

**American Legion Post# 243**  
**Meeting 07/08/2008**

Attendance: 23 members Larry Behr, Mark Provencher Sr., John Grothe, Mark Degner, Dennis Halloran, Gene Ramsey, David Niedfeldt, Mel Lulow, Bill Balke, DuWayne Wieck, Arlan Schlundt, Dan Tongen, George Helpap Sr., Earl Bergin, Lloyd Sargent, Norm Halloran, Flare Fredricksen, Ruben Rabe, Ed Schroeder, Ken Deicher, George Degen, Joe Benauer and Konrad Kaczowski

The meeting began at 19:00 Hrs. with prayer led by Post Chaplain Mark Provencher, Commander Niedfeldt along with First Vice Gene Ramsey conducted the MIA/POW empty chair ceremony, and the Commander led the Pledge to the Flag and the reading of the American Legion Preamble.

Membership/Guests: Ed Schroeder reported he and Flare Fredricksen signed up a new member Donald Kinan US Navy during the Vietnam era. Warm welcome to Donald to the Nation's largest service organization.

Oratorical: No Report

House Committee: Ed Schroeder reported that apt# 2 is rented. There is an open apartment and with help of some painting, it also could be rented.

Badger Boys: Dan Tongen read letters of thank you from Logan Roy and Harris Wells. These young men were sponsored by the Post and are eager to tell the membership about their experiences a Badger Boys State.

Junior Shooting: No Report

Service Officer/Sick Call: John Grothe reported that Dick Cornell is back home after a hospital stay and Jack Goelzer is also back home. A thank you was read from Dick Beck for a fruit basket he received.

Old Business: Flare Fredricksen reported that Rocky was very appreciative of the Flag Day ceremony the Post sponsored. He also announced that Ed Schroeder has volunteered to take over setting up Veterans Day and Flag Day observances.

New Business: Konrad Kaczowski reported that County Veterans Service Officer Jim Riesenbergh reminded him that on July 27<sup>th</sup> will mark the 55 anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. Konrad noted that Sheboygan County had 22 that paid the ultimate sacrifice during that time. He asked for a change in the date of the G.I. Breakfast, and that there is a program in the works to observe the Armistice. Flare Fredricksen made a motion that the Post observe July 27<sup>th</sup> as the Korean War Armistice with a program, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Schroeder, motion carried by voice vote. Mark Provencher made a motion to

change the date of the G.I. Breakfast to **Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>** motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Degner motion carried by voice vote.

Korean Armistice program will take place Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 2:00 PM at the Veterans Memorial Trail, in case of rain it will be held at the Post Club House. Any Korean War Vet wanting to be part of the firing squad for this event call Larry Behr at 893-5381. We will all gather and meet at the Trail

**REMINDERS:**

**MILL STREET DAY SATURDAY JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

The Post has paid for a spot in front of the old Chili Peppers and this is an excellent time to sell Packer raffle tickets. Set up time will 8:00 A.M. The Post has a canopy for this event. Call Konrad at 892-2651 if you can help

**PACKER RAFFLE**

The raffle is the main fund raiser for the Post, without it many things could not be done, such as; Badger Boys State, and the Post's Scholarship. This is the Best raffle going with 8 drawings and each drawing the winner gets 4 tickets to a Packer home game. It sells itself.

**Preseason Tickets:**

4 tickets are available for sale for August 11<sup>th</sup> Packers Vs The Bengals call Rick at 893-0686

Meeting ended at 20:00 Hrs with the names of the Wisconsin fallen during Operation Iraqi Freedom since 2003 in the month of July. Retiring of the MIA/POW empty chair, prayer by Post Chaplain Mark Provencher, and taps by Joe Benauer.

Respectfully Submitted

Konrad Kaczowski, Adjutant