

POST 149 MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2023

Called to Order: Commander Robert Roska called at 1900 hours. Members Present: 14.

Minutes: November meeting minutes distributed to all with email, and distributed at meeting to others. Changes: None; Motion to accept: Frank Sterzen; Second: Karl Zore, opposed none. Motion approved by all.

Financials: Spreadsheet for November financials were previously distributed via email prior to tonight's meeting and routed to other members at meeting. Motion to accept by Jim Sabel and second by Ray Schmitt, opposed none. Motion approved by all.

New Members or Guests: Transfers in Ken Willhite, Dave Gordon.

Presentation: 50 year (Pending) Jim Willfahrt will talk to Dave Specht about a presentation.

Membership: Chairman Dan Riviers: Currently 85 active members of which 6 are paid up for life, 7 members have not renewed for 2024. Four (4) members have not paid 2023 dues and will be dropped next June. These members have received letters and calls with no response. Members are encouraged to use the on-line system [Renew \(mylegion.org\)](http://Renew(mylegion.org)) for their 2024 renewals.

Home Bound: The following members would appreciate buddy check phone calls keeping them up-to-date on what is happening with the post. Dick Wachter (920-449-1975); Dick Kosup (920-467-0309); Jerry Herriges (920-467-4856): Jim Sabel stopped to visit with Jerry who is having some vision problems, but said he would try to make it to the Brat Fry. Carl Zettel, no contact information, call Chuck if you have information as his phone is disconnected.

Scholarship: Nothing to report.

House: Web site has up-to-date files and calendar (for events and hall rental). Check the on-line calendar prior to attempting to schedule.

[Post 149 News Archives - Sheboygan Falls American Legion Post 149 \(wipost149.org\)](http://Post149NewsArchives-SheboyganFallsAmericanLegionPost149(wipost149.org))

Camp American Legion: Jim Sabel had a request from Camp to create a history for the camp's 100th anniversary in 18 months. Will work on folder & sign-in for Cabin 15.

Honor Guard: Has had 24 funerals where they participated in honors so far in 2023. Karl Zore has received new name tags for Honor Guard members, which are in the gun room. Chuck provided a new list. One shirt (large) shirts available for new members to this team. Jim Willfahrt will be getting rifles cleaned soon. Ken Willhite offered to help.

Service Officer: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Officers/Team Assignments:** List of officers/team assignments will be re-distributed to all members with quarterly newsletter. New SOP's for Memorial Day and Veterans Day being developed by Gary Thelen.

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2. **Park Flag Pole:** New 30' Flag Pole installed at River Park. Park personnel installed new light and flag is flying. Dedication will be held in spring. Frank Sterzen donated money for a permanent plaque.
3. **Sponsoring Legion Riders** June 28-30, 2024 – State was notified that we would participate and will let us know what day/time we will have to open the post.
4. **2nd District Annual “Be the One” award dinner** – Ambrose Schmitz and his wife attended and honored the Retired Enlisted Organization (TREA) of which he is a member
5. **2nd District “Membership Rally”**– Jim Willfahrt and Jim Sabel November 18th. Phone calls were made to veterans at large (those that do not belong to a post, but are dues paying in Sheboygan county}. No results for people joining our post.
6. **Christmas Parade** – December 2nd. Four members (Kevin Regan, Dan Kanitz, Eric Eberhardy, Gary Thelen) marched in the parade with several following in an antique car. Frank Sterzen drove the track chair followed by his truck pulling the track chair trailer.
7. **Catalog Orders:** Larry Ter Maat will be placing order for members/post (e.g. hats, emblems, etc.) please send him an email for what you need and he will place the order. Make sure you include your hat size if you order a hat.

Consolidated Post Report: Please track all your efforts in support of the American Legion such as: Buddy checks, Honor Guard, special ceremonies (e.g. silent march at fair, Veterans day, etc.), visiting/driving veterans; Camp American Legion; Donations to veteran programs (e.g. post, county, state, memorials, etc.) and anything else for the good of the Legion.

New Business:

1. **Veterans Day 2024:** Next year we will split our honors/presentations going to Sheboygan Falls HS and Howards Grove Middle school. We will also ask for pre-payment with the reservations.
2. **Dogs to Dog Tags:** Donations being spent on kennels updates, only 2 dogs placed last year and not sure if with vets. All members recommended dropping support for them.
3. **Mutts on a Mission:** New organization that supports all first responders and Veterans with rescued support dogs. This is a start-up to replace D2D, will determine in future if we support them.
4. **Flag Burning:** Ken Willhite completed for our post.
5. **Renters:** Alex/Crystal Kruschke buying home closing in February/March. Need new rental agreement, inspection of apartment, security deposit and determination of cost of rent and type of renter: House committee reviewing new rental agreement.

Correspondence/Communication: Bob Roska read letter from Tim Winkel family.

Anything Else for the good of the American Legion:

Adjourned: Motion by Ray Schmitt second by Willfahrt to close meeting at 1950 hours approved by acclamation.

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Next Meetings: January 9, 2024, February 13, 2024, March 12, 2024