



VFW POST 10262
2970 Hickory Dr. Plover, WI 54467
POST MEETING
March 14th 2022



Joint Meeting:

- Owen Helgeson of Scout Troop 298 of Stevens Point Presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Membership. The Project is planned at Lake Pacawa and is called the “Stations of the Flag!”
- Member Berg made a motion to donate \$440.00 to his project. It was seconded by Member Anderson. The Motion Carried!
- Auxiliary Member Kimmel addressed the membership and expressed her feelings for retaining the Murial on the south wall when the center wall is removed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING: No Guests!

Commander: Opened the meeting for business; 19:15 hrs.

Opening Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka.

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

Draping/Undraping of the Charter:

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- The Charter was undraped 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	12	
Excused		
Absent	4	
VFW Members Present	22 members physically present.	+ 5 video conference. Log-ins.

Membership Statistics, APPLICATIONS, TRANSFERS & SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS;
Senior Vice Wysocki: No new Members.

Membership	%
Post 10262	86.95
District 7	87.03
Dept WI	88.04
National	84.66

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

QUARTERMASTER REPORT and Financial Status! Member Berg No Report!

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Yelkin; Comrade Yelkin talked about the VFW Guide for Veteran Service Officers that he uses for dealing with VA issues. He encourages every Veteran to sign up for VA Health care. It is a very easy form to fill out. Especially if you have a disability. If you have any questions, give him a call! 715 457-2812

MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

- Adj Strasser read Thank you Cards and letters from Mary Ann Stevens, The Cliff King Family, DAR Regent Shannon Moore, Julie Steckbauer of MSTC and Chaplain Bonnie of Aspirus/St Mikes Hospital.
- I have coordinated with the Scholarship Committee members and several Post members for input information regarding the completion of MSTC Scholarship Program we have established for Non-Traditional Veterans! I have completed a Draft and have forwarded it to Jill Steckbauer for comment.
- We have committed \$10,000 to this Scholarship that will need to be turned over to MSTC to ensure the Scholarship can be offered for the Spring Application period for the Fall Semester courses!
- The Post received a Scout of the year Packet from Sean Arneson, So, our Post will receive credit for Scout of the year Competition along with PP, VOD & Teacher of the year!
- Adj Strasser mentioned that the Rifle Squad had received several checks. \$1000.00 from Jim King, \$500.00 from the Cliff King Family, \$200.00 from Mary Ann Stevens and a \$50.00 check from Gunderson Hospital for the Memorial for Deceased Post member Jim Cline!

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 stated it is a sad thing that is going on in Ukraine and they need our prayers!

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

House Committee: HC Chair Engel:

- Aux President Dunlap covered the Vietnam Veterans Celebration on April 9th. Happy Hour 2:00 – 3:00 PM, POW/MIA Vietnam Remembrance 2:45 PM, Meal Served at 3:00 PM & Rocker-Rocker 4:00 – 8:00 PM
- Bar Manager Mary; Pending Drink Price Increase to be programed in shortly!
- HC Chair Engel mentioned that Mark & Tim are checking to see if there was a warranty on the recently failed compressor.
- The sensors were replaced on the Ice Maker.
- Tim Colegrove informed us that Spectrum TV requires the Post to up-grade to 5G service to receive all of the Sports Channels!
- Tim also mentioned that he has most of the “Stuff” available to strip and re-wax the Post floors. He also has 4 volunteers committed to helping so we can save the contractor cost of having it done! Will be scheduled when the weather has changed.
- Chair Engel reported that Jakes kitchen Wednesday Pizza Night is dependent upon Jake and his hiring of waitresses!
- The Proposed new sign is still in the planning stages. He is working with Bushmans and is looking for proposals and estimates!
- The removal of the Center Wall was discussed. Waiting on an Architect to “scope out the Project” and return with the engineering requirements!
- Removal of the wall will create an issue of what to do with everything that is mounted, standing next to and hanging on both sides of the wall, and the other walls that will be impacted! One option is to Box up everything and store it! (In the garage???) The relocation of the counters and “all of the stuff” will need to be considered with the Post Up-Grade Project. The only realistic location for hanging and remounting all of the gifts, special mementos and treasured items is to consider the south wall. This will mean that the MURAL will need to be covered over!
- Suggestions were presented, such as; paint a smaller Mural or an updated Mural. This issue is still open to the membership for final decision.
- We need to update our web-site on facility rental and contact information!.
- SR Vice Wysocki reported that he had contact with former HC Chair Ransbottom and was told that Ransbottom has officially resigned from the HC.

