



**VFW POST 10262**  
 2970 Hickory Dr. Plover, Wi 54467  
**POST MEETING**  
**January 10<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 Rick Stevens
- The Charter was draped for deceased Post member William (Bill) McGregor.

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

- Was recited by all.

**Roll Call of officers.**

Present	12
Excused	3
Absent	1

VFW Members Present    30 members physically present and 4 +1 on-line video Conf.

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

Senior Vice Wysocki:

Transfer in Steve Whiteman ???  
 New member Brian Paulson was Sworn in!

<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:** December minutes were accepted W/O changes. They were not present but members were reminded they were provided draft copies by email.

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

**Comrade Verhage** reported that the Post net income for the year 2021 was \$45,000. Comrade Verhage offer to stay after the meeting and provide the complete information. 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 Halverson made the motion to accept. The motion was seconded by Comrade Worzalla. The motion carried

**SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Yelkin;**

Comrade Yelkin . No report.

**MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:**

- **Thank you** from Dan Hoppe, Teacher of the year.
- **Thank you** from Aspirus St. Michaels for the internment Flag for Rick Stevens.
- We received information that Norbert Lee of the Stratford Post Passed away. He was the former 7<sup>th</sup> District Commander and the State Inspector for a number of years. A sympathy card was sent to his widow!
- The Rifle Squad received donations from a fund raiser hosted by the District 1 Brewing Company. \$946.50 from District 1 and \$150.00 from Purple Basil who teamed up for the fundraiser. Both organizations received Thank You Letters from the Post. Credit Debbie Manthey for steering the donations our Posts Way.
- Mentioned the availability of the Food Safety Class at for 2022 on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at Springville Sports!
- He mentioned receiving a message from the UWSP ROTC department asking if some Cadets could do something for the Post to raise funds for their planned Ruck-Sack Bataan Death March. They are still assessing the level of interest of the Cadets to travel for the March. They do fundraisers throughout the year so they may try again for the Breakfast support!
- He read more thank you cards from the following,
  - a. Ltc Col Pete Arnold for our support of the wreaths Across America Program this year.
  - b. Aspirus Spiritual Care and Chaplain Bonnie for donating an Internment Flag to be used for deceased veterans as they are removed from the Hospital. On that note the Rifle Squad donated four more internment flags to the Chaplain. These flags were some of those that were turned in to the post.
  - c. From the Portage County Boys and Girls Club for our Donation of \$25.00.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT: Ron Stoflet**

7<sup>th</sup> District stats;

Post	DOLLARS	
	MEMBERS	SPENT/DONATED
Post 388 Total	175	\$2,056.63
Post 664 Total	355	\$2,605.00
Post 1638 Total	100	\$835.00
Post 1866 Total	51	\$0.00

Post 2227 Total	19	\$0.00
Post 2534 Total	280	\$11,460.32
Post 2723 Total	94	\$0.00
Post 5960 Total	49	\$25.00
Post 6003 Total	126	\$32,620.00
Post 6007 Total	96	\$3,335.69
Post 6279 Total	36	\$394.80
Post 8280 Total	19	\$0.00
Post 8342 Total	0	\$110.70
Post 8527 Total	171	\$80.00
Post 8718 Total	45	\$1,645.00
Post 8770 Total	21	\$780.00
Post 10187 Total	130	\$282.00
Post 10262 Total	466	\$34,053.04

**POST OFFICERS REPORTS;**

- 1. SENIOR VICE CDR;** Comrade Wysocki mentioned that he picked up a check from Associated Bank for \$250.00. He reported that he received a membership application from a Steven Borkenhaven to join the Post.
- 2. JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Taylor.  
No Report
- 3. CHAPLAIN;** Chaplain Raschka  
Chaplain Raschka mentioned that he was updating the list of names of Deceased Veterans from the VFW and Plover Legion for NAME PLATE Placement on the Plover Area Veterans Memorial Wall.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS;**

