American Legion Post 477 – St Nazianz
General Membership Meeting
September 24, 2026 – 6:30 pm – St Nazianz Village Hall
Minutes (Final)

1. Opening Ceremonies

Commander called the meeting to order at 6:30. Opening ceremonies were conducted, including the POW/MIA Ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, and recitation of the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.

2. Roll Call / Quorum

The following officers were present:

- Commander
- Second Vice Commander
- Finance Officer/Treasurer
- Chaplain
- Service Officer

Excused:

- First Vice Commander
- Adjutant
- Service Officer

Absent:

- Sergeant-at-Arms

Ten additional Post members were present. A quorum (7 required) was established.

Representatives present:

- Auxiliary (ALA): Tim
- Sons of the American Legion (SAL): Ken
- American Legion Riders (ALR): None

3. Guests and New Members

No introductions or new member information were recorded.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

5. Reports

Adjutant Report

- Reminder to submit National Basic Course completion certificates to Nancy by October 18, 2026.
- Newsletter submissions for the October newsletter are due by October 2 and should be 200 words or less.
- Members are encouraged to update address, phone number, and email information through mylegion.org or by notifying the Adjutant.

Membership Report

- Post 477 reached 100% membership goal on August 25, 2026.
- Current membership stands at 164 members (101.8% of goal).
- Nine renewals remain outstanding, resulting in a 90.5% renewal rate.

Finance Officer Report

The monthly financial statement was reviewed and discussed.

Service Officers Report

- Reviewed activities from the County Fair.
- Continued assistance to veterans, including support for community care programs.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Report

- Discussion regarding the Liberty Pole project.
- Planning continues for Flights for a Flight (OGHF).
- Army vs. Navy game plans discussed.
- EpiPen training remain on the radar, but no firm plans.

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Report

- Coast Guard Station tour went well, several Legion Family members attended.
- Updates provided on America 250 activities.
- Planning continues for the Camp Sinawa Trunk or Treat event.
- Plans started for Christmas at Sinawa and cabin decorating; theme is America250.
- ALA President participated in the Meat Fest parade along with one additional ALA 477 member.

American Legion Riders (ALR) Report

No report.

6. Commander's Report

- Update of summer activities to include the donation to OGHF, the Celebration of Freedom and parades.
- NAMI Suicide Awareness activities were highlighted.
- Received a donated military trailer for Legion event use.
- Motion and 2d to assist a local Veteran with $1000 gift card. Discussion. Passed.
- Recognition given for support of Veterans and scholarship efforts.
- TUFT donations to Old Glory Honor Flight exceeded $70,000 for the 2d year.

7. Old Business

Liberty Pole Capital Campaign

- Project continues to move forward.
- SAL members may assist with flag replacement and maintenance as needed.

Buddy Checks

- Program continues to progress, members becoming more aware of the Buddy Check program.
- Completion target is the 28th of each month.

8. New Business

District Fall Meeting

- Scheduled for October 25, 2026, at Fond du Lac Post 75.
- Delegates selected: Kevin, Chuck, Bernie, and Nancy (at large).

Camp Sinawa Trunk or Treat

- Scheduled for October 10, 2026.
- Volunteers include Bernie, Kevin, and Chris.

Old Glory Honor Flight Mission 84 Welcome Home Celebration

- Scheduled for October 27, 2026, at Appleton International Airport.
- Welcome home activities and support plans were discussed.

Veterans Day Programs

- Kiel High School (November 11): Chuck and Jesse.
- Cleveland Elementary: Andrew, Kevin, and Nancy.
- Mishicot: Andrew, Rebecca, and possibly Matt Koch.
- St. Mary's/St. Michael's and Valders Elementary remain in planning stages.

Family Dinner

Discussion was tabled for a future PEC meeting.

Army vs. Navy Game Watch Party

- Scheduled for December 12 at Shadows.
- Food and event planning responsibilities were discussed.

Christmas With the Veterans

- Holiday baskets with lap quilts.
- Support for deployed soldiers.
- Potential "Adopt-a-Veteran" participation with Felician Village and/or Complete Care. Further discussion will continue at PEC meetings.

9. Upcoming Events

Date	Event
October 2	Veterans Coffee & Breakfast
October 10	Camp Sinawa Trunk or Treat
October 12	Manitowoc County Council Meeting
October 22	Post & SAL General Meeting
October 25	District Conference
October 27	Old Glory Honor Flight Mission 84 Welcome Home Celebration
November 6	Veterans Coffee
November 7	Boots on the Ground Ruck March
November 10-12	Veterans Day Programs
November 14	Veterans Banquet
December 4	Veterans Coffee
December 12	Army vs. Navy Game
January 16	Flights for a Flight

10. For the Good of the Order

- Next County Meeting: October 12, 2026, hosted by Post 88 at the Eagles Club.
- ELKS Lodge Veterans Lunch scheduled for October 28 at noon.
- Veterans Banquet November 14 at Seven Lakes.
- Discussion held regarding the Veteran banners, costs such as the lift rental are split with the Lions

11. Adjournment

Motion and 2d to Adjourn.

Chaplain's prayer and final salute to the flag.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm