

**FRANK E. MALONE POST 113 AMERICAN LEGION**  
102 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street P.O. Box 211 Mount Horeb, WI 53572



**Minutes of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin**

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Attendance: 22

12 October 2017

Time Convened: 6:30pm

Reading of the last meeting minutes: Handed out October exec committee minutes and September 2017 membership meeting minutes. Motion passed and accepted as posted.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Marshall – Vets Roll. Offer a similar experience to Badger Honor Flight, Veterans meet in Beloit and are bussed to Washington DC stopping along the way at several military sites. Once in DC they visit all of the Veteran memorial sites. When they return to Beloit there is also a welcome home celebration. If you've been on the Badger Honor Flight you are still eligible to participate in Vets Roll.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance Committee: (Larry)

Total Balance: \$37,536.58

Checking: \$3,489.54

Balance minus Restricted Funds: \$29,448.40

Savings: \$8,092.72

Membership Committee: (Mike)

-95 Members renewals / transfers received by the Post to date

Jr. Shooting Sports Committee: (Craig)

-Supplies ordered, schedule set

Scholarship Committee: (Commander Jerry)

- 3 \$500 scholarships being awarded in 2018.

Youth and Family Committee: (Commander Jerry)

-We need to send thank you letters to the people and businesses that donated to the Michael Kersten Benefit. I sent the other Legion Posts thank you notes.

-WI Desert Veterans Grant approved - \$3,500

-Please let family members know that we want to know if someone is sick, injured, hospitalized, we are a Legion Family and we want to be there for each other

-Oratorical Scholarship Topics announced. Any volunteers to run this competition?

-Badger Boys and Girls State 2018 update – 10 boys and 6 girls sent by Post 113

-Mount Horeb Community Foundation – 25 OCT Time - TBD

-Recreation Department

House Committee: (Rebecca)

-NSTR

Visitation Committee: (Richard, John, Jim)

-Visited Veterans at Ingleside and Ingleswood on the 26 SEP – went great

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Memorial Committee: (Mike)

- Flag Holiday Program - received our check for \$7,003
- Union Cemetery – have names need to record their exact location -2nd half of cemetery Marshall has volunteered
- Veterans Memorial Update – Site Selection now we go to the Village

Honor Guard Committee: (Paul)

- Pete Eckstein and Roman Haag funerals and Pass in Reviews went very well
- Homecoming went great
- 2 Funerals this week, Friday and Saturday – Louis Bethke, & Bob Lenherr

Fundraising Committee: (Scott)

- All fundraisers complete for this year.
- Is there anyone that would like to head up the Culver's Share Day for 2018?
- Flag Holiday – check arrived as mentioned above
- Frolic Check - \$2,000
- Dave possible fund-raising opportunity from the Millville post for Veterans' bracelets

**Sick Call**

- Please keep Willis Martinson, Merita Berryman, Ralph Buechner, Sylvester Sutter, Al Bendickson, and Bob Lenherr's family. Please keep our deployed Legion Members in your thoughts and prayers as well.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Need to clear the Legion items out of Geoff and Lisa's storage unit – waiting for a date to do so
- Judge Advocate position is vacant

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Veterans Day Programs – November 10<sup>th</sup> High School 10 am, and Ingleside 2:15 pm. November 11<sup>th</sup> Library 10 am - looking for volunteers to speak from different eras to speak, contact Jerry.
- MHHS Band Invited to go to 75th Anniversary of D-Day
- Donate to Badger Honor Flight, Vets Roll – **Motion to donate \$200 to each passed**
- Give renters free month or ½ month free for December? To be discussed in November.
- Put some of our earnings toward Veterans Memorial Fund 1K? - **Discussion tabled**
- Should we pay for Veterans meals for Veterans Day (after the school program) or gather as a Veteran Community somewhere?

**GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

- Midwinter Conference 19-21 Jan, 2018 at Ho Chunk. Let Commander Jerry know if you want to attend. Great place to learn about the Legion and the activities

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- Get in the drawing for \$1,000 from Dept Commander Clewell by signing up one new member
- Need to form a committee to organize a Korean War era Veterans, we'll shoot for May 2018? Volunteers please contact Tom Pedretti or Jerry Hook.
- Mount Horeb Historical Society hosting Iron Brigade speaker on 10/15 around 2:30 pm

**Positives from Oct 2017**

- Benefit for Mike Kersten's Service Dog - \$11,500 raised Grant \$3,500
- Newspaper Articles
- Pass and Review and Honor Guard for Pete Eckstein and Roman Haag
- Visits to Ingleside and Ingewood
- Color Guard for Homecoming at Mount Horeb High School
- Coordinated guest speaker for Veterans Day Program at the HS
- Pass in Reviews and Honor Guard – Pete Eckstein and Roman Haag
- Joint Honor Guard with VFW for two funerals
- Received the check from the Flag Holiday Program – raised over \$7,000
- Hosted the Dane County Council Meeting

**Upcoming Events**

- TBD - Legion materials picked up from the Shield's storage unit
- OCT 13 – Funeral – Louis Bethke
- OCT 14 – Pass in Review & Funeral – Bob Lenherr
- OCT 15 - Sharon Murray - Speaker at the Driftless Historium after the Board Meeting around 2:30 pm
- OCT 28 - Operation Stand Down
- OCT 25 – MHCF Presentation Badger Boys and Girls State
- NOV 10 - Veterans Day Programs - High School and Ingleside
- NOV 11 - Veterans Day Program at the Library

Next Meeting: 10 November 2017 at 6:30pm

Time Adjourned: 8:06

50/50: Fred Doebler

Minutes Compiled by:

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Adjutant

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