vestibule. \$8K to entertainment committee. Committee yet to be formed. 1 person from auxiliary and 1 from post to be members of committee. Gary informed us that Ron stated that \$8K should be healing fund for events that happened last year. Want young members.

Comrade Perry brought up a conversation he had with Barb. Barb is on board with \$50 bonus for bar employees. Discussion was had to decide when the .25 cent raise would take affect. Comrade stated it should be first pay period of January. Al stated the motion to make affective first pay period of January and it passed unanimously.

**Citizenship, Education & Youth Developments Committees;**

**Scholarship Committee:** Comrade Zynda; Information last month and must be in by May for presentation in June.

**Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen & Teacher of the Year.**

**Just Completed!**

No report

**MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charneski:** Not present.

**Surgeon: Worzalla**

- **SURGEON:** Comrade Worzalla; Not present
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**Poppy Committee:** Comrade Mugridge; No report

**Donation Committee:** Donation Committee members; Comrades Tessmann, Ransbottom, Wysocki and Taylor, Thomas and Shufelt.

- **Comrade Wysocki reported!** Three thank you for donations. Memorial foundation for \$250 honoring falling heroes, \$250 for Operation Bootstrap and card from State Adjutant. We donated \$500 for Wisconsin VFW Centennial Celebration.
- Donation to State of Kentucky. We had not address. Have address now. Motion made by Comrade Rashka to donate \$2000 to State of Kentucky VFW unmet needs fund. Will send letter along with check to state funds are to help veterans. Seconded by Comrade Zinda and passed unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commander Tessmann mentioned the opportunity for the Post to establish a yearly Scholarship fund, with a donation/investment of Post Funds into the Community Foundation of Portage County! Amounts of \$25,000.00 or \$50,000.00 are to be considered. After three (3) years, each \$25,000 donated into the Foundation would provide the Post yearly, a fully funded \$1000.00 scholarship. Commander Tessman asked what the pleasure of the past was. Comrade Verhage mentioned that whatever we put in, when pulled out would still have to be used for scholarship. Commander Tessman mentioned that he didn't get that take. He recalls that we could take the money out and it was the hope that the entity would do some sort of scholarship. Comrade Zynda had the notes from the initial meeting. He stated that we have a scholarship fund already awarding scholarships based on points. He further mentioned that if the Community Foundation didn't approve of our pick the wouldn't award the money. He mentioned that the Golf committee contributes \$1K, Rifle Squad \$1K and Post \$1K for three scholarships. Commander Tessman asked if the post just wanted to bury this process and it was buried.

Commander Tessman mentioned the Community Foundation Fund that was presented in the November meeting. This was presentation from tonight. Norb desired to make a motion to take the Community Foundation off the table and consider veterans through midstate. Norb made a motion to set up a scholarship for non-traditional veterans for \$10K. We will use current scholarship committee to establish criteria. Commander Tessman stated that we had the motion on floor from Comrade Strasser, second from Comrade Anderson and motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A motion was made by Mike Zynda to form a committee that included all the local veteran groups and organizations to raise funds to support the Lake Pacawa Project. Commander Tessman asked Mike what we wanted to do. Mike said, "don't ask me, I just made the motion." He really meant that we shouldn't flip the whole bill but it should be shared by all. This is a suggestion that will be tabled.
- Comrade Matthees recommended that the Post should create a 'Planning Committee' that would be made up of five (5) Post members, The Commander, Quartermaster and five (5) members that excluded the current House Committee members. Commander Tessman stated that we already have a committee which is the House Committee that could make a recommendation to the post. We can ask the HC to do this. Gary stated that he brought this up to include more diverse committee that would include a sampling of veterans from all conflicts. He feels that it just is up to the Vietnam veterans and want to incorporate more viewpoints. Need to start planning past the projects we

already have planned. Are we going to purchase the property behind us. Replacing asphalt, etc. Gary wants a long term committee. Commander Tessman mentioned that we should use the new entertainment committee to bring all the members together. Gary recommended that we should add younger members to the HC.

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

- Commander Tessman mentioned some of the key points from the mid-winter conference and how we won the Red Carpet Award for membership. Two things notable, UW Madison program to work on bringing back the 1500 Wisconsin MIAs. The need funds to support this. Will bring up for March donation committee. The second VFW Warfighters PTSD committee. Looking for donations. Will discuss more in March. Big take away from conference is events. They bring in membership. We lost people through the past few meetings. Other information on the mid-winter was sent via separate email from Adjutant. Norb mentioned that we could take out an ad for the Loyalty Days and rifle squad could participate. We can make plans in March for. Norb made motion to enter us in flyer, seconded by Perry and motion carried unanimously.

### **Birthdays & Anniversary's:**

- January Birthdays and Anniversaries were read by Adj. Cansino.

**ATTENDANCE RAFFLE!** Winner, Commander Tessman

**Closing Prayer:** Read by Chaplain Raschka

**Adjournment:** 2120

**Next Meeting** 19:00 Hrs. March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Respectfully submitted by:

John Cansino