

American Legion Post# 243 Meeting Minutes 09/09/08

Attendance 32 Members: Larry Behr, John Grothe, Dennis Halloran, Mark Degner, Don Guse, John Wilde, Ken Wickland, DuWayne Wieck, Dan Tongen, Gordy Dreifuert, George Degen, Mike Mueller, Bill Balke, Lloyd Sargent, George Helpap Sr., James Faller, Gene Blindauer, Ruben Rabe Jr., Bob Steindorf, Bill Kamin, Ken Deicher, Don Kinas, Flare Fredricksen, Arlan Schlundt, Bill Smith, Earl Bergin, Ed Schroeder, Mark Provencher, Ron Radder, Gene Ramsey, Dave Niedfeldt, Konrad Kaczkowski

The meeting opened at 1900 Hrs with the Commander leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Post Chaplain Mark Provencher then followed with opening prayer, the Commander conducted the POW/MIA ceremony.

Committee Reports:

Badger Boys: Dan Tongen has invited Logan Roy and Harris Wells to Social Night 09/23/08 to report on their time at Badger Boys State.

Junior Shooting Sports: DuWayne Wieck reported he still needs help from volunteers for building targets and still needs a range. Range requirements at least 45' long and shooting lanes 4' wide. He also advised the Post is now formally affiliated with the American Legion. If you can help or want more information call DuWayne at 627-1879

Membership: Ed Schroeder and Flare Fredricksen introduced Don Kinas U.S. Navy Korean War. Give a warm welcome to Don for becoming a member of the largest service organization in the country.

Sick Call: John Grothe reported that Zane Hartle is progressing and may be home soon.

Social Night: There is NO longer ANY kind of list. If you plan on attending **YOU MUST CALL** Doris Beck 893-0358 for reservations. No Shows **WILL** be billed. As a result of way too many No Shows we had to go back to the previous method....Remember You Need To Call

Packer Raffle Winners: Ronald Spapperi of Kohler, Scott LaRouge of Fond du Lac, Ron Sippel of Cascade, Cara Kleeman of Sheboygan Falls, Tom Schmied of Abrams, Dennis & Kathy Halloran of Plymouth, Craig Johnson of Plymouth and Todd Klemme of Plymouth

New Business: The Post will have a American Flag and POW/MIA flag raising ceremony at City Hall on Friday Sept. 19th at 10:00 AM in recognition of MIA/POW Day.

The executive committee met with the Finance Officer Rick Zinkgraf and problems were discussed concerning some unapproved spending. There was discussion by the membership. Mark Provencher made a motion that the Chairman of a committee will receive all receipts for the event. The Chairman will then have 15 days after the close of the event to get the receipts to the Finance Officer. Motion Seconded by Gene Blindauer, motion passed on voice vote.

The membership was informed that Gene Blindauer was named Chairman of the Building Committee by the Commander at the Executive meeting. After discussion about how to handle unapproved or spur of the moment purchases by a member it was decided to form a study committee for suggested solution. Bill Smith, Ken Deicher, and Bill Balke volunteered for that committee and to report back at the October membership meeting.

Another idea from the Executive meeting was better utilization of the Post's bar. It was suggested that the Post be open to Members Only & Guest for a Packer game or Badger game. Our license is specific about serving alcoholic beverages. However for this to work the Post would need someone that has Direct TV as their television program provider. The Post would supply the receiver and pay the member the \$5.00 a month for the additional receiver on their account. This would provide the best reception and be cost

effective. It's understood there would have to be a schedule and licensed bartender on premise. Please call Rick Zinkgraf at 893-0686 for more information about Direct TV.

Motion by John Wilde 2nd by Mark Provencher to host a G.I. Breakfast on Sunday from 8:00 AM – Noon, Motion passed on voice vote.

2nd District Fall conference at Beaver Dam Post# 146 on Sunday October 26th, with registration from 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM. Contact Commander Niedfeldt for more information.

Closing prayer by Post Chaplain Mark Provencher, with the reading of the 8 Wisconsin soldiers that died in the month of September fighting in the Global War On Terrorism.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30

Respectfully Submitted
Konrad Kaczowski