



**VFW POST
10262
2970 Hickory Drive
Plover, Wi 54467
Post Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024**



JOINT MEETING:

- Scholarship Chair Mike Zinda presented three College Scholarships.
 - Syndey Kruger – Mike Helgert Golf Scholarship
 - Cailyn Sommers – Bert Platta Rifle Squad Scholarship
 - Lilyanne Perla – VFW Post 10626 Scholarship

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING:

New member introduced. John Licht.

COMMANDER MCCLOY OPENED THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS; 19:24 HRS.

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

Opening Prayer: recited by Chaplain Decker

Draping/Undraping of the Charter:

- None

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

Roll Call of officers.

Present	17
Excused	0
Absent	1

VFW Members Present – 28 - members physically present, zero online participants.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS, APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS: Membership Chair Sr. Vice NEW MEMBERS; (Mustering in New Members). New Member John Lecht.

Commander McCloy conducted the ceremony.

Membership; As of June 5th, 2024, 211 members, 161 Life members 50-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: May.

- **Minutes of the May Meeting:** Approved with no changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Ryan McCaffery & HC Chair Verhage.

- Post Finances and QM Report given by Ryan McCaffery with input from Comrade Dave Verhage.

Motion to accept: Gary Jay & seconded by Larry Kinyon. Motion passed.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yalcin.

- Maintaining healthy sleep
Sleeping well is just as important as exercise and eating wisely. Poor sleep is related to:
- Obesity
- Heart disease and stroke
- Diabetes
- Pain
- Depression, anxiety, and irritability
- Concentration and memory problems
- Accidents and impaired work performance

One in three people have sleeping problems sleeping at some point in their lives. There's a big difference between one night of poor sleep and trouble that persists. If your sleep trouble goes on for months, you have a sleep disorder. Concerned about your sleep? VA's Sleep Check UP tool can help you understand it and recommend effective treatments:

<https://www.veterantraining.va.gov/checkup/index.asp>

Did you know that VA offers a mobile app designed to help manage insomnia? The app is based on Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy of Insomnia (CBT-I). Insomnia Coach can be used as a stand-alone education and self-care tool, or as a supplement to professional mental health care. Tomah VA Medical Center and community-based outpatient clinics have mental health providers trained in CBT-I. Learn more about Insomnia Coach here:

<https://www.ptsd.va.gov/appvid/docs/insomniacoachflyer508.pdf>

MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN DISTRESS.

- Comrade Suchon is not doing well.
- Chaplain Raschka's wife Joen is not doing well.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

- The Post received a thank you from UW-SP for attending and presenting at the Military Ball.

Community service on-line report: Adjutant.

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

POST OFFICERS REPORTS.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Sr. Vice Cdr Cansino - nothing to report.

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

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Decker – Chaplain Raschka has asked for a leave of absence. Comrade Bob Decker volunteered to fill-in for Post and Rifle Squad events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Members; Chair David Verhage, Sr. Vice Cansino, QM McCaffrey, HC Members Mark Wysocki & Ron Stoflet, Canteen Supervisor Schildt, Aux President Kowalski, Facility Manit Sup Spreda and Past Cdr. Strasser.

- Members present, HC Chair Verhage, Cdr McCloy, Sr Vice Cansino, HC Members Wysocki, & Stoflet, Aux President Kowalski, Canteen Supervisor Schildt, and Past Cdr Strasser.

Items Discussed.

Comrade Verhage volunteered to serve as the HC Chair for VFW year 2024 – 2025.

- AUXILIARY President Kowalski, Tuesday, June 11th, 4 -8 PM, the Auxiliary will have a Spaghetti feed/Fundraiser.
- The new POS System (Bar and Kitchen cash registers) update for the Canteen has been installed.
- We are still looking at replacing the Kitchen Fryers, 2 small and 1 large. Cost estimates are approximately \$3000. The Rifle Squad has agreed to pay for them.
- The Land Purchase: waiting for DOT to complete appraisal and contact us.
- New Post Website up and running.
- HC Chair requested an estimate from Holiday Auto on repainting the restroom dividers.
- Post Floor Stripping and Waxing coming up! Looking at prices for someone to come in and do it all in one day.
- Karen and Dave will be conducting interviews (to replace Karen) with the four people who sent in resumes starting this week.

Entertainment/Planning Committee: Members present, Aux Pres Kowalski, Jr. Vice Wolf, Canteen Manager Chris Schult, Aux members Sally Mickelkamp, & Debbie Manthey, Barb McCloy & Past Cdr. Strasser

Issues discussed:

- June 11th, Auxiliary Spaghetti Feed 4:00 – 8:00 PM.
- July 4th. The parade starts at 10:00 hrs. this year. Line up starts at 0800 hrs. Snacks after the parade at the Post.
- July 20th. Saturday, Customer appreciation, Burgers, Brats and Chips at \$5.00 a plate and with music, “Grey Catz” Music from 5-8 PM.
- July 27th. Celebrate Plover. This is a Rifle Squad, Auxiliary & Post Event that includes our Membership Drive and Poppy Distribution. We are looking at making a signup sheet for volunteers for specific time frames.

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

- Season 2024 preparation has started. Times reserved at the Golf Course. Open to new volunteers and helpers to assist with coordination.
- Updated on Sponsor Letters, posters, and sign-up sheets.

- Please mark your Calendar for Sept 7th as we need volunteers out on the course.
- Next meeting June 18th 5:00 PM at the Post.

