



**VFW POST
10262**
2970 Hickory Drive
Plover, Wi 54467
Post Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024



JOINT MEETING:

- Scout Troop 6289 of Plover, Cookies for Veterans (Nola Cerotic)
- Auxiliary Members with POW/MIA Ceremony
- Explanation of House Committee SOP
- Cathy Barbier and students from the Point of Discovery School in Stevens Point
 - Veteran Interview presentation asking for volunteers to assist student's w/ project

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING:

New member sworn-in: None at this meeting.

COMMANDER STRASSER OPENED THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS; 19:20 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 un-draped for Post member Leonard B Christianson
- Charter draped for Post member Scott Halverson.

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

Roll Call of officers.

Present	13
Excused	2
Absent	2

VFW Members Present – 26 - members physically present, 0 online participants.

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

Membership; As of April 5th, 2024, 208members, 162 Life members 46-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.

REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES FOR: March.

Minutes of the March Meeting: Approved with no changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Jim Maas & HC Chair Verhage.

- Post Finances and QM Report given by Jim Maas with input from House Committee Chair Comrade Dave Verhage.

Motion to accept: Don Mugridge & Larry Kinyon. Motion passed.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yelkin.

- If you are having digestive problems, see your county VSO.
- Today, VA announced an update to the VA schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD) specifically pertaining to digestive conditions. The changes add or modify rating criteria for 55 medical conditions in the rating schedule that incorporate medical advancements for treating certain disabilities and modern knowledge to compensate Veterans more accurately.

MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN DISTRESS.

- Scott Halverson passed away this week.
- Tim Bubla's niece is still suffering major health concerns. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
- Fred Gburek's brother passed
- Randal Lamke's wife is ill.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

- The Post received a thank you from the National Home for our donation.

Community service on-line report: Adjutant.

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

- A new VFW State & National dashboard was set up. We are in second place in the number of Post reports submitted as of now.

POST OFFICERS REPORTS.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Sr. Vice Brad Shufelt – nothing to report.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Jr. Vice Mugridge – nothing to report.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Raschka – Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Members; Chair David Verhage, Sr. Vice Brad Shufelt, QM Maas, Mark Wysocki, Karl August, Canteen Supervisor Schildt, Aux President Kowalski, Facility Manit Sup Spreda and Cdr. Strasser. Members present, HC Chair Verhage, QM Maas, Adj McCloy, HC Member Wysocki, Aux President Kowalski, Canteen Supervisor Schildt, HC Member Karl August, and CDR Strasser. Items Discussed.

- AUXILIARY President Kowalski, Tuesday, June 11th, 4 -8 PM, the Auxiliary will have a Spaghetti feed/Fundraiser.
- HC CHAIR VERHAGE; Considering/Discussing ideas on refreshing Post restrooms and working with Mark Spreda.
- Semi-annual hood system cleaning is scheduled for April 22nd.
- The new POS System (Bar and Kitchen cash registers) update for the Canteen is still in the works and cost estimates for the system.
 - Motion was made by Larry Kinyon to approve the House spending up to \$7000 on new POS System. Don Mugridge seconded. Put to a member vote; 5 No's and majority Yes. Motion carried.
- We are still looking at replacing the Kitchen Fryers, 2 small and 1 large. Mark & Tim working on the Cost estimates.
- The Land Purchase: waiting for DOT to complete appraisal and contact us.
- We shut down our Post Website and will go with a different provider and a new site design. Megan Crawford of CONTEMPOCREATIVE of Website Design & Internet Marketing is creating a fresh look for us.
- A SUGGESTION BOX NOTE asked the House Committee to consider hanging a Dart Board. We considered and we are working on an Electronic Dart game.
- Post Floor Stripping and Waxing coming up! Was stripped and waxed last July.
- Canteen Check Cashing Policy \$200.00 Max per day.
- Dave Verhage entered the Post in the Wis Tavern League of the Game contest for Brewer Tickets. 40 tickets per game awarded. Friday night games.

Entertainment/Planning Committee: Members present, Aux Pres Kowalski, Chris, Sally Mickelkamp, Barb McCloy & Commander Strasser

Issues discussed:

- April 8th 7:00 PM Post and Auxiliary Meeting.
- April 9th, National POW Recognition Day.
- April 21st, Rifle Squad Steak & Omelet Breakfast.
- May 4th, VFW Post Day of Service. Meet me at the Post 08:00 hrs. Coffee and donuts after at the Post. & District #7 VFW Meeting in Marshfield.
- May 18th, Saturday Morning, O'SOs Brewery Honor Flight Beer Fundraiser 5k Run and Post membership recruiting event.
- May 18th, Post's VETERAN CONNECTION Noon to 4:00 PM FOOD, HAPPY HOUR DRINKS, JUKE BOX AND COMARADERIE.
- May 27th, Memorial Day activities. Rifle Squad Provides Honors at Cemeteries and Memorials. Auxiliary Potluck around noon.
- June 11th, Tuesday, Auxiliary Spaghetti Feed 4:00 – 8:00 PM.

