

POST 149 MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2024

Called to Order: Commander Bob Roska called at 1902 hours. Members Present: 12.

Minutes: Meeting minutes for November were previously distributed via email prior to tonight's meeting and routed to other members at meeting. Motion to accept by Jim Sabel seconded by Dan Riviers and approved by all.

Financials: Spreadsheet for November 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 seconded by Gary Thelen opposed none. Motion approved by all.

New Members or Guests: Denice Doying an Army veteran, recommended by Jim Willfahrt, joined our post this evening. Denise spent 4 years active duty as well as multiple years in the reserves and 31 years as a correctional officer. Welcome Denise.

Presentation: No report

Membership: Chairman Dan Riviers: Currently 79 active members of which 6 are paid up for life. Members can renew for on-line at the cost of \$40. 14 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). Dan completed the updates of the brochures with our post information at the VA service office and Sheboygan Falls Chamber.

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 (920-226-2860 in assisted living), Gene Geltmeyer passed away; Ken Mauer (920-467-4620 in nursing home). All would appreciate calls from any vet. Home Bound Cards/Calls to be done by Jim Coulter & Ken Wilhite. Ray Schmitt is in recovery from a brain bleed, (920-467-6519 (Lynn).

Scholarship: No report.

House/Apartment: Frank: Nothing to report and tenant is doing fine.

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: Received bid of \$17,600 for Cabin 15 steel roof replacement in spring of 2025. Post needed to approve the entire cost as well as a \$1,000 cushion for any additional costs. This was passed by a majority of attendees with one dissension due to the funds not yet in our account. There is currently a \$15,000 donation pending receipt as well as \$1,382 set-aside and an additional \$2,200 in our checking account to cover this full amount once the \$15,000 is deposited. The contract specifies 50% down (\$8,800) and will not be mailed until the major donation is deposited. 8 Members have approved the additional \$2,200 via email.

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Honor Guard: Have had 23 funerals so far in 2024, including recently Gene Geltemeyer (15 year member) who passed away.

Service Officer: (Ken Wilhite) If you have any issues with the VA please call (920-207-4347) or email (sellorojo@wi.rr.com). Ken reported that there have recently been an increase in Veteran scams and everyone needed to be aware of this. He also reported that a recently completed survey of veterans gave the VA a good rating.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Veterans Hockey Game:** February 6, 2025 (Sheboygan Lakers Ice Center, 1202 S Wildwood Ave, 1830 flag ceremony/anthem): Post 149 sponsored Red Raiders team Uniforms in honor of Dave Specht. This is a veteran's honor game with our post doing honors. All post members please plan to attend
2. **Motorized Wheel Chair:** Frank looking into new battery, insurance liability and donation of chair we received. He is taking it to the Turkey Federation Banquet.

Consolidated Post Report (Jim Sabel): 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: Turn in logs to Jim Sabel by April 30th.**

New Business:

1. **Quarterly Newsletter:** Will be mailed out at year-end.
2. **Post 412 (Belgium)** – Ken attended their meeting and felt they need mentoring.

Correspondence/Communication: Note from Cathy Christain about donating to our post versus the VFW. Note from Cathy Schmitz thanking us for ride to Veterans Day dinner and all we did for Ambrose (14 year member), including honors.

Anything Else for the Good of the American Legion:

Adjourned: Motion by Larry Ter Maat, second Denice Doying to close meeting at 1950 hours approved by acclamation.

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Next Meetings: JAN 14TH; FEB 11TH, MAR 11TH 2025