

28 June 2017



Eric V. Dickson Post 1980
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Post 1980 Minutes Post Meeting – 27 June 2017

Call to order at 7 PM: Commander Williams

Welcome to members and guests;

- Welcome Department Junior Vice Commander Dean Noechel and District 7 Commander Chip Kossow, transferring member James Hilbert, and honorary member (RAF) Ron Carlisle
- **Roll Call** 16 Members present (see Attendees at bottom).

Minutes from May 2017 meeting approved.

Finance Officer's Report: June financial report approved

Committee Reports/ old business:

- **2017 Post 1980 Officers** sworn in by Chip Kassow; absent Norm Steen and Keith Wilson
- **Don Spence letter of tribute:** read by John Gomes, as requested by Marilyn Spence
- **June 10 Pig Roast Silent Auction Results:** Paul James reported net was better than previous year. Chuck Gardner led discussion of having next year's event at Crystola or Ute Pass Social center. James Hilbert brought up having it in Green Mountain Falls at the Sally Bush Community Building; continue discussion at next meeting.
- **June 10~~9~~ AL Riders:** A check for \$100 was presented for the Freedom Riders by Commander Williams. The riders collected \$9K total that weekend.
- **June 11 Flag Retirement ceremony:** held at the hall with Boy Scout troop 250.
- **June 14 Flag Day:** Flags raised at Memorial Park
- **June 14 Woodland Park Memorial Park dedication:** Post 1980 Honor Guard presented the colors/ bugle.
- **June 22- 25 Department of Colorado convention:** Bob Lowry attended. Our resolution for adding cold war period to eligibility for Legion Membership passed unanimously and will be presented at the National convention.
- **July 4 Independence Day:** Flags up 7AM/ down 7PM at Lions Park. We will meet July 3 at 7PM to pick up from hall; go to booths below after flags up.
- **July 4 Independence Day Booths:**
 - Pick up supplies the night before. Booths 221,222 (map also attached) include food, info and Jim's toys.
 - Booths accessible for setup 7AM; **get there at 7 or face gridlock**; event starts at 9AM; teardown at 3.
 - Food will be 150 brats (purchased from local butcher), 30 lbs. pulled pork; 10 hot dogs + grilled onions, cole-slaw and water/ soft drinks. We will use the smoker. Food price is donations only.

- **Membership:** 2018 membership renewal begins 1 July. Our goal “last year” was 125 members (who paid us). For 1st time in 5 years we are short (by 6). We had 5 new members who joined last year + 10 who transferred (most prepaid. Of the 21 who did not re-enroll in our post, 13 moved, only 4 were out of communications.). Actual member count as of today is 127 members.

New business

- **Colorado Veterans Trust Fund:** Bob Lowry reported we have received the a \$25K grant, to be used to help Teller County veterans in need. Bob will draft up a document to be given to local charities so they can refer Veterans to us. A panel comprising the local social services department head, our county service officer Mike Bartol and commander Williams or designee will convene and review applications. Awards will be funded by the post and be submitted to the state for re-imbursement. More detail to follow.
- **July 6 Eric V Dickson fountain:** In the past, a fountain honoring Eric one was present at Memorial park. There will be a meeting at the City Council to discuss providing again; members of the Auxiliary are planning on attending.
- **July 9 Saddle Club rodeo honor guard:** Robby Cox has been working.
- **August 12-13 Post Picnic:** Event will be at the Pike Community campground, 5.7 miles north of Woodland Park on Highway 67 (on right side). Gates will open by noon on Sunday; dinner ~ 5PM. Campers can stay till Monday AM.
- **August 18-24:** National Convention, Reno NV.

Auxiliary update: Thanks to Susan Williams for curtains in the front kitchen area.

Correspondence: Thank you note from Jack Fisher for scholarships awarded. Jack is attending CU and is in the ROTC program.

Sickness/ Illness: The coroner contacted us about deceased Marine veteran Michael Ross; the family opted to have a private ceremony, but did contact Commander Williams who assisted with some benefit issues.

Good of the Legion: None

Next Post Meeting: July 25

Adjourn: 8:36 PM

Attendees: Dan Williams, Dan Weber, Chuck Gardner, Bob Lowry, Paul James, Jim Spieth, Ken Dalton, Bob Mericle, Larry Ingram, Al Pickup, Rod Herk, Bruce Nottingham, John Gomes, Paul Thies, James Hilbert, Bruce Taylor and Honorary Guest Ron Carlisle

Summary of Upcoming Events:

- July 4: Flags at Lions Park, Food+ booth at Memorial Park, Flag raising at Memorial Park.
- July 6: Eric V Dickson fountain discussion at WP City Council
- July 9: Saddle Club rodeo honor guard
- July 25: Next Post Meeting
- August 12-13: Post Picnic
- August 18-24: National Convention, Reno NV