

1 March, 2017



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## Post 1980 Minutes Post Meeting – 28 February, 2017

**Oratorical practice at 6:30 PM-** Michael Gilbreath

**Call to order at 7 PM** – Commander Williams

**Welcome to members and guests; Roll Call** 14 Members present (see Attendees at bottom). Welcome guest James Gomez (John's father) who intends on transferring to post 1980

**Minutes** from November 2016 Post meeting and January 2017 Planning meeting approved.

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

**Post Everlasting Ceremony:** for Dick Kincaid, Post member, who passed 2/12/2015

**Initiation Ceremony:** scheduled but not held; no non-initiated members present; will do as needed

### Committee Reports/ old business:

- **Boys State-** Chuck Gardner working with woodland Park High School on 4 potential candidates.
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** – 14 members participated on December 17 and 18. Dan Weber attended a February 10 thank you breakfast by Salvation Army and Rotary Club and accepted a certificate of thanks.
- **Membership-** We are currently at 108 members renewed for 2017, on a goal of 125, or 86%. 5 members transferred in this month because of the phone program at district for Direct Mail Solicitation members. Last year at this time we were at 98%, so it will take a push to reach our goal. **Please invite prospective members.**
- **Adopt-a-Highway** -Keith Wilson noted another local group posted signs as being responsible for clean- up of the area we were working. Norm Steen is working; we may just ask for another stretch of the highway.
- **Eric Dickson personal effects-** Back in late 2015, we received an email from a group that had purchased a storage locker with some of Eric's effects in it. We tried unsuccessfully to contact this group and offered to take possession. Eric's great grandson Trent Dickson was also contacted and inquired on our success in retrieving the effects. Trent may be in town this Friday, March 3; Dan Weber sent him copies of photos of Memorial Day ceremonies at Eric's gravesite, and has offered to take Trent to Vet's hall. If Trent responds, I will notify members via email.
- **Resolution-** Bob Lowry continues to work on the revision to declare the cold war to count as a war period, enabling veterans now excluded from joining to be eligible to join the American Legion.

## **New business**

- **Veterans Trust Fund grant** – Bob Lowry has completed and submitted a request for \$25K from the State of Colorado under this grant to help local veterans. Per the state, it will likely be August or later that we find if the request is granted.
- **Oratorical Contest** – Chuck Gardner will be at the March 11 state contest, to be held at Metro State in Denver, along with our candidate Michael Gilbreath. If you would like to join them, contact Chuck at [gardnercl@earthlink.net](mailto:gardnercl@earthlink.net) or 686-7607.
- **McCandless Veterans Home visit** – Bob Lowry has scheduled this for Saturday, March 11. Meet at 8:30 AM by Wendy's to carpool; bring clothing and DVDs. Contact Bob so we know how many to plan for; [robertlowry@aol.com](mailto:robertlowry@aol.com); 623-5027.
- **Vietnam Veteran Vets day** – On March 29, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of pulling out of this war, there will be a commemoration ceremony in Denver. For more information, see: <http://perlmutter.house.gov/homepage-2016/vietnam-war-50th-commemoration.htm>

**Auxiliary update** – None

## **Correspondence:**

- Vice Commander Norm Steen is in Washington this week and at National Commander Schmidt's call. Commander Schmidt recognized Norm and thank him for our participation.
- Buck Duggar is sponsoring a Sons of Confederate Veterans event on Confederate Memorial Day April 22 at Riverside Cemetery; Buck request a bugler at the event; John Meyer will check his schedule

## **Sickness/ Illness:**

- Don Spence was not at the meeting tonight because of ill health.
- Buck Duggar recovering from shoulder replacement surgery

**Good of the Legion:** no report

**Next Post Meeting:** March 28

**Adjourn:** 7:54PM

**Attendees:** Dan Williams, Dan Weber, Paul James, Rod Herk, Jim Spieth, Bob Lowry, Ken Dalton, Larry Marty, Bill Fischer, John Gomez, Bob Mericle, Lee Vulcan, Greg Alberts, Robby Cox

## **Summary of Upcoming Events:**

- March 11 - Department of Colorado Oratorical Contest, Metro State U, Denver
- March 11 – Visit McCandless Veterans' home
- March 28 – Post Meeting
- March 29 - Viet Vets day 50<sup>th</sup> year commemoration, Denver