

POST 149 MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 12, 2024

Called to Order: Vice-Commander Kevin Regan called at 1900 hours. Members Present: 21

Minutes: February meeting minutes distributed to all with email, and distributed at meeting to others. Changes: None; Motion to accept: Jim Sabel, Second: Ken Wilhite, opposed none. Motion approved by all.

Financials: Spreadsheet for February financials were previously distributed via email prior to tonight's meeting and routed to other members at meeting. Motion to accept by Frank Sterzen and second by Eric Albright, opposed none. Motion approved by all.

New Members or Guests: None

Presentation: 50 year membership plaque presented to Dave Specht, with Dan Riviers (Membership Chairman), Kevin Regan (1st Vice commander) presenting.

Membership: Chairman Dan Riviers: Currently 86 active members of which 6 are paid up for life, 1 member has not renewed for 2024, 3 members have not paid 2023 dues and will be dropped June 1st. Membership cost is going up in June to \$40, but any member can renew at \$35 for 3 years until June 1st. Renew (mylegion.org) for their 2024-26 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) (attempting to locate); Jerry Herriges (920-467-4856); Carl Zettel (920-627-5475),

Scholarship: Ray Schmitt has received 28 applicants and team (Ray, Charlie Dunn, Ron Goelz, and Jim Sabel) will meet to review/select recipients of scholarships by our April meeting.

House: Renters have moved and many things need repair. House committee estimates from \$3,000-\$5,000 in repairs/replacements. Small items being taken care of and larger item (new flooring, rear screen door) getting bids. Donations (any dollar amount) accepted to offset cost, member challenge will match up to \$2,000 of donations.

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)

Camp American Legion: Jim Sabel and team (Charlie Dunn, Ken Wilhite) signing up for cabin 15 opening on May 13-15. Jim can accommodate 1 more veteran, contact him if you want to go.

Honor Guard: AJ Schmitz (post member) passed away on March 14th at Sharon Richardson, honors will be performed in the future when his family notifies us.

Has had 7 funerals where they participated in honors so far in 2024. Jim Willfahrt is having the rifles cleaned/checked 1-2 at a time.

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Service Officer: Quits of Valor: Contact Chuck if you would like to have a quilt made for you or any other veteran.

This is a great organization (<https://hunterseven.org/about-us/>) for veterans dealing with service related cancer and with anyone you know who is dealing with obtaining VA Disability (Thanks Frank)

Unfinished Business:

1. **Park Flag Pole:** Presentation to occur on May 8th at 5:15 PM, all members invited to the ceremony wearing at least their post cover. Cost of Plaque \$1,200 (permanent pedestal). Motion to approve cost of plaque Dan Riviers, Second Frank Sterzen, approved by all.
2. **Sponsoring Legion Riders** State did not select us as a stop and did not notify us of this.
3. **District 2 Meeting** Held at post on March 6th. Marathon meeting (over 2 hours). Many dates/efforts discussed, will notify you as necessary.
4. **Brat Fry – April 28th**. All hands on deck: Jim Willfahrt has tickets and Jim Sabel has assignments. Assignments will be distributed with quarterly newsletter and tickets (all member sell or buy at least 10 tickets).
5. **Home Bound Cards/Calls:** Jim Coulter & Ken Wilhite. Cards sent and some calls received back.
6. **Youth Camp (Gold Star Children & All Reserve Children):** Badger Youth Camp – Post and personal support completed for 5 kids.

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. **Correspondence/Communication:** Chamber annual banquet, no interest.
2. **Memorial Day (May 27th)** Gary Thelen coordinating parade, speaker and route with Tammy Meyer; Larry asked for volunteers to place flags with boy scouts: Saturday May 11th (Dan Kanitz, Ken Wilhite and Charlie Dunn volunteered).
3. **Veterans Café:** March 20th at Pine Haven (Haven Drive) at 10 AM Jim Coulter will attend.

Anything Else for the good of the American Legion:

Adjourned: Motion by all second by all to close meeting at 2000 hours approved by acclamation.

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Next Meetings: April 9, 2024, April 28th – BRAT FRY, MAY 14