COMMUNITY & CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

- **VFW Community Activities Committee Chair: Junior Vice Wolf** – nothing new to report.
- **High School Senior SCHOLARSHIPS, Mike Zynda.**
 - Awarded Three \$1000 Scholarships this meeting. Thanks to the Post members who helped with the judging of the entry packets.
- **VOD, PP & TEACHER OF THE YEAR. Commander**
 - Need a volunteer to head-up the program for next year.

Military Assistance Program (MAP), Chair Charneski – Nothing new to report. The request for the Cannon to start the Golf Tournament is in.

SURGEON; Larry Kinyon. Gave a brief report on the condition of the food Kitchen at King.

The 8:00 PM Chaplain Decker recited Prayer.

DONATION REQUESTS:

Donation Committee Members; Sr. Vice Cansino, Mark Wysocki, Gary Matthees, Cdr. Barb McCloy, Past Cdr. Strasser & Brad Shufelt.

Sr. Vice Cdr. Casino reported:

- 50th Annual Panaca, Sept 6, 7 & 9th. \$100.00
- 4th Annual Lake Pacawa Run, Walk & Roll. \$200.00
- Hunger and Poverty Prevention Partnership Empty Bowls. Support helps maintain funding for the Mobile Pantry, the Giving Gardens and more. \$200.00
- 2024 UW-SP Ranger Ruck Donation. \$100.00

For the reference of Post members:

- All donation requests will be reviewed by the Donations Committee before being presented to the Post members for vote. Requests over \$500.00 need to be submitted to the Committee at least five (5) days prior to the monthly meeting, so they can be entered and sent out to the membership on the agenda for their individual research.
- Any emergency donation request should be submitted 3-5 days ahead of time. (where possible).
- This committee would like to extend the invitation for volunteers. We could use the assistance of two or three more members to assist fellow veterans and our community through our Donations Committee.

RIFLE SQUAD: Cdr. Strasser.

- Concerns were brought to the Post Leadership regarding status and cleaning of current M1 Rifles used by the Rifle Squad. The Rifles have recently been cleaned and are maintained by Post Members Mugridge and Burke. Sr. Vice Cdr. Cansino is a Licensed Gunsmith, so we are in good shape.
- Special note – these rifles are gun power operated, not gas cylinder operated.
- The Rifle Squad Participated in the Memorial Day Activities and the Korean War Veterans Memorial Annual Celebration.
- The Rifle Squad, Post and Auxilliary members supported the Oso's 5K run/walk and raised over \$1000 for the Honor Flight Fund Raiser.
- The Rifle Squad Also Provided Military Honors for six (6) deceased Veterans this past month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- Purchase of Overflow parking area from DOT. 75' X 200". The survey is completed and forwarded to Village of Plover and DOT. Waiting for DOT appraisal.
- Want to donate \$1500 to the Honor Flight.

Good of the Order. Nothing new to share.

NEW Business.

- Installation of the new slate of Post Officers. Cdr, Sr Vice, Jr. Vice, QM, and Trustee and all appointed officers have taken place. Please be patient as they work through their new roles and work with the members towards maintaining a successful post.

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.

- **June 14th Flag Day.** Rifle Squad member Bubla and auxiliary will do a Flag Day presentation at the Stevens Point ADRC.
- 23 June – Wags for Dogs event at Piffner Park, Stevens Point (Rifle Squad) Starts around 11:00 hrs.
- 4 July – Stevens Point Parade. Rifle Squad 10 am (8am Lineup Starts), snacks at the Post after the parade for post members and Aux who worked the parade (Not the Public).
- 8 July – 7pm Post and Auxiliary Meeting
- 20 July – Saturday Customer Appreciation
 - Burgers, Brats, Chips - \$5/Plate
 - Grey Catz – Live music 5pm – 8pm.
- 27 July – Celebrate Plover, Lake Pacawa. Post event to drive membership.
 - Setup the night before from 4:00 – 6:00 PM or Sat Morning before 8am. Post and Aux will each have a space.
 - Need volunteers to man tent in shifts.
 - Auxiliary Poppy Distribution.

COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES

- 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 June 2024
WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/1 John (Trapper) Schultz 79, 6/2 Fred Simons 41, 6/4 Leonard Norton 77, 6/4 Dennis Burke 77,
6/6 Larry Cason 77, 6/9 Mike Worzalla 59, 6/10 Lawarnce Woyak 59, 6/13 Donald Wiernik 92,
6/15 Frank Krush 78, 6/15 Wayne Schneider 52, 6/16 Guy Mockler 71, 6/18 Nick Kibler 26,
6/20 Manuel Rocha 76, 6/21 Ronald Charneski 65, 6/23 Perry Engel 75, 6/25 Mark Lehman 48,
6/26 David Hoefs 81, 6/29 John Licht 63, 6/30 Don Mugridge 79, 6/30 Thomas Otto 46.

ANNIVERSARIES.

6/1 Phil & Penny Kallis, 6/1 Ron & Carol Garski, 6/4 Richard & Vicky Chojnacki,
6/10 John and Lisa Light, 6/12 David & Peggy Hanson, 6/16 Davis & Debi Verhage,
6/22 Frank & Joan Raschka, 6/23 Stephen & Regina Wimmer, 6/25 Bernard & Janice Yelkin,
6/28 Chester & Carol Laskowski, 6/30 Jason & Ashley Prinsen.

Attendance Raffle – Raffle Tickets given instead of \$50. Tim Bubla and Larry Kinyon were this month's winners.

CLOSING CEREMONY; Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. July 8, 2024

Adjournment time: 2045 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Shufelt
Adjutant