

29 June, 2016



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Post 1980 Minutes Post Meeting – 28 June, 2016

Call to order at 7 PM – Vice-Commander Gardner

Welcome to members and guests; Welcome Jacob Matthews, Jakob Seib and John Gentzel, Boys State participants for 2016. Welcome Joe Litchfield who completed his application and is now a member of Post 1980 (effective July 1).

Roll Call (Sign in Sheet) – 20 Members present; see roster at end

Minutes from May Post meeting and Special Meeting held in May - approved by members.

Finance Officer's Report – Presented and approved

Committee Reports/ old business:

- **Boys State:** 5 attended this year - three were guests tonight (see above), also attending were Jack Fisher and Dakota Locklear
- **Memorial Day:** Post 1980 placed flags at Lions Park, helped place flags at Teller County gravesites, and participated in the ceremony at Eric V Dickson's gravesite at Woodland Park cemetery (chosen since this is the 50th anniversary of Viet Nam withdrawal). The rifles performed flawlessly; taps and "echo" were great, and the flyover was exactly at 10AM.
- **Flag Day:** We had a flag retirement ceremony at Veterans Hall on June 14 led by Commander Williams; Boy Scouts not present this year. Will make this a standard invitation.
- **Department Convention:** Service officer Bob Lowry attended. Of note;
 - Jay Bowen elected as Department Commander.
 - Post 1980 received a plaque for attaining membership goal.
 - Bob presented the post Resolution regarding extending membership to those serving in a non- war time to the Resolution Committee (13 members; 2 opposed but supported the group) and to the membership (298 yes; 2 no, so the resolution is approved at Department level. It will now go to National, where bob will represent us (August – September). If approved there it will require congressional approval; Nom Steen has invited Congressman Doug Lamborn's aid to our July meeting, we will solicit him as a sponsor to Congress for this.
- **Vet's Hall Remodel:** We had our 1st meeting the remodeled hall tonight. Still more work to be done, but it looks great. Work to be done includes kitchen appliances, curtains (auxiliary to provide) and eventually a handicapped restroom upstairs. We will need to provide labor to finish the basement floor – Home Depot is expected to supply material. Also it was suggested by Bob Mericle we form a committee to keep the floor clean.
- **Pig Roast /Silent Auction:** Thanks to all who assisted although it was noted we need more volunteers. Proceeds were similar to last year. We agreed to obtain a hand stamp as people enter to be checked at the food line. Paul will insure it is clearly marked where the

meal tickets can be purchased at the entrance door. In general banners used to promote were too busy; less is better. Keith Wilson has an old one with red letters that stand out and will serve as a model for the future. We need a banner at the Crystola. **Also 2 flags draped across the railing disappeared; any one seen them? We will replace if we can't find.**

- **Memorial for deceased veteran Kerry Owen:** Post 1980 was notified of the request to participate in the funeral the day of the event. Thanks to Norm Steen and John Meyer for taking time to attend.
- **Membership:** The goal for 2016 was 122; we obtained 126 (which will likely be the goal for 2017). 2017 enrollment starts July 1, 2016. You will receive forms from National shortly. It is still preferred to pay online by going to <http://www.legion.org/> and selecting renew (reflected within 24 hours versus up to 90 days when paying by mail).
- **WEB Page:** Bill Blackburn graciously agreed to construct and maintain our post WEB page, as he does for many local charities and small businesses. After a delay, Dan Weber and Larry Ingram are now passing Bill information to complete.
- **Annual Post Report:** Dan Weber submitted the report for the period ending July 1; post reports are consolidated and submitted to Congress yearly.

New business

- **Monday July 4:**
 - **Prep meeting Saturday July 1:** 8 AM at Smokehouse
 - **Flags Lions Park:** 6:45 AM up; 7 PM down
 - **Booths at City event:** 7 – 8:30 AM set up. 9-3 Event open, 3PM Teardown
 - **City Flag raising Ceremony:** Noon (Dan Williams and Paul James). The ceremony starts at 11:30. We will bring a flag in case the city needs it.

Attached is a sign-up sheet for the booths and events (information, food for a donation and Jim's toys for a donation). **Note- the sign-up sheet passed around at the meeting disappeared, so if your not on the attached list and will assist please let me know**

We now have the plan document from the City. We will occupy slots 8 and 9 on **the attached map**. The plan is for 300 hot dogs, buns, brats and condiments + pulled pork, using the big cooker. Food for a donation (no set prices) **A vendor pass is required for set up – attached.**

- **July 17 Victor Gold Rush Parade:** Robby Cox will lead the parade again this year with a Post 1980 Honor Guard. Parade starts at noon; form up starts at 10: 30 AM
- **August 7 2016 Post Picnic** will again be at Pike Community Campground north on HWY 67; campers can stay the night
 - **2017** will vote at July meeting whether we have 2017 event at Vets Hall or reserve the campground
- **Acknowledgement:** Jim Pertrain and wife Pat Magee were friends of our Post for many years; Patty is now hospitalized in Arizona with severe sunburn; meeting attendees signed and we are sending a card to her.
- **Heroes Pack:** The post is donating \$100.
- **Smoker Maintenance:** up to \$200 was approved for maintenance of the pig- roaster, including 2 American Legion magnetic decals.

Auxiliary update: None

Sickness/ Illness: None

Good of the Legion: Bob Lowry discussed advantages of an active exercise program. Norm Steen provided information on the Honor Bell foundation. The 1,000 LB Bell is rung at funerals for Vets at Fort Logan cemetery in Denver. Volunteers to participate are sought.

Next Post Meeting: July 26 at Veterans hall.

Adjourn: 8:15 PM

Attendees: Chuck Gardner, Norm Steen, Dan Weber, Paul James, Rod Herk, Bob Lowry, Bob Mericle, Al Pickup, Jim Spieth, Keith Wilson, Larry Ingram, Bruce Taylor, Greg Alberts, Bruce Nottingham, Ken Dalton, Bill Fisher, John Montgomery, Don Spence, Robert Kowell, John Gomes

Summary of Upcoming Events:

- July 1 Breakfast Meeting 8 AM at Smoke House in prep for July 4
- July 4 Flags Lions Park: 6:45 AM up; 7 PM down
 - Booths at City event: 7 – 8:30 AM set up. 9-3 Event open, 3PM Teardown
 - City Flag raising : Noon
- July 17 Victor Gold Rush Parade: Noon
- July 26 Next Post meeting
- August 7 Post Picnic / Campout
- August 26– Sept 1 National Convention, Indianapolis