

POST 149 MEETING MINUTES – May 12, 2026

Called to Order: by Vice Commander Bob Roska at 1900 hours. Members Present: 17

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 **Jim Willfahrt**, approved by all.

Financials – Spreadsheet for April Financials were previously distributed via email **Chuck Stelzner** reported, Motion to accept by **Frank Sterzen** seconded by **Ken Wilhite** and approved by all. Brat Fry detailed financials distributed to officers and routed to interested parties.

New Members or Guests: **Dean Perronne** – Kiwanis Club Sheboygan Falls. Dean showed an example of Veterans Banner, pole and bracket to be used to display on lamp posts in Falls. He stated that once he scanned the pictures with the wording, that he would request those that applied needed to review the picture/information prior to releasing it for printing. Members need to call Dean at 215-407-9170 to set up a time to complete this process.

Membership: Chairman **Dan Riviers** (920-912-2000), Currently **82** active members of which 6 are paid up for life. Members can renew on-line at the cost of \$40, or mail/bring into to the Post. **ALL** Members have paid their 2025-26 dues state fighting this! **Dan Riviers** has new membership cards, please renew online at [Renew your membership online | The American Legion](#). New transfers in & New members get 1st year paid by Post.

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); **William Krauter** (920-243-8160) in assisted living and **Jack Henning** (920-467-4837) is homebound, **Ray Schmitt** moved to Pine Haven off Giddings.

Scholarships: The committee decided that the recipients will be: **Megan Luebke**, **Mason Klahn**, **Mia Winter** and were presented on Wednesday, May 13th at SFHS by Ken Wilhite.

House/Apartment: (**Frank Sterzen**, **Ken Wilhite** backup) New (4) 20 AMP service on separate outlets will be installed on kitchen island soon. Eric Albright brought up replacing old stove with a used modern stove. He said he would scrap the old stove, as well as the old grill in the storage unit and was authorized to purchase a stove for up to \$1,000.

Apartment: Rent for the 3BR upper is \$900 month. 6 interested parties responded to ad, 5 have animals, 1 filed application for July 1st, then changed their mind. **Larry** showed apartment at brat fry, no interest. **Frank** will do walk through inspection soon to determine what if any damages/repairs from current renter. Locks will be changed as soon as tenant vacates as current keys an issue. Long discussion on "House Committee" versus "Executive Committee". House committee was dropped when changes were made and approved May 5, 2025 to post bylaws by post membership. Executive committee consists of Current Officers of the post who have control over approvals of apartment applications and renters. **Chuck** will no longer act as the apartment manager with new appointee in the future.

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Contact **Frank Sterzen** (920-207-0247) Prior to reserving for post rentals or track chair usage. Also check website for calendar to make sure of availability.

Post 149 News Archives – Sheboygan Falls American Legion Post 149 (wipost149.org)
New Facebook Page, American Legion Post 149, Sheboygan Falls – **All members please follow**

Camp American Legion **Jim Sabel** leads the team, opening May 11/12, back on the 13th.
Volunteers: **Jim Sabel, Kevin Regan, Charlie Dunn** New sign to be hung on lake side of cabin.
Register for camp: <https://wilegion.org/camp-american-legion>

Honor Guard: (**Jim Willfahrt**) Have had 12 funerals so far in fiscal 2025-2026. Honor Guard to meet at post on Memorial Day at 0715.

Service Officer: (**Ken Wilhite**)

If you have any issues with the VA please call (920-207-4347) or email (sellorojo@wi.rr.com).

Unfinished Business:

1. **Chamber Veteran Banners** – 3 founders submitted along with 4 post members and 4 Family members.
2. **Brat Fry Summary:** Net dollars collected around \$10,000, some revenue/expenses not in Financials for April will appear in May. SOME VETERANS DID NOT SHOW UP, NOR CALL. Eric Albright volunteered to head committee in 2027, some discussion on who will work with Eric as his backup, but nothing finalized.
3. **Donation to Veterans Childrens Camp:** Motion to donate \$500 by Dan Riviers, second by Denice Wierman, approved by all.

Memorial Day: **Jim Willfahrt** is arranging an honor guard for the parade and program in Kohler at 0800, report to post by 0715. **Kevin Regan & Shauna Firmiss** are working on setting up the Sheboygan Falls Memorial Day ceremony to be held at 101 School Street in Sheboygan Falls at 1000 on May 25th.

National Day of Prayer: Post did not participate.

New Business:

1. **5th Of July Ducktona Sign-up:** **Ken Wilhite** needs people to man tent.
2. **2nd of August Parade Sign-up:** **Ken Wilhite**, post will participate, would like to have older vets in car(s) following honor guard.
3. **Post Financial Officer Position:** **Chuck** will do it for 1 more year, would like to train replacement over the year.
4. **House Apartment Manager:** Need new manager immediately.
5. **Veterans Day Coordinator**, need someone to coordinate with **Larry Ter Maat's** help.
6. **Election of All Officers for 2027 Fiscal Year:** Many officers missing. Motion by **Ken Wilhite** to suspend nominations until June 9th meeting, second by **Eric Albright** approved by all.
7. **Consolidated Post Report (CDR):** Must turn in to **Jim Sabel** not later than June 9th meeting.

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Correspondence: Donation to Kohler Fire Department (\$100) motion by **Frank Sterzen**, second by **Pat Flook** approved by all. **Ken Wilhite** will participate in Waubesa Honor Guard. Thank you notes from families of **Cliff Otte** and **Jerry Couney** read by **Bob Roska**.

Adjourned: Motion by **Jim Willfahrt** second by **Everyone** to close meeting at **2030** hours approved by acclamation.

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Next 2026 Meetings: JUNE 9, JULY 14, AUGUST 11 (STEAK FRY), SEPTEMBER 8, OCTOBER 13