

**American Legion Post 9-11
Meeting 11/3/2015
Minutes**

1835 Opening ceremonies carried out by the Post Commander.

Roll call of officers. Absent were Peggy Escolopio, Frank Escolopio, Randy Fritz. Angela Potter arrived later.

Proposed Ed McKinney, seconded by John Russell, the minutes from September were accepted unanimously. Proposed by Mike Christensen, seconded by Tom Weyer, the minutes for October were accepted unanimously.

Guests. Richard Scott, Marine for 30 years, retired as a LTC, who lives in the Black Forest was welcomed to the post.

REPORTS

Membership. Only details available was from District, which stated we were 63.95% of our goal of 172, we show our present membership to be 110.

Mike Christensen asked for volunteers to contact past members to get them to rejoin. Jim Bergeron and Dan Beatty volunteered.

FINANCE

Vern Kuykendall gave a current financial report

Post	\$8350.00
Gaming	\$22000.00
Restaurant	\$1800.00

Out of the Budget for 2015, Vern suggest that the following donations be paid out. Legacy \$150, Tri-Lakes Care \$300 extra, Tri-Lakes Health \$500, Crawford House \$200, Gold Star Families \$200, American Military Families \$300 and Operation Christmas \$500. He also recommended that Post 9-11 should be given \$500. This made a total of \$2650, up \$300. This was recommended to the Post in general.

Proposed by Ed McKinney, 2nd by Jim carried unanimously.

The annual budget for 2016 shows no major changes, income is expected to be \$2300.

The budget will be proposed to the post at the December meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

One item added to the minutes Depot worker would have their compensation increased to \$5.00 per hour. The Executive Meeting minutes regarding the BOT meeting.

“continue to use the restaurant for the new year for \$3250 until December 2016” to read “for \$3250.00 per month until December 2016

Proposed by Bill Miller, 2nd by Tom Weyer, carried unanimously.

SERVICE OFFICER

Nothing to report

SICKNESS AND BEREAVED.

Jim Bergeron had nothing to report, but thanked all those who attended the event in remembrance of John 'Grandpa' Kozloski.

RESTAURANT

Dance November 13, Friday from 7 pm – 11pm in aid of Wake the Lake

The Post Christmas Party will be held on December 6th starting at 16:30, cost \$15.00.

Alicia requires RSVP asap.

GAMING

There will be no Bingo on November 28th. The must win night is estimated to be in late January/early February.

AUXILLARY

The Ladies Auxillary is holding its Coat Drive for Marion House. Winter garments of any kind would be appreciated. They are also holding their candy sales.

The auxiliary also request an increase in the grant from the Post to \$2700, so that they can finance girls going to Girls State.

OLD BUSINESS

There are two Vietnam pins remaining. One was claimed by Tony VanBeek

NEW BUSINESS

Bingo. Once again volunteers are required for bingo

McCandless Home Visit. The visit is scheduled for November 15, anybody interested is asked to meet at St Peter's Church between 0915-0930

Star Shine. Dan has got a veteran from one of his other groups to light the Palmer Lake Christmas Star

Veterans Day Parade. Ron Carlisle gave details of the Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade. Meet at Tejon/Monument at 0900.

Veterans Day Flags. The post is going to place flags on the graves on veterans in Monument Cemetery on Tuesday 10th November and remove same at Sunset on 11th November.

Korean War Veteran. Discovery Canon City Middle School would like a Korean War veteran to talk to the children. Does any member know of such a person. Please let Dan know.

BOXING. There will be a boxing tournament to held at the Cadet Boxing Gym between the Air Force and the Army. Both men and women will be competing.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dan Beatty advised the meeting about the forthcoming membership dues increase.

There are a number of options available.

If we do not increase our dues, we would loose \$1.00 per member, per year.

If we increase our dues to \$40, we would gain \$4.00 per member.

An increase to \$42 would gain \$6.00 per member

An increase to \$45 would gain \$9.00 per member.

The vote on what increase, if any, would be taken at the December meeting. Only those who attend the meeting will be able to vote.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

Jim Bergeron told the meeting about something he saw in the city of Kingston, NY when on a Leaf Peeping tour. On the street corners were pictures of veterans with their details. Jim asked if something similar could be done in Palmer Lake.

John Russell showed a photograph of his daughter who is a lawyer in the US Army, working with the Special Forces, who about once a month take her onto the ranges to fire different weapons and blow things up – legally. She is a LTC soon to become a full Colonel.

Ray Kinder advised the meeting that Parris Island Marine Base is 100 years old.

Ed McKinney thanked the Post for its donation to Legacy Sertoma.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

11/7 Veterans Day Parade – Colorado Springs

11/11 Veterans Day

CORRESPONDENCE

From McCandless, thanking the Post for its donation

From C.S.U Pueblo Foundation thanking the Post for its support of their students

From Randy Keller and Kathleen Keller thanking the post for sponsorship to Rocky Mountain Your Leadership.

From Monument Hill Kiwanis Club, addressed to Alicia in particular, thanking the post for the soup

The Chapel Group is having a service 11/11 at 11.00 at PMC604 Denver Seminary Chapel.

Ed..... advised the meeting that free flu shots are available at Walgreen for Veterans. Just show your VA card.

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Drawn by our guest Richard Scott, won by Ray Kinder. \$30 to Ray, \$29 to the post.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

The commander conducted the closing ceremonies at 19:48

