



**VFW POST
10262
2970 Hickory Drive
Plover, Wi 54467
Post Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2024**



INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ANYONE WAITING:

New member sworn-in: None at this meeting.

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 un-draped for Post member Scott Halverson.

Recitation of section 230102 of the Congressional Charter:

- Was recited by all.

Roll Call of officers.

Present	14
Excused	1
Absent	1

VFW Members Present – 29 - members physically present, 0 online participants.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS, APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS: Membership Chair Sr. Vice – Nothing to report.

INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS; (Mustering in New Members). None to report

Membership; As of April 22, 2024, 212 members, 162 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.

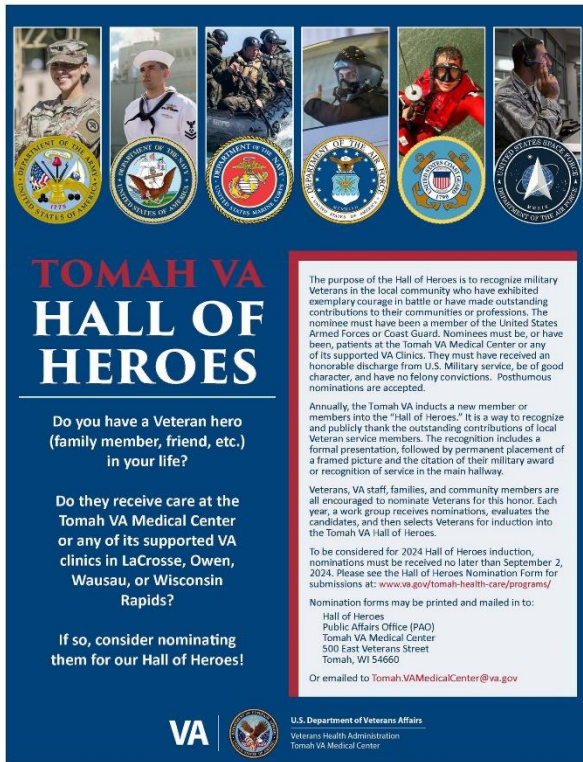
REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES FOR: April meeting. Approved with no changes.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT: HC Chair Verhage.

- Post Finances and QM Report given by Comrade Dave Verhage.

Motion to accept: Comrade Bob Decker & Comrade Wayne Gorell. Motion passed.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: Comrade Yalcin.



The poster features six circular portraits of veterans in various military uniforms, each with a corresponding service branch seal below it. The text on the poster is as follows:

TOMAH VA HALL OF HEROES

Do you have a Veteran hero (family member, friend, etc.) in your life?

Do they receive care at the Tomah VA Medical Center or any of its supported VA clinics in LaCrosse, Owen, Wausau, or Wisconsin Rapids?

If so, consider nominating them for our Hall of Heroes!

The purpose of the Hall of Heroes is to recognize military Veterans in the local community who have exhibited exemplary courage in battle or have made outstanding contributions to their communities or professions. The nominee must have been a member of the United States Armed Forces or Coast Guard. Nominees must be, or have been, patients at the Tomah VA Medical Center or any of its supported VA Clinics. They must have received an honorable discharge from U.S. Military service, be of good character, and have no felony convictions. Posthumous nominations are accepted.

Annually, the Tomah VA inducts a new member or members into the "Hall of Heroes." It is a way to recognize and publicly thank the outstanding contributions of local Veteran service members. The recognition includes a formal presentation, followed by permanent placement of a framed picture and the citation of their military award or recognition of service in the main hallway.

Veterans, VA staff, families, and community members are all encouraged to nominate Veterans for this honor. Each year, a work group receives nominations, evaluates the candidates, and then selects Veterans for induction into the Tomah VA Hall of Heroes.

To be considered for 2024 Hall of Heroes induction, nominations must be received no later than September 2, 2024. Please see the Hall of Heroes Nomination Form for submissions at: www.va.gov/tomah-health-care/programs/

Nomination forms may be printed and mailed in to:

Hall of Heroes
Public Affairs Office (PAO)
Tomah VA Medical Center
500 East Veterans Street
Tomah, WI 54660

Or emailed to TomahVAMedicalCenter@va.gov

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Tomah VA Medical Center

Tomah VA Hall of Heroes

🇺🇸 Do you know a Veteran who:

- 🤔 served in the United States Armed Forces or Coast Guard?
- 🤔 exhibited exemplary courage in battle or have made outstanding contributions in their communities or professions?

