



VFW POST 10262

2970 Hickory Drive
Plover, Wi 54467

Post Meeting Minutes
February 12th, 2024



JOINT MEETING:

DAR Chapter Agent Carol Vleeshouwers gave a short presentation and passed out Viet Nam Service Pins.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING:

Potential New member Introduced: Ryan McCaffrey

COMMANDER STRASSER OPENED THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS; 19:13 HRS.

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

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Raschka

Draping/Undraping of the Charter:

- The charter was Draped for Post Life member James (Jimmy Baseball) Sachs who passed away on Jan 19th and Post Life member James B Mozuch who passed Feb 9th.

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

Roll Call of officers.

Present	10
Excused	1
Absent	5

VFW Members Present – 23 - members physically present, 0 online participants.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS, APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS: Membership Chair Sr. Vice - __ INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS; (Mustering in New Members).

- New Post member Ryan McCaffrey was sworn in.

Membership; As of Feb 5th, 2024, 211 members, 163-Life members 47-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.

Minutes of the January Meeting: Approved with no changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Jim Maas & HC Chair Verhage.

- Post Finances and QM Report given by QM James Maas and House Chair Verhage. QM Maas addressed the Total & Net incomes for the Canteen and for the Post. HC Chair Verhage briefly covered the Income Statement and Cash Flow.

Motion to accept the QM report, Wayne Gorell & seconded by Don Mugridge. Motion passed.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yelkin

- **SO Yelkin's** concerns are "Badger Benefits Brief." It is most important that every veteran files a disability claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish service-connected disabilities, diseases, or injuries or residuals thereof, which were incurred in or aggravated by military service.

MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN DISTRESS. Wayne Gorell lost wife. Tim Bubla ill.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT: Read through 'Thank You' cards.

- Thank you for donation and sponsorship of UWSP Ranger Ruck
- Thank you from the family of Steve Hodgkins for Military Honors shared at funeral.

Community service on-line report: Adjutant.

- Please report your community service hours to the Adjutant McCloy or Commander.
- A new VFW State & National dashboard was set up. We are in third place in the number of Post reports submitted as of now.

POST OFFICERS REPORTS.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: NO Report! Sr. Vice Barber has asked to step-down from duties. At the New Business report, Commander Strasser recommended Life member Brad Shufelt to fill the position of Senior Vice Commander for the remainder of the VFW year. A query of the Post Members present for approval of this action, and all were in approval with an "AYE."

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Jr. Vice Mugridge – Our 2024 distribution of 1000 Poppies is on hand and working on coordinating distribution dates with the auxiliary.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Raschka – A prayer was said for the eight service members who have passed in the last two weeks. Three were killed overseas in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and five killed in a helicopter crash in the U.S.

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 Spredda and Cdr. Strasser.

- Members present, Chair Verhage, QM Maas, Aux President Kowalski, Canteen Supervisor Schildt, Bard Shufelt, Karl August, Adj McCloy, HC Member Wysocki, Member Mike Wolf, and CDR Strasser.

- Items discussed:

1. We should look at doing some maintenance in the restrooms to “freshen them up.”
2. The purchase of the overflow parking area has been confirmed. DOT informed us that we will be able to purchase **only** the 75ft X 200 ft overflow parking area. Initial Surveying has finally been completed. Survey goes to the Village of Plover Planning Committee on the 19th for their approval and then presented to the Village Board meeting on the 21st. The 75ft stakes will go into the ground this week. The survey should be at DOT within a couple of weeks. Conversations with Aaron Parks of the Survey business that is doing the survey confirmed this.
3. Advertising for the Kitchen. ??? Tasty Nook questions.
4. Kitchen Fryers are old. Considering looking for new fryers.
5. Perry was able to find someone to take the old chairs.

Entertainment/Planning Committee: Chair Members present, Aux Pres Kowalski, Adj McCloy, Chris, Brad Shufelt & Commander Strasser Issues discussed:

- Valentines Day. The Valentine’s Day celebration was scheduled for February 10th. The Slobberknockers Band played. Meals options Available from Taste Nook. Chicken Cordon Bleu and Shrimp Plate specials plus menu items. About 140 to 150 guests were present. Great music, An enjoyable time.
- Valentines Day Decorations are set to come down on Sunday Feb 25th at 10:00 hrs. St Patrick’s Day decorations are planned.
- March 8th, International Women Day Activities. Carnations for Ladies starting at 5:00 PM and Drink Specials for Ladies only. “BOGO” rail drinks.
- March 17th, Sunday St. Patrick’s Day, and Steak & Omelet Breakfast. Some Green & White Baked goods planned for the bake sale. Drink Specials planned after 2:00 PM.

Golf Committee: Members, Chair Larry Kinyon., Debbie Manthey, Gary & Kathy Matthees, Diane Lutovski, Brad Shufelt & Cdr. Strasser.

- Nothing new to report. Cdr. Strasser reported that the approved Golf Committee donations will be presented to the community organizations when Golf Chair Kinyon returns from AZ.

