

# American Legion Post 9-11

## April 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**1830 Opening Ceremonies carried out by:** Post Commander Dan Beatty.

**Roll Call of Officers - Absent:** Peggy Escolopio (Adjutant), Frank Escolopio (Sergeant at Arms), Angela Potter (Service Officer).

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** March 2016 minutes were not available for approval at the April meeting.

**Guests:** None noted.

### **Reports:**

**Membership:** Membership from the AL State's 3/16/16 report has Post 9-11 at 91.86%. Tom Weyer reported that many updates have occurred since that document was delivered. Post 9-11 will be closer to 97% when the documents are processed and completed by AL State. Commander Beatty summarized a letter on membership from AL State. New members were introduced: Andre Bergeron and Joseph Carlson.

**Finance:** Vern Kuykendall provided finance documents and then gave the Finance Report based on those documents. The March and 1st Quarter finance balances were reported. A \$1200 check for Boy's State will be provided immediately to send to the state per our budget.

**Executive Committee:** Commander Beatty provided a verbal update of the Executive Meeting...with all agenda items from that Executive Meeting also duplicated on this Post Meeting agenda. Therefore, all of those topics will be covered during this Post Meeting.

**Service Officer:** Not present...no report.

**Sick and Bereaved:** Donna Dennis is recuperating well.

**Restaurant Committee:** Alicia Gatti reported two items: the favorable outcome of an event with sports celebrities as bartenders; loss of potential revenues with weather related closings.

**Gaming Committee:** Vern reported there is a continuing need for volunteers to work BINGO.

**Auxiliary:** Alicia Gatti noted that Auxiliary has received some applications for Girls State. She reminded the Post that each supported application is \$300.00.

### **Old Business:**

1. **Boy's State (04-11 June):** Ron Pitt reports two "final applications" were present.
2. **Post Home Committee - Depot Status:** Commander Beatty reported no change to current status.
3. **Quarterly Gaming Report JAN-APR-JUL-OCT:** Vern Kuykendall reported 1st Quarter 16 Gaming report is due to the state and he will create and file.
4. **Grant Inputs:** Commander Beatty noted we still require a volunteer for this year.
5. **Membership Push:** Commander Beatty reported the AL State has a membership drive, with 7 April being a key date for this year's membership push...and therefore membership reporting to the AL State should meet that deadline.
6. **Veterans Pictures:** Jim Bergeron reported the progress of the Veterans Banners...the progress forward, and the need to advertise in the near future.
7. **July 4<sup>th</sup> Barn Dance:** Bill Miller reported that he will follow up and check with Marlin "Si" Sibell on the status of the Barn Dance, which is a profitable event for Post 9-11...but our labor is also required for possibly set-up, tear-down, or both.
8. **July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:** Planning in progress. Awaiting further details.
9. **Eagle Scout Nomination:** If you have any interested potential Eagle Scouts, please see Commander Beatty.

### **New Business:**

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1. **VFW/CC EPCHVC “Stand Down”: Joe Carlson**: He briefed the program intent and identified 18 Oct as the date of the Stand Down.
2. **Memorial Day Events – Ron Carlisle partnering with VFW Post 7829**: Ron reported that “most vacancies were filled”.
3. **AFJROTC Awards - Air Academy High**: Tom Weyer reported that we have the names of the Military Excellence and Academic Excellence AFJROTC Award winners. Tom created the certificates. Commander Beatty will present them on Monday night, 2 May 2016 at Air Academy High School.
4. **High School Scholarships**: Tom Weyer reported that the High School Counselors reporting posting of the Post 9-11 Scholarship on their student websites. The application deadline will be 3 May 2016.
5. **PTSD Movie**: Bill Miller promoted this 94-minute, cross generational movie of PTSD testimonials.
6. **Consolidated Post Report**: No action on this report noted.
7. **Pillar**: Commander Beatty spoke of the gathering of small bags of items for the CS PD.
8. **Dignity Memorial**: Commander Beatty recapped an e-mail he received on this topic.
9. **American Legion Baseball**: Commander Beatty mentioned this was a deferred action at this time.
10. **Helping Hands for Freedom**: The Commander read a document espousing a Retreat Home Center. It was deferred from the Executive Committee.
11. **SB16-001**: Call to Action. The Commander will send out.
12. **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Veterans**: The Commander read that this organization is seeking 2 or 3 generations of veterans. The Commander will send out an e-mail.
13. **Veteran’s Banquet**: See Karen Hartling.
14. **Sgt-at-Arms Nomination and subsequent selection**: New member Andre Bergeron was nominated and selected for this position.
15. **Adjutant Position is still unfilled**: Commander Beatty spoke of the need to fill the Adjutant position, which was not filled the evening of elections.
16. **Elections**: Vern Kuykendall made a motion to accept the announced AL Post 9-11 positions by acclamation. Eddie Kinney seconded the motion. The motion carried with no “nays” and no “abstains”. Tom Weyer was elected Post Commander; John Russell was elected Sr Vice Commander; Alicia Gatti was elected Jr Vice Commander; Janet Ferran was elected Finance Officer; Randy Fritz was elected Judge Advocate; Andre Bergeron was elected Sgt at Arms; Ray Kinder was elected Historian; Jim Bergeron was elected Chaplain; Angela Potter was elected Service Officer; Adjutant was not filled during this election.

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE POST**

1. Karen Hartling mentioned that military books and other historical books are sought for the McCandless facility. Also “UNOPENED” jigsaw puzzles are desired.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**: Posted with the agenda.

1. The 12 April BOT meeting was cancelled as Mike Christensen was out of town.
2. The Commander is looking for someone to attend the 7 May district convention.

**CORRESPONDENCE**: Commander Beatty read a “thank you” letter from Tri-Lakes Cares.

**50-50**: \$29 was earned for the Post. The recorder failed to document who won the 50-50 drawing.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES**: Commander Beatty conducted the closing ceremonies at 1945.