



Marine Corps League Bartelme-Schwefel Detachment 349

Minutes of Meeting July 12, 2022

OPENING CEREMONY

Commandant Gary Stueber called the meeting to order at 1900 hours at Moose Lodge. League Ritual conducted to open meeting. There were 13 members and 2 guests present.

Role Call of Officers:

Stueber, winter, Gregory, J. Hepp, Wade, Kloth, Rodriguez, Block, and Walter, and present. Bates, Wilcox, Riggs, and Stocks absent.

Application for Membership: New member paperwork and payment received from Ryan Kozera. Ryan did 9 ½ years on active duty and then joined the Reserve unit in Madison for a few years following that. He did 5 tours in Iraq/Afghanistan. Currently, Ryan is working as an electrician and starting a gun business.

Award/Membership Presentations: None.

Installation of New Officers: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Commandant's Report: Commandant Stueber reported that he rode in the Watertown Fourth of July parade. Also, he replaced the soap dispenser in the Women's head at Aero Park and collected two bags of flags to be burned. One flag was historical in that it had 48 stars. Members are welcome to see it.

Adjutant's Report:

Reading of Minutes: A motion to accept the June minutes, seconded and was approved with corrections. Thank you to Linda Hepp for taking the minutes of the meeting during the Adjutant's absence in June.

Correspondence: Received Ixonia Bank statement and Edward Jones statement. A and B Raffle licenses were renewed with Wisconsin Division of Gaming. Our 2021 IRS 990-N filing was accepted to maintain our non-profit, tax-exempt status. A Thank you card was sent to Mr. Daniel Wiedenhoef for his donation toward the Matt Zindars Memorial Scholarship.

Membership: Detachment 349 membership total is 80 including 63 paid for life, 5 associate paid for life and 12 renewals. Only 74 are voting members. Notice of Death and transmittals being prepared due to the passing of Life members Robert Stark and Ronald Vogel.

Paymaster's Report: Paymaster's Report presented and approved as read subject to future audit.

Chaplain's Report: Commandant Stueber reported that he attended the funeral of Life member Ron Vogel who passed away on June 28th. A final salute was rendered. The funeral service for Life member Robert Stark who passed away on June 6th is still to be determined. Life member Ernie Lehmann is dealing with some ongoing health issues. Chaplain to send a Get Well card.

League Officer's Reports:

Sr. Vice: Frank Winter reported a lack of volunteers to assist with the Rose Drive at the Milwaukee Brewer's baseball game on June 26th. He was disappointed that we could not take advantage of this excellent opportunity to collect donations for our Detachment.

Jr. Vice: None

Committee Reports:

Watertown Veterans: None.

Scholarship: Wade reported that we received four scholarship applications sponsored by Detachment members. The following recommendations were discussed and approved by members:

Ken Kropf Memorial Scholarship(s) - \$500 to Izabela Cartagena studying law at Marquette University and \$500 to Alayna Clark studying elementary education at UW- Oshkosh.

Matt Zindars Memorial Scholarship - \$500 to Aden Clark studying civil engineering at UW-Madison.

Richard "Red" Walter Honorary Scholarship - \$500 to David Vallo studying architecture at Madison Area Technical College.

Aero Park Maintenance: Jerry Hepp was reimbursed for repairs of the John Deere mower needed for lawn care at Aero Park. Commandant Stueber provided a new logbook for workers at Aero Park.

Service & Legislative: Fernando Rodriguez reported that Wisconsin DVA has opened up a grant program ranging from \$5000 to \$25000. Detachment will look into the application criteria and process to apply.

Color Guard: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Aero Park Fundraiser: Picnic planned for Saturday, August 27th. "Name the Statue" dedication this year will be to honor Steve Hepp.

Aero Park Project: Jerry Hepp presented a proposal with specifications to extend the concrete patio of the Aero Park pavilion and the addition of a Viewing Post for the Veteran's statue and plaque with a walkway and Gazebo/ Pergola area. The Veteran's Statue is dedicated annually to a Watertown veteran in a ceremony at Aero Park. Following discussion, the motion was made on this proposal, seconded, and unanimously approved by Detachment members.

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Convention Reimbursement: Adjutant-Paymaster Wade requested reimbursement for her attendance at the Marine Corps League Department of Wisconsin Convention hosted in Iron Mountain, MI. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to reimburse \$200 toward hotel and gas expenses.

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Drawings:

- Attendance drawing winner was Gene Stocks who was not present. Next month pot is \$80.
- 50/50 drawing winner of \$13 cash was Fernando Rodriguez.
- Jerry Hepp won a Marine Corps item.

Chow: Thanks to Gus Godfroy of the Moose Lodge for providing a light meal following the meeting.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Having no further business, the meeting was closed by paying respect to the colors and offering a closing prayer. The Sergeant-at-Arms declared the meeting closed. The next official meeting of Detachment 349 is at 1900 hours on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at Aero Park.

Commandant: Gary Stueber

Adjutant: Judy Wade