



## Regular Meeting Minutes – 28 July 2009

- **Call to order** by Commander Bill Fischer at 7:10PM
- **Advancement of the Colors** (in place)
- **Opening Prayer** by Chaplain Bob Mericle
- **POW-MIA Empty Chair and Ceremony** – Service Officer Lee Vulcan
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Preamble to American Legion Constitution**
- **Welcome to members and guests**
- **Introduction of Guests**
  - None
- **Roll Call** (sign-in sheet being passed around by Adjutant)
- **Minutes** from the previous meeting on 6/23/2009 reviewed; motion to approved, seconded, and approved
- **Finance Statement** – Kirby was in California so no Finance Report available for this meeting

### Post Officer Reports

- **Commander Bill Fischer** – Thanks to all members for their support to our activities; accomplishing many things for a small post.
- **Senior Vice Commander Robby Cox** – Not present
- **Junior Vice Commander Mark Manriquez** – Not present
- **Adjutant Dave Turley**
  - **Membership** – Renewals still flowing in and greatly appreciated; membership is critical to Post, Department, and National activities; As of 7/22/09 Post 1980 membership was at 71 (goal of 82, or 86.59% of goal); Dave then explained that renewal notices are sent by National based upon when the member originally joined, so some folks were recently billed for 2009 while others are now getting their 2010 bills for dues.
  - **Post 1980 Web Site** – Current; just updated the membership application information on the web site and also included info on Paid-Up-For-Life memberships (Yvonne asked about PUFL tonight, so Dave's update was timely); rumor has it that our web site came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Department Web Site competition (announced at the Department Convention) – supposed to be a certificate working its way to us.
  - **Officer Portal Trial** – Dave has used this during the 30-day trial period and finds that it is not worth \$15/month that they charge; reported that the whole way that membership related info (bills,

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submissions, cards, etc) is very time-consuming and still in the dark ages as all manual – and the Portal does not help with those renewal functions. Too bad!

- **Finance Officer Kirby Laughlin** – Not present
- **Service Officer Lee Vulcan** – Lee will take his Oath of Office tonight; Lee reported that we received approval from the Secretary for Solicitation of Charitable Contributions (i.e. for Pig Roast donations, etc); good for one year.
  - NAME: AMERICAN LEGION POST 1980
  - Permanent Registration Number: 20093007959
  - Filing Number of Document: 20093007959
  - Registration Renewal Due Date: 05-15-2010
- **Historian Paul James** – Paul will take his Oath of Office tonight; Dave (out-going Historian) brought a container with our history information (hardcopy and also a couple of DVDs) and turned it over to Paul tonight.
- **Chaplain Bob Mericle** – NTR; committee report later.
- **Sgt-at-Arms Rod Herk** – NTR.
- **Auxiliary Report** – Debbie reports that the Auxiliary has basically no participation; some discussion, with Yvonne indicating that there is the potential for a couple of new Auxiliary members, so Debbie and Yvonne are going to see if they can get something going with the Auxiliary.

#### **Committee Reports/Old Business**

- **Pig Roast, Silent Auction, & Raffle After-Action Report ; Cooker Update** -- Yvonne and others
  - Yvonne did not have time to pull together the info for the Pig Roast After-Action-Review for this meeting and will report at the August meeting; she received inputs from Dave, and of course has hers and Vern's – if you have comments/ideas related to the Pig Roast please sent these to Yvonne by Aug 15<sup>th</sup> at [vernsbighunter@yahoo.com](mailto:vernsbighunter@yahoo.com).
  - Discussions from the last meeting concerning the cooker continued – the open cooker just does not work as the pig is too exposed; Vern acquired a trailer with water tank that can be converted to a 2<sup>nd</sup> enclosed cooker (cost was \$200); he and Rod are working on converting this to a 2<sup>nd</sup> enclosed cooker; a motion to fund up to \$200 for Vern and Rod to get materials to do the conversion (motion made, seconded, approved); Vern is not looking to get reimbursed at this time for the \$200 purchase, but members discussed and if this works out then the membership will consider reimbursement of that \$200 to Vern (separate motion will be needed). Thanks Vern and Rod for all your work on this (and Yvonne and Hunter.....).
  - Dave did a draft certificate to be presented to those who donated to the Pig Roast (well-received); Dave has some names and Paul James volunteered to scan in the business cards and send to Dave so that he can do the certificates (Dave will do and bring them to

the August meeting – will need volunteers to help take the certificates to the businesses).

