

American Legion Post 9-11
Minutes of the Meeting held at The Depot, Palmer Lake
Tuesday, February 5th 2013

1. The meeting was opened by the Senior Vice, Tom Weyer at 18.30. He then conducted the opening ceremonies.
2. The stand-in Adjutant called the Roll Call of Officers as follows.

Title	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Commander	Dan Beatty			X
Sr. Vice Commander	Tom Weyer	X		
Jr Vice Commander	Alicia Gatti	X		
Finance Officer	Janet Ferran	X		
Judge Advocate	Randy Fritz		X	
Sgt AT Arms	Si Sibell	X		
Historian	Ray Kinder	X		
Chaplain	Jim Bergeron	X		
Service Office	Brian Stone			X
Adjutant	Karen Hartling			X
Exec. Committee	Ron Pitt	X		
Exec. Committee	John Hartling			X

3. On A proposition from Ed Kinney, seconded by Ron Holton, that the minutes of the previous meeting, as posted on the post web site be accepted as written. Carried unanimously.
4. The Sr. Vice introduced a new member to the post, Al Weber, USAF retired.

Ron Carlisle introduced Paul Clifford, who is the Commander of the new Young Marines unit that is being formed at The Depot, Palmer Lake. Paul introduced himself, and told the meeting that the new troop hoped to induct up to ten new Young Marines into the troop. He told the meeting that it was not a case of what the post could do for them, but what they could do for the post, especially as Alicia was allowing them to use one of the rooms at the Depot as their Post room.

Reports

Membership - The stand-in Adjutant reported that the Post Adjutant advises that a total of 156 members have paid their dues, which is 3 above our goal for 2013.

Executive Committee - A copy of the last Executive Committee minutes are enclosed on the back of the Agenda Sheet. Mike Christensen gave the Sr. Vice two transfer forms to our post, This brings our total up to 158, well above the 146 target. Mike also presented the post with a Citation for Meritorious Service, to Post 9-11.

Finance - Janet advised that she had paid \$1000,00 to Bill Miller for Wounded Warriors and \$200 to the Tri-Likes Fire department to help with the purchase of their Sparky

suit. She also said that she would give an update of our finances after she has finished with the tax details.

Executive Committee - The minutes of the Executive meeting were distributed amongst the members. With regards to the Outlaw Baseball team, their request for help was read aloud to the meeting. After reading, Alicia Gatti proposed that \$200 be donated to the team, seconded by Vern Kuykendall. There was no discussion and the proposal was accepted unanimously.

Scholarship - Ron Pitt advised that he had four possible five forms for signature for the Boys State. Jackie Homa said that she had applications for scholarships from Lewis Palmer and Palmer Ridge High Schools. She also asked for help in her committee as she had two resignations and needed at least 5 committee members.

Sick and Bereavement - Jim Bergeron had nothing to report.

Gaming Committee - Vern Kuykendall advised that he needed two volunteers to make up the gaming committee. He also asked for help on Bingo Nights to help take the pressure off the two members already involved. He also asked for help in keeping the Pull Tabs machine up to date including the book keeping, He also said that the committee had to purchase an uninterruptible power supply source soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Wounded Warriors Ice Fishing Day - In the absence of Bill Miller, Ron told the members that all had a good day. He then read out a letter from Bill thanking the post for its help with the Wounded Warriors. He then read out another letter from Bill thanking the post for the \$1000.00 donation for the Wounded Warriors.

License Plates - Janet advised that the new License plates were still ongoing. She was still having problems with the authorities about the designs.

Mike Christensen advised the meeting of the following:

He attended the Media Conference and was the only representative from post 9-11.

At this meeting 150 new army recruits were sworn in.

The State and Department Convention will be held at Fort Collins in June.

The Women's Health Action Group will meet at Post 209 on 2/16/2013.

The District Convention will be held on 5/25/2013 at Post 25 in Florence between 11.00-3:00. He advised that the State had challenged every district to adopt a Youth or Children's Charity to aid his Charity. District in turn has challenged every post to do the same and forward their donations to district. There is an incentive in the shape of a signed CD from Michael Peterson, a C&W singer who supports all veterans. This will be presented to the post who raises the most money per ratio member. Mike also advised that the monthly reports will be available on line in April.

There will also be a District “Pow Wow” on 2/10/2013 on increasing the membership of the American Legion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Placing Flags in Cemetery - Ron Carlisle said that he would try and obtain a list of those veterans in the Monument cemetery and also contact the Boys Scouts to find out who will be carrying out this duty.

Memorial Day Breakfast - Alicia advised the meeting that she would be having a Breakfast at the Depot. The Korean Church at Palmer Lake have told her that they would like to pay for all breakfasts for veterans to say thank you for freeing their country.

Flag removal still to be organized after responsibility for placing the flags has been decided.

Elections for Post Offices will be held on June 4th

Flag Retirement - There will be a flag retirement ceremony on 14th June, subject to weather conditions.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Letter from Carol Kenned, Department Sr. Vice Commander, congratulating the post on its beating its 100% goal and its work. Also enclosed was a certificate for Shoot to the Stars. Letter from Tri-Lakes Fire Department, thanking the post for its generous donation of \$200.00 Letter from the Association of Graduates, USAFA thanking the Depot for looking after it for its annual Rampart Chapter membership. Ray Kinder presented the post with a Rising above the Clouds certificate. He also showed and read from a file of the first meetings of the post, which was held in the Village Inn in 2006. This files is available for all to read. The Senior Vice read a letter from Post 29 Wallace Simpson Post dated 12/19/2012 in which it said that a member had cleared out their bank account and taken post memorabilia. It asked for any help financial or other that we could give. Mike Christensen said that he would check out this letter as it was the first that he had heard of it and report back.

Alicia reported that the restaurant was making the following events available.

- Every Friday nights are a Steak Night costing \$8 for a New York Strip Steak.
- Thursday nights was still Texas Hold-em nights
- Wednesday nights would be a Singles Night
- March 8 would be a live music night with a band. There would also be a “Toga” night with two prize ranges. The first would be for the best Toga, the other would be for the best “under the Toga” However nudity would not be allowed.

Janet won the Ace of Hearts draw, but did not draw the Ace. She won \$1.00.

Vern Kuykendall reminded everybody about using the post web site and the Face book page.

The Sr. Vice then closed the meeting with due ceremony at 1947.