**House Committee:** HC Chair Ransbottom deferred to HC member Zynda;

- **House Committee Member Zynda** reported that he had met with Kitchen Contractor Jake and with Tim Colegrove and Mark Spreda Present, and had discussed the need for Jake to make a better effort to take care of the periodic maintenance and cleaning of the kitchen and appliances. Cleaning of the Fire Suppression System Pre-filters needs to be done on schedule. Also, the drain “Grease Trap” issue must be scheduled and maintained! Mike and Tim are putting together a maintenance schedule for everything that needs to be done in the Kitchen to help Jake keep on schedule! He mentioned that he is working with Tim, Mary and Mark to put together a schedule for periodic maintenance for the Kitchen and the equipment!
- **The four New Pizza Ovens** that were ordered have been received and three (3) have been installed, two in the Kitchen and one at the Bar. Jake has reported that they work great!
- It is understood that Jake has to pay for his own cleaning materials, especially because of his weekly use.
- Commander Tessmann mentioned that he had discussed with Mark our restrooms which are too small and are not ADA accessible. They met with a representative of the Village of Plover inspection office who will get back to them, and provide the specs needed to make them in compliance.
- The Commander also talked with the inspector about an addition of a Vestibule on the Parking Lot side entrance of our Post building.

- HC Chair Ransbottom mentioned that a pay raise for employees and a Christmas bonus had not been discussed. After asking for membership input on amounts, Ransbottom suggested a \$0.25 cent per hr. raise and a \$50.00 Christmas Bonus. A motion was made by comrade Halverson in favor of the pay raise and Christmas bonus, and seconded by Comrade Worzalla. The motion carried! No effective date stated on the raise in pay!
- Comrade Engel asked on the progress of the Large Post sign. Ransbottom said he had the project in hand!

**Rifle Squad: Strasser;**  
**RIFLE SQUAD:** (Strasser).

- Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, the Rifle Squad braved the Snow Storm and provided Military Honors for Deceased Post and Rifle Squad member Rick Stevens.
- On Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, we supported the Civil Air Patrol Wreaths across America at the Korean War Veterans Memorial 11:00 hrs. and supported the Plover DAR request for support at the Plover Cemetery with Rifles and Taps for their Wreaths across America Ceremony at 13:00 hrs.
- On Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. The Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast was joined by Santa and his helpers and made a number of children and a few adults happy
- On Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00 hrs. At the Plover Cemetery, Funeral Honors were provided for Deceased Vet Carroll Smith
- On Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, the Rifle Squad provided honors for another Deceased Community Veteran.
- We received a request for presenting the Colors for the Pointers Hockey Team/Game at the UWSP Hockey Arena, on its Military Appreciation event on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Jan. We will need to be there by 6:00 PM. The game is at 7:00 PM. The Post will receive 50 free tickets to the game to be dispensed to Post Veterans that includes our post and family members. Limited to four (4) per family!
- Notification from the Tavern League of Wisconsin on next Food Safety Class in Plover on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. It would be beneficial for another Post Member to be a Certified Food Safety Manager.
- The Rifle Squad donated a 4 x 6 US Flag to Madison School in Stevens Point!
- The RS has been requested to Perform Military Honors for Deceased Veteran and Polish Legion Member Gerald (Jerry) Kirshling on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Jan and also provides Honors for Deceased vet Allen Hansen on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Jan!
- On the 12<sup>th</sup> of Dec, the Rifle Squad presented the Colors for the Parelli HS Military Appreciation Night Basketball Game.
- **Comrade Verhage** reported on the December Breakfast and our January Breakfast! We served about 95 meals for Decembers Breakfast with Santa. Our net income was about \$12.00 but has carried over about \$100.00 of Steaks and the cost of a new Crock Pot that was purchased last month which factors into the Net. Comrade Verhage encouraged members to join us for breakfast which is served from 08:30 until 12:00 hrs.

**Golf Committee:** Comrade Stoflet;

No report

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

**Scholarship Committee:** Comrade Zynda;

He reported that he would give out the Scholarship Application Forms later this month!

