



**VFW POST 10262**  
 2970 Hickory Drive  
 Plover, Wi 54467  
 Post Meeting Minutes  
 October 9th, 2023



**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING DURING THE JOINT MEETING.**

7th District member Camerron Wetten was present and conducting the Post annual inspection.

**COMMANDER STRASSER OPENED THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS; 19:00 HRS.**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Raschka

**Draping/Undraping of the Charter:**

- Charter to be undraped for deceased Post Member Victor Maslakow.

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

- Was recited by all.

**Roll Call of officers.**

Present	24
Excused	0
Absent	3

VFW Members Present – 24 - members physically present, 1 online participant.

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

**Membership;** As of Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 210 members, 165-Life members 45-Annual members.

**Remember:** the goal is for every member to recruit one (1) new member every year. Our National Commander has set a goal for all Posts to work for 102% membership.

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

**QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Jim Maas & HC Chair Verhage.**

- Post Finances and QM Report. QM Maas mentioned the names and addresses of members who did not receive National mail.
- David Verhage covered several key areas.

Motion to accept; Don Mugridge & Larry Kinyon, minutes accepted.

**SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yelkin.**

- **Need an internet connection; How to get connected.** If you don't have internet access or a video-capable device, your VA care team can help through the [Digital Divide Consult](#). All you must do is talk to your VA provider. They'll refer you to a VA social worker to determine if you qualify for these programs:
- VA's Connected Devices Program: Provides eligible Veterans with internet-connected tablets at no cost. VA helps with device setup and provides 24/7 tech support for VA-loaned devices.
- Email [yelkinj@yahoo.com](mailto:yelkinj@yahoo.com) or call 715 457-2812

**MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER IN DISTRESS:** None mentioned.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:**

- Thank you from Victor Maslakow family.
- Thank you from Portage County Business Council for renewing our membership.
- Thank you from the American Legion Riders for \$170 towards Wreaths Across America

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

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

**REPORT AS OF Oct 6th, 2023**

HOURS	MILES	MEMBERS	DOLLARS SPENT	VALUE	TOTAL DOLLARS
863	6630	543	\$7213.50		\$122.54 \$7426.16

**POST OFFICERS REPORTS.**

1. **SENIOR VICE CDR:** Comrade Bobby Barber – Nothing to report.
2. **JR. VICE CDR.** Comrade Don Mugridge – Nothing to report.
3. **CHAPLAIN Raschka:** Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE: Members;** Chair David Verhage, Sr. Vice Barber, QM Maas, Mark Wysocki, Karl August, Canteen Supervisor Schildt, Aux President Kowalski, Facility Manit Sup Spreda and Cmdr. Strasser.

Items Discussed.

1. New low bid for replacing shingles on garage \$1,600.
2. Mark installed the bracket to hang the new electronic sign on pole out front. The new sign is broken. Somehow, someone may have bumped into it or dropped it as it waited for installation. We will order another.
3. The new warming oven worked well at the Rifle Squad breakfast.
4. David will investigate the cost of 24 new folding chairs + storage rack.
5. The old white chairs will be offered for sale when the new chairs are received.
6. Larry has installed a WI-FI booster in the front vestibule. To be used with the new sign.

7. Chris will look into replacing some of our cleaning supplies (brooms, mop heads, dustpans, liquids, etc.)
8. Mark maintained the coffee room refrigerator by adding more Freon.
9. We talked about the Monday night Packer game in December being on our meeting night. Would like to have food and beverage after the meeting.
10. The inspection of the bar and kitchen by Portage County Health Dept went well. No major issues.
11. The Tasty Nook will begin serving food on 10/03/23.
- 12.

**Entertainment/Planning Committee: Chair** Laura Sniadajewski, Barbara McCloy, Brad Shufelt, Peggy Klitgaard-Mancel, Guy Jones, Canteen Supervisor Schildt Aux Pres Kowalski, & Commander Strasser.

- Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Car Show & Rifle Squad Breakfast & Band Report. After paying for the Band, netted \$767.33.
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party W/Band. SlobberKnockers. & 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Costume Winners Trophy's.
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Christmas Party and DJ Music, (Casey Gummey) Bootleggers Catered meal.
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas with Santa during Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast.
- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> New Years Day Party/Band or DJ still in planning.

**Golf Committee: Event is scheduled for Sept 9<sup>th</sup>; Members, Chair Larry Kinyon.,** Debbie Manthey, Gary & Kathy Matthees, Diane Lutovski, Brad Shufelt & Cmdr. Strasser.

Golf Event Update: Rough report (still waiting final) after all expenses paid, Comrade Kinyon projecting Golf Even raised roughly \$14k for the post.

#### **COMMUNITY & CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.**

- **VFW Community Activities Committee Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer and take responsibility for the following.
- **HS SCHOLARSHIPS, Mike Zynda. No report.**
- **VOD, PP & TEACHER OF THE YEAR. Cdr Strasser**  
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".  
Commander Strasser delivered PP, VOD & Teacher of the Year Packets to eight Schools. On the first day of the school year.
- Tim Bubla and I presented to Stevens Point Schools Director of Secondary Ed, the Military Funeral and Respecting the Flag presentation put together by Tim, Barb McCloy, and myself. He was very impressed and moved by our presentation. We possibly will get a few calls to present to a few 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes. This is the class that takes the annual trip to DC.
- Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, judging of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen competition.
- **SCOUT OF THE YEAR.**

**Military Assistance Program (MAP),** Chair Charneski emailed an update to Commander Strasser. Nothing new to report.

**Surgeon: Worzalla:** Comrade Worzalla was invited to the King Veteran Home for a Town Hall meeting. The meeting was cancelled at the last minute. Information was shared that there will be a new meeting October 12<sup>th</sup> in Madison at the Veteran Museum, 1pm.

## **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
  - Donation request received today before the start of the meeting from Andy Suchon requesting funds towards a new furnace. His has died. Members discussed and asked questions. Comrade Bob Decker made a motion for the Donation Committee to discuss further, make a final decision, to donate up to \$1000. Comrade Dave Verhage 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Donation committee discussed further and agreed on \$750.

## **RIFLE SQUAD: Rifle Squad Strasser.**

- Rifle Squad Members John Herek, Perry Engel, Tim Bubla, Frank Raschka, Dom Mugridge, Auxiliary Member Peggy Klitgaard-Mancel, and Commander Strasser “Welcomed Home” Post Honor Flight Members Jim Maas and Robert Zimbauer.
- The Rifle Squad provided Military Funeral Honors for Post Member Victor Maslakow and two other veterans.
- Rifle Squad Honor Guard Members Presented our Colors for the Partners of Hospital Association Convention at the holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Our 2023 & 2024 First Steak & Omelet Breakfast/Classic Car Show and Band all were successful. The “Gray Catz” played to a dis-interested small crowd because of the Packer game being on at the same time but was enjoyed by those who were present. The car show and basket Raffle was well organized and successful, and the Breakfast crew served around 125 guests.
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day. 11:00 hrs., Rifle Squad provides Honors at the Plover Veterans Area Memorial. Expect to receive several requests from Schools and Assisted Living facilities for Veterans Day visits and presentations on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. The American Legion Auxiliary will provide a potluck after 11am.

**8:00 PM PRAYER; Chaplain Raschka** recited the prayer.

## **NEW Business.**

- Comrade Gary J made a motion that the VFW Post should purchase 5 State Raffle Calendars at \$20 each. Comrade Larry Kinyon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

## **Good of the Order.**

Comrade Gary Matthees brought up the Legacy program and explained how it works. Invited members to ask more questions and gather info to decide.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing to report.

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

**LOYALTY..... A very large thank you to every Post Life Member and Annual Member who moved from our area for remaining faithful to our Post.**

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

- Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, Mission #46, Never Forgotten Honor Flight.
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Party with the Band Slobber-knockers.
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 Hrs. Veterans Day Activities at the Plover Veterans Memorial. Plover Legion Auxiliary provides Pot-Luck Lunch.

- Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 19:00 Hrs. VFW Post & Auxiliary Meeting.
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Post Christmas Party with DJ Casey Gummey. Bootleggers cater for the meal.
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Post & Auxiliary Meeting & “Packer Party after meeting”?
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with Santa during Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast.
- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> New Year’s Day Party.

- **COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES**

1. Oct 18<sup>th</sup> – Recognition of Women in Military Service.
2. Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran’s Day
3. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Day.

**ANNIVERSARIE’S and BIRTHDAYS for August 2023.**

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

10/5 Edwin (Bud) Adkins 89; 10/16 Scott Peplinski 52; 10/18 Thomas Delaney 77;  
10/18 Stephen Wimmer 76; 10/21 Ronald Sankey 82; 10/24 Danny dye 47;  
10/25 Bradley Shufelt 48; 10/26 Curt Wojtalewicz 75; 10/27 Dax Burroughs 43  
10/29 James Steuck 74; 10/29 Joshua Zimmerman 40; 10/29 Robert Potter 38  
10/31 Robert Dunlap 75

**ANNIVERSARIES.**

10/1 Janes & Nancy Steuck; 10/15 Robert & Pamela Kitowski; 10/2 Gary & Sherrie Jay;  
10/26 Scott & Kim Halverson; 10/26 Peter & Constance Congdon.

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**Attendance Raffle!** Comrade Gary J

**CLOSING CEREMONY;** Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. November 13th, 2023.

Adjournment time: 20:00 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy  
Adjutant