

American Legion Post# 243 Meeting Minutes 10/14/2008

Attendance: 26 members David Niedfeldt, Mark Provencher, Bill Balke, Don Guse, Mark Degner, John Wilde, James Preder, Don Kinan, Flare Fredricksen, Ruben Rabe, Gene Blindauer, Lloyd Sargent, Earl Bergin, George Helpap, Harlan Harris, Norm Halloran, Ken Wickland, Ken Deicher, DuWayne Wieck, Ed Schroeder, George Degen, Mel Lulow, Arlan Schlundt, Bob Steindorf, Joe Benauer, and Konrad Kaczkowski

The meeting opened at 1900 Hrs with the Commander leading the Pledge to the Flag, Post Chaplain Mark Provencher led with an opening prayer, the Commander Conducted the POW/MIA ceremony and led in the reading of the American Legion Preamble.

Plymouth police officer Todd Kronberg addressed the membership as the spokesman for the Plymouth Safety Patrol. He explained the duties of the students and the annual trip to Washington DC. He requested a donation towards the laying of a wreath at the Tombs of The Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. 4 students will have that honor by competing in an essay contest. The cost of the wreath is \$150.00 and will be billed after the ceremony in May of 2009. John Wilde made a motion that the Post donate \$150.00 to cover the cost of the wreath, Mark Provencher seconded the motion, motion passed by voice vote. Officer Kronberg was invited to the October Social as he has a DVD showing Plymouth students at Arlington.

Membership: Ed Schroeder reported he is working on a couple of new members. He also introduced a guest John Holbrook, and John brought along copies of his book about his experiences as a tail gunner on a B-17 bomber during WW II.

Oratorical Contest: Ed Schroeder reported his advertising campaign is going well and did receive an inquiry about the contest in a letter.

Veterans Day: Ed Schroeder has taken over the program from Flare Fredricksen. The Honor Squad is to report to Riverview School on Tuesday November 11th at 10:00 AM in the formal "Dress Blue" attire. From there they will go to Parkview School for a flag raising ceremony. Also on that the day the Honor Squad will meet at Rocky Knoll at 1:00 PM for another ceremony. Any questions call Ed at 892-6284

Badger Boys State: No Report

Shooting Sports: DuWayne Wieck reported target stands have been built by Post member Wayne Schludt

Sick Call: Larry Behr and Levi Backhaus

Old Business:

The Commander read the Resolutions Committee recommendations concerning the spending of funds for the American Legion Post 243 of Plymouth WI. 1) Only one is set for now and that is for the House in the amount of \$200.00 2) Future purchases must have an itemized slip showing purchases and total amount 3) These purchases with slips to be turned into the Chairman in charge of the event within the 15th day of the month. The Chairman will then turn in items to the Treasurer by the 30th day. 4) Items purchased with no sales slip and on a member's own agenda without Chairman's or House approval will not be paid or the American Legion Post will not be responsible for such purchases. 5) In case of emergency which only relates to Post property etc, cases of leaking pipes or damage to property would take priority over the above. 6) American Legion Post upkeep, interior or exterior, grounds and property to be voted upon the Board and 2/3 vote by members. 7) G.I. Breakfast: Purchases should not exceed \$200.00 without the Chairman's approval; if the chairman is not available funds should be pre-approved. John Wilde made a motion to accept the Resolution Committee suggestions, motion seconded by George Degen, motion carried by voice vote.

On Saturday November 1st the Post will host Honor Guard training from 10:30 AM – Noon. The Wisconsin Military Honors program from King, WI will conduct the training. They ask that the attire for the training would be the same as they would wear for a funeral detail. Other County Posts have been contacted about the training. Call Konrad at 892-2651 or Mark Degner at 892-6139 NO later than Oct 27th if you plan on attending, we need to send in a roster.

District# 2 Fall Conference will be held on Sunday Oct. 26th at Beaver Dam Post. We presently have our maximum for delegates; Dave Niedfeldt, Mark Provencher & John Grothe with K. Kaczkowski @ Ed Schroeder as alternates. If you want to attend contact Konrad for details.

There is a new County Veterans Service Officer Charlene Cobb a 21 year Navy Veteran. She was an Air Traffic Controller and even served in the Antarctica! Mark Degner made a motion to invite the new CVSO to the October Social paid for by the Post, Ed Schroeder second, motion carried by voice vote.

There was discussion on the date of the Post's Christmas Party. Mark Degner made a motion to have the party on Saturday December 13th, Mark Provencher second, motion carried by voice vote. Cost will be \$25.00 per couple.

The Bar Manager has put a donation jar on the bar for the beverages served after meetings.

Mark Provencher asked on behalf of the Auxiliary if they could have access to the soda portion of the bar for their meetings, with the same provision of using a donation jar. Bill Balke made a motion to have the Auxiliary have access to the soda portion of the bar and utilize the donation jar, Gene Ramsey second, motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting concluded at 20:20 with the reading of the Wisconsin fallen during the month of October fighting The War on Global Terrorism, prayer led by Post Chaplain Mark Provencher and Taps by Joe Benauer.

Respectfully Submitted

Konrad Kaczkowski
Adjutant

REMINDER YOU NEED TO CALL DORIS BECK FOR RESERVATIONS FOR SOCIAL NIGHT 893-0358, NO SHOWS WILL BE BILLED

MARK YOUR CALENDAR THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13TH, PBS STATION CHANNEL 10 WILL AIR "LIONESS". THIS IS ABOUT TODAY'S WOMEN WARRIORS, THEIR PART IN TODAY'S ARMED FORCES. CHECK FOR THE CORRECT TIME, THE NATIONAL POSTER SAYS 9 pm HOWEVER IT COULD AIR AT 8:00 pm IN OUR AREA.