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United Patriotic Society of Green Bay, WI Meeting Minutes 1/12/26

Call to Order: The United Patriotic Society meeting was called to order at 6:55pm with Pledge of Allegiance led by President Richard Balch. Invocation was made by Chaplain John Hoes.

Roll Call of Officers: President Richard Balch, Vice President Leon Kaiver, Treasurer Clinton Grigg and Acting-Secretary Gwen Kellner Green were all present.

Roll call of organizations: 19 attendees representing 13 organizations (not including the UPS officers). There was a quorum.

Melisa Young, the Brown County Veterans Services Officer (BCSVO) as well as Alexx Schultz, Assistance BCSVO attended. Karen Stoehr of the 9th St. Wellness Center was a guest.

Reading of the Minutes: A motion was made by Norb Zelinski and seconded by Larry Heyrman to accept minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None to read.

Treasurer's Report: Prior to the meeting an audit of the books was conducted by Norm Zelinski, Larry Heyrman and Richard Balch; everything was found to be in order. Current balance is \$2284.09.

Old Business:

Open Position: We are in dire need of a secretary for UPS. Gwen has been filling in as her availability permits but a replacement needs to be identified. Please ask your members to see if anyone is interested.

Veterans Day Ceremony: We discussed the UPS Veterans Day ceremony that was held on Tuesday, November 11 at the Neville Public Museum. Overall, everyone was pleased with holding the ceremony in the auditorium rather than the room we used in the past. Both the inside and outside portions of the ceremony were well attended. Many local politicians were in attendance and there was quite a bit of press coverage. Well done to AMVETS Post 57 and all involved in the planning and execution of such a successful event.

Presidents Day Luncheon: The Presidents Day Luncheon, hosted by TAL Post 539, will be held on February 15 at The Woods, 530 Erie Rd, Green Bay, WI 54311. There is a Social Hour starting at 1pm, followed by a lunch of broasted chicken and beef tips at 2pm. Cathy Kohlbeck is the guest speaker. Tickets are \$20 and are available from your organization's leadership, or you can contact Leon Kaiver at lkaiver@gmail.com to arrange ticket delivery. Monies from ticket sales and unsold tickets must be back to Leon by 5 February 2026.

Each organization is expected to provide a door prize valued between \$10 and \$25. Each ticket holder should write their name on the back of the ticket for a chance at a door prize.

Volunteer of the Year: Clinton Grigg, Nellie DeBaker, Gail Nohr, Tom Ropson, and Paul Slatky were appointed as the Award Selection Committee by President Richard Balch. Gwen Kellner Green was an advisor. The committee reviewed 6 nominations and Dan Ammerman, TAL Post 11, was selected as Volunteer of the Year.

By-Laws Review: During the October meeting a By-Laws Review Committee, consisting of Nellie De Baker, Justin Leistiko and Leon Kaiver was appointed. By-Laws were reviewed by the committee, and no immediate changes were recommended.

Bob Haglund made a motion to dispose of Article IX Section 3 of the By-Laws. This section calls for a By-Laws review in any year divisible by 5. The motion was seconded by Norb Zelewski. A vote was taken and the motion carried. Since this involves a change to the By-Laws it will be read again at the April meeting.

New Business:

9th St. Wellness Center: Karen Stoehr gave a talk regarding services available at the 9th St. Wellness Center East located at 2330 Meadow Park Dr. Green Bay, WI 54311. They can be contacted at 920-490-9699, 920-321-8800, or email@9thstwellness.com. Information can also be found at www.9thstwellness.com.

Memorial Day: DAV Chapter 3 will be host organization for the Memorial Day Ceremony. A discussion was held regarding the theme and possible guest speakers. This year marks the 250 anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and memorializing the sacrifices made by veterans throughout the last 250 years should be addressed at the ceremony. The DAV will be in contact with the DAR for more information.

Brown County Fair: Some members of the UPS have been asked about the UPS taking over the Veterans Resource event at the Brown County Fair. This event used to be coordinated by the BCVSO and included information tables manned by various organizations, lunch, speakers, raffles, music, etc. Over the years attendance dwindled and its effectiveness suffered, to the point where it was significantly downsized.

The consensus is that this is outside the scope of our charter and is not worth considering. Melisa Young, the BCVSO, also feels the event is not worth pursuing. Instead, a single information table will be set up at the entrance. She wants to focus on more family-oriented events and will help coordinate with veteran organizations in such events if asked.

For the good of the Order:

Melisa Young, BCVSO introduced Alexx Schultz, the Assistant BCVSO. The Flight of Champions will be held in June this year instead of November. Details will be disseminated when final.

AMVETS Post 57 has a meat raffle at the Goal Post on Saturday, on January 31st at 2:00PM. There is also a meat raffle at Smully's on the Bay (the old Gaeno Beach) on Saturday, February 26th at 2:00PM.

