



**Sippin-Winspur Post No. 176  
Monroe, Connecticut**

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Commander  
1st Vice Commander  
2nd Vice Commander

Vic Yanosy  
Jan Larsen  
Ed Callo

Adjutant  
Finance Officer  
Chaplain  
Sergeant at Arms

Richard Michel  
Kenneth Rancourt  
Ray Ganser  
Donald Whiteley

**MINUTES: MEETING of 9 September 2010**

Location: Monroe Senior Center – 235 Cutler’s Farm Road, Monroe, CT 06468

The meeting was preceded by a presentation from the Spadaccino Funeral Home to the members and auxiliary. The meeting was called to order at 1950 hrs. by Commander Vic Yanosy, followed by the salute and Pledge of Allegiance. In accordance with Resolution 288 adopting the POW/MIA flag, the empty chair was recognized.

**ATTENDEES:** Kenneth Rancourt, Don Whiteley, Doug Hill, Fred Kaechele, Lou Marino, Ken Waite, Ray Ganser, Ed Ryan, Jim Atkins, Jan Larsen, Vic Yanosy.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of 13 May 2010 reviewed. Motion to accept: Lou Marino. Second: Ed Ryan. Motion accepted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Expenditures	Dues to American Legion Dept of CT	1053.50
	Stamps	<u>35.20</u>
	Total	1088.70
Post 176 Accounts	Checking Balance	357.98
	Balance of Dues Paid	390.19
	Brick Account	<u>8577.95</u>
	Total of Accounts	9326.12

Motion to accept: Ray Ganser. Second: Fred Kaechele. Motion accepted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Baseball:** Post 176 Sr. Legion Baseball Team went to post season with 17/10 win/loss record and was eliminated early, winning their first game on July 21 against Unionville 6-1, but losing their second game to Niantic 10-6 on July 22.

Post 176 Jr. Legion Baseball Team did not make the post season with an 8/14 win/loss record.

**Boys’ State:** No report

**Brick Committee:** No report

**Membership:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commander, Jan Larsen, reported current membership at 71 with 53 paid. New goal this year set by the Dept. of CT is 76. Therefore we are at 70%, higher than the Sept. goal of 50% recommended by Dept. As part of an effort to increase membership and attendance at meetings, Jan moved that the post hold a 50/50 raffle after each meeting during social time, which would help pay for door prizes for members in attendance as well as a monthly drawing for all paid-up members whether present or not. Women’s auxiliary voted to join the 50/50 raffle.

Motion to accept: Ray Ganser. Second: Ed Ryan. Motion accepted.

**Candy Sale:** Lou Marino reported that we had made \$701.00 on the candy sale. We sold all 800 bars at \$1.00 each for a gross of \$800.00 plus we received donations of \$351 (no candy disbursed) for a total income of \$1,151.00. The cost of the candy including shipping was \$450.00 for a profit of \$701.00. The last 100 bars were hard to sell after the sale dates, so next year we will order only 700 candy bars. The dates for next year’s sale will be Thurs. May 12, Fri. May 13, and Sat. May 14, 2011. Mark your 2011 calendars. Lou (and Janet) were given a large round of applause.

**Parade:** The date for the Memorial Day Parade has been set. The date is Sunday, 29 May 2011.

**Website:** The website is up-to-date with the meeting schedule, current member list and women’s auxiliary page.

**COMMANDER’S REPORT:**

Vic reviewed a number of documents from Department including calendar of upcoming events, announcement of the new National Commander, Jimmie L. Foster from Anchorage, Alaska, the new MyLegion.org website that is now free to use online and has “tools” that will help with a variety of uses such as membership and newsletters. Posts will now receive points toward rewards for reports submitted to District on time. Ken has already submitted our IRS form 990EZ to report income. Department reminds members that the A. L. does not endorse candidates, so please do not wear service caps or Legion dress at political events. You may privately support any candidate of your choice, but wearing Legion dress may infer the support of the Legion.

**SICK CALL:**

Tom Sommantico was re-admitted to the hospital with complications from his previous surgery. Ed Callo recently had an Angioplasty procedure. Ken will send cards.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Vic requested \$10 to dry clean our Memorial Day bunting. This was so moved by Ray Ganser, seconded by Fred Kaechele. The September 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting will be at Post 140 in Bridgeport on 15 September 2010. The October 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting will be hosted by Post 176 at the Senior Center on 20 October 2010 at 1930 hours. Vic will inquire into getting a discount on a +/- 50 serving platter from Big Y or Stop and Shop. The Veteran's Day Parade in Hartford is on Sunday, 7 November 2010. Ed Callo might drive again this year. About a half dozen members expressed an interest in going. Ed Ryan moved that we plan for the trip. Motion was seconded by Ray Ganser and Don Whiteley. Accepted.

**GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

Post 176 baseball caps are for sale for \$16. A B-17 bomber was being shown at Stratford Airport. Lou Marino suggested that the post consider switching to summer uniforms for future Memorial Day parades due to the heat. We can discuss this later.

**CLOSING:** We adjourned at +/- 2050 hours.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is on 14 October 2010 at 1900 hours at the Monroe Senior Center, 235 Cutler's Farm Road. Also, Post 176 is hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting on 20 October 2010 at 1930 hours at the Senior Center. Please try to attend.

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Our great modern Republic. May those who seek the blessings of its institutions and the protection of its flag remember the obligations they impose. ~ *Ulysses S. Grant*

This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in. ~ *Theodore Roosevelt*

This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave. ~ *Elmer Davis*

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