

## POST 149 MEETING MINUTES – MAY 13, 2025

**Called to Order:** Commander **Bob Roska** called at 1900 hours. Members' Present: **19**

**Minutes:** Meeting minutes for April were previously distributed via email prior to tonight's meeting and routed to other members at meeting. Motion to accept by **Frank Sterzen** seconded by **Kevin Regan** and approved by all.

**Financials:** Spreadsheet for April financials were previously distributed via email prior to tonight's meeting and routed to other members at meeting. Motion to accept by **Jim Willfahrt** and seconded by **Denise Doying**, approved by all. Brat Fry results were read.

**New Members or Guests:** **Charles Young**, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander; Transfer **Charlie Madwick**; **Mason Prettie** from Badger Boys, state counselor, requesting 1-2 chaperones for 6/8 & 6/14 Green Bay to Eau Claire

**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. **3** Members have not paid their 2024-25 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); Cliff Otte (920-226-2860) in assisted living and would like visitors (Lakehouse on Eisner Ave); William Krauter (920-243-8160) in assisted living.

**Scholarships:** **Ken Wilhite** will present at school program tomorrow/May 14 with acknowledgement of several post vets who have passed away and family members contributed donations towards this. The scholarships presented will be \$1500 x 2 & \$1000 x 1.

**House/Apartment:** (**Frank Sterzen**, **Ken Wilhite** backup) Web site has up-to-date files and calendar (for events and hall rental). Check the on-line calendar prior to attempting to schedule. Renter has signed new lease for June 1, 2025 May 31, 2026 (\$900/month) . Motion to accept by **Frank Sterzen**, Seconded by **Jim Willfahrt** to patch the 14' section of wall for \$515 estimate. Cracked toilet will be replaced, no expense if the pipes are fine; otherwise may need plumber. **Bob Roska** asked **Frank Sterzen** to obtain an estimate for a gas stove shut off.

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**Camp American Legion:** Roof for Cabin 15 replaced and paid for (\$17,600; \$15,000 of which came as donation from single member). Opening the cabin May 19-21. June 14 celebration to be attended by **Kevin Regan**, **Ken Wilhite** & **Chuck Stelzner**.

**Honor Guard:** (**Jim Willfahrt**) Have had 28 funerals so far in fiscal 2024-2025. May 1<sup>st</sup> presented colors at Pine Haven in Falls with honor Guard at 0830. He has 9 volunteers for Memorial Day, but could use 2 more; Kohler cemetery at 0800 & Berkshire Community at 1000

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**Service Officer:** (Ken Wilhite) If you have any issues with the VA please call (920-207-4347) or email ([sellorojo@wi.rr.com](mailto:sellorojo@wi.rr.com)). Retired military veterans need new ID card by the end of 2025.

### Unfinished Business:

1. **Brat Fry:** Successful, some people did not show up or notify anyone that they were not coming, some people were late to assignments. Net income \$8,500. Thank you all especially those that worked all day: **Jim Sabel, Jim Willfahrt, Bob Roska, Kevin Regan, Dan Riviers, Janet & Charlie Dunn, Ken Wilhite, Larry Ter Maat & Ken Laubenstein**. Special acknowledgement will be made to **Janet Dunn** in the kitchen.
  - a. New junior member needed to take over from **Jim Willfahrt**, as 2026 will be his last year
2. **Uniforms/Coats:** Pins for coats were received & affixed. ,
3. **Memorial Day** (Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>): (**Kevin Regan**): All brochures received, Mayor, speaker (**Ken Wilhite**) lined up, band, honor guard lined up, but need 2 more. Honor guard will start at Woodlane (Kohler) Cemetery (be at post at 0730) for Gun salute, then program held at Berkshire Apartments (101 School Street) for Sheboygan Falls ceremony and hand out brochures prior to at program start (1000 hours).
4. **Flag Laying** at Falls cemetery took place Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, organized by **Larry Ter Maat**. **Larry** will take care of smaller cemeteries.

**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. **All logs should be turned in by now.**

### New Business:

1. **Officer Elections:** (Worksheet for post as well as reporting form)
2. **Camp Hometown Heroes:** Support for Military dependents (Gold Star kids as well as deployed military kids, preschool-elementary). Kits for campers (\$20 each). Reommeded \$400 (20 kits) approved by **Larry Ter Maat**, seconded by **Charlie Madwick** and approved by all
3. **Motion:** \$100 to Burn Prevention Education to Falls & Kohler Fire Departments jointly- Proposed by **Chuck Stelzner**, Motion approved by **Frank Sterzen**, seconded by **Paul Havlinek** and approved by all

**Correspondence/Communication:** (**Bob Roska**): New officers: Commander = **Kevin Regan**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander = **Bob Roska**, Adjutant = **Shauna Firmis**, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt at Arms = **Denise Doying**; all other positions remain as they were for 2024-2025

### Anything Else for the Good of the American Legion: (**Bob Roska**):

- **Ken Wilhite** directed to use Post 149 signage on his summer event military float.
- Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> the Elks Lodge is providing free lunch to Legion members & a guest – **Ken Wilhite, Mike & Bob Roska** are members

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- Steak Fry in August (no meeting), membership drive, \$20; recommended to Not cook ahead of time
- Post addressed by District Commander **Charles Young**, Army Special Forces, who will be ending term; **Joe Leon** taking over. July 22<sup>nd</sup> is the State convention in Green Bay, and in August the National convention is in Tampa. Encouraged Post to obtain new & younger members

**Adjourned:** Motion by **Ray Schmitt** second by **Ron Goelz** to close meeting at 2020 hours approved by acclamation.

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**Next Meetings: JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> 2025**  
**MEMORIAL DAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>**