

POST 149 MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

Called to Order: Commander Bob Roska called at 1900 hours. Members Present: 13.

Minutes: No August meeting minutes as there was a steak fry and no meeting.

Financials: Spreadsheet for August financials were previously distributed via email prior to tonight's meeting and routed to other members at meeting. Chuck reviewed the financials. Because we had \$7,225 in our investment account as well as \$3,400 in rent, and \$4,500 in donations we were able to pay all expenses incurred from the foundation and apartment costs (\$18,200) without borrowing from the scholarship fund. Motion to accept by Larry Ter Maat and second by Jim Sable opposed none. Motion approved by all.

New Members or Guests: None

Presentation: None

Membership: Chairman Dan Riviers: Currently 83 active members of which 6 are paid up for life. Members can renew for on-line at the cost of \$40. 30 Members have not paid their 2024 dues. ([Renew your membership online | The American Legion](#)). If anyone has any questions or issues they can text or call Dan Riviers (920-912-2000).

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); Jerry Herriges (920-467-4856); Carl Zettel (920-627-5475). Home Bound Cards/Calls: Jim Coulter & Ken Wilhite. Dave Specht, a 50 year member of the post, recently passed away. Jim Willfahrt and Jim Sable are going on an Honor Flight this week.

Scholarship: All payments (\$4,000) to the 3 recipients have been mailed to their colleges.

House/Apartment: Rent paid on-time and guest gone, so rent not raised.

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

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Camp American Legion: 3 post members are driving up to close cabin 15 along with one Plymouth post member and Bob Roska is driving over from his home.

Honor Guard: Have had 3 funerals where they participated in honors since our last meeting,

Service Officer: Ken Wilhite (no updates). If you have any issues with the VA please call (920-207-4347) or email (sellorojo@wi.rr.com) Ken.

Unfinished Business:

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1. **Veterans Memorial Booth at County Fair** – Kevin Regan worked the booth on Saturday. Dave Specht funeral took precedence on Friday.
2. **Veterans Café at Pine Haven (Oosterburg, 701 Pine Street) September 18th at 10:00 AM.** Jim Coulter attended the August 21st at the Haven Drive location, he and **Ken Wilhite** will attend this one. Local post members should make an effort to attend this next one as the veterans really appreciate it.
3. **August Steak Fry: (August 13th):** We had 17 members show up for this event. Our thanks go out to Ken Bruckner for overseeing all the preparation and cooking, and training the rookie help, Thanks also to the rookies Bob Roska, Carl Zore, and Phil Riebling for their support.

Consolidated Post Report (please review changes): Jim Wilfahrt is tracking all funerals. Continue to track: Buddy checks, 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. National is also asking that **we track all community volunteer hours** such as: church, charities you support, other veteran organizations, etc.

New Business:

1. **Veterans Day (November 9th dinner, November 11th schools): (Speaker): Need a leader for this to coordinate, speaker, presentations at Falls and Howards Grove schools and luncheon.**
2. Bob Roska attended a zoom meeting on state membership. Many ideas for increasing membership were: Hand out veteran commemorative coins to vets who are not members at gatherings, ads in falls paper, write up for chamber main street, have veterans stand at presentations, etc.

Correspondence/Communication: Bob read note from Auxiliary when they sent \$25 check for poppies as well as letter thanking Frank for help with track chair and \$35 donation.

Anything Else for the Good of the American Legion: Larry made a motion to send \$100 to both Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Seconded by Kevin Regan approved by all.

Adjourned: Motion by Ray Schmitt, second Karl Zore to close meeting at 1940 hours approved by acclamation.

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Next Meetings: OCT 9TH, VET DAY DINNER NOV 9TH, NOV 12TH, DEC 10TH