



VFW POST 10262

2970 Hickory Drive
Plover, Wi 54467
Post Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2024



JOINT MEETING WITH POST AUXILIARY @ 7PM – Communication flow between Committees and our Post Canteen/Bar Manager

INTRODUCE GUESTS, ANYONE WAITING. Membership Chair, Sr. Vice Cmdr. Any new members or transfers: Loren Jesch – US Army

COMMANDER, OPEN MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Time 1922.

Salute to the Colors:

Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Decker

DRAPING/UNDRAPING OF OUR POST CHARTER.

- To be presented at meeting if needed

READING OF SECTION 230102 OF OUR CHARTER.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Adjutant Shufelt.

Present 24

Excused 0

Absent 3

Post Member's Present 24 Members on Zoom 0

MEMBERSHIP STATUS, APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS: Membership Chair Sr. Vice – John Cansino

INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS; (Mustering in New Members). Loren Jesch

Membership:

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.

MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL: *Plover Post 10262 has reached 102% membership for the current membership year.*

REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF Meeting MINUTES of: June

(Corrections/additions) Correction for PG1, Post 10626 should be 10262.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Ryan McCaffery & HC Chair Verhage.

- Post Finances and QM Report. (McCaffery).

- House Committee Chair Verhage.

Q&A Question about profits vs cost for dart boards. Currently, we split 50/50. The proposed split is 30/70 until dart boards are paid for. _

Motion to accept; Larry Kinyon & Wayne Gorell Motion carried.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yelkin.

SO Yelkin's report: John Olson is the new Portage County VSO located at the Courthouse. He will be here at our August meeting to introduce himself and do a quick Meet & Greet. Please let me know if there is anything that you would like to know before that August meeting so he can provide an answer for you. Otherwise, feel free to stop down and say hello and work with him.

MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN DISTRESS.

- Mike Zynda – was in the hospital 2 wks. ago, home now. Struggling with congestive heart issues and kidney issues.
- Richard Schultz has colon cancer and is in the ICU. Prayers for him. Veteran of Vietnam War.
- Chaplain said a prayer.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJ:

Thank You notes:

1. The Boys & Girls club sent a note thanking us for our recent donation of \$1000.
2. The Salvation Army thanked us for our donation of \$1000 from 6/11/2024.
3. Ethan Cowart from Pacelli thanked us for our generous donation for their graduation project.
4. Reverend William Menzel sent a thank you note to the Rifle Squad in appreciation of the Military Honors for his brother Mike.

Community service on-line report: Adjutant.

Please report/turn in your community service hours to the Adjutant or me.
An update on the numbers will be provided at the August meeting.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Sr. Vice Cdr. John Cansino reported on Irreverent Warrior – 9.1 miles with 7 stops. Held 24 August in Milwaukee. We are looking to put a team together.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Jr. Vice Mike Wolf – Nothing to report.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Decker

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Members: House Chair Dave Verhage, Ron Stofflet, Norb Strasser, Chris Schildt, Mark Wysocki, Commander Barbara McCloy and Aux Pres. Sandi Kowalski.

Items Discussed:

- Building & Equipment Issues
 - Front door locks an issue, will need fixing. Discussion to make handicap accessible at same time.
 - Cleaning Kitchen – Fryers are cleaned
 - Update bathrooms – Dave working on obtaining a quote
- Purchase of new fryers – put on hold until someone working kitchen
- Update on Purchase of Land from DOT – no update
- Waxing Floors-August – Looking at quotes

- Karen's replacement – Job offered but candidate no longer available
- Will be advertising for Karen's position
- Dart Game Machine – being used. Not a huge profit. Dart leagues in the fall.
- Any member issues (Everyone)
- New options for the kitchen being discussed.