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

**Just Completed!**

No report

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

- Comrade Ron reported that he was contacted by FRG Amanda Slagel and the Fundraiser is being put on hold for a while.

**Surgeon: Worzalla**

- **SURGEON:** Comrade Worzalla;
- He reported that he had received a letter from the Bob Kitto Family with a donation and the donation was turned over to the American Cancer Association on behalf of the AMVETS and the VFW.

**Poppy Committee:** Comrade Mugridge;

- No report.

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

- **Comrade Wysocki reported!** That last month, associated Bank contacted the Post wanting to make a Donation of \$250.00 to the Post after winning the Veterans Day Display competition.
- A check for \$500.00 was donated to the Rifle Squad from the Wayne Johnson Family.
- At our Dec Meeting, Chaplain Raschka made a motion that we donate \$2000.00 to KY to help the Tornado Victims. The motion was seconded by Comrade Suchon. After discussion, it was mentioned that the earlier funds that were intended for Louisiana were never sent because a solid mailing address could not be found. A motion was made to amend the current motion and research for proper addresses and bring this up at the next meeting. The motion was restated and the membership approved the motion. Comrade Wysocki had attempted to find a VFW Post but the area hardest hit did not have a Post, so he has tried contacting the State of KY VFW Office with no luck but he will continue to keep trying to make contact.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commander Tessmann explained how we would address the unfinished business issue and the motion. He would read the Main Motion as it is written and then turn the Gavel over to sr. Vice Wysocki. He would step away from the Podium and provide the Post membership with the Committee report in which he stated he had more information about the Memorial, but no change from the Village in what we are talking about.

Commander Tessmann read the main motion; Comrade Ransbottom made a motion to “facilitate” \$50,000.00 toward the Lake Pacawa Park Foundation Program to “Facilitate the Memorial at the Dam, and further Facilitate with donations , set aside with \$10,000,00 yearly increments and further set aside the money in CD”s. Any vote on any motion requires 2/3 majority vote of members present to pass” and the repeated state Adj. recommendation was; the post consider a process action team, to define the project further, define the cost, define the posts involvement, find facts and make a recommendation to the membership, and then vote”.

Commander Tessmann turned to gavel over to the Sr. Vice commander.

Commander Tessmann explained that the Village of Plover established a Foundation that would accept donations for the reconstruction and development of the Phase two Lake Pacawa Park. An area was set aside for a Flag Memorial which consisted of three Flag Poles, two Benches on a concrete area. Originally, he had suggested the Post donate \$50,000 to secure “naming rights” with a plate, but because of the push back on the \$50K, “he got it”. He reminded the members that the Village of Plover has been good to the Post in the past and the project would

be completed if we did not donate. Commander Tessmann then stated that he was aware of some information that the membership might be Okay with donating \$10,000. If this is something we wanted to do, the main motion could be amended to reflect that. It would go toward the construction of the Memorial sit! He then informed us the real issue of the Memorial is the Polished Granite Memorial Stones. Cost Estimates for the Three Polished and Etched Black Stones were \$73,855 to \$75,000 delivered from Pennsylvania within 7-9 months. The measurements of the stones are 6 ft. tall, 42 ins wide and 8 ins thick. Getting Stones from India, it could be less, like \$27,485 but would take 13 -15 months for delivery. Any additional etching would add to the cost! He stated that the reality of it was that the Memorial would be completed whether we donated to it or not!

Commander Tessmann had available some renderings of the Village of Plover's Master Plan for members to look at.

Discussion of the Memorial and it location carried on. Commander Tessmann indicated that this Memorial was "reaching-out" to the Afghan and Iraq Veterans and our involvement with this Memorial was a way the we could be seen as reaching out to that Generation of Veterans in our Community. He stated that the location was good, not at the Roosevelt School or tucked away at a municipal building, but would be located at the new/rebuilt park. He stated that he believed in his heart that this is the way to go to help recognize this generation of Veterans!

Commander Tessmann suggested that if we agree with his suggestion. We should put \$10,000 toward the site Construction and \$40,000 toward the polished totally black Stones.

