

## POST 149 MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 8, 2024

**Called to Order:** Commander Bob Roska called at 1900 hours. Members Present: 24. Remind people to sign in when they arrive.

**Minutes:** September meeting minutes were distributed on September 13<sup>th</sup> to all on-line members and copies given to others at this meeting. Motion to accept Frank Sterzen Second: Jim Sabel. Opposed none, motion approved unanimously.

**Financials:** Spreadsheet for September 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 Jim Willfahtt, opposed none. Motion approved by all.

**New Members or Guests:** None

**Presentation:** None

**Membership:** Chairman Dan Riviers: Currently 80 active members of which 6 are paid up for life. Members can renew on-line at the cost of \$40. 23 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). Cliff Otte is in assisted living and would appreciate a call (920-226-2860).

**Scholarship:** No change.

**House/Apartment:** Per Frank: Snow plowing “need new contractor”: Call into Schmidt's to determine if they can do it (e.g. Member Tabitha Dekanich). Per Frank: Getting bids on black-top for foundation digging area on side of rental stairwell. Frank will have the insurance bill broken into track chair cost (American Turkey federation) and post cost. 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 next week.

**Honor Guard:** Have had 7 funerals recently for a total of 20 for 2024 so far where they participated in honors this year. Need names of all members who died since last Veterans Day so we can invite the widows to veteran dinner. Dan Riviers will provide.

**Service Officer:** Discussed the fact that Veterans are eligible for a free special veteran urn if they are cremated. At any local funeral home (you must request). If you have any issues with the VA please call (920-207-4347) or email ([sellorojo@wi.rr.com](mailto:sellorojo@wi.rr.com)) Ken. Wilhite.

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### Unfinished Business:

1. **Veterans Memorial** – Names were engraved/dedicated this past weekend. Donations from Dave Specht funeral will pay for his name on the wall.
2. **Veterans Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>)**: Larry Ter Maat has secured a speaker and setup appointments at schools: Arrive at 0900 for Sheboygan Falls high school, followed by honors at Howards Grove Middle school at 11:00. Followed by lunch at Wolf Run restaurant. Must contact Larry (920-467-2264) not later than November 8<sup>th</sup> if you will be going to lunch; all members invited.
3. **Veterans Day Dinner (November 9<sup>th</sup>)**: Set-up on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Post at 1000 Hours; Dinner (social time 1700, dinner at 1800). Cost is \$20/person (vet and significant other), widows free. Must have check to Larry Ter Maat (made out to him) not later than November 1<sup>st</sup> (741 Wilson Ave, Sheboygan Falls 53085-1081). No walk-ins without having prepaid.

**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 Memorial:** Engraving for Dave Specht on memorial \$200. Widow said wherever we want the remaining \$1,265 to go. See next item.
2. **Hockey Team Sponsor:** Vote taken to donate to sponsor Red Riders hockey team jerseys and other costs. Motion by Chuck Stelzner to donate \$1,000 in Dave Specht's name, second by Frank Sterzen, approved by all. Ceremony in February with Post Honors (e.g. veteran's night at arena).
3. **Discussion of overworked officers:** Job descriptions, should we close the post, cannot get volunteers. Commander lives 125 miles north in a seasonal cabin.
4. **Age problem;** 63% of members over age 70, Adjutant age 81 and overworked, younger members only volunteer at Brat Fry (work schedule, or ?). Solutions welcomed (in writing as ideas do not work unless willing to put in the time to solve it).

### Correspondence/Communication:

#### Anything Else for the Good of the American Legion:

**Adjourned:** Motion by Ray Schmitt, second Karl Zore to close meeting at 2020 hours approved by acclamation.

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**Next Meetings:** VET DAY DINNER NOV 9<sup>TH</sup>, NOV 12<sup>TH</sup>, DEC 10<sup>TH</sup>