- **Honor Guard Activities (completed and up-coming)** – Robby not present, so Bill led the discussion
  - **Motorcycle Rally** in Woodland Park this past weekend
    - The rally was pretty much a bust as it did not seem to be organized very well and only a small number of visitors/bikers for the event; discussed that we probably would not support next year unless some drastic changes occur
    - Honor Guard of Robby, Bill, Rod, Vern, and Yvonne did a great job at the opening ceremony on Saturday morning (practice was on Friday evening); represented our Post and all veterans very well; thanks for a great job guys!
    - We had a booth downtown where vendors (small number that they were) were located; staffed by Bill, Bob, Rod, Vern, Yvonne, and Hunter; traffic was slow; **NOTE: In the future we might want to consider the purchase of one of the booth canopies for such events – that sun gets pretty hot – and it could be used for various events.**
  - **Avenue of Flags at Lions Park**
    - Labor Day (no, we will not do for Labor Day)
    - **9-11** -- Yes
    - **Veterans Day Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** – Yes
    - For all events where we put-up the flags, please try to stick to the times as scheduled so that everyone can participate: arrive at Veterans Hall at 7am and wait until then to start loading the flags; arrive at the Lions Park at 7pm and wait until then to start taking down the flags – this will allow everyone to participate and that way they will not arrive and waste their time since it is already done; these flag installation events are a very good time for those who participate; thanks for your support.
    - Over the winter we should have a project for removing the flags from the poles and getting them dry-cleaned.
- **Fun Shoot, Saturday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am**
  - Lee is out-of-town during the week before, so Larry Marty will assist in preparations and hopefully Lee will be able to assist the morning of the shoot; 12GA and 22 caliber, but you can bring your other guns also; **SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT, SO OBEY ALL SAFETY RULES/GUIDANCE.**
  - Normal location in the National Forest north of Woodland Park just off CO-67 (north of Rainbow Falls Park – see map on web site).
  - May be good for someone to arrive early and stake out our location and these are filling up pretty early on the weekends.
- **Summer Picnic and Camp-out at Red Rocks Group Campground, Friday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 2PM to Sunday, Aug 30<sup>th</sup> noon** – Committee Needed

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- Everything is a “GO”; Chuck updated on this, reminding that the reservation has been paid, and that this also includes use of fishing privileges at Manitou Lake; grill/grates are located at the group site; camping available for Friday and Saturday nights.
- Core time for everyone gathering will be 2PM on Saturday
- Everyone bring something for the Pot Luck
  - Bill -- brisket and pork butt
    - Have paper plates, utensils, etc
  - Dave – potato salad
  - Chuck – string bean casserole
  - Deb – macaroni salad
  - Yvonne – her *great* beans!!!!!!
  - Need chips, desserts, and anything else that you think that you would like to bring – please contact John Meyer, [ictmeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:ictmeyer@yahoo.com), to coordinate
  - Bring your own drinks
  - Will finalize at the August meeting on 8/25/09.
  - Dave will bring listing of members that need to be called before the event to remind them (those w/o e-mail).
- **Cruise Above the Clouds**
  - Poker run Stop in Victor, Saturday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>; will need to be in place in Victor around 2PM; Poker Run starts at 3PM.
  - Dave (after the meeting) contacted Nick and he is organizing the event, although he and Annette will actually be driving their Mustang in the event this year (so we will get to see them when they make the poker run stop)
  - Always a lot of fun – Nick will organize where we should meet and what we need to bring (chair, water, buckets for donations, etc)
  - More volunteers needed as the more the better; so far:
    - Bill, Dave (will probably arrive right at 3PM as coming from an AM meeting in Denver), Bob F./Deb, Rod, Vern/Yvonne, Bob M., others????
- **Post 1980 Baseball – Dave**
  - Season went very well, with the “B” team ending up 18W – 4L in their league in regular season play; unfortunately they did not do too well in the district tournament and lost both games in the state tournament (which they qualified to play).
  - State “B” tournament was scheduled for Woodland Park but was pulled by Colorado AmLeg Baseball (CALB) one week prior to the game due to mis-communications related to scheduling; Dave got involved heavily when he heard about this, but it was too late to save the tournament for Woodland Park; Dave attended a meeting today with the WP City Manager, Parks & Rec, Coach Winstead, and Larry Tenenholz (tournament director) – a timeline was developed clearly showing shared responsibility by all concerned, including CALB in-particular, for the mis-communications; Dave will be meeting with CALB officials, along with Department officers, to

review what happened and to try to ensure that something like this does not happen again in the future.

