

27 July, 2016



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Post 1980 Minutes Post Meeting – 26 July, 2016

Call to order at 7 PM – Commander Williams

Welcome to members and guests;

- **Dana Collins, MA** presented information on her neurofeedback program offered in Teller County, which corrects problems associated with PTSD, ADHD, and Autism. Brochure attached.
- **Kevin from VFW** talked about maintenance of the refurbished Vets Hall. We agree when we leave our meetings we will set up with one table and three chairs and clean up; the intention is to rent out the facility to other organizations.
- **Stan McIntire**, former Navy, submariner, visited from Mission Texas.
- **District 7 Officers**
 - **Mike Hall, Commander** congratulated all on the new look of the hall. Mike was instrumental in getting Home Depot to look at this project. Mike also mentioned Department Commander Jay Bowen has special project around the Crawford house and we should expect requests to support.
 - **Mike Fry, Financial Officer** District pays fees for McCandless Veterans Home American Legion membership. Currently there are 25 members. Post 1980 approved paying for 2 members.
 - **Marvin Weaver, Adjutant** has set our Membership goal for 2017 fiscal year (July1, 2016 on) to 125. Also dates for upcoming events include:
 - **Fall Conference** Oct 16 ; location TBD, Starts at 11AM
 - **Mid-year** Jan 20-22, location will be by Denver Airport.
 - **Department conference** June 22-25, Colorado Springs Elegante hotel
 - **Eric Testorff, Historian** we are approaching 100th the year anniversary of American Legion. Commemorative shirts are available
 - **Stan Hamamoto, Chaplin** encouraged members to “go to church” and remember to inform the Post Chaplin when a member is ill.
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Roll Call (Sign in Sheet) – 16 Members present; see roster at end

Minutes from June Post meeting - approved by members.

Finance Officer's Report – Presented and approved

Committee Reports/ old business:

- **July 4** food, information and toy booths were well attended. Food for donations resulted in record income for the Post. Members voted to do the same next year. Also, the City flag

raising went off smoothly; the public showed great respect this year. Thanks to all that assisted this year.

- **July 17 Victor Gold Rush Parade** was led by Dan Williams and a Post 1980 honor guard. The small town presence of great patriotism was noted.
- **Membership** 2017 enrollment is now in effect; cost \$42 per member. **You are encouraged to renew early.** You can send a check for \$42 to Adjutant at the PO box (top of these minutes), or renew on-line by going to <http://www.legion.org/>, select renew (box by top left of screen) and following instructions. You will need your membership number to go this way (on your membership card, or contact me and I will provide). Post 980 currently has 127 members; 16 are paid up for life; 25 have renewed for 2017 to date. Goal is 125. New ways of recruiting new members was discussed as we tend to have older members; we need to find a way to reach newer vets.
- **Web Page** is being re-done, thanks to local citizen Bill Blackburn and his team for providing this service. Check it out at <http://post1980.org/>
- **Local Funeral Participation:** One call for participation honoring a local deceased veteran received this month. It turned out the deceased was not a veteran so we did not participate.
- **Eligibility Resolution** was approved by Department and forwarded to National; the Judge Advocate objected, so Department Commander pulled the resolution. We will argue objections and continue to push forward.
- **Hospice Visits** Service Officer Lowry visited Prospect Hospice, who is interested in our visiting. Bob will poll members about visiting.
- **Knight of Heroes** Dan Williams reported Teller County hosted this event July 9 -17, a camp for children who have lost their fathers during military service. The camp provides positive adult mentorship, character development, and lasting friendships, which are forged during an annual wilderness adventure camp. See <http://knightsofheroes.org/home>

New business

- **August 6; Vets Hall workday and picnic.** Along with VFW members, arrive at 10am; place mementos on the walls and in trophy case. **Please RSVP if you can attend at adjutant@post1980.org.** At noon, the new grill will be powered up and hot dogs prepared. Note the hall still has modifications to be done, including kitchen appliances and basement finishing, which will be done later.
- **August 7 2016 Post Picnic** will again be at Pike Community Campground north on HWY 67 on the right side. Campers can stay the night. Gate opens at 2pm. Picnic at 5pm. Bring chairs, firewood, drinks and food to share. We will provide brats/ dogs. Campfire after cleanup. Stay as late as you wish. It's a great time for us members to relax and enjoy ourselves. Members, spouses, kids, grand kids, extended family, and pets -- all welcome. Bring friends, especially if they are considering membership. Manitou Lake is available for no charge on Sunday (all day) and Monday
- **August 19-21 Salute to American Veterans / POW/MIA cycle ride to Cripple Creek.** The post discussed furnishing breakfast at the WP High start; it was pointed out this was a private event so not easily approved. For those wishing to join the noon Saturday August 20 ceremony, arrive early at Cripple Creek due to parking. **Attached is the official invitation to the ceremony (RSVP to 719-487-8005). We will put out a last minute location on Route 67 to wave the flag at riders as they travel to the event.** Mike Hall pointed out in general sales are not allowed; doing a raffle is and has been financially successful in the past, so

we will consider this for next year. You can view information on this event at <http://online.fliphtml5.com/efgh/zdag/#p=1>

- **Sept 10 Cruise above the clouds** Paul James will again lead the Poker Stop in Cripple Creek. Cars should arrive there sometime between 12 and 1PM.
- **Sept 11** Dan Williams will check with the City to see if they or Post 1980 want to lead the 9/11 event. This is the 15th anniversary. We will supply an honor guard and invite the public; promoting through local press. Flags up at Lions park at 7AM, down at 7PM
- **Flags for Schools** Larry Ingram has ordered flags and flag stickers for the program to be delivered to 3 schools. Dates TBD in September. This is a highly visible and rewarding program where we donate a good American Flag to the school, conduct a brief ceremony (including bugles) with all students in attendance, lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and provide each student with an American Flag sticker.
- **Honor Bell Foundation's** mission in life is to ensure that when our veterans pass away, they receive appropriate military honors at their funeral. The Foundation has a special bell and ceremony performed only by veterans for veterans. 21 services were conducted last month at Fort Logan. Cost of the program is \$15K per year. We will consider a donation at the next meeting. See www.honorbell.org/

Auxiliary update: None

Sickness/ Illness: Bob Mericle is recovering from surgery to remove gall bladder.

Good of the Legion: Buck Dugger reported the Sons and Daughters of Confederacy annual meeting included mention of Post 1980s efforts to allow honoring interred confederate vets in Colorado Springs for the confederate memorial day.

Next Post Meeting: August 23.

Adjourn: 8:48PM

Attendees: Dan Williams, Chuck Gardner, Norm Steen, Dan Weber, Paul James, Rod Herk, Al Pickup, Jim Spieth, Larry Ingram, Greg Alberts, Ken Dalton, Don Spence, Bruce Cummings, Buck Dugger, Joe Litchfield, Robby Cox

Summary of Upcoming Events:

- August 6 Vets Hall Workday (10AM) / Picnic (Noon)
- August 7 Post Picnic 5 PM/ Campout
- August 19-21 Salute to American Veterans / POW/MIA cycle ride to Cripple Creek
- August 23 – Post Meeting
- August 26– Sept 1 National Convention, Indianapolis
- Sept 10 Cruise above the clouds
- Sept 11 Flags at Lions park/ 9/11 Ceremony
- Sept TBD Flags for Schools at 3 local schools