



VFW POST 10262
 2970 Hickory Drive
 Plover, Wi 54467
 Post Meeting Minutes
 July 10th, 2023



Joint Meeting with the Auxiliary

- **Mike Zynda;** Awarding three Post Scholarships to HS Seniors.
 - **Brandi Cabrini** - \$1000 from Bert Platta Rifle Squad Memorial Scholarship
 - **Zach Kologziej** - \$1000 from Mike Helgert Golf Scholarship
 - **Lillith Higgins** - \$1000 from VFW Post 10262 Scholarship
- **Annette Houston,** asked for a few minutes to talk about MS.
 - Multiple Sclerosis affects veterans more than we know.
 - She discussed ways the Post or its members can get involved.
 - Annette reviewed what is being done through various MS charities and advocates.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING DURING THE JOINT MEETING.

Potential Transfer-in Thomas (Tom) Otto –Former US National Guard member from Janesville VFW Post.

COMMANDER STRASSER OPENED THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS; 19:30 HRS.

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

Opening Prayer: Comrade Tim Bubla filling in for 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	11
Excused	5
Absent	0

VFW Members Present – 22 - members physically present & 0 online participants.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS, APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS and “Mustering in” of New Members;
Membership Chair Mark Wysocki. As of July 1st, 2023, 208 members, 165-Life members 43-Annual members

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

QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status:

Quartermaster Comrade Maas,

- Post Finances were discussed,
- Sales with Jake's Kitchen versus Sales without – we are only roughly \$1000 below our average sales.
- Restricted funds are funds set aside earmarked for something like Rifle Squad, building fund, scholarship fund or a specific reason money is set aside.

Motion to accept Gary J & Don Mugridge 2nd. Motion carried.

- **SERVICE OFFICER REPORT:** Comrade Yelkin,
 - The VA has added a new feature online. You are now able to check your disability claim status. Go to VA.gov or My HealtheVet, create a login or login.
 - VA has extended the presumptive period to Dec. 31, 2026 for qualifying chronic disabilities rated 10% or more resulting from undiagnosed illnesses in Persian [Gulf War](#) Veterans, to ensure benefits established by Congress are fairly administered.
- **Spread the word about PACT Act eligibility and** if anyone has any questions or concerns.
- Email yelkinj@yahoo.com or call 715 457-2812

MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS: Chaplain Frank Raschka is working through physical therapy and is improving. He was not in attendance at this meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

We received 'Thank You' cards from:

Three thank you's shared with the Post. One from the Knights of Columbus for our Flag Day Presentation shared. They also gave a \$100 donation to our Relief Fund. One 'thank you' from Zach Kolodziej for his award of a \$1000 Mike Helgert Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Physical Therapy and participating in the UWSP ROTC program. And lastly, another 'thank you' from the family of Kyle Zblewski for the Military Funeral Honors presented June 10th.

Community service on-line report: Adjutant.

Please report your community service hours to the Adjutant or Commander. The reporting period starts as of May 1st, 2023.

REPORT AS OF July 7th 2023

HOURS	MILES	MEMBERS	DOLLARS SPENT	VALUE	TOTAL DOLLARS
327	4,062	326	\$271,00		\$45.82 \$316.82

POST OFFICERS REPORTS.

1. **SENIOR VICE CDR:** Comrade Bobby Barber – Not present.
2. **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Don Mudgridge –2000 poppies are here. 1000 was erroneously ordered but will be kept, 1000 will be picked up by the State Past Commander Rathke and turned over to another 7th District Post.
3. **CHAPLAIN Raschka:** Comrade Tim Bubla shared Chaplain Raschka's report. "Today marks 502 days for the conflict in the Ukraine. Please keep the families and children in your thoughts and prayers".

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

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

Items Discussed.

- Painting the lower half of the dining area.
- Cleaning/stripping the floors is scheduled for the 24th and 31st of July. The Furniture will be moved, and one half of the building floors will be stripped each Monday, starting at 08:00 hrs. Need Volunteers!
- We/ the House committee are looking for a new Kitchen Contractor. There are a couple of interested prospects and meetings are being set up.
- Kitchen Warming Oven has been purchased.
- Our new outdoor Sign has been ordered.
- Mark Spreda is scheduled to work on the post's project, the Veteran's house handicap ramp last week of July. Will need a couple volunteers to help with the project.

Entertainment/Planning Committee:

The ET Committee meeting was Chaired by Laura Sniadajewski and held on June 5th, 17:00 hrs. Members present; Debbie Manthey, Mike Zynda,, Barbara McCloy, Peggy Klitgaaard-Mancel, and Commander Strasser.

Items discussed:

- No meeting in June. Upcoming events shared:
 - This weekend July 15th, Gray Cats 4-9pm. Brats and burgers.
 - August 6th, Plover VFW Family Picnic. (Drovers are booked to play 2 – 5:00 PM). Barbara McCloy is developing and planning the program and activities. Please see Barbara and volunteer to help with the Family Day Event for Members, Auxiliary and employees only. "Games, prizes, Catered food and music". Our Post will be closed to the public on Sunday, Aug 6th.
 - August 19th is the Rifle Squad Steak Feed.
 - Sept 9th – VFW Golf Scramble.
 - Sept 17th, Car Show & Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast. Considering Car Show Parking in our Main Parking lot to keep down the dust from the entries!

Golf Committee: Event is scheduled for Sept 9th; Chair Larry Kinyon. Called a meeting for June 5th, 18:00 Hrs. Members present, Debbie Manthey, Mike Zynda, Gary Matthees, Norb Strasser
Items Discussed:

Larry and a couple other volunteers can't 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.

New donor – Werner Electric out of Appleton will be providing ditty bags.

Duraclean will be providing gift certificates.

Bootleggers will provide the food.

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

- **Scholarship Committee:** – Commander reminded post members that this Committee is looking for a Chair and more members to assist. Please consider getting involved.

- **VOD & PP THEMES and TEACHER OF THE YEAR!** - The Commander reminded post members that this Committee needs a Chair and is also looking for more involvement and more members.
- (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".

Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen & Teacher of the Year. No report

The 8:00 PM Prayer was recited by Comrade Tim Bubla on behalf of the Chaplain.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charneski: not present. Nothing to report.

Surgeon: Worzalla: Comrade Worzalla – Not present. Nothing report.

DONATION REQUESTS: Chair Mark Wysocki.

- **Donation Committee Members; Jim Maas, Mike Worzalla, Scott Halverson, Barb McCloy, Brad Shufelt and John Thomas & The Commander.**
- Barb McCloy reported two donation requests presented to the post:
 - Celebrate Plover Days looking for annual donation of \$200. This will benefit the event but also provides a sign that represents the VFW Post 10262 that will be placed along the 5K route at the event. Larry Kinyon made motion, Gary J 2nd. Motion carried.
 - Plover American Legion 543 is having their annual fundraiser and looking for \$100 donation. Donation to be given to John Herek. Gary J made motion, Larry Kinyon 2nd. Motion carried.

RIFLE SQUAD: Rifle Squad Strasser.

- During June, we provided Military Honors for 6 Deceased Veterans.
- We supported the Humane Society Walk for Wags event. Nice weather and a bunch of folks walking dogs!
- We conducted two Military Funeral and Patriotic Flag presentations on Flag Day June 14th. One at the ADRC and for the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.
- Tim Bubla is Working on a PowerPoint presentation and taking some pictures for the program.

David, any update on the August 19th Steak feed, Cost is \$30.00 this year. Hope the corn is ready!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mark Spreda and I drove out to check out the Handicap ramp 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. This is a late July project! Will need help with teardown and rebuild.
- The Plan is to teardown one day, rebuild the next day. Located 12 miles out on Hwy 54. Looking at the week of July 24th to do repairs. The Commander will send out more information as we get closer. Assistance will be needed when the project starts.
- Steak feed tickets are behind the bar. Selling for \$30, event is Saturday, August 19th.
- Flagpole project at the Guardian Angel Cemetery Columbarium. Meeting at the Cemetery Association to discuss who would own the flagpole, will flags be provided if

in disrepair and need to be replaced? Comrade Bob, to go to the meeting and bring back information to the members at the August meeting.

- Reminder from Dave Verhage that the Post is open to events and parties. We have proven we can fit 125 people. Food can be catered for the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination of Commander Pro Tempore. Post member Brad Shufelt was introduced. He is a Retired Army Sergeant Major. Commander Strasser made the motion and nominated him for Commander Pro-Temp. Gary J 2nd. Motion carried.

Good of the Order:

- Minutes will be completed the week after the meeting and mailed out to all members without an email. A Note will be included to provide an email if you have one. This will be an ongoing effort each month to share communications with the rest of the post members unable to attend the meeting.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND DATES.

- July 15th Gray Catz Play 1:00 – 5:00 PM Sock Hop
- August 12th, Auxiliary & Post Poppy Drive.
- August 19th, Rifle Squad Steak Feed.
- Sept 9th VFW Golf Scramble. Wisconsin River Golf Course.
- Sept 11th 7:00 PM Post and Aux Meeting.
- Sept 17th, Steak & Omelet Breakfast and Car Show.
- Sept 25th, Mission #45 never forgotten Honor Flight.
- Oct 9th 7:00 PM Post and Aux Meeting.
- Oct 16th, Mission #46, Never Forgotten Honor Flight.

COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES: Dates in U.S. History -

- July 27th, signing of the Korean Armistice in 1953.
- August 31st, End of operation Iraqi Freedom 2010.
- Sept 2nd VJ Day; Japan Surrendered. 1945 ending WW11 fighting.
- Sept 11- Patriots Day
- Sept (3rd Friday) POW/MIA Recognition Day

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

BIRTHDAYS: July

7/9 Marci Ledlow 56; 7/9 Nickolas L Huillier 53; 7/10 Dennis Lepper 80
7/12 John Herek 74; 7/17 Peter Cycosz 37; 7/17 Wayne LaVasseur 78; 7/19 Michael Wolf 41;
7/25 Christopher Holman 46; 7/27 Thomas Her 75; 7/31 Jeremy Larsen 42; 7/31 Glennis Aaveng 76.

ANNIVERSARIES: July

7/1 Dennis & Irene Lepper; 7/18 Walter & Grace Blanchard;
7/20 Michael & Beverly Butcher; 7/24 John Jr. & Kathy Burger; 7/31 Jared & Sheree Nagel

Attendance Raffle! Larry Kinyon

CLOSING CEREMONY; Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. Aug 14th, 2023.

Adjournment time: 20:30 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy
Adjutant