🤔 And, would be eligible for care at the Tomah VA Medical Center and Clinic?

We are accepting applications until September 2, 2024, for our spring induction into our Hall of Heroes. Nominate your Veteran

today: <https://www.va.gov/tomah-health-care/programs/>

MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS IN DISTRESS.

- Larry Woyak just had triple bypass surgery and is recovering.
- Tim Bubla's niece is recovering from major health concerns. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
- Jim Maas is suffering with 50% hearing loss.
- Randal Lamke's wife is ill.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ADJUTANT:

- The Post will be closed to the public on Saturday, June 8th for Comrade Tegan Griffith's wedding.
- 4 donations were received from friends and families of Honors performed by the Rifle Squad.
- 1 Thank You card from the ADRC for hosting the space for their senior meal.

Community service on-line report: Adjutant.

Please report your community service hours to the new Jr. Vice Cdr. Mike Wolf.

POST OFFICERS REPORTS.

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

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER REPORT: Jr. Vice Mugridge – Weeks of May 13 & 20th, flags to be installed at Cemetery Veterans Grave Markers.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Raschka – The Post Deceased Board has been updated.

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 Cdr. Strasser.

- Members present, HC Chair Verhage, Adj McCloy, HC Member Wysocki, Aux President Kowalski, Canteen Supervisor Schildt, HC Member Karl August, Incoming Sr. Vice Cansino, and Cdr. Strasser.

Items Discussed.

1. AUXILIARY President Kowalski, Tuesday, June 11th, 4 -8 PM, the Auxiliary will have a Spaghetti feed/Fundraiser.
 2. HC CHAIR VERHAGE; Considering/Discussing ideas on refreshing Post restrooms and working with Mark Spreda.
- The new POS System (Bar and Kitchen cash registers) should be delivered and set up within the next few weeks.
 - We are still looking at replacing the Kitchen Fryers, two small and one 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. It is a work in progress!
 - Post Floor Stripping and Waxing coming up! Was stripped and waxed last July. Looking at Aug or Sept.

- The Dart Game Machine is working and has attracted some new patrons.
- The “Power Surge” in late April burned out two bar area TV’s, the office Router, and created problems with the Ice Maker. Replacement TV’s and Router have been replaced and Insurance Claim is being submitted.
- The Tasty Nook was given a five day notice to pay back rent and pay the food bill in full. At the end of those five days, their contract will end if not paid in full.

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

Issues discussed:

- May 4th VFW Post Day of Service was supported by 15 Post and family members.
- 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, Auxiliary Spaghetti Feed 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Sandi needs a few volunteers to help with this event.
- July 4th. Stevens Point Parade. Rifle Squad and Auxiliary. Snacks after parade at the Post.

Golf Committee: Members, Chair Larry Kinyon

- Working on contacting POC’s for the approved donations and presentations.
- May 23rd will be their next meeting. They are presenting donation checks to the Salvation Army, The Boys & Girls Club and the Hero Banner Program.
- Bootleggers has been reserved for September 7th.

COMMUNITY & CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

- **VFW Community Activities Committee Chair:** Incoming Jr. Vice Cdr. Mike Wolf
- **High School Senior SCHOLARSHIPS, Mike Zynda.**
 - Packets have been collected and judging will be Monday, May 17th, 1pm at the VFW. 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.
- **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOT’S PEN & TEACHER OF THE YEAR. Need to get serious in July and order program information.**

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

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:

- DC Farm for Vets: Looking for donations to provide education and services to veterans interested in entering the agriculture industry. The Organization is in Sturgeon Bay, Wi. Comrade Wysocki made a motion to donate \$500 to DC Farms for Vets. Comrade Gary J seconded. Motion carried.

- Kiwanis Club of Plover sent a donation request. Comrade Wayne Gorell made a motion that the Post donate \$250. Comrade Frank Raschka seconded. Motion carried.
- In the pile of donation requests was also an official receipt and thank you for our donation of \$100 made to the Memorial Day Foundation.
- Request for support of the Legion Post #6 Banner Program was approved for \$500.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- Purchase of Overflow parking area from DOT. 75' X 200". Survey is completed and forwarded to Village of Plover and then DOT.