- Dave will be contributing “Legion Baseball” certificates for each of the boys who played, along with the two assistant coaches; Dave will print the certificates and will work with Coach Winstead to try to find a good time for a presentation to the boys – probably after school resumes in August.
- Dave also recommended that the Post purchase a plaque for presentation to Coach Winstead for the great job and hard work that he does for Legion Baseball and for the kids. Motion made, seconded, and approved for Dave to order a Legion Plaque for up to \$40.00.
- **Boys State – Dave**
  - Dave attended an after-action review meeting at Department earlier this month – lots of ideas and discussions for improving Boys State next year; more later.
  - Plan to have our Woodland Park High School participate for this year, Tim Woods, come to our October meeting and talk about his experiences at Boys State.
  - Dave is hoping to have JP Griego from Colorado Springs, was in Dave’s City, and who attended Boys Nation (he was elected to be one of the two US Senators) come to our August meeting and give an update on his experiences at Boys State and Boys Nation.
  - Dave has contacted Mark Martin at WPHS to begin laying the groundwork for us finding exceptional participant(s) for 2010; Dave and Mark will meet in late August to discuss.
- **Oratoricals – Dave**
  - No new information from Department (or on their web site) at this time; Dave has sent an e-mail to Mark Martin at WPHS and will be meeting with him in August to discuss; normally applications due to Department in mid-December.
- **Swearing-in** of Historian Paul James and Service Officer Lee Vulcan completed.
- **Flag Pole at Meadow Wood Park Panther Field**
  - Dave reported that he is still working to get a flag pole installed at Panther Field prior to next year’s baseball season.
  - City Manager gave Dave a green light on a flag pole being installed by the scoreboard at Panther Field (city has no money for this).
  - Dave is working with his Rotary Club, who has committed to helping with this; a Rotary District matching grant request has been submitted for this and hopefully will be approved in mid-September; if so, the Pikes Peak Rotary Club will match and we will have the funding for the installing of a 25’ pole at Panther Field (about \$1900 total cost, including installation materials; will ask Post 1980 members to work with the Rotary Club as a joint project to actually install the flag pole (very doable – Dave now doing one at his house); good response from those in attendance for this joint effort for the installation; NOTE: Primarily a Rotary Club project (they are

doing the funding) and they will install a Rotary Plaque at the pole and near the grandstands – will install AmLeg emblems there also, so will need to purchase 2 bronze 5” AmLeg emblems in the future if we do this (approval will be requested when we know more) – should cost 2 x \$59.95 if we do this.

- **Any other old business** -- None

### **New Business**

- **Veterans Day Activities** – Committee Needed
  - Bill, Rod, Yvonne, Chuck – others needed
  - Will hold a meeting in September
- **Christmas Party Activities** – Committee Needed
  - Committee not yet formed
  - Bill expressed concern about the currently scheduled date being too close to Christmas; motion, seconded, and approved to move the date of the Christmas Party from Tuesday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, to **Tuesday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** – will be held at Veterans Hall.
- **Other new business**
  - **Executive Committee** (officers) will meet on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM, at the Crystola

**Correspondence** – None of significance.

**Announcements?** Commander? Anyone?

- Upcoming events
- Membership reminder
  - Everything already covered

**Special Recognition** – Dave again commented on the accomplishments of our small post and the impact that we are having; membership in our Post is very important and greatly appreciated.

**Good of the Legion** -- NTR

**Sickness/Illness** – NTR

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:40PM.

**Bill Fischer**  
**Post 1980 Commander**

**Dave Turley**  
**Post 1980 Adjutant**

### **Attendees:**

Bill Fischer	Dave Turley	Paul James	Rod Herk
Tom Kerry	Jerry Paul	John Meyer	Vern Wilson
Yvonne Wilson	Bruce Taylor	Chuck Gardner	Warren Gagner
Lee Vulcan	Bob Mericle	Larry Marty	Bob Fugatt

Auxiliary: Deb Fugatt