AMVETS Post 57 in conjunction with Pelkin's Smokey Meats, is holding a Veterans Benefit Raffle. The 1st prize is a \$1500 gift card from Pelkin's. Additional prizes are a \$500, a \$200, and four \$100 gift cards. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any AMVETS Post 57 member. Drawing will be held at Duck Creek Pub on March 28, 2026. You do not need to be present to win. There will also be a regular meat raffle, basket raffles, and 50/50 drawings.

C.J. Kellner discussed Team ONE Mile which will be held Mon September 21 - Sat September 26, 2026, and the need for better publicity. This event raises money to help children of fallen service men and women, and consists of a bike ride of 700 miles in 6 days.

American Legion Post 11 is hosting an All You Can Eat Pancake & Porkies Breakfast on February 14th from 8-10:30. Cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

Some members are not aware that the UPS has a Facebook page - **UNITED PATRIOTIC SOCIETY, GREEN BAY, WI**

American Legion Post 539 in conjunction with Elks Club 259 will be hosting a Chili Cook-Off on January 24th from 11am – 2pm. It will be held at the Elks Club at 3195 S. Ridge Road, Green Bay. There is a \$5 sampler fee or you can get a bowl of chili for \$5.

Adjournment: Benediction by Chaplain John Hoes. Final salute to the flag. Adjournment at 8:04pm by President Richard Balch.

Minutes submitted by Leon Kaiver

Next Meeting Monday, April 13, 2026



The United Patriotic Society (UPS) of Green Bay

Cordially invites you to attend

UPS Volunteer of the Year Awards Luncheon

Sunday February 15, 2026
The Woods Banquet Facility
530 Erie Rd, Green Bay, WI 54311
1PM-4PM

Social hour begins at 1pm
Lunch of Broasted Chicken and Tenderloin Tips served at 2pm
Cash bar available

Sponsored by United Patriotic Society of Green Bay
Hosted by American Legion Post 539

Guest Speaker: Cathy Kohlbeck of Houses of Honor

2025 Awardee: Daniel Ammerman

Tickets \$20/Person

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED NO LATER THAN 5 FEBRUARY 2025
TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT DOOR

Please see your local veterans organization's leadership regarding tickets



Note: All member organizations are asked to bring a Door Prize valued \$10-\$25

**American Veterans
(AMVETS) Post 57
Meat Raffle**



“We have the good stuff”

Smully’s on the Bay

2060 Sand Bar Way, Little Suamico

Feb 21, 2 PM



We will also be collecting non-perishable, non-expired food items for the Center for Veterans Issues. People donating will receive a ticket for the 17th round to win meat.

Some areas we donate to: Green Bay Vet Center, VA Clinic, Center for Veterans Issues (East & Westside), Veterans 1st of NEW, Veterans Day Breakfast (VFW) and others.



Veterans Benefit Raffle

Featuring meat from

Pelkin's Smokey Meat Market. \$10 a chance

1st Prize: Half a Cow

Prize awarded in the form of a \$1500 gift card

2nd Prize: Half a Pig

Prize awarded in the form of a \$500 gift card

3rd Prize: \$200 Meat Bundle

Prize awarded in the form of a \$200 gift card

4th to 7th Prize: \$100 Meat Bundle

Prize awarded in the form of a \$100 gift card

Need not be present to win

**We will also have a regular meat and basket raffle
along with 50/50's starting at noon**

Raffle drawing will be at Duck Creek Pub on March 28, 2026, at
3PM

754 Riverview Dr. Green Bay, WI 54303

**\$10 Tickets are available at Duck Creek Pub, Smully's On The Bay,
And Pelkin's Smokey Meat Market (Both locations).**

Or email wiamvets57@yahoo.com for other locations





Armed Forces Day 2026

Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast

Peace Lutheran Church - 1954 County Rd U - Green Bay

Saturday, May 16, 2026

 All Veterans Welcome! 

Start time: 8:30AM – Meal Cost: **Free**

(non-veteran donations accepted and appreciated)



Invited Guest Speakers

Melissa Young - Brown County Veterans Service Officer

Michael Sheedy – Mentor – Veterans Treatment Court



"Limited Seating" So Please RSVP by May 11, 2026

to reserve your place and if bringing a guest, I need your name, your guest's name and the branch of service you served in.

RSVP to: Bruce Sorensen

Email: basorensen211@gmail.com Cell phone: 920-360-3523



December 2025

Published in PDF format hoping everyone will be able to open the file.

Please email updates and events your Chapter and Unit have so that I can share with the Department.

I hope to hear from every Chapter and Unit quarterly.

It is not possible to send this to every member that does not have email. This is sent to every Chapter Commander, Adjutant, and Unit President. It is the responsibility of the Commanders, Adjutants and/or the President to distribute to their respective membership who do not have email addresses.

When possible, send all your updates, suggestions and corrections in Word or PDF format and pictures in JPG.

FOR OMISSIONS, COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ME.

Richard Daseke. rdaseke@gmail.com or, 920-594-2096

*******PLEASE!!!! LOOK AT THE NAMES, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES. IF IT IS WRONG SEND AN EMAIL OR A TEXT, AND I WILL FIX IT.*******

MOPH Department of Wisconsin Officers for 2025-2026

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