Rifle Squad: Strasser

- During the month of February, we only supported two events, presenting the colors for the Pointer Hockey game and for one funeral.
- He reported that the Rifle Squad has received the orders for new V-neck winter sweaters, long and short sleeve white shirts, 4 new Chrome Covers. Also had some new Breakfast Squad Shirts made. We are still waiting for the Bugle insert. This cost of the resupply of uniform items was covered with the timely donations by the King Family. Jim King stated that he wanted to donate because he seen that the RS Breakfast was for raising funds for uniform items.
- The Rifle Squad is scheduled to take part in the April 9th Post Vietnam Veterans Day Event!
- Our ROTC Cadet this year is Jalena Sprague, a Sophomore Student. The ROTC Awards Ceremony will be held here at the Post on April 30th 3:00 PM. Jake will provide the snacks!
- Sr. Vice Wysocki mentioned that the American Legion Awards will also be presented at the Awards Ceremony.
- Comments from Comrade Verhage on the Feb Steak and Omelet Breakfast were that attendance was low. Only 62 diners and the Net was \$144.00.

- Our next breakfast, next Sunday, March 20th will be the last breakfast of the season. Because of the impact an event scheduled on April 23, the April 24th breakfast is cancelled!

Golf Committee: Comrade Mike Zinda. .

- Mike says he was chosen, but actually volunteered to chair the Golf Event next year. This year's event is scheduled for Sept 10th, and he mentioned that Skyward is already on-board!
- Entry fee will raise \$5.00 this year.

Citizenship, Education & Youth Developments Committees:

Scholarship Committee: Comrade Zynda; The application forms were delivered to the High Schools last month and must be in by May for presentation in June.

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

Norb Strasser; completed for this year. No report.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) Comrade Ron Charneski:

- Ron reported that the National Guard Troops and FRG's have been banned from raising funds for unit functions. They are currently sorting through this new regulation to look for a way around or through this regulation.
- Ron is also getting the paper work started for the 1/120th to support this year's Sept Golf Outing!

Surgeon: Worzalla.

- He reported that the Allied Veterans Council of Portage County will meet at the Post at 18:00 hrs. on April 19th.
- AMVETS Post 1051 Spring Fundraiser is scheduled for April 25th. at Springville Sports Grill.
- 16th Annual Honor Fallen Ride held in Ladysmith on May14th in memory of Comrades Worzalla's former Sergeant Major who had lost his son in Iraq.
- He reported that he had completed the Food Safety Course so will be helping with the Breakfasts!

Poppy Committee: Comrade Mugridge; No report

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

The Committee Members present were Commander Tessmann, Mark Wysocki and Brad Shufelt and recommended the following;

After a review of the list of donations, it was recommended that each donation be addressed separately. A Motion was made By Mike Zynda and seconded by Scott Halverson to look at each recommendation separately. Motion passed!

1. Local Boys & Girls Club: \$1000.00; after Discussion, a motion was made Gary Matthees to donate \$500.00 to both Stevens Point and Plover Boys & Girls Club. The Motion was seconded by Scott Halverson! The Motion Carried.

