

## POST 149 MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

**Called to Order:** Commander Bob Roska at 1900 hours. Members Present: 18.

**Minutes:** July 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 July & August financials were previously distributed via email prior to tonight's meeting and routed to other members at meeting. Changes, None; Motion to accept by Jim Sabel and second by Jim Willfahrt, opposed none. Motion approved by all.

**New Members or Guests:** None

**Presentation:** Dick Wachter – 70 year membership @ Rocky Knoll after lunch and school presentations on November 10<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day. Bob Roska will arrange.

**Membership:** Chairman Dan Riviers: Currently 83 active members (2024) of which 6 are paid up for life, 57 members have renewed for 2024. Six members have not paid 2023 and with 2024 dues currently in process will be dropped unless they get their accounts paid up. 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); Dennis Haefke and Robert Kellner passed away since our last newsletter; Someone needs to call Jerry Herriges (920-467-4856) to see how he is doing.

**Scholarship:** All three (3) student's colleges have been paid (\$4,000).

**House:** Water bill has been extremely high and Frank has repaired leaks (toilet seals and washers) and will try to determine what is causing the bills for the last couple of months to be so high. 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:** Close-up of Cabin 15 will be done October 9-11<sup>th</sup>. Jim Sabel, Jim Coulter, Charlie Dunn and Randall Reineking will be going to camp to work on this.

**Honor Guard:** Has had 19 funerals where they participated in honors so far in 2023. Mike Hinz expressed an interest in joining the honor guard. Karl Zore brought up that the honor guard and officers should have name tags. He will work with Jim Willfahrt to procure them. Six (6) members of Post 149 have died so far in 2023: Jerry Baird, Dennis Haefke, Robert Kellner, Earl Kneever, John Schmid, and Richard Schoneman. Our condolences to their family & friends.

**Service Officer:** If the VA is your primary care organization make sure that in a local hospital or clinic emergency (e.g. after hours or weekends) **you must notify the VA within 72 hours (844-724-7842)** so that all costs will be covered.

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### **Unfinished Business:**

1. **AED Unit:** Unit is mounted and child & extra adult pads are in the wall box. Training was completed at our July meeting.
2. **Officers:** List of officers/team assignments distributed to district 2 and sent to all members. **Check assignment list for your name.**
3. **Steak Fry** – Ken Bruckner did an excellent job on all the steaks and sides with Phil Riebling and Ken Willhite helping with the kitchen and cleanup. Thanks guys.
4. **Scouting:** Neither boy/cub scouts have cashed their checks Larry will check with them.
5. **Park Flag Pole:** Dan Riviers (on Park Board) will work with a contractor to get a price for the flagpole, installation and a plaque for Memorial Park. Jim Sabel stated he would donate \$1,000 towards the price and made a motion for the post to spend up to \$4,000, seconded by Karl Zore and approved by all. Post will get full recognition.
6. **Larry Ter Maat:** Completed order for uniform and flag items.

**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. **Need backup adjutant** for October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting (deer hunting Oct 7-15<sup>th</sup>). Kevin/Bob
2. **Sponsoring Legion Riders** June 28-30, 2024 – Approved by all.
3. **Veterans Day assignments** – Phil Riebling will lead effort to define SOP along with Dan Kanitz and Alex Kruschke (interview Larry Ter Maat), with Tabitha Dekanich as the speaker on November 10<sup>th</sup> (Howards Grove Schools) and dinner on November 11<sup>th</sup> at Post; Including lunch on the 10<sup>th</sup> and presentation after lunch to Dick Wachter.
4. **Honor Flight** out of Green Bay October 7<sup>th</sup>, 3 seats were available as Charlie Dunn took one of the seats.

**Correspondence/Communication:** Nothing to report.

**Anything Else for the good of the American Legion:** Veterans Day game tickets to Wisconsin football game were discussed, but nobody was interested.

**Adjourned:** Motion by Jim Sabel second by Jim Willfahrt to close meeting at 2000 hours approved by acclamation.

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**Next Meetings: October 10<sup>th</sup>; November 14<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**