Golf Committee: Members, Chair Larry Kinyon., Debbie Manthey, Gary & Kathy Matthees, Diane Lutovski, Brad Shufelt & Cdr. Strasser. Season 2024 preparation has started. Times reserved at the Golf Course. Open to new volunteers and helpers to assist with coordination.

COMMUNITY & CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

- **VFW Community Activities Committee Chair:** Tim Bubla – nothing new to report.
- **High School Senior SCHOLARSHIPS, Mike Zynda.**
 - Packets were handed out last week and have a deadline of May 11,2024
- **VOD, PP & TEACHER OF THE YEAR. Commander**
 - 2024 deadline is in June of this year. 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.

Military Assistance Program (MAP), Chair Charneski – Nothing new to report.

UWSP ROTC MILITARY BALL AND AWARDS PRESENTATION EVENT. Memories Ballroom Thursday April 25th. Comrade Wysocki and McCloy will be attending.

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 presented:

- Plover Legion Baseball - \$100 donation and a ½ page ad
- Memorial Day Foundation - \$100
- AMVETS, Spring Fundraiser - \$250

Motion made by Comrade Gary J to accept and donate for the above listed items. Comrade Wayne Gorell 2nd. Motion carried.

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.

RIFLE SQUAD: Cdr. Strasser.

- April 18th & 19th, Military Honors support requested of the Rifle Squad.
- April 21st Steak & Omelet Breakfast. Always need help or join us for Breakfast.
- May 10th, Graveside Honors for Post Member Jim Sachs at 2:00 PM at Wisconsin Rapids Rest Lawn Cemetery.

Good of the Order. Nothing new to share.

NEW Business.

- Second round of nominations made for new Officer positions:
 - Commander – Barbara McCloy (Brad Shufelt declined the nomination)
 - Senior Vice – John Cancino

- Junior Vice – Mike Wolf
- Quartermaster – Ryan McCaffrey
- One year Trustee – John Herek (a member can hold position for (2 cycles)
- Swearing in of the above and the appointed & non-contested nominations will be at the May 13th meeting.

LOYALTY..... A very large thank you to every Post Life Member and Annual Member who lives a long way from our Post, for remaining faithful to our Post.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND DATES.

- Apr 8th Post & Auxiliary Meeting (2nd round of Post officer nominations/elections)
- Apr 9th National POW Recognition Day.
- Apr 21st Steak & Omelet Breakfast (Last one until Sept)
- Apr 22nd Never forgotten Honor Flight, Mission # 47.
- May 4th, 7th District Meeting (Marshfield) 10:00 HRS.
- May 4th, Post Community Service (Day of Service)
- May 13th Post & Auxiliary Meeting.
- May 18th (Morning) O So's Brewery 5K Honor Flight Fundraiser, Membership Recruiting, Burgers & Brats.
- May 18th Post Hosts "All Area Veterans Gathering".
- May 20th Never Forgotten Honor Flight #48.
- May 27th Memorial Day Activities. 08:00 hrs. Rifle Squad travels to Cemeteries and Monuments/Memorials. Post Luck meal at Posy around Noon.

COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES

- May 1st VFW Loyalty Day- Not celebrated this year.
- May 30th, Memorial Day
- June 6th D Day Allied Invasion of Europe.
- June 14th Flag Day.
- July 4th Independence Day.
- July 27th Signing of the Korean Armistice in 1963.
- August 31st End of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2010
- Sept 2nd VJ Day Japan surrendered, 1945, ending WW11 fighting.
- Sept 11 Patriot Day...
- Sept 20th POW/MIA Recognition Day

ANNIVERSARIE'S and BIRTHDAYS for April 2024

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4/1 Frank Raschka 80; 4/1 Tim Bubla 56; 4/4 Rodney Schreiber 53.
 4/7 Barbara McCloy 54; 4/9 Bernard Yelkin 84; 4/18 John Lasota 67; 4/23 Brandon Taylor 43.
 4/23 Erol Johnson; 4/30 Brent Stelzer 44.

ANNIVERSARIES.

4/20 Dwayne & Kathie Wierzba; 4/22 Andy & Kathy Suchon; 4/15 Mike & Linda Zynda
7/27 Kenneth & Jill Steckbauer; 4/30 Ernie & Cynthia Anthes.

Attendance Raffle – 50/50 Winner: Ryan McCaffrey

CLOSING CEREMONY; Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. May 13, 2024

Adjournment time: 2040 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy
Adjutant