Entertainment/Planning Committee: Chair Members present, Aux Pres Kowalski, Norb Strasser, Sally Michelkamp, Deb Manthey, Mike Wolf, Chris and Commander Barbara McCloy
Issues discussed:

- June reviewed and discussed for after action reporting.
- July upcoming events reviewed.
 - 4th of July parade – stepped off at 10am. Great weather and received great local news coverage. Photos will be posted on website and Facebook.
 - July 20, Saturday – 5pm – 8pm
 - Need volunteers to cook and serve food (brats, burgers & chips \$5)
 - Gray Cats playing 5pm – 8pm
 - Happy Hour drink specials
 - Door prizes
- July 27th, Saturday – Celebrate Plover
 - Setup Friday evening – meet at the Post by 1730 to setup 2 shelters
 - Saturday kicks off 9am until midnight – be there by 0800
 - Rifle Squad will present Colors at 11am
 - We have a table for Auxiliary and a table for the Post
 - Sign-up sheet available – Please volunteer for a 2–3-hour slot
 - Recruiting event and 'giving away' poppies
- August Events:
 - Aug 3, Saturday – Highground Bikers & spaghetti dinner (Auxiliary Event)
 - Aug 17, Saturday – Steak Feed – tickets still available. \$30
- Brian Dean has volunteered to take over the kitchen for all Post events. He will be in charge of our Steak & Egg breakfasts, the Steak Feed in August and any other events that involve Post members in the kitchen.

Golf Committee: Chair Larry Kinyon.

Attending: Larry Kinyon, Chairman, Mike Byrum, Debbie Manthey, Gary Matthees, Kathy Matthees, Norb Strasser

- Wisconsin River Country Club has been booked for September 7th for the golf outing.
- Golfers will receive two drink tickets for the course.
- Signs will be made for the basket raffle area.
- Regular price per golfer will be \$95, WRCC member price will be \$70, and Veteran price will be \$48.
- Sponsorship letters were reviewed and revised.
- Bootleggers has been booked
- Request for a howitzer from the Wisconsin National Guard unit has been submitted by Post MAP Ron Charneski.

COMMUNITY & CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

VFW Community Activities Committee Chair:

- **High School Senior SCHOLARSHIPS, Mike Zynda.**
- **VOD, PP & TEACHER OF THE YEAR. Completed for this year.** (Need a volunteer for next year).

Military Assistance Program (MAP), Chair Charneski.

- **Nothing to report.**

SURGEON: Perry Engel – Tuesday, 30 July – Tomah VA Women’s Health Center Grand Opening

Asking About Low Blood Sugars

If you have diabetes, talk with your health care team about selecting a safe and effective glucose (blood sugar) target range that is based on your own goals, priorities, and lifestyle. Learning diabetes self-management tips and talking with your health care team to develop a target range tailored just for you can help you manage your diabetes to prevent low blood glucose (hypoglycemia).

What is a low blood sugar? Blood sugar of less than 70 is considered low. Some symptoms you may expect are:

- **Mild:** Shakiness, sweating, fast heartbeat, dizziness, hunger, blurred vision, difficulty paying attention, chest thumping, anxiety, headache, and tiredness
- **Moderate:** Difficulty moving, confusion, or unusual behavior
- **Severe:** Seizures, coma, loss of consciousness, and combative behavior

Did you know Tomah VA and community-based outpatient clinics have dedicated teams to help support you with diabetes management? Whole Health also offers a multitude of wellness classes that support healthy lifestyle behaviors including increasing physical activity, improving stress management skills and Whole Health coaching to set individualized wellness plans. You can connect with Whole Health to learn more by calling (608) 372-3971 ext. 61417 or ext. 66212.

DONATION REQUESTS:

Donation Committee Members: Sr Vice, John Cansino, Mark Wysocki, Norb Strasser, The Commander.

- **Vets & Guides.** Non-Profit organization that sponsors annual outings for events in Lake Tomahawk/Minocqua chain. Sponsors a ½ day of fishing and meal for veterans. I don’t see them on the list for past donations.

8:00 PM PRAYER Chaplain Decker

RIFLE SQUAD: Cdr. Strasser.

