

MINUTES September 4, 2012

Officers 12 Members 18

Commander Tim Risner conducted opening ceremonies at 1830.
Adjutant Karen Hartling called roll as follows:

Title	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Commander	Tim Risner	x		
Sr. Vice Commander	Dan Beatty	x		
Jr. Vice Commander	Dave Hershberger	x		
Finance Officer	Alicia Gatti	x		
Judge Advocate	Randy Fritz	x		
Sgt. At Arms	Si Sibell	x		
Historian	Ray Kinder	x		
Chaplain	Jim Bergeron	x		
Service Officer	Darryl Beckmann	x		
Adjutant	Karen Hartling	x		
Exec. Committee	Ron Pitt	x		
Exec. Committee	John Hartling	x		

Minutes of July and August were read by the members. Vern motioned for approval, Mike Christensen 2nd. Both minutes approved.

The Commander called on Mike Christensen, District Commander, to introduce the District members present. These included Larry Johnson, Al Binder. Mike Frye, Randy Fritz and Jim Bergeron.

Also introduced was John Crouse from El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition called Stand down.

Reports:

- **Membership** – Adjutant Karen Hartling reported a total of 80 members have paid their dues for the 2012-2013 year. With four PUFL the total comes to 84.
- **Finance** – Financial Secretary Alicia Gatti reported a balance of \$4061.82 in the Post Account and \$5083.18 in the Gaming Account.
- **Sick & Bereaved** – Chaplain Jim Bergeron reported Melvin Rezac passed away a year ago August and stated he did not send a card for that reason. Also, Alicia reported post member “Cadillac Jack” Young passed away yesterday. A Celebration of Life will be held at The Depot next Friday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Committee Reports:

- **Executive Minutes:** The minutes and proposed budget were read by the members. Motion was made by John Homa and 2nd by Vern Kuykendall that there be an explicit increase in the Veterans allocation. Was turned down. Darryl Beckmann motioned Committee go back and amend the budget to reflect all three sections: Board of Trustees (Restaurant Budget), American Legion, and Gaming Budget. Jackie Homa 2nd; motion carried. Each committee is to develop a budget for submission to the Exec. Committee. Executive Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of the month. All are urged to attend.
- **Board of Trustees (Restaurant Committee):** Mike Christensen reported the extra room is open and needed are suggestions for the use of the room. Also, there will be no berating of the restaurant help. They have rules to be followed. There is a 6 drink limit and the volunteers will enforce it.
- **District Reports:** Al Binder read letter from David Petreus. Also proposed cemetery is down to two sites. Mike stated that Post 9-11 needs to meet a goal of 146 members for 2013. Oct. 20 is the District Conference with discussions of the Legionnaire Trust and Trust Benefits which soon expires. Also, Mike presented the Post with an American Legion sign from Post 209. Randy Fritz reported the Resolution was turned down at national due to a technicality that the National Auxiliary didn’t change the eligibilities. Jim Bergeron reported the new cemetery will have 6000 burial sites. Also that the McCandless Veterans Home visit was very rewarding. John Hartling has volunteered to co-ordinate our next visit.. Larry Johnson announced Sept. 15 at 9 am will be a meeting at the VA Nursing Home

in Pueblo. Activities will include booths for all the patients to participate. Sept. 22 will be a Post Management Seminar from 8 am to 5 pm. Reservations are required. Will be held at Dept. Headquarters – 1st Ave. E #D, Denver. DMS – Direct Mail Solicitation Program. This works. Oct. 13 – Ft. Carson – Employment Fair for Vets. Oct. 20 – Dist. Convention. Any questions email Larry at D7Adjutant@Yahoo.com. VA Clinic will be built on Centennial Blvd. in 2014. Mike Christensen presented a plaque to Jon Maucher for Commander of the year.

- **John Crouse:** was introduced by the Commander and he presented a request for the Post to donate funds to the El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition for Stand Down. It will be held on Oct. 18, 2012 at the City Auditorium giving Vets clothes, boots, Social Security benefits counseling, showers etc. They need money to do the purchasing of needed items. Vern Kuykendall moved to donate \$150 to Coalition from Gaming then amended it to \$300. Tom Wyre 2nd. Motion granted.

Old Business.

- **Scholarship:** Jackie Homa accepted Committee Chairmanship with Vern Kuykendall and John Hartling on the committee.
- **Taste of Palmer Lake:** Alicia Gatti did a good job. 300 people were served
- **Butter Braids -** Alicia needs volunteers to take orders at Safeway and King Soopers. Karen will send an email asking for volunteers.
- **Flag Raising on 9/11:** Arrive at Fire Station #1 at 6:45 – Ceremony will be at 7 am. Dress code will be suits and jackets and/or uniforms. A flag raising will also occur immediately following at the Depot. Alicia will serve breakfast after the ceremony.
- **Flag Retirement on 9/11:** Be at the Post at 1800 for practice – scripts and roles provided – with the ceremony at 1900. Jackie will Sub for Dan Beatty if he can't make it.
- **Veteran's Day Parade:** Nov. 10 – The commander has sent in for permit. Tony Van Beek will have the fire truck there.
- **Color Guard:** Ron Carlisle has agreed to train. Will need about a dozen volunteers.
- **Cripple Creek:** Two 10-passenger vehicles will leave the Park n Ride at 8 am.

New Business

- **Mailing Party Oct 16:** Dave Hershberger reported on the mailing party and items going into the envelopes for all the members.
- **Budget for Care Packages:** Need Chairman and a contact to send packages for Christmas and/or Thanksgiving.
- **Janet Ferran** was introduced as a new member.
- **Dave Hershberger** read By-Law stating Post books need to be audited annually for period ending June 30. Results will be reported to membership. Rules need to be followed.
- **Ron Carlisle** brought in box of glasses for the Auxiliary.
- **Si Sibell** stated the Fire Department called for volunteers to carry flags for the parade on Labor Day, which the post provided. Meant a lot to the Department. Thank you.
- **Jon Maucher** stated that Randy Fritz spent a lot of time and effort on the Resolution. We need some way to get this up the chain without it being turned down on a technicality.
- **Sept. 11** – Dave has flag that was draped over coffin of a Vet that will be raised here.

50/50

Dave Hershberger won \$44 with \$44 going to the Post.

Closing

Closing Ceremonies were conducted at 2015.