

## January 7, 2019 Legion Membership Meeting

7:00 PM The meeting was called to order by Commander Krueger with 40 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance, placing of the POW-MIA flag on the empty chair, and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution were conducted.

Roll Call: Stratman excused

The minutes of the December meeting were read and placed on file.

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Finance Officer Herbert reports total financial assets at \$92,342.61. Itemized report attached to these minutes

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Hamburgur states the Dish is now operational.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice Britts states the storage building is almost complete and the heating should be installed later this week.

Chaplain Genz sent a sympathy card to the family of Donald Cayan.

House Chairman Grill reports bar assets at \$1,078.94.

Firing Squad finances at \$10,272.68.

Brennecke stated Post 189 has 6 teams participating in the Jefferson Co. bowling tournament in Ft. Atkinson on January 26<sup>th</sup>. February 17<sup>th</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup>. District bowling tournament at Watertown Bowl North.

Legionnaire of the Year: Candidates are Kirk Grill, Simon Britts, Bob Hamburgur, and Vern Schumann. Nominations still being open, Joe Raatz nominated Paul Bradow. Voting was conducted by secret ballot with Vern Schumann being Watertown American Legion Post #189 Legionnaire of the Year for 2018.

Blue Star Banner: Schumann issued Blue Star Banners to the following:

Bob/Becky Lazzell for son Samuel, US Army; Bob/Sheril Wetzel for son Matthew, US Army; Keri Saeger for daughter Haley, US Army; and Robert/Janet Schultz Jr. for granddaughter Haley Saeger, US Army.

Communications: A check from the American Legion Foundation in the amount of \$1,071 which is from Gail Gaugert and the Kohls girls for handing out flags on the parade route on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and helping Wayne Schlieve remove flags from veterans graves: a check for \$50 and thank you from Marie Rieder, wife of deceased member Lou Rieder; \$25 from Christina Gallert in memory of husband Mark Gallert.

A request for membership in Post #189 from Steven L Wendt, US Army, Vietnam, and Stanley C Kuehl, US Army, Vietnam. Schultz recommends both veterans for membership. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and carried to accept them as members.

Chris Pierick, American Legion Baseball addressed the membership stating that Legion Baseball is associated with Watertown High School Youth baseball. As a fundraiser they sell a community discount card which is good for the year 2019, can be used multiple times at the same venue, and only costs \$20.00.

Jefferson County Commander Dale Mitchell was allowed the floor and commented on the controversy over the Oratorical Contest; requested members consider running for County Commander at the next election.

Old Business: Bob Saeger stated "sell raffle tickets".

New Business None

Good of the Legion: Midwinter conference at Ho-Chunk on January 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup>. District Oratorical contest will be held on Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup>. at 10 AM. Post 189's winner, Timothy Davis, will be competing again. Last year Timothy made it to the State level and came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. He twice as good this year.

Commander Krueger states the tickets for the Birthday Banquet are now available, the cost is \$22.00 per ticket; at the Post, from Ron, or Bradow Jewelers.

In House raffle: Liermann, Raatz, Clemmons, Hulick, Stendel, and Mitchell.

Baseball raffle: Don Klecker

Adjourned 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Larry Schultz

Adjutant