

25 August, 2016



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Post 1980 Minutes Post Meeting – 23 August 2016

Call to order at 7 PM – Commander Williams

Welcome to members and guests; Welcome new member Lacy Scott, ex-Navy, and visiting guest Bill?? (retired Naval Aviator)

Roll Call (Sign in Sheet) – 18 Members present; see roster at end

Minutes from July Post meeting - approved by members.

Finance Officer's Report – Presented and approved

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- **August 6 Vet's Hall work day/ picnic** – Dan Weber reported several members of Post 1980 and VFW post 6051 filled the display case, hung Veteran memorabilia on the walls, cleaned and got the hall ready for use, followed by hot dogs/ hamburgers for the participants. New appliances are not in yet; Home Depot has used up funds for this year, so we will request these for next. Also to be done is curtains (see Auxiliary below) and basement finishing.
- **August 7 Post Picnic/ campout** – Chuck Gardner reported about 30 participated in this year's event. One tented overnight.
- **2017 location vote**- participants voted to have next years' picnic be at the same location (vs the Hall), Pike Community Campground has been reserved for August 13.
- **August 19-21 Salute to American Veterans/ POW/MIA ride to Cripple Creek**
Commander Williams reported event went well this year (although attendance was lower). Post members waved at riders along HWY 67 as they rode to Cripple Creek.
- **Honor Bell foundation donation** Dan Weber reported; See www.honorbell.org. The post agreed to donate \$100.
- **Eligibility Resolution** –Robert Lowry reported; the resolution made it through district and department but was rejected by an assistant Adjutant General at National on the grounds we could lose our tax exempt status (despite significant evidence provided, including from the IRS, that this was not a valid concern). We will continue to push, including soliciting support from other posts / districts, in the US and discussing with the newly elected National Commander during his Sept 12 visit to Post 1980 (below).
- **Hospice program** – Robert Lowry reported; Bob will email a proposal to all members about a regular visitation commit to Veteran hospice residents.
- **Malaria drugs** – Robert Lowry reported article in Army Times anti-Malarial drug Larium is now known to cause PTSD like symptoms

- **September 17 Adopt-a-highway cleanup:** meet at 8:30 AM at Venture foods parking lot in Divide. Bring your orange T-shirt (if you have) and wear sturdy shoes
- **Membership** –Dan Weber reported; current 2017 or Paid for Life membership is 64, or 51% of this year's goal of 125. If you have not renewed yet, please do.
- **WEB Page** - Dan Weber and Larry Ingram reported Web page is much better; some minor cleanup and population of photo galleries remains.

New business

- **Flags for Schools** – Larry Ingram reported; events are scheduled below. As many members as possible should attend; wear your Legion cap if you have. Students and members will assemble at the flag pole. A brief (5 minute) historical presentation is followed by raising of the new donated American Flag, Pledge of Allegiance and handing flag stickers to students. Total time ~ 15 minutes.
 - **August 24 Woodland Park High School** 7:30 AM
 - **August 26 Woodland Park Middle School** 7:30 AM
 - **August 30 Colorado Springs Christian School** 8:15 AM
- **Sept 10 – Cruise above the Clouds** Paul James will manage the Poker Stop; meet in front of the Victor Hotel ~ noon in Victor.
- **Sept 11 – 9/11 flags, ceremony;** along with City of Woodland Park and VFW. Public and Press invited.
 - 7:30 AM Flags up at Lions Park
 - 8:00 Ceremony begins; Dave Buttery, City Manager, introductory remarks. Ceremony; flags at Lions Park
 - 8:15 – Honor Guard (AL + VFW) lower flag ; bugler, draping of twin towers
 - 8:20 – Dan William's remarks.
 - 8:35: Other guest dignitary remarks.
 - 8: 45 – End
 - Note; with the National Commander of the American Legion scheduled to visit the next day, we will leave the flags up until after his visit.
- **Sept 12 – National Commanders visit to Post 1980** (12-4 PM); with press, VFW, District and Department guests. The new National commander will be elected ant the National Convention Aug 26 – Sept 1. Also invited; Home Depot and local contractor. **NOTE: attached is a list of members planning to attend; RSVP if you can attend; white shirt/ Legion Cap.**
 - Prep- Breakfast 8AM Sat 9/3 at Smoke House
 - 9/12 10: AM setup at the hall; chairs for 40; smoker
 - ~ 11AM Commander leaves for Woodland Park
 - ~ Noon – National Commander Arrives long with entourage (10 from Department)
 - Commander Williams greets; Pledge of Allegiance
 - Lunch (brats, dogs, hamburgers + Tour of building (20 minutes)
 - Joint AL/ VFW hall rededication ceremony – 10 minutes
 - Resolution discussion – AL members only
 - Q and A
 - 1:30 PM; National Commander leaves for McCandless Vets home.
 - 4PM Flags down at Lions Park
- **Booths at Walmart-** Chuck Gardner reported; each year we have a booth outside Walmart to sell Veterans Day raffle tickets to win \$400/200/100 on Veterans day, to provide American Legion information, and for Jim Spieth to accept donations for his toys.

Booths open 10 -3; breakfast prior at Smoke House at 8:30 AM. Dates for 2016 are Saturdays Sept 24, Oct 8, Oct 22 and Nov 5.

- **Veterans Day** ;Chuck Gardner reported Wednesday Nov 11 Cultural Center dinner doors open at 5PM; ceremony 5:30; raffle at 7PM, cleanup at 8PM. We will investigate putting an add in the Courier.
- **Christmas Party**; Yvonne Wilson has reserved Bronco Billy's on Dec 10 for the Post party; doors open at 5:30 PM
- **Post Rifle care**: The post approved spending up to \$90 + shipping and handling to obtain 3 fleece lined carrying cases for the post rifles.

Auxiliary update: Yvonne Wilson presented; Auxiliary does not meet in summer; next meeting Sept 14. Items to be worked

- Curtains for Vet's Hall
- Need basement finished in Vet's Hall so they can use for meetings. Meet with Dan Weber to discuss what is needed so it can be scheduled.
- Will again assist with Divide families in need at Christmas over 40 families in need.

Sickness/ Illness: No reports

Good of the Legion: No Reports

Next Post Meeting: September 27.

Adjourn: 8:20PM

Attendees: Dan Williams, Chuck Gardner, Dan Weber, Paul James, Bob Lowry, Rod Herk, Al Pickup, Jim Spieth, Larry Ingram, Don Spence, Joe Litchfield, Robby Cox, Bob Mericle, John Meyer, Terry Willems, Vern Wilson, Yvonne Wilson, Lacy Scott

Summary of Upcoming Events:

- August 24 – Flags for Schools- WPHS 7:30 AM
- August 26 – Flags for Schools – WPMS 7:30 - AM
- August 30 – Flags for Schools – CSCS 8:15 AM
- August 26– Sept 1 National Convention, Indianapolis
- Sept 10 Cruise above the clouds Poker stop, Noon, Victor
- Sept 11 Flags at Lions park/ 9/11 Ceremony 8 AM
- Sept 12 National Commanders visits Post 1980 Noon -1:30 PM
- Sept 17 adopt-a-hwy cleanup 8:30 AM
- Walmart Booths- Saturdays; 8:30 AM breakfast at Smokehouse; Booths 10 – 3; Sept 24, Oct 8, Oct 23, and Nov 1
- Dec 10 : Christmas Party at Bronco Billy's, Cripple Creek, 5PM