The following comments and discussion are condensed from the following Post members, Engel, Griffith, Raschka, Hanson, Zynda, Worzalla, Vehrage, Matthees, Bubla, Dunlap, Taylor, Strasser, Wysocki, Tessmann and others;

1. There appears to be some confusion on the issues;
2. I think there are plenty of Memorials around;
3. There is never enough memorials;
4. How about the maintenance of the memorials;
5. This issue has been going on for 9 months;
6. It's torn the membership apart;
7. We need to look at our Post Quartermaster issue;
8. We have four National Community Service Awards out Front;
9. We need to establish a long range asset program;
9. Look at how the Merrill Post operates;
10. We need to look at the past Commander's White Hat Awards and we should be doing the Post things to help you earn one;
11. We need the younger Vets to step up and join in with the old vets to help keep the Post going;
12. Post is in disarray;
13. Al may not have been totally clear on his intentions with the monuments;
14. To think the Post would not benefit from this memorial is questionable;
15. Questions on where the granite blocks are coming from;
16. Why didn't we look at other areas of the Park project that we could have donated to;
17. We have already donated over \$26,000 to the community this year;
18. We need to establish a Capital improvement program and look at the Post Parking lot, the restrooms to become ADA compliant and the Vestibule on or building;
19. We should look at including the other Local Veteran Organizations in a fund rising for the Memorial,
20. The High Ground is the place to reflect;
21. I think \$10,000 is OK to go with;
21. Is granite available locally;
22. We were supposed to have an Action Committee Report;
23. Was an action team formed/;

Commander Tessmann returned to the Podium;

Commander Tessmann stated the membership would now revisit the main motion and Comrade Ransbottom took the floor:

Ransbottom stated he wanted to amend the main motion to read \$10,000 toward the Memorial, and a committee formed to raise the money with other groups and the committee to figure out

the best way to purchase the Granite Stones for the memorial. When asked about the wording of the main motion and what he wanted struck for the main motion, he then stated, "strike it all", Struck from the main motion is the following lines; ("toward the Lake Pacawa Park foundation program to facilitate the Memorial Dam and further facilitate the donation set aside with the \$10,000 in yearly increments and further set aside with the money in \$10,000 CD's.")

The main motion is now changed to read as follows, Comrade Ransbottom made a motion to amend the main motion to make a single \$10,000 donation to the Flag Memorial. When a post member was attempting to clarify for herself the changes to the main amendment, the post member lost control of his temper with that member, made a sexist remark, and caused that member and seven (7) other members to leave the meeting.

Commander Tessmann then restated the main motion to read "The motion on the floor is to give \$10,000 to Lake Pacawa". All those in favor, (I's), a few I's,'s, and opposed, all mostly no's. He opened the motion to discussion. After limited discussion, he asked for a hand vote on all that were opposed to the \$10,000 donation to the Lake Pacawa Project. A show of hands showed 14. He then asked for those in favor Commander Tessmann then took a count and stated that the 2/3's 'membership did not approve the motion and the motion "was dead! ".

A new motion was made by the Commander to form a committee to RAISE THE FUNDS. He asked for all those in favor with I's, most all members responded with I's. No No's. Motion carried.

Comrade Matthees made a motion that the post establishes a "Long range planning committee, To find the costs of the needed Post facility improvements. The motion was seconded by Comrade Worzalla; all members were in favor of the motion.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS REMAINING:**

- On the Dec agenda, 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 Tessmann recommended this item be carried over to the next meeting and asked for a motion! Comrade Ransbottom made the motion to move the Scholarship fund issue to the January Meeting. The motion was seconded by Comrade Zynda. The motion carried.
- MSTC representative Jill Steckbauer is scheduled to present options for Scholarships for Non-Traditional Veterans at our Feb Meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS remaining unfinished!**

- .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.

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

- Nothing reported.

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

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

**ATTENDANCE RAFFLE!** Winner, Mark Wysocki

**Closing Prayer:** Read by Chaplain Raschka

**Adjournment:** 21:45 Hrs.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser