



## VFW POST 10262

2970 Hickory Drive  
Plover, Wi 54467

Post Meeting Minutes  
June 12th, 2023



**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING DURING THE JOINT MEETING.** None

**COMMANDER STRASSER OPENED THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS; 19:10 HRS.**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Comrade Frank Raschka

**Draping/Undraping of the Charter:**

- Charter was undraped for Past Post Member Lloyd Firkus

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

- Was recited by all.

**Roll Call of officers.**

Present	14
Excused	--
Absent	2

VFW Members Present – 22 - members physically present & 2 online participants.

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

Our membership on June 1<sup>st</sup> was 210 members. 166 Life members 44 Annual members.

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

**QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status:**

Quartermaster Pro-Tem & House Committee Chair Verhage reported.

- Post Finances and QM Report.

Q&A Questions raised again about moving money out of the canteen fund and into the Post money market. Dave said this was completed. Cash balances show movement. Income up a little. Profits were down a little.

Motion to accept; Mark Wysocki & Scott Halverson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

- **SERVICE OFFICER REPORT:** Comrade Yelkin, 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](mailto:yelkinj@yahoo.com) or call 715 457-2812

**MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:** Chaplain Frank Raschka back at meetings. Tony Carpenter went into hospital. Home now. Pray for full recovery.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:**

We received 'Thank You' cards from:

- Received 'thank you' letter from UWSP Dept of Military Science for hosting 2023 Awards Ceremony and presenting VFW award to Cadet Stremkowski. Received thank you in same card from Cadet Stremkowski and pictures of award of \$1000.
- Received a 'thank you' card from Troy Lepper for our generous support.
- Years of Service pins were handed out at the end of the meeting.

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

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

### **NEW REPORTING PERIOD STARTING FROM 1 May 2023**

### **POST OFFICERS REPORTS.**

1. **SENIOR VICE CDR:** Comrade Bobby Barber – Illness from the Gulf War is being added to the VA questionnaire at the beginning of visits. They are pushing to include that care for veterans.
2. **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Don Mudgridge – poppies were ordered.
3. **CHAPLAIN Raschka:** Thank you to everyone for prayers for recovery. Started cardio rehab and 'off and running'.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

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

Items Discussed:

- Floor mats were discussed, and HC Chair David is working on the replacements.
- Cleaning/stripping the floors has been rescheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of July. One half of the building floors will be stripped on each Monday!
- We/the House committee are looking for a new Kitchen Contractor or exploring/talking about the option of hiring a Chef/Cook/helpers and waitresses to run the kitchen. If anyone has ideas, let Dave know.
- Still looking at Kitchen Warming Oven options.

- Purchasing a new outdoor electronic sign is still on the agenda! The Village of Plover Permit was received. 18 x 40 sign. \$500. Brand new sign, warranty being reviewed. Motion made by Larry Kinyon to spend \$1000 getting sign put up. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary J. Members voted, motion carried.
- Bar Snack food prices are being adjusted up to cover our increase in costs.
- August 19<sup>th</sup> Steak Feed. Price this year will be \$30.00 and will include a Free Beer or Rail Drink.

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

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

Items discussed.

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Stevens Point Parade and snacks at the post after the parade. The auxiliary is registered for a float!
- July 15<sup>th</sup> scheduling of Band Gray Catz. Clothing/Dress theme options were discussed. 60's – 80's maybe or called a Sock-Hop! Playing from 5:00 – 9:00 PM.
- August 6<sup>th</sup>, Plover VFW Family Picnic. Post Members only. Drivers are booked to play 3 – 6 PM. Bootleggers cater burgers & brats. Will have games and activities. Gift for members & Auxiliary members. Adj. Barbara McCloy is developing and planning the program and activities.
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Rifle Squad Breakfast and Classic Car Show. Show parking in our main parking lot option to keep down the dust from all the entries was discussed. Parking and distance from the Overflow Parking Area to the Post entrance for physically challenged may be an issue.

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

- Brad Shufelt signed up to help and will also golf in the event.
- **Need help** with posters, letters and signs. Contact Larry Kinyon for details.
- Four Man Teams and hole sponsors still needed. Check with Larry for contact list.
- Discussed the current donations.
- Send out Letters were signed and passed out, as were envelopes, blue cards, and Registration forms.
- Food was discussed again put on hold to see what develops with a potential kitchen contractor.
- Sponsor assignments: Help is needed to contact a few places and businesses for donations and hole sponsors.
- Larry Kinyon 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.

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

### **Scholarship Committee: Comrade Zynda:**

- Scholarships will be awarded during the July Meeting. Multiple Sclerosis will have a speaker at July meeting.

### **VOD & PP THEMES and TEACHER OF THE YEAR Committee.**

- (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

**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 report
  - Empty/bowls Oct 21 – Gary J made motion that Post donates \$125, Mark Wysocki 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members voted. Motion carried.
  - Pacelli Panaca Sept – Mike Worzalla made motion we donate \$125, Bobby Barber 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members voted. Motion carried.
  - American Legion Post 6 – 26 Club raffle - \$104 for tickets. Dave Verhage made motion we donate \$104, Gary J second. Members voted. Motion carried.
  - Amvets had their fundraiser in April. Donation of \$250 yearly. Amvets will donate \$250 to our Golf Scramble. Gary Mathees made motion that the Post donate \$250, Larry Kinyon second. Members voted. Motion carried.

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

**RIFLE SQUAD: Rifle Squad Strasser.**

- May has started with three Funerals and two more scheduled for early June.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> Rifle Squad was requested to present a Military Funeral and Flag etiquette presentation to the Stevens Point Area 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Catholic Knights. Of Columbus.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> The Rifle Squad was requested to provide a patriotic Flag Presentation to the Veterans at the Lincoln Center. Tim Bubla, Bob Decker presenting.
- June 25<sup>th</sup>, Humane Society “Walk for Wags” at about 11:00 AM Color Guards and Flag Bearers. Color Guard help is needed.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Stevens Point Parade. We are registered as a Marching Unit and the Auxiliary is registered as a one vehicle float!
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Rifle Squad Breakfast and Classic Car Show. Show parking in our main parking lot option to keep down the dust from all the entries was discussed. Parking and distance from the Overflow Parking Area to the Post entrance for physically challenged may be an issue.
- Update provided on Oso Brewery Run/Walk. We served 10 less people than last year, and our expenses went up. We only made \$650 as opposed to \$900 last year. Will still donate \$1000. Discussion on raising donations will be brought up at the next Rifle Squad meeting.
- We made \$3300 on the 2022 – 2023 Steak & Omelet breakfasts. We are giving \$500 to Auxiliary – they have a number of members on the Rifle Squad.
- Steak feed tickets went up in price from \$25 to \$30 to include a free drink. The cost of meat was a factor.

**MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charneski:** he has a request out to the State National Guard for the 120<sup>th</sup> Artillery to start off the Golf Scramble in September.

**Surgeon: Worzalla:** Whole Health Model – this is the VA’s approach to veteran’s care and what matters to you. They work with you regarding your goals and personal health to make a plan and meet your care needs on a more personal level. For more information, go to their website – [va.gov/wholehealth](http://va.gov/wholehealth). Call the State Surgeon @ Tomah: 715-218-5148 or [surgeon@vfwwisconsin.org](mailto:surgeon@vfwwisconsin.org).

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Mark Spreda and I drove out to check out the Handicap issue that the 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 June project! Will need help with teardown and rebuild. My plan is to tear down one day, rebuild the next day. Located 12 miles east on Hwy 54.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion had regarding flags and the US Flag should not be touching any flag below. The Federal Code was shared. Code allows US Flag to touch POW/MIA Flag. Will adjust as needed.

## **Good of the Order:**

- **State of Wisconsin VFW Convention June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> at the Expo Center in Rothschild Wis.**
  - Post Delegates to the State Convention; Larry Kinyon, David Verhage, Michael Zynda, Jim Maas & John Schultz and Commander Strasser.
  - Norb gave highlights of Convention.
- Comrade Jim Maas shared information on the USS Liberty incident in June of 1967. The ship was fired upon by Israeli Air Force and an Israeli Navy torpedo boat.
- Discussion was had regarding events at the Veteran Home in King and their maintenance status. It is in the works to get Rep Shankland and Sen Testin here to present and provide an update on King and other State Veteran Homes.

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

- **June 15<sup>th</sup>** 7 – 8:00 PM. Grenadiers Perform/play at the Plover Village Hall area.
- June 25<sup>th</sup>, Humane Society “Walk for Wags” at Pfiffner Park Stevens Point.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> & Jul 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stevens Point River Front Rendezvous.
- July 4<sup>th</sup>, Stevens Point Parade with light snacks after at the Post.
- July 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Post and Aux Meeting.
- July 15<sup>th</sup> Gray Catz Play 5:00 – 9:00 PM Sock Hop.
- July 20<sup>th</sup>. 7 - 8:00 PM Grenadiers Perform/Play at the Plover Village Hall area.
- August 12<sup>th</sup>, Auxiliary & Post Poppy Drive.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Post & Auxiliary Meeting.
- August 17<sup>th</sup> 7 – 8:00 PM Grenadiers Perform/play at the Plover Village Hall area.
- 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> 7:00 PM Post and Aux 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> 7:00 PM Post and Aux Meeting.
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, Mission #46, Never Forgotten Honor Flight.

- **COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES; (Dates in U.S. History**

1. June 6<sup>th</sup>, D Day; Allied invasion of Europe, 1944.
2. June 14<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day.

3. July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day.
4. July 27<sup>th</sup>, signing of the Korean Armistice in 1953.
5. August 31<sup>st</sup>, End of operation Iraqi Freedom 2010.
6. Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> VJ Day; Japan Surrendered. 1945 ending WW11 fighting.
7. Sept 11- Patriots Day
8. Sept (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday) POW/MIA Recognition Day

**ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS for June 2023.**

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

**BIRTHDAYS: June**

6/1 John (Trapper) Schultz 77; 6/4 Dennis Burke 75; 6/4 Leonard Norton 75; 6/6 Larry Cason 70;  
6/9 Michael Worzalla 59; 6/10 Lawrence Woyak 58, 6/13 Donald Wernik 91; 6/15 Frank Krush 77,  
6/15 Wayne Schneider 51; 6/16 Guy Mockler 70; 6/20 Manuel Rocha 75; 6/21 Ronald Charneski 64;  
6/23 Perry Engel 74; 6/25 Mark Lehman 47; 6/26 David Hoefs 79; 6/26 Victor Maslakow 94  
6/30 Don Mugridge 77.

**ANNIVERSARIES: June**

6/1 Ronald & Carol Garski; 6/1 Phil & Penny Kallas; 6/4 Richard & Vicky Chojinacki ;  
6/12 David & Peggy Hansen; 6/16 David & Debi Verhage 6/12 Frank & Joan Raschka  
6/22 Stephen & Regina Wimmer; 6/25 Bernard & Janice yelkin; 6/30 Jason & Ashley Prinsen,  
6/15 Bobby & Janet Barber

**Attendance Raffle Winner!** Tim Bubla

**CLOSING CEREMONY;** Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Adjournment time: 20:25 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy  
Adjutant