- Money raised for the Never Forgotten Honor Flight by the Rifle Squad at the Oso Brewery 5K event was rounded out to \$2000 by the Rifle Squad.
- Weapons cleaning protocols
 - We have a team
 - They are cleaned regularly
 - We now have a licensed gunsmith in our Leadership.

1. WE HAD A BUSY START WITH FUNERALS, JUNE 15TH, JUNE 23RD, JUNE 26TH.
2. JUNE 25TH PLOVER LEGION BASEBALL TOURNAMENT PRESENTING THE COLORS
3. JULY 2ND TH FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY AT WHISPERING PINES.
4. JULY 4TH STEVENS POINT, PARADE.
5. JULY 16TH, SHUDA FUNERAL HOME HONORS REQUEST FOR MARINE VET CPL JOSEPH DESORCY AT THE GUARDIAN ANGEL CEMETERY AT 11:15.
6. AUGUST 10TH, SATURDAY MORNING, POST FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY AT DON MUGRIDGE'S HOUSE 10:00 AM
4289 RD J STEVENT POINT, WI
7. AUG 24TH, TH POST POPPY DISTRIBUTION (TENATIVE)
8. AUGUST 17TH RIFLE SQUAD STEAK FEED
 - BRIAN DIEHN HAS BEEN SHOPPING AND PRICING STEAKS.
 - BRIAN & SUE ARE PICKING UP STUFFF ON SALE LIKE BUTTER ETC. AS THEY FIND THEM.
 - WILL THE CORN BE READY WITH ALL OF THE RAIN?
 - TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE for \$30.00 AT THE BAR.
9. JULY 26 & 27TH CELEBRATE PLOVER.
WE CAN SET-UP SHELTERS ON FRIDAY EVE BETWEEN 3 – 6 PM
 - SATURDAY MORNING SET-UP. EARLY BEFORE 8;00 AM START.
LOAD UP AND GET OVER TO THE EVENT AND DROP OFF EVERYTHING, MOVE OUT VEHICLES.
 - NEED COOLERS WITH ICE AND WATER BOTTLES- JUICE BOXES. (SMALL WATER BOTTLES) PICK UP DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT.
 - WE WILL HAVE 4 RESERVED PARKING SPOTS FOR THE EVENT.
 - RIFLE SQUAD PRESENTS COLORS FOR THE START OF THE EVENT AT 11:00 HRS.
 - RECRUITING INFORMATION.
10. SEPT 9 – 14TH OPERATION HEALING HEARTS, TEAM ONE MILE LEADERSHIP PROJECT CONSISTS OF ABOUT 26 RIDERS AND 15 ADVANCE PARTY MEMBERS. THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP HOMETOWN HEROES. THE RIDERS WILL ARRIVE MID TO LATER AFTERNOON ON THE 12TH AND OVERNIGHT HERE IN STEVENS POINT. WE HAVE THE IVERSON PARK LODGE RESERVED FOR ACTIVITIES ON THE 12TH.
11. WE WILL SERVE BREAKFAST TO THEM EARLY MORNING ON THE 13TH
12. "CAMP HOMETOWN HEROES" CAMP IS LOCATED IAT 1000 BADGER STREET, GRAFTON WIS. CAMP IS A FREE WEEK LONG, OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN OF FALLEN U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS, COVERING ALL STATES. DURING THEIR VISIT TO CAMP, THE CHILDREN WILL BEGIN THE HEALING PROCESS WITH OTHER CHILDREN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED A SIMULAR LOSS DOING THE SUMMER ACTIVITIES THEY HAVE AT THE CAMP. FOR CHILDREN AGES 7 – 17, APPROXIMATELY 220 CHILDREN WERE THERE LAST YEAR.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GOOGLE CAMP HOMETOWN HEROS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- Purchase of Overflow parking area from DOT. 75' X 200". The survey has been completed and approved by DOT and the Village of Plover. Now waiting for DOT Appraisal. No update.

