

## **American Legion Post# 243 Meeting Minutes 01/13/2009**

Attendance: 16 Members Mark Provencher Sr., Mel Lulow, Ruben Rabe, Ed Schroeder, Jim Faller, Arlan Schlundt, Earl Bergin, Norm Halloran, John Wilde, DuWayne Wieck, Bill Balke, Dennis Halloran, John Grothe, Mark Degner, Gene Ramsey and Konrad Kaczkowski.

The meeting began at 19:00 Hrs with prayer led by Chaplain Provencher, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Gene Ramsey along with 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Mark Degner conducted the MIA/POW empty chair ceremony. Vice Commander Ramsey led the pledge to the Flag and the reading of the American Legion Preamble.

Membership: No Report

Oratorical: Ed Schroeder reported that the County contest will be held at the Post on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM and there will be three contestants, all from Plymouth. The District contest will be in Palmyra on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Badger Boys: No Report

Jr. Shooting: DuWayne Wieck reported the first meeting was held on 12/22/08. The Greenbush Post agreed to buy a rifle and split the insurance cost. Jr. R.O.T.C. will be retiring their rifles and a chance to purchase at a reduced price. Possible grant from the National Rifle Association.

House Committee: Mark Provencher reported unusual water usage in December, and an inspection found a running toilet He also reported hard water is compounding the problem.

Sick Call: Larry Behr and Jim Stahlman

Taps: Dale Neidl

Old Business: G.I. breakfast and tribute to the 4 Chaplains is set for February 1<sup>st</sup>.

New Business: Mark Provencher provided the membership with 3 quotes to help remedy the hard water problem. The hard water is causing calcium build up to the point where certain toilet components need replacement. He obtained quotes for a water softener system that would take care of the needs of the upper and lower portions of the Post. The three quotes were obtained by Mark and read to the membership by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Gene Ramsey.

Haucke Plumbing of Plymouth: \$2,034.00 installed

Culligan of Plymouth: \$1,865.00 plus \$275.00 for installation (total \$2,140.00)

Complete Water Inc of Hingham: \$1,150.00 installed, will add 500 Lbs of salt at no charge if the Post has to pay State tax

Mark had presented this to the executive committee and they recommended Complete Water Inc. After some discussion Mark Degner made a motion the Post needed to buy a water softener system as a need and preventive maintenance, motion seconded by John Wilde, motion passed by voice vote. After discussion about the quotes Mark Degner made a motion to accept the quote from Complete Water Inc. seconded by John Grothe, motion passed by voice vote.

Ed Schroeder advised the membership that the property where the flower garden is located is the right away owned by the city of Plymouth. He brought this to the attention of the members since the Post has beautified the area the city should deed that portion to the Post. After discussion Ed Schroeder made a motion that he approach the city and ask that the flower garden section adjacent to the Post Club House be deeded to the Post, motion seconded by Mark Degner, motion carries by voice vote.

Ed Schroeder reminded everyone that the Post is involved in a Blood Drive January 20<sup>th</sup> at Redeemer Lutheran church.

Meeting concluded at 20:10 Hrs with closing prayer by Chaplain Provencher

Respectfully submitted

Konrad Kaczowski, Adjutant