

17 January, 2016



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Post 1980 Minutes – Annual Planning Meeting – 16 January, 2016 Held at Commander Williams residence

Call to order at 12:18 PM – Commander Williams

Welcome to members and guests

Roll Call (Sign in Sheet) – 9 Members present (+ spouses); see roster at end

Minutes from November meeting – Approved

Finance Officer's Report – Presented and approved

Celebrate 2015 successes: Commander Williams discussed the great year Post 1980 had in 2015 and the community and Legion events we participated in. A summary of events is attached.

Review preliminary calendar for 2016: Also attached: this lists events and dates (those planned and others to be determined. As new events are added/ dates confirmed, this document will be updated and placed on Facebook as well as Web pages (when WEB page completed)

2016 Budget: Presented by Paul James. Approved. Summary is attached.

New / revised 2016 events: Commander Williams led a discussion of additional events we potentially want to be involved in in 2016.

New events we are entertaining:

- **POW/MIA Veterans motorcycle rally** held the 2nd week of August presents a fund raising opportunity we will explore. Up until 2 years ago a fire department led **pancake breakfast** was held where the rally begins by Woodland Park high. Hundreds of riders would imbibe. John Meyer will lead the discussion on us providing this service as a fundraiser. There also events held in Cripple Creek; we would need to coordinate with Cripple Creek American Legion post and VFW, as they currently hold events there
- The Woodland Park Senior Center is looking for volunteers to provide **a meal service** (provide food, cooking and service) **for seniors** up to one Tuesday per month. Chuck Gardner is pursuing.
- Present our Post to **County Commissioners meeting**. Norm Steen will pursue best time.

Other events we want to potentially expand/ improve:

- Norm Steen suggested that as new members join they are offered and chose a volunteer position on upcoming events as a way of **increasing member participation**.
- **Veterans Funeral participation:** Commander Williams is in communications with the County Coroner about early alert information on deceased veterans.

- **Web Page:** Thanks to Bill Blackburn for setting up a new WEB page last year. It is not yet complete so we will work with Bill to complete if possible; if not, we will ask Bill to remove the current page and set up a team to create a new one.
- **Increase participation with VFW:** Several members are common to both organizations and be used as liaison.
- **Hall repair/ upgrade:** Home Depot has verbally offered to “upgrade” several Post buildings in the area, including the Woodland Park hall. We (along with the VFW) are setting up a meeting to see what they will offer.
- **Eric V Dickson possessions:** We were approached by a group that recently purchased an abandoned storage locker that contained the personal possessions of the veteran our post is named for. We are offering to take the possessions, try to locate remaining family members, and honor these relics no family takes possession.

Events we most likely won't be involved in include:

- **American Legion Baseball;** no plan again this year

Committee Chair persons and Officers for 2016:

Attached is a list of events **Chair persons** for 2015. **We encourage members to step up and take a leadership position for 2016.** Chair persons lead, your team does most of the actual work. Look and see what event you would like to chair.

Also, **2016 officer nominations** are due by the March meeting, contact me if you want to apply to **step into one of these Post officer positions.**

Other business: Chuck Gardner reported he has a potential candidate for the Oratorical contest and Boy's State.

Auxiliary Update: No report

Correspondence: None

Sickness/ Illness: Keep: Vern Wilson and Don Spence in your prayers.

Good of the Legion:

Next post meeting: February 23

NOTE: we will have a New Member initiation at that meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 PM (13:18)

Dan Williams
Commander

Dan Weber
Adjutant

Attendees: Dan Williams, Dan Weber, Paul James, Jim Spieth, Bob Mericle, Rachael Shryack, Norm Steen, Chuck Gardner, John Meyer

Summary of Upcoming Events:

- Jan 21-23 Department mid-year conference, Longmont
- Jan 29: Revised Oratorical contest application deadline
- Feb 23: Next regular post meeting