Commander's Corner:

- **New Member Protocol**
 - New applicant submits on proper form
 - Recruiter must fill out proper form with applicant
 - Recruiter MUST enter name membership number on form for credit
 - Form submitted to Adjutant or Quartermaster with dues

- Applicant reviewed by Leadership for eligibility
- New applicant gets entered into National VFW membership program by Quartermaster or Karen, Office Manager
- Senior Vice presents at Post Meeting
- This year the VFW enters its 125th year of service to veterans, service members and their families. The VFW has launched a year-long campaign to commemorate this.
 - More information to come across throughout the year.
- The Wisconsin Veterans Museum is the recipient of an Award of Excellence for its exhibit, Souvenirs of Service: The Things They Kept. The goal of the exhibit was to show the humanity behind the history of artifacts that are not normally on display at a military museum. The staff aimed to bridge the expanding military-civilian divide and encourage a deeper understanding of military service.

NEW Business: Tim Bubla presented on the Veterans Expo 2024 held in Wisconsin Rapids.

- New VA mobile phone text system for medication refills.
 - They will now advise when your refills low and ask if you want a refill. Y or N. You can opt out of text notifications. Controlled medications will require special approval.
- There is a new initiative for Women’s Health that focuses on Whole Health Coaching, fertility services, maternity, menopause and others.
- Blue Water Navy Vietnam Definition – veterans who served within 12 nautical miles off the coast of Vietnam or Korea are presumed to have been exposed.
- Reach out to the VA for more information on new changes, initiatives and updates.

Good of the Order:

- Gary Matthees asked about a photo that once hung under the tv to the left of the door. It was presented to the VFW from Iraq veterans and showed their first election ballot.
- Mike Zynda mentioned there are no new updates on the status of King Veterans Home in Waupaca. Meetings times and places keep changing and nothing is improving.

UPCOMING VETERAN ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND DATES:

July:

- 4th of July Parade
- 8 July – Post & Aux Meetings
- 9 July – Morning Joe & Doe @ Elks Lodge 8-10am
- 20 July - Customer Appreciation
- 26 July - Celebrate Plover @ Lake Pacawa
- 30 July – Tomah VA Women’s Health Center Grand Opening

August:

- 3 Aug - Highground Bikers – spaghetti dinner (Auxiliary)
- 5 Aug – Entertainment Comm @ 6pm
- 5 Aug – House Comm @ 7pm
- 12 Aug – Post Meetings
- 13 Aug – Morning Joe and Doe @ Elks Lodge 8-10am
- 17 Aug – Rifle Squad Steak Feed
- 25 Aug – Guns & Hoses 1pm @ Zenoff Park

September:

- 2 Sept – Entertainment Comm @ 6pm

2 Sept – House Comm @ 7pm

7 Sept – Post Golf Outing @ WI River Golf Course

9 Sept – Post & Aux Meetings

12 Sept – Operation Healing Hearts Bike Riders @ the Memorial Bridge by Pfiffner and on to Lodge at Iverson Park

13 Sept – Breakfast for Bike Riders 0730 at the Post

COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES:

July 4th – Signing of the Declaration of Independence

July 27th – National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

July 28th - National Buffalo Soldiers Day

July 29th – Army Chaplains Corps Anniversary

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY for JULY 2024 BIRTHDAYS.

Nickolas L Huillier 7/9, Marci Ledlow 7/9, Dennis Lepper 7/10, John Herek 7/12, Mike Byrum 7/14, Peter Cychosz 7/17, Wayne LeVasseur 7/17, Mike Wolf 7/19, Chris Holman 7/25, Thomas Ehr 7/27, Jeremy Larsen 7/31

ANNIVERSARIES.

Thomas & Stacey Otto 7/25, Walter & Grace Blanchard 7/18, Dennis & Irene Lepper 7/1, Ryan & Jessica McCaffrey 7/8, Mike & Beverly Butcher 7/20, Jared & Sheree Nagel 7/31

FIFTY (\$50.00) Attendance Raffle! Loren Jesch

CLOSING CEREMONY; Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. August 8th. 2024
Adjournment time: 2023

Barbara McCloy
Commander