

## May 1<sup>st</sup> Post #189 Membership Meeting

7:00 PM

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Commander Krueger with 40 members present. Pledge of Allegiance, placing of the POW-MIA flag on the empty chair, and Preamble to the American Legion Constitution were conducted. Open prayer given by Chaplain Genz.

Roll call: Derbas excused

Minutes of the April membership meeting were read with no additions or correction. Placed on file.

Minutes of the April Board meeting were read and placed on file.

Financial Report: Finance Officer Herbert reports total assets are 113,295.58. Detailed report is attached to these minutes.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: No report

2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice Commander: Ken Wzorek reported he has 5 students who have given written intent for the fall Oratorical. A Scholarship committee has been formed with the following members; Wzoreik, Stratman, Zindars, and Saeger. Wzorek, who is an Elks member, has been appointed as the liaison between the Elks Club and the local veterans organizations.

Chaplain: Genz sent get well cards to Paul Bast, Phil Paulsen, and Jack Erdman. Tom Brom is back in the hospital and will be sent a get well card

House/Bar: Chairman Grill reports bar assests at \$1225.94. Again requests members sign up for the lunches after meetings.

Firing Squad: Commander Gillis reports assets at \$9,111.63. He requested the Finance Officer and Adjutant audit the books.

Historian: reports 40 members present

Judge Advocate: Now have 4 young men going to Badger Boys State. They are Saleh Amed, Laurence Byrne, Griffin Harris, and Zachary Beine.

Communications: Request from Tomorrows Hope for a sponsorship, request for a donation from "The Memorial Day Foundation", letter from Carew Heating stating Trane will supply an air conditioner to a needy veteran and Carew Heating will furnish the labor, request for donation from Fisher House, raffle tickets from Legion Riders for the Legacy Run. Free admission for veterans to Brewers games on weekends when they play at home. Verification needed for entry. Department Convention is July 13-16, 2017 at Radisson paper Valley in Appleton. Schultz received a request for membership from Gary

Brashear, US Air Force, Viet Nam ear; Andrew Boush, US Navy Reserves, Gulf Era; Gary Lohaus, US Army, Viet Nam Era; and John Nora, US Air Force, Viet Nam Era. Schultz made a motion to accept these veterans as members, 2<sup>nd</sup>. and carried.

Blue Star Banner: Schuman presented a 3 Star Banner to Al and Betty Damrow for grandchildren; Andrea Huffstetler, US Air Force; Brad Bruschnig, US Army; and Bryce Christian, US Marines. A 2 Star Banner to Jay and Shelley Schwock for children Brandon and Samantha Schwock, both US Marines. A 2 Star Banner to Edith Schwock for grandchildren Brandon and Samantha.

Old Business: Gillis stated he heard rumors that the Vets Counsel is trying to remove the cannon which is displayed in Veterans Park, which he opposes. He made a motion that the Adjutant compose a letter opposing the removal of the cannon and send it to the Vets Counsel, all veterans organizations, and the Park & Recreation Department. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Leichty. After discussion, the cannon is not going to be removed, but in all probability, relocated in the park. Motion withdrawn.

New Business: Andrew Boush and Gary Brashear were given the oath of membership in the American Legion.

Election of Officers: The present slate of Officers has agreed to run for the 2017-2018 term. Vern Schuman asked the membership if there were any other nominations for each office. There were none. Incumbent Historian Clemmons was being challenged by Wayne Schliewe. Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to cast a unanimous ballot for the Officers running unopposed, carried. Secret ballot for Historian resulted in Schliewe 22 votes, Clemmons 20.

Officers for 2017-2018 are:

Commander: Ronald Krueger

1<sup>st</sup>. Vice Commander: Robert Seager

2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice Commander: Kenneth Wzorek

Adjutant: Larry Schultz

Chaplain: Ward Genz

Finance Officer: Roger Herbert

Judge Advocate: Dan Stratman

Service Officer: Emily Derbas

Sgt. at Arms: William Rex

Sgt. at Arms: Simon Britt

Historian: Wayne Schliewe

Saeger made at motion to donate \$250.00 to Fisher House, 2<sup>nd</sup>., carried.

Discussion on having a defibulator at the Post. Grill stated he will compile information. He also stated that he and Emily are CPR certified instructors and would be willing to do training.

Good of the Post: Johnson stated the Vets Counsel are installing 33 new pavers in Veterans Park on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. and would like a few helpers.

Simon informed the Post that he has been compiling information on a POW-MIA Memorial for Veterans Park. Block Memorial has agreed to contribute the finished stone. He be asking the City to do the foundation.

Commander Krueger again reminded the membership that they will be required to show their membership card when entering the building.

In House raffle: Kohn, Arndt, Brashear, Oldenhoff, A. Genz, and Giese.

Baseball raffle: Wicker

Adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Larry Schultz

Adjutant