American Legion Post 477 - St. Nazianz

Post Executive Committee Meeting

5:00 p.m. - September 9, 2026 - Shadows

Minutes

Meeting brought to order at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance – Commander - Present, 1st Vice – Present, 2nd Vice - Present, Adjutant – Excused, Finance Officer - Absent, Service Officer #1 - Present Service Officer #2 - Present Chaplain - Present Additional members present: Chuck A. Dean K., Craig F. - Quorum (7) met

ALA Representative - Tim. SAL Representative - Dean ALR Representative – Heather

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

Old Business

- County Fair Booth Update - Update provided by Kevin.
- Freedom to Liberty Retreat (F2L4) Welcome Home - Update provided by Kevin.
- Meat's Fest Parade - Saturday, September 12. Staging at 5:00 p.m.; step-off at 5:30 p.m. Goal remains six flags, rifle bearers, side-by-side with signage, float, and ALR. Honor Guard personnel will wear traditional white shirts and black slacks; others may wear orange polos or Veteran gear.
- Blue Star Presentation - Taylor R.'s family.
- Trunk or Treat at Camp Sinawa - October 10, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., or until candy runs out. Bernie will attend; Kevin and Jeff may attend with their granddaughters. Leftover parade candy may be used, or additional candy purchased. All Legion Post Family members are invited to participate with costumes and decorated vehicles.
- District Conference - October 25 at Fond du Lac Post 75. Attendees are to be identified and the RSVP returned after invitations are received. Newsletter item to be turned in the following day.
- Boots on the Ground Ruck March - November 7 in Plymouth. Participants listed as Greg S., Heather, Lindsay, Matt, Nancy, TJ, Jeannie, and Rebecca. Family and friends invited. The Post will pay registration fees for up to 10 team members, not to exceed $200 total.
- Ruck March hoodies will be army green with white "Be The One" lettering. Up to 15 team members may receive a hoodie at no cost. Rebecca will collect sizes by October 1.
- Finance Update - Bank statements, income, expenditures, outstanding items, and annual budget lines were reviewed.

New Business

- Buddy Checks - Use the same roster and complete September checks by the end of September. Jeff will cover the new members.
- October Old Glory Honor Flight, Mission 84 - October 27. Participants noted: Ken Knauf, with Nancy as guardian; Dan, David, and Delton Duchow; Paul Tienor of Valders; Melvin

Waack of Kiel; and three members of the Dvorcheck family. 18 Manitowoc County Veterans are on the flight.
- Mail-call cards - Cards were signed and given to Gary. Additional cards will be brought to the September General Membership meeting for members to sign.
- Thank-you signage and letters - Kevin and Chuck will deliver the remaining items to businesses and organizations and obtain photos. Approximately 10 remain. Completion target is October 1.
- Membership Report - 2027 goal: 161 members. As of August 31: 164 paid members (101.9%); 144 of 159 renewals (90.5%); eight non-renewals; and one pending PUFL transfer for Tim L., which will not count in the 2026 numbers.
- Membership follow-up - Jeff and Kevin will make phone calls to non-renewals no later than October 1. Two additional renewals or new members are needed to reach 103% for National membership awards and PEA.
- Commander's Update - Army-Navy game noted for December 12; Joe S. will provide the meal (paid by the Post).

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Report

Nothing to report.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Report

Fourteen renewals and 38 members No update was available on the EpiPen class. The Soaring Eagle raffle reimbursement status remains to be verified.

American Legion Riders (ALR) Report

Nothing to report.

Good of the Order

- Soup with the Vets - September 23, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.
- 9/11 25th Anniversary Memorial - Friday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m., Red Arrow Beach, Manitowoc, in partnership with the Eagles.
- 9/11 25th Anniversary Memorial - Friday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m., 2102 Jackson Street, Two Rivers.
- Monthly Veterans Coffee & Breakfast - Begins Friday, October 2 at 8:30 a.m. at Meat's. Planned rotation: Village Bakery in Valders in November and On the Whim Sweet Treats in December. Coffee is free; attendees purchase their own food. All area Veterans and military members are invited.

Upcoming Dates

- September 11 - 25th 9/11 Anniversary Memorial, Red Arrow Park, Manitowoc
- September 12 - Meat's Fest Parade
- September 24 - Post & SAL General Meeting; 5:30 p.m. SAL and 6:30 p.m. Post meeting
- October 2 - Veterans Coffee & Breakfast at Meat's
- October 10 - Camp Sinawa Trunk or Treat
- October 22 - Post & SAL General Meeting
- October 25 - District Conference at Fond du Lac Post 75
- October 27 - OGHF Mission 84 Welcome Home Celebration
- November 6 - Veterans Coffee at Village Bakery, Valders
- November 7 - Boots on the Ground Ruck March, Plymouth
- November 11 - Veterans Day programs at Kiel High School and Cleveland Elementary

- November 14 - Veterans Banquet at Seven Lakes Golf & Dining
- December 12 - Army-Navy Game Watch Party

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Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6 pm