

24 August 2017



Eric V. Dickson Post 1980
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Post 1980 Minutes Post Meeting – 22 August 2017

Call to order at 7 PM: Commander Williams

Welcome to members and guests:

- Welcome new member Ralph Parson, who joined tonight, and guest Doug Hayden
- Welcome Members of the Eric V Dickson memorial committee: Kim Plutt, Steve Storrs, Norm Michaels, and WP city council member Paul Saunier. Also present in support were Auxiliary president Elizabeth Agan and Denise DeNomme, and guests Tim McMillan and Ron Carlisle.
 - Eric V Dickson, our Post namesake, was the only Woodland Park vet killed in the Viet Nam war. A fountain in what now is city park was erected, but destroyed back in 1980. The committee has a goal to Raise \$55K for a bronze sculpture to be placed in Memorial Park. Post 1980 agreed to fund \$1,000 to this now. This is in addition to a check for the project sent to us for \$250.
 - We support the project; if you wish to donate, you can do so; go to ENT; ask to donate to the Eric V Dickson American Legion Auxiliary Post 1980 project; or, you can send a check via mail to the Auxiliary at PO Box 5163.
- **Roll Call** 16 Members present + 1 honorary member +8 guests for the Eric V Dickson project (see Attendees at bottom).

Minutes: from July 2017 meeting approved.

Finance Officer's Report: August financial report approved

Committee Reports/ old business:

- **August 12-13 Post Picnic:** was postponed due to rainy weather/ poor attendance confirmation. Dan Williams will host an event at his house Sept 10 (see below)
- **August 19:** 30th Annual POW/MIA remembrance ride (motorcycle) was well photographed by Larry Ingram.
- **September 9 Cruise above the clouds:** Paul James will man; Rod Herk will join; **need two more** – meet at Victor 1PM by the Fire House.
- **Colorado Veterans Trust Fund Grant:** Dan Williams reported; he has developed an Intake form and will do initial screening.
- **Florissant Fossil Beds Park tour:** Dan Williams has again been asked to lead this for Welcome Home Warriors; date TBD but most likely in October
- **Welcome Home Warrior** has an October event. Pending need, we will donate either an additional \$400 or \$800. We will vote on this next meeting. We have already donated \$800 for their April event, enough to support 2 families.
- **4H Shooters:** again, money in the budget, check written for \$200, to be delivered.
- **Adopt a Highway:** Keith Wilson has a request in to DOT for a new area- no response to date.

- **Membership:** Adjutant Weber reported; July 1 marks the 2018 enrollment period. To date we carry 131 members on the roster. 53 have renewed for 1018, + 15 paid up for life. An additional 2 members transferred in pre-paid. We await the 2018 goal, being set at the National Conference, which concludes today.

New business

- **September 10:** Dan Williams will host a party at his house starting at noon, in lieu of the cancelled picnic.
- **September 11:** Patriots day
Agenda: 0700 Flags up at Lions Park.
 0730-0900 – Informal breakfast at the Smoke house
 0930 – Ceremony starts
 Prayer – Bruce Taylor, American Legion Chaplain
 Joint Honor guard - Andy Tyler (Legion/VFW/TC Sheriff's office)
 Joint speeches
 - Mayor Neil Levy – Opening Remarks
 - American Legion Dan Williams – Remarks and recount of events on 9-11
 - VFW Andy Tyler – Remarks on sacrifices of the US Military
 - Sheriff Mikesell – Remarks on sacrifices of the First responders
 Chorus - Odyssey group sings Star Spangled Banner
 Cloaking of the towers – David Buttery, Remarks on the significance/history of the towers
 Star Spangled Banner
 Closing prayer
 Taps- by Chuck Bostian
 Ceremony ends
 1900 – Flags down
Promotion: via Facebook, Courier, Chuck Gardner to check on electronic bulletin boards.
Invite your friends and neighbors/ bring your family.
- **Flags for Schools: Dates/ times are:**
 - Columbine Elementary: Thu. Aug 24, 7:45am
 - Summit Elementary: Fri. Sep. 15, 8:55am
 - Gateway Elementary: Mon. Sep 18, 8:00am
- **Walmart Booths:**
 - Sept 23- then every other Saturday until Nov 4
 - Raffle tickets sold for Veterans Day drawing (\$400, 200, 100); Post information booth; Jim's toys for donations
 - Starts with breakfast at Smokehouse, 7AM; set up at Walmart 9AM- teardown 3PM
 - Sign- up sheet attached- three-hour shifts requested.
- **Christmas Party-** Yvonne now booking for December

Auxiliary update No report

Correspondence: None

Sickness/ Illness: None reported

Good of the Legion: Next Post Meeting: September 26

Adjourn: 8:25 PM

Attendees: Dan Williams, Dan Weber, Chuck Gardner, Paul James, Ken Dalton, Larry Ingram, Al Pickup, Greg Albert, Ken Dalton, Jim Spieth, Bob Walters, Bob Mericle, Mark Agan, Norm Steen, Bruce Taylor, and new member Ralph Parson

Summary of Upcoming Events:

- September 9: Cruise above the Clouds
- September 10: Gather at Commander Williams House; noon
- September 11: 9/11 ceremony, Lions Park,
 - 7:30 AM; flags up 7AM/ down 7PM
 - Ceremony starts 9:30 AM
- September 15: Flags for Schools Summit Elementary 8:55am
- September 18: Flags for Schools Gateway Elementary 8AM
- September 23 1st Weekend; Booths at Walmart in prep for Vets day
- September 26: Next post meeting