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## Post 1980 Minutes Post Meeting – 27 September 2016

**Call to order at 6:57 PM** – Commander Williams

**Welcome to members and guests;** Jim Tackett, Senior Veteran Liaison to Congressman Doug Lamborn, spoke about VA issues locally. The VA scheduling issue seems to be much better, but the appeals process is now over 24 months long; if you need an appeal it is now common for the entire process to take multiple years. There is a strong recommendation to use your local service officer when appealing any VA issue.

**Roll Call** (Sign in Sheet) – 16 Members present; see roster at end

**Minutes** from August Post meeting - approved by members.

**Finance Officer's Report** – Presented and approved

### Committee Reports/ old business:

- **Sept 10 – Cruise Above the Clouds;** Paul James reported ~ 200 cars ran the poker run; 3 couples manned the booth Victor.
- **Sept 11 -9/11 Ceremony;** Commander Williams reported we had ~100 present for the ceremony. City manager Dave Buttery spoke, followed by Dan; Taps was played as the twin towers were draped, and the middle school choir sang America the Beautiful. Present were 1<sup>st</sup> responders, Mayor Levy, City Councilmen, Teller County Commissioners, VFW members, Lions club members and many local citizens.
- **Sept 12 – National Commanders visit to Post 1980;** new national Commander Charles Shultz toured the reconstructed Vets hall, lunch was served, then Commander Shultz addressed members, with a discussion on the membership requirement to have served in a wartime.
- **Sept 24 Walmart booths;** Paul James reported- 8 members manned the booths; ~ 7 applications were handed out and proceeds from cash donation, raffle ticket sales and Jim's toys for donations were good.
- **Eligibility Resolution;** Robert Lowry spoke to the National legal adjutant who is opposed to the resolution in any form. It was suggested and approved we change the resolution form a charter change removing the requirement for active duty served during a wartime. Will now request for Congress to declare the cold war period a wartime. This would provide a path for applicants now excluded to become members. Robert will make modifications and proceed with intent to have this on next year's National Convention agenda. This week we rejected a veteran because he served during a non-wartime. We will invite the veteran to participate in our programs; he can attend meetings and join functions, everything but vote.
- **Adopt a highway cleanup-** Dan Weber will get with Keith Wilson to pick a new date- no later than early Nov before the weather postpones this until next spring.

- **Membership;** Dan Weber reported on a 2017 renewal goal of 125, we are at 76, or 61%. Dan does have access to some local American Legion vets that are not Post members; Dan will gather a team to phone call invite them to transfer. Dan will also inquire if there will be a DMS call campaign this year.

## **New business**

- **Walmart Booths-** Saturdays; 8:30 AM breakfast at Smokehouse; Booths 10 – 3; Oct 8, Oct 23, and Nov 1. Many opportunities to participate. A list will be emailed.
- **Nov 11 Vets day Dinner Prep;** Chuck Gardner will lead a team to plan the event.
  - The Cultural center is reserved. Friday Nov 11 at 2PM for setup; 5 PM doors open; 5:30 Ceremony; 6 dinner; 7:30 Raffle; 8PM cleanup.
  - Norm Steen will invite local congressmen; we agreed to put an ad in the Courier.
  - The meat is tbd (not pork); members will bring pot-luck.
  - Dan W will send out sign-up sheets for food and for volunteers
- **Nov 11 Vets day presentation at WP High School:** Dan Williams and Norm Steen are putting together a High School event for that day.
- **Nov 19 Turkey shoot Teller County Shooting Society range by Victor-Norm Steen** reported there is currently an issue with the site due to a building being constructed; it should be complete by Nov 19. We will reach out to the VFW's in the area as well as other organizations to participate. Suggestion made to use WW I guns for this event; event will include lunch (brats/ dogs) and a recruiting table for both AL and VFW. This is a great event to bring non-member vets to.
- **Dec 3 Honor Guard, WP Christmas Parade-**Robby Cox is gathering a team; will include 2 riflemen and 4 -5 flag carriers.
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing-** Dan Weber will arrange for 3 sessions in December.
- **Dec 10 Christmas Party;** Yvonne Wilson working on. It will be at Bronco Billy's in Cripple Creek and start at 5PM
- **Jan 14, 2017 planning meeting;** Saturday meeting will be at Commander Williams home. All members invited.
- **Roaster Rental –**Rod Herk will place an ad in the Courier for rental of the pig roaster; we will continue to deliver and pick up the unit when used.
- **Welcome Home Warriors:** We normally receive a request to donate to the fall event; the spring session (which we donated \$800 towards) was postponed so this money is still available. Chuck Gardner will inquire if there is additional need.

**Auxiliary update:** No report

**Correspondence:** Thank you cards received from Boy's State attendees John Fisher, John Gentzel, Dakota Lockleer and Jacob Matthews. Thank you letter received from Honor Bell foundation for our donation.

### **Sickness/ Illness:**

- Our condolences to Yvonne Wilson, whose sister passed away; several Post members were honored to attend the memorial service.
- Buck Dugger is having shoulder and hip replacement operations.
- Don Spence can no longer drive, and Jim Spieth can't drive at night so was riding to the meetings with Don. Thanks to Ken Dalton for volunteering to drive Don and Jim to the post meetings.

**Good of the Legion:** No Reports

**Next Post Meeting:** October 25.

**Adjourn:** 8:32PM

**Attendees:** Dan Williams, Chuck Gardner, Norm Steen, Dan Weber, Paul James, Bob Lowry, Rod Herk, Al Pickup, Jim Spieth, Larry Ingram, Don Spence, Bob Mericle, Ken Dalton, Larry Marty, Greg Alberts, Bruce Nottingham

**Summary of Upcoming Events:**

- Walmart Booths- Saturdays; 8:30 AM breakfast at Smokehouse; Booths 10 – 3; Oct 8, Oct 23, and Nov 1
- October 25- Next Post Meeting
- Nov 11- Veteran day Dinner and raffle, 5PM, Cultural center
- Nov 11-Veterans Day ceremony at Woodland Park High school
- Nov 19 – Turkey shoot Teller County Shooting Society range by Victor
- Dec 3 - Woodland Park Christmas Parade; Honor Guard
- Dec 10 - Christmas Party at Bronco Billy's, Cripple Creek, 5PM
- Dec TBD – Salvation Army Bell Ringing ; 3 dates in Dec
- Jan 14 – Post 1980 2017 Planning meeting