

POST 149 MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2023

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

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

Financials: Spreadsheet for October 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 Ron Goelz, opposed none. Motion approved by all.

New Members or Guests: Guest: Jim Klich, Vietnam Veteran

Presentation: Dick Wachter – 70 year membership @ Rocky Knoll in Plymouth 8 members from Honor Guard attended as well as 2 other post members. Very emotional time.

Membership: Chairman Dan Riviers: Currently 83 active members of which 6 are paid up for life, 73 members have 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 \(mylegion.org\)](https://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); **Someone needs to call Jerry Herriges (920-467-4856) to see how he is doing, please let Bob or Chuck know the results.** Carl Zettel no contact information, call Chuck if you have information as his phone is disconnected. Larry Ter Matt recovering nicely from a knee replacement.

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 \(wipost149.org\)](https://wipost149.org)

Camp American Legion: Jim Sabel, Ken Willhite, Charlie Dunn and Randall Reineking summary sent in quarterly newsletter.

Honor Guard: Has had 24 funerals where they participated in honors so far in 2023. Karl Zore has sample of new name tag and will need wording and up to date list of members, Chuck will provide a new list. Two (2) shirts available for new members to this team (Large and Xtra Large). Jim Willfahrt will be getting rifles cleaned soon, if you can help let Jim know.

Service Officer: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

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1. **Officers/Team Assignments:** List of officers/team assignments distributed to all members. New SOP's for Memorial Day and Veterans Day being developed.
2. **Park Flag Pole:** Flag Pole for Memorial Park is ordered (\$4,000) and 50% paid down and Jim Sabel donated \$1,000 towards the cost, thank you Jim.
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. **Veterans Day:** Tabitha Dekanich did a great job presenting at the Howards Grove Middle School on Friday November 10th. There were a total of 35 people at the dinner on Saturday of which one was paid by the post, 5 showed up without a reservation and 8 were no-shows (with valid reasons) with 2 of the no-shows paying, 2 widows showed up insisted on paying. The caterer's charged us for 36 people, which was the original reservation called in by November 1st. We were charged \$540 (36x15) for the dinner and 20% gratuity (\$108) which I rounded off at \$650 and paid cash. In 2022 we charged \$20/person our cost this year was \$18/person. Next year will ask for pre-payment. Even though we encouraged people to make reservations ahead of time (thanks Phil) having 5 people show up for dinner without reservations causes problems.
5. **2nd District Annual "Be the One" award dinner** – Ambrose Schmitz and his wife attended.
6. **2nd District "Membership Rally"**– Jim Willfahrt and Jim Sabel November 18th.
7. **Badger Boys State** – Check sent for \$800 for 2 participants.
8. **Christmas Parade** – December 2nd. Jim Willfahrt has 4 members who are asked to be at the Post by 3:00 PM.

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. **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 when you order a hat.
2. **Veterans Day 2024:** Next year we will split our honors/presentations going to Sheboygan Falls HS and Howards Grove Middle school. No grade school in HG.

Correspondence/Communication:

Anything Else for the good of the American Legion:

Adjourned: Motion by Ray Schmitt second by Jim Sabel to close meeting at 1940 hours approved by acclamation.

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Next Meetings: December 12th, 2023, January 11, 2024, February 13, 2024