

American Legion Post# 243
Meeting Minutes 12/09/2008

Attendance: 14 members, Mark Provencher Sr., Gene Ramsey, Gene Blindauer, Lloyd Sargent, Dan Tongen, George Streeck, DuWayne Wieck, Norm Halloran, Arlan Schlundt, Ed Schroeder, Don Guse, Mark Degner, David Niedfeldt, and Konrad Kaczkowski

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

Membership: Ed Schroeder introduced George Streeck as one of the Post's newest member. George is a US Air Force veteran, Vietnam. Ed also announced that he signed up Glenn Schlundt, active US Army and training to be a medic. Glenn is the son of Post's member Arlan Schlundt. Warm welcome to these two gentlemen to the largest service organization in the nation.

Oratorical Contest: Ed Schroeder reported that the local contest will be held January 21st, 2009 at our Post as part of the County meeting. The District contest will be held January 24th in Lomira.

House Committee: No Report

Finance: No report

Badger Boys State: Dan Tongen reported that the cost to send 2 boys to Badger State will be a total of \$470.00. He is aware that the Post suggested sending an additional boy; however Dan had problems getting 2 boys to go last year, and suggested leaving it at 2 for this year. Gene Blindauer made a motion the Post pay the entire \$470.00 to send 2 boys to Badger Boys State, and Gene Ramsey seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Junior Shooting Sports: DuWayne Wieck reported securing a range site at 439 Factory Street, courtesy of Glacier Transit and Storage. He also reported he would need at least one rifle and explained the cost of \$257.00 would be for a new rifle, hard case, mat, sling, glove and safety glasses. If possible he would try to find a used rifle to cut down on cost. Motion by Gene Blindauer to authorize DuWayne to make the necessary purchase up to \$300.00 since shipping and handling wasn't factored in, and Mark Degner seconded the motion and the motion carried by voice vote.

Sick Call: Larry Behr, Mike Mueller, and Jim Stahlman

New Business: Mark Provencher asked that the Post consider hosting a Four Chaplains Sunday. He suggested Sunday February 1st, 2009 and to have it in conjunction with a G.I.

Breakfast. There was discussion addressing the fact that the story of the Four Chaplains is a cornerstone of the American Legion. Motion by Don Guse that the Post host a Four Chaplains Sunday along with a G.I. Breakfast for Sunday February 1st, 2009 and Gene Blindauer seconded the motion. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Konrad Kaczowski asked the members to consider donating toward the Sheboygan County Service Officer Christmas Cheer program in aid of County Veteran families in need at Christmas time. He reported that there are 35 Veteran families in need, and last year the Post donated \$100.00 and there were far less families that needed help. Mark Provencher made a motion to have the Post donate \$5.00 per family or \$175.00, motion was seconded by Don Guse, motion carried by voice vote.

Taps: Zane Hartle

Meeting ended at 19:10 Hrs with the reading of the 9 Wisconsin soldiers that died in the month of December since 2003 fighting in the War Against Global Terrorism and closing prayer by Post Chaplain Mark Provencher

Respectfully submitted

Konrad Kaczowski Adjutant