2. Fisher House: \$1000.00; after discussion, Gary Matthees motioned for \$1000.00 to be “ear-marked” for Madison’s Fisher House. The motion was seconded by Perry Engel. The motion carried.
3. MIA-RIP (Missing in Action Recovery and Identification Project) UW-Madison project aimed at recovering remains and returning home of more than 1500 Wisconsin Veteran MIA's on the world's battlefields. \$2500.00; after discussion, a motion was made by Ken Anderson to drop the amount to \$1000.00. Mike Worzalla seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Vets Roll, Inc. A non-profit located in South Beloit. They provide a ground transportation alternative to flying veterans (Honor Flights) to visit our National Monuments in Washington, DC. This is to accommodate veterans that are not able to, or choose not to, fly to DC. Sunday through Wednesday event with stops along the route. Generally, there are 10 Badger Charter Coaches scheduled for the trip with up to 200 veterans. 20 WWII veterans await the trip. Recommend \$2500.00;. a motion was made by Mike Worzalla to drop the amount to \$1000.00. Motion was seconded by Barbara McCloy. Motion Carried.
5. Veterans Family Camp. Provide a free Family Camp Weekend for veterans and their families at Easter Seals Wisconsin Camp Warbeck in Wisconsin Dells. Cost is \$500 per family for two nights and three days of programs. \$1000;. Ken Anderson Made a Motion to donate \$1000.00 with a stipulation that it go to two Wisconsin Families. Motion was seconded by Scott Halverson. Motion Carried.
6. Hunger and Poverty Prevention Partnership of Portage County. The Post donated \$300 in 2021. Recommend \$300 this year. Mike Zynda made a motion to donate \$300.00 and was seconded by Scott Halverson. Motion carried.
7. Tunnel to Towers. Build homes for disabled veterans and those disabled performing service to our communities (EMS, fire fighters, and law enforcement). Recommend \$1200.00; a motion from Darrell Berg was made to donate \$1200.00. The motion was seconded by Don Mugridge. The motion carried.
8. American Legion Baseball, Post 543, Plover. For a full page ad in the Post's 2022 game program and support of the baseball team for \$250.00 Chaplain Frank Raschka made a motion to donate the \$250.00 to the Plover Legion. The motion was seconded by Scott Halverson.

Total Donation Amount \$6750.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- \$8000.00 was donated to the Post Entertainment Committee from the past 2021 Golf Tournament Golf Committee. The Proposed Entertainment Committee has yet to be formed. The Committee proposed was to consist of members of both the Auxiliary and the Post, to work together to develop entertainment opportunities for our Post Membership and Community Veterans & Families. The goal is to attract new Post Membership, from our new generation of Veterans. This Committee needs to be formed ASAP so control of the funds, (\$8000.00) does not get out of hand! It was also strongly recommended that the New Committee include “Younger Veterans”! After discussion, the following post members volunteered to join the Entertainment Committee; Guy Jones, Mike Zynda, Ken Anderson, and Auxiliary members are Diane Lutovsky, Debbie Manthey and Robbie Dunlap.
- Tabled from the last meeting: Forming a Committee that would support raising funds to support the Lake Pacawa Project. A Committee to be formed from all local Veteran Groups. After discussion, this issue was moved off the table by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for A new slate of officers for 2022 – 2023

For Commander, Norb Strasser; Sr. Vice Commander Ken Anderson; Jr Vice Commander, Tegan Griffith; Quartermaster, Darrell Berg; Chaplain, Frank Raschka; 3 Yr. Trustee, Mike Zynda; 2yr Trustee, John Herek; 1 yr. Trustee, Scott Halverson;

House Committee Members: 3yr David Verhage; 2yr Mark Wysocki; 1yr Perry Engel.

Good of the Order:

VFW DAY OF SERVICE: It is what it sounds like. We need to look for/find an event or Community Project that we as a post can get involved in. Besides Hoover Ave Clean-up, what one day or slightly more than one day activity/event can we do! All suggestions will be considered

Birthdays & Anniversary's:

- March Birthdays and Anniversaries were read by Adj. Strasser

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE! \$50:00 Winner, David Verhage

Closing Prayer: Read by Chaplain Raschka

Adjournment: 20:48

Next Meeting 19:00 Hrs. April 11th, 2022

Respectfully submitted by:

Norb Strasser
Adjutant