

August 7th. 2017 Legion Membership Meeting

7:00 PM The monthly meeting of American Legion Post #189 was called to order by Commander Krueger with 34 members present. Pledge of Allegiance, placing of the POW-MIA flag on the empty chair, and Preamble to the American Legion Constitution were conducted. Opening prayer was given by Chaplain Genz. The microphone was passed so all present could identify themselves.

Roll Call: Wzoreck excused, Derbas, Stratman, and Britt absent.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ryan Krueger for his efforts in bringing wrestling back to Watertown for the July 4th. celebration, and promoting the same.

Minutes of the July membership meeting were read with one correction. Placed on file. Minutes of the July Executive Committee were read and placed on file.

Financial Report: Finance Officer reports total assets are \$111,627.04. Motion was made and 2nd. to accept the financial report, carried
Herbert stated the net profit for the 2 days of July 4th. are \$1,602.53. This does not include the City contribution of \$7,800, which brings the profit to \$9,402.52. He has not heard from J & L Tire on whether or not they will again sponsor the brat stand.

Membership Chairman Schoeckert reports about 50% of the members have renewed their membership for 2018, 190 have paid.

Adjutant Schultz stated he received request for membership from John Flahive, US Army, Vietnam Era; Daniel Symoens. US Marine Corp, presently serving; Michael Jacobson, US Navy, Vietnam Era, and Victor Sierlecki, US Army, Vietnam Era. Schultz recommended we accept the named veterans as members. There was a motion, 2nd, to accept, carried.

1st. Vice Commander: No report

Chaplain Genz reports sending a get well card to Bill Schultz, and sympathy cards to the families of Pastor Donald Meier, Douglas Sorenson, and Kenneth Ceithamer.

Bar/House Report: Grill reports assets at \$1,302.94. The new downspouts have been installed on the building, but does not know if the caulking on the roof has been done, but there was no leakage from the roof after the heavy rain last week.

Color Guard/Firing Squad Report: Commander Gillis reports assets at \$9,258.50.

Historian: Wayne Schlieve taking photos of the July 4th. celebration. He also stated that he would like to know about any grave flags that are deteriorated so they can be replaced.

Blue Star Banner: Chairman Schumann gave the following banners; 2 star banners to Dale/Julie Borth and Everett/Marlene Borth, parents and grandparents of Michael Borth, US Air Force and Daniel Borth, US Marine Corp; 1 star banners to Joel/Tracey Saeger for son Adam Saeger, US Army; Peggy Riek, grandmother of Michael Borth; Robert/Aimee Adams and Marialyce Wackett, parents and grandmother of Alex Adams, US Army.

Correspondence: Thank you cards from Faron Voigt and Caleb Gamble, recipients of Matthew Zindars Scholarships. A thank you from the Wetzel family for providing graveside rights at the funeral of Kenneth Wetzel. A thank you from Dan Kaddatz, first place winner in the July 4th. raffle. A thank you and \$175.00 in memorials from Lois Schmidt for husband Brent Schmidt. A thank you and memorials in the amount of \$300.00 in memory of Douglas Sorenson from his wife. Memorial in the name of Harold Wandersee from Mike and Lisa Rowaldt, a memorial from Marilyn Luebke, no name given. The American Legion 2nd. District POW-MIA Silent March will be Saturday, September 9th. in Germantown. Registration at 9 AM, parade at 10 AM with a program, lunch, and refreshments to follow. Also requesting colors and marchers for the parade. Notice given to Gillis.

Commander Krueger talked about how the Main Street Committee had taken over the Halloween Trick or Treat Program of the Legion over the last couple of years. The schedule of the Main Street Halloween program happens to fall on the same Saturday as the 2nd. District Fall Conference. This conflicts with the Commander and other Officers who need to attend the conference and would like to be part of the Halloween program. The also affects the Legion Auxiliary. The Commander recommended we take control of Halloween and have trick or treat and the parade on Sunday, October 28th. There was a motion, a 2nd., and carried.

Dennis Johnson stated he has available 2 more power chairs, but there is no room in the sheds. The Executive Committee will discuss this matter.

In House raffle: Krueger, Herbert, McCabe, Kundronowicz, and Clemmons

Baseball raffle: Dennis Stair

Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Larry Schultz
Adjutant