RIFLE SQUAD: Cdr. Strasser.

- April 21st Steak & Omelet Breakfast was the last for the season. Comrade Verhage has the final numbers for the year.
- May 10th, Graveside Honors for Post Member Jim Sachs at 2:00 PM at Wisconsin Rapids Rest Lawn Cemetery.
- May 11th, Grave Side Honors for a Community Vet at Wis Rapids Rest Lawn at 13:30 hrs.
- May 18th. OSO's Brewery 5K Run/Walk Provide Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs and chips for the expected crowd of about 400
- May 21st, at the Boston Funeral Home, Honors for Legion Post 543 Member Nancy Saunders at 14:30 Hrs.
- May 27th, 08:00 hrs., start of Memorial Day Activities.
- May 28th, Flag change out at Whispering Pines at 14:00 hrs.
- June 2nd, Village of Plover Korean War Veterans Celebration event!
- Comrade Verhage gave a final update of the season for the Steak and Egg Breakfasts. Overall, we did better than last year. We served 1300 this year versus 933 last year. We made \$3907 this year versus \$3333 last year. Steak and Egg Breakfasts will begin again in September of 2024. Rifle Squad will hold these breakfasts the 3rd Sunday of each month until April of 2025.
- August 17th will be the Annual Steak Feed. \$30/ticket plus a free drink ticket.

Good of the Order. Comrade Tim Bubla was presented with a Letter of Appreciation from the Post Auxiliary.

NEW Business.

- All newly voted and non-contested Officers, as well as those positions appointed were sworn in by Past Post Commander Ron Stoflet.
- Comrades McCloy, Cansino, Wolf, McCaffrey, Raschka, Matthees, Kinyon, Zynda, Gburek, Herek, Shufelt, Yelkin and Engel were in attendance for the ceremony.

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.

- May 13th Post & Auxiliary Meeting.
- May 18th (Morning) O So's Brewery 5K Honor Flight Fundraiser, Membership Recruiting, Hot dogs, Burgers & Brats and Chips.
- May 18th Post Hosts "All Area Veterans Gathering". Food and Guest speakers!
- 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 Post around Noon.
- June 2nd, Village of Plover Annual Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony, includes recognizing Veterans families that purchased new Memorial Plaques.
- June 8th, Saturday. Post Closed to Public for Private event:
- June 11th, Auxiliary Spaghetti Feed. 4 -8 PM

- June 12 -15th, State Convention in Green Bay.
- June 23, Portage County Humane society, “Wags for Dogs” Pfiffner Park Rifle Squad and???
- July 4th, Stevens Point Parade.
- July 20th, Saturday, Customer appreciation day. Gray Catz Live music, Burgers, Brats & Chips.

COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES

- May 30th, Memorial Day celebrated this year on May 27th.
- 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 WW11fighting.
- Sept 11 Patriot Day...
- Sept 20th POW/MIA Recognition Day

ANNIVERSARIE’S and BIRTHDAYS for May 2024

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY!

5/1 Bob Decker, 83; 5/2 William Jenkins, 76; 5/3 Bryce Lothe 32; 5/7 Gary Matthees 78.
 5/8 Frederic Fleishauer 80; 5/10 Chester Laskowski 76; 5/15 Larry Kinyon 79.
 5/18 Anthony Almanza 62; 5/22 Katie Keailher 45; 5/22 Timothy Victor.
 5/23 Guy Jones 67; 5.26 Peter Congdon 58; 5/28 Ronald Kozlowski 78
 5/31 Thomas Zajackowski 68.

ANNIVERSARIES.

5/1 Ron & Rose Sankey; 5/1 Bruce & Janice Dupstrom; 5/1 Robert & Mary Carlson.
 5/25 Ronald & Kay Stoflet; 5/26 Allyn & Roberta Dunlap; 5/29 Perry & Sherry Engel.

Attendance Raffle – Post will Raffle off three (3) \$20.00 State Raffel tickets for the May Meeting and Two (2) Raffle Tickets at the June Meeting. **Winners:** Brad Shufelt, Walter Stabnow and one donated back to the Post.

CLOSING CEREMONY; Next Meeting will be 19:00 hrs. June 10th, 2024

Adjournment time: 2030 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McCloy
 Adjutant