COMMUNITY & CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

- **VFW Community Activities Committee Chair:** Tim Bubla out ill.
- **High School Senior SCHOLARSHIPS, Mike Zynda.**
 - Packets were handed out last week and have a deadline of May 11,2024. This program awards three scholarships – one from VFW Post 10262, one from the Golf Committee and one the Bert Platta Scholarship – each in the amount of \$1000.
- **VOD, PP & TEACHER OF THE YEAR, Commander.** Programs are finished until next Sept.

Military Assistance Program (MAP), Chair Charneski – Obtained drill schedule for local Battery B. Working to coordinate a time for members to visit on a drill weekend.

SURGEON; Worzalla – No report.

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

DONATION REQUESTS:

Donation Committee Members; Mark Wysocki, Jim Maas, Mike Worzalla, Scott Halverson, Barb McCloy, Brad Shufelt & The Commander.

Mark Wysocki reports:

- AmVets Post 1051 requested a donation of \$150 towards their scholarships.

- Hunger & Poverty Prevention – Empty Bowls are associated. \$200
- Request from Jim & Sue Cormac for Sponsorship of their Race Car. \$400.00 for the Season. Our Logo is already on the Car. The car number is number seven (7).
- Request for reserving Iverson Lodge for \$250.00 for Operation Healing hearts Sept 12th, for the event. Activities here in Stevens Point.
- Members voted and approved all donations listed above.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- Purchase of Overflow parking area from DOT. 75' X 200". The survey is completed and forwarded to Village of Plover and then DOT. CDR Strasser will attend the Village of Plover Planning and the Board meetings representing our Post.

RIFLE SQUAD: Cdr. Strasser.

- Two funerals, one Funeral on Jan 13th at Guardian angel Cemetery and a Funeral on Jan 26th for Deceased Vet Cooper.
- Jan 21st Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast was a little slow.
- Upcoming Rifle Squad Breakfast next Sunday, Feb 18th. Hope to have a good turnout. Always need help!

Good of the Order.

- Feb 9th Zoom meeting. "2nd monthly". Operation Healing Heart (Team one Mile) Fund raising for Camp Healing Hearts. Just for Children 7 – 17. Sept 9 – 14th. Funds to transport children to camp and back. Bike Riders are riding 700 miles in six days. Starting in Milwaukee, stops at Prairie Du Sac, Lacrosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point, Green Bay, and Cedarburg. In the planning stages.
- QM Maas, JA Matthees, Trustee Gburek & I Attended the 7th District meeting Sat, Jan20th.
- Jan 22nd, Cdr. Strasser zoomed in to the State Commanders 2 ½ hr. zoom meeting for all Post Commanders. Cdr. Strasser reported on both meetings.
- Feb 2nd & 3rd, Adj McCloy, QM Maas, JA Matthees, Past State CDR Schultz, and I attended the State VFW two-day Mid-Winter Conference in Wis Rapids. Adj McCloy provided a report on the Conference.
- March 11th Meeting, Nominations for new Post Officers. Openings for CDR, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, QM, and one Trustee.
- Nick Kibler, Wis Team leader gave a quick brief and shared brochures for The Fallen Outdoors – a non-profit hunting and fishing organization open to all members of the United States military and all honorably discharged service members. Call him at 715 321-0236.

NEW Business.

- Members voted in the Post's new Senior Vice – Brad Shufelt.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND DATES.

- Feb 18th Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast.
- Mar 8th International Women Day
- Mar 11th Post & Auxiliary Meeting
- Mar 17th St Patrick's Day
- Mar 17th Steak & Omelet Breakfast.
- Mar 29th National Vietnam Veterans Day. The ET Committee has currently decided to have an "all inclusive" veterans Day event on Nov 11th.

COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES

Feb 15th, Sinking of the U.S.S. Maine 1898
Feb 28th Liberation of Kuwait-Operation Desert Storm 1991
Mar 24th Start of Kosovo Campaign 1999
Mar 29th, National Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day
Mar 31st, End of Operation Restore Hope-Somalia 1995
May 1st Loyalty Day schedule but non scheduled for 2024.
May 30th, Memorial Day

ANNIVERSARIE'S and BIRTHDAYS for February 2024

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2/14 David Verhage 74. 2/19 Brian (Billy) Monson 43. 2/22 Mark Rustad 65. 2/23 Donald Kluczynski 71.
2/24 Mark Wysocki 79. 2/25 Wayne Peplinski 57.

ANNIVERSARY!

2/1 Nickolas & Sheila L' Huillier. 2/14 Conrad & Deb Suchon. 2/19 Eric & Sue Ecklund.
2/22 Michael & Doreen Worzalla.

Attendance Raffle February & March change!! For both February and March meetings, Post members attending our meetings, a raffle! We will raffle three (3) free chances each month to win in the Dept VFW 2024 Gun Raffle. I have six (6) \$20.00 tickets for the raffle. A total of 16 Guns will be Raffled off with 16 winners. Six Handguns, Six Rifles & Five Shotguns.

The drawing will be held MAY 24TH. Not sure of the location but expect the State Hqs.

- February winners – Tom Bredow, Dave Verhage, and Mark Wysocki

CLOSING CEREMONY; Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. March 11th.

Adjournment time: 2035 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy
Adjutant