

Post Executive Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m. – 12 August – Shadows
Minutes (Final)

Meeting brought to order at 5 pm.

Attendance – Commander - Present, 1st Vice – Present, 2nd Vice - Present, Adjutant - Present, Finance Officer - Present, Service Officer #1 - Present, Service Officer #2 - Excused, Chaplain - Present, Chuck A. - Present, Dean K. - Present, Dan V – Present, Bernie B - Present – Quorum (7) met yes (10 Legion members present). ALA Representative - Tim. SAL Representative - Kenny. ALR Representative - Heather

Motion & 2d to approve the August PEC meeting minutes.

Old Business

- Department Convention Report – Post 477 represented very well with nine members present. Received ten individual and post awards. Commander reached out to Dr Whittle who spoke at the Convention regarding bringing the Veteran Suicide Training to Post 477. Will follow-up as he hasn't heard anything since initial conversation.
- Christmas in July Recap – Santa x three, well attended, nice comments, Veteran from Worthington was very complimentary of the Post and our activities.
- Cleveland Dairyland Fest Parade – 21 Legion Family members in parade, float, flagline – went well. Setup in park also went well.
- Kiel Community Parade – rain & lightning canceled parade, but Legion 477 Family was ready. 28 Legion Family members & family members were available.
- County Fair Booth Setup – Tuesday 25 August – 9 to noon – Chuck, Dean, and Nancy – Majority of items provided by Post 477 (all flags, tension poles, tables & chairs, and signage/banners)
- Manitowoc County Fair Booth
 - Saturday 29 August 10 am to 9 pm (Jim B will work first shift)
 - Sunday Noon to 3 pm – Bernie, Gordon and Carol
 - Raffle items – two (maximum value of \$40 each) – Heather will put together a basket, ALA responsible for second basket.
- Freedom to Liberty Retreat - Welcome home - 30 August @ approximately 12:00 – ATW Flight Center – Kevin, Rebecca, Matt, Heather, possibly Gary & Jeff. Kevin will reach out to Shawn B. – Mail call being delivered to MOH this week.
- Meat's Fest Parade - Saturday 12 September – stage at 5, step-off at 5:30 pm – goal to have six flags, rifle bearers, side-by-side with signage, float and ALR.
- Finance update (Chris)-review bank statements – income/expenditures, outstanding items.

New Business

- Buddy Checks- July total – 397 – use same list as July – report August Buddy Check # to Jeff by August 29th
- Blue Star Banner Presentation – Kevin, Jim B., and Nancy completed Monday August 10th for Sharon & Kerry – Mom and Stepdad of Josh K. Also received a text from Josh thanking us for the care package. Hoping to present additional banners to Taylor R's parents in the next two weeks.
- Scavenger Hunt – St Nazianz Park – letter requesting use of the pavilion sent to the Village – Village board reviewing at their meeting next week. We may delay to 2027 due to lack of planning time available. Initial plan was for 17 October.
- Family dinner – general membership vote at September meeting.
- Veterans Banquet - November 14 at Seven Lakes Golf & Dining – cost \$20
Social begins at 5:45 – Program at 6 – Dinner at 6:30 Guest Speaker – Tim Zadalis (USAF Maj Gen – Retired) Music – BellaRain Music. Each VSO is asked to provide one raffle basket (maximum value \$50) Gary will prepare the raffle basket and pass off to Bill Schuh by the October 21st. Veteran Recognition Awards – nomination process – each VSO gets one nomination in each category - Veteran of the Year - Veteran Advocate of the Year
Veteran Friendly Business of the Year - Nomination packets are due to the United Veterans Council Chair, Bill Schuh, by 1 October 2026.
- Special Recognition – Shadows was recognized for continued support to Post 477 & TUFT – National Commander Wiley Recruiting Incentive pins presented to Dean, Gary, and Kevin. Two additional pins (Mike H and Rebecca) to be presented.
- Trunk or Treat – Camp Sinawa – October 10th – Bernie will attend. Possibly Kevin and Jeff (with Granddaughters). Candy may be left over from St Nazianz parade, else Bernie will purchase for reimbursement. Everyone invited to participate in costume, decorated vehicles etc.

Membership Report

- 2027 membership goal is 161 members
- Current Membership (as of 7 August) - 146 paid members - 90.7%
- 23 nonrenewals (as of 7 August)
- Current total includes six new members and three transfers from National Post.
- Jeff is signing and mailing membership cards

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Report – marched in the Cleveland Parade, ready to march in Kiel, plan on marching in Meat's Fest parade. 18 August – Sheboygan Coast Guard Station Tour – 18 August 2 pm. ALA President requests RSVP.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Report – 18 renewals, 15 nonrenewals. Soaring Eagle Raffle – Kevin will call Dan R to learn if all funds were returned to all 21 individuals who purchased tickets. Squadron Commander will work on scheduling the training on the epi pen, coordinate with the St Nazianz 1st Responders.

American Legion Riders (ALR) Report – SAL Corn Roast at FDL Post 75 22 August. August 29th – Veteran Suicide Awareness Ride partnered with CVMA. October 17th – Memorial Ride. Resolution passed at Department Convention to allow Junior Riders.

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- Text Etiquette – reminder to use PEC Group Text for PEC “official” business. Take other issues/ideas/ personal comments offline.
- OGHF signup – Thursday 13 August – Ariens Museum Brillion – 5:15-6:45 pm
- Soup with the Vets – Elks Lodge – 18 August 2026 – 12-1
- Department President Amy Luft’s project called “Wings of Honor” with goal of raising funds for all Wisconsin hubs but also helping to identify eligible Veterans and help them sign up for their honor flights. President Luft will attend TUFT – 13 May – 0830 – 11.
- City of Manitowoc will hold a 9/11 25th Anniversary Memorial on Friday 11 September 5 pm at Red Arrow Beach. Community event in partnership with the Eagles.
- Two upcoming Veteran funeral/memorials – Sunday 23 August (St Gregory’s) & Friday 28 August (time and location TBA).
- Monthly Veterans – 1st Friday of the month beginning October 2 (Meat’s) – current plan is to rotate to Village Bakery in Valders (Nov) and On the Whim Sweet Treats (Dec). 8:30 - ? . Coffee is free, purchase food on your won.

Upcoming Dates

- 26-30 August – Manitowoc County Fair
- 27 August – 3 September – TAL Convention – Louisville
- 30 August – F2L4 Welcome Home – ATW Flight Center
- 11 September – 25th 9/11 Anniversary Memorial – Red Arrow Park Manitowoc
- 12 September – Meat’s Fest Parade
- 12 September – F2L5 Welcome Home
- 24 September – Post & SAL Meeting
- 2 October – Veterans Coffee & Breakfast
- 10 October – Camp Sinawa Trunk or Treat
- 22 October – Post & SAL Meeting
- 27 October – OGHF Mission 84
- 6 November – Veterans Coffee – Village Bakery - Valders
- 7 November – Boots on the Ground Ruck March – Plymouth
- 11 November – Veterans Day
- 14 November – Veterans Banquet – Seven Lakes Golf & Dining

Next PEC: September 9th – 5 pm – Shadows.

Motion to Adjourn and 2d. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.