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Approved– As of 9/22/2009

Regular Meeting Minutes– 25 August 2009

- **Call to Order** -- 7:05PM by Commander Bill
- **Advancement of the Colors** – In place
- **Prayer** – Chaplain Bob
- **POW-MIA Empty Chair** – Junior Vice Mark
- **Pledge of Allegiance** -- all
- **Preamble to American Legion Constitution**

- **Welcome to members and guests**
- **Introduction of Guests**
 - JP Griego, who will speak tonight on Boys State and Boys Nation; and JP's parents, John and Kathy Griego
 - JP gave a wonderful 10-minute talk on his experiences at Boys State and Boys Nation – very eloquent and insightful. JP was a citizen in “Tucker” at Boys State (Dave was a counselor for Tucker). The young man sponsored by Post 1980 will speak in October.
- **Recognition of District 7 Visitors**
 - Mike Christensen, Commander
 - Phil Larsen, Judge Advocate
 - And one more who did not sign the sheet
 - Each gave a brief update on District 7, including membership, various post activities, District 7 Conference (Thursday, September 17th, Post 5, 6PM)
- **Roll Call** – Sign-in sheet; quorum present
- **Minutes from the previous meeting on 7/28/2009** – Presented by Adjutant Dave (had been sent previously to members via e-mail) and reviewed; motion to approve, seconded, and approved unanimously
- **Finance Statement** – Presented by Finance Officer Kirby; Kirby pointed out that it included a correction to the last finance report as he had not noted the 4/29/09 transfer of \$1000 from Savings to Checking; Motion to accept the finance report, seconded, and approved unanimously

Post Officer Reports

- **Executive Committee meeting** was held on Aug 20th to work up the agenda and issues for this meeting (Bill, Dave, Kirby, Paul, Rod; items discussed included below)
- **Commander Bill Fischer** – Gave a good updated on the Fun Shoot held on August 15th; really good time, and the black power guns were a lot of fun; next will be a Turkey Shoot on October 17th

- **Senior Vice Commander Robby Cox** – Not present
- **Junior Vice Commander Mark Manriquez** -- NTR
- **Adjutant Dave Turley**
 - **Membership** – Renewals for 2010 slowing down; if you have received your statement and have not paid, please do so; more statements will be sent by National in October; we are doing pretty well and should be getting close to 100% of our goal (expecting a new update from Department soon); our goal for 2010 has been lowered to 67; Dave communicating with National about modifying the renewal statements to include boxes for phone number and e-mail.
 - **Post 1980 Web Site** – Up-to-date as of today
 - **Officer Portal Trial** – did not sign-up; \$15/month much too much of a charge for what the site does
 - **Renewed PO Box** – runs through August 2010
- **Finance Officer Kirby Laughlin** – NTR other than the Finance Report
- **Service Officer Lee Vulcan** – Out-of-town
- **Historian Paul James** -- NTR
- **Chaplain Bob Mericle** -- NTR
- **Sgt-at-Arms Rod Herk** -- NTR

Committee Reports/Old Business

- **Pig Roast, Silent Auction, & Raffle After-Action Report; Cooker Update** – Yvonne, Rod, and Vern; since Yvonne and Vern were not present (son's sports conflict) this will be carried to the September meeting
 - Some leftover wood at the Crystola needed to be cut-up; Bob and Rod took care of it to the satisfaction of Darrell
- **Certificates of Appreciation to Contributors to the Pig Roast**
 - Printed by Dave and given to Commander Bill and Pig Roast Chairman Mr. Bob for signature and distribution
 - Still need one for Monarch Ski Area and Crystola Bar and Grill (neither included on the list) – Dave will do and get to Bill/Bob
- **Post 1980 Family Summer Picnic and Camp-out at Red Rocks Group Campground, Friday, Aug 28th 2PM to Sunday, Aug 30th noon – Primary gathering at noon with meal at 2PM on Saturday, 29th**
 - Telephone call rosters from Dave given to several members to call those without e-mail
 - Everyone bring something for the Pot Luck
 - Rod and Bob will take over the cooker on Friday evening
 - Will get tent from Lee in case of rain plus AmLeg table from Robby
 - Bill -- brisket and pork butt
 - Have paper plates, utensils, etc
 - Dave – potato salad
 - Chuck – string bean casserole
 - Deb – macaroni salad

- Yvonne – her *great* beans!!!!!!
- Bob M -- chips
- Need desserts, and anything else that you think that you would like to bring – no one had contacted John Meyer, jctmeyer@yahoo.com, to coordinate on what they would bring
- Bring your own drinks
- Bring a chair
- Bring firewood – all wood must be removed from the area after the event
- **Cruise Above the Clouds**
 - **Poker run Stop in Victor, Saturday, Sept 12th** –
 - Nick organized in advance of event (will be driving in the event); (Bill, Tom Kerry, & Rod will be out of town; Dave will be in Denver and will go straight to Victor; who pick-up items from Kirby in WP at Cruise location (Memorial Park) that am?; colors at Poker Stop
 - Participants include: Bob Mericle, Deb and Bob Fugatt, Lee and Diane Vulcan, Yvonne & Vern Wilson, John & Janet Meyer, and Dave Turley (will arrive in Victor at 3PM as has a morning meeting in Denver)
 - Bob M will pick-up the buckets, signs, etc from Kirby Sat morning at Memorial Park in Woodland Park
 - Bob F and Debbie will pick up the US, AmLeg, and POW/MIA flags, along with the stands, at Veterans Hall that morning
 - Meet at the Market in Divide at noon to go down to Victor together; will get things set-up as early as possible and then grab a bite to eat in Victor prior to the car arriving after 3PM
 - Set-up in front of the Fire Station/City Hall; normally run three “stop areas” to work three vehicles at once
 - Bring a chair for sitting and water to drink
 - If anyone else would like to join the group, all are welcome – a lot of fun, especially seeing all the cars
- **Honor Guard Activities and Lions Park flags (completed and upcoming)** – Robby not present, so Bill led the discussions
 - **Honor Guard: Pow-Wow in Woodland Park, Sat, Sept 5th**
 - Mary Jo meet with Bill and provided information
 - Bob M will put out an e-mail to participants (Bob M, chuck, Bill, Rod, Robby?, Vern/Yvonne?)
 - Rehearsal 6:00PM Friday, Sept 4th, at Memorial Park in Woodland Park (near City Hall, lake, gazebo).
 - Ceremonial entrance at 12:00 noon Sat. Final procedure instructions by Arena Director [Chief] between 10:00 AM and noon on Sat.
 - Flags to be posted at gazebo and remain until formal retirement at 5:00PM.
 - Bill to bring Flags, Holders and Weapons.
 - Chuck to bring cement blocks for pedestals.

- Free breakfast at Senior Center prior to 10:00AM.[Begin 7:00AM ??????]
- If I have forgotten something or need correction email me ASAP.
- NOTE from Dave -- hope they have the flagpole installed.
- **9-11 Remembrance Ceremony, Lions Park, Woodland Park**
 - Meet at Veterans Hall at 6:55am to gather the flags
 - Installation at Lions Park at 7:10; wear Legion cap/hat
 - Remembrance Service by Mayor of Woodland Park at 7:15am
 - Public will be present; flag-waving along US-24 after the ceremony until 9:00am
 - Flyer at: http://post1980.org/Documents/2009_9-11_RemembranceCeremony.pdf
 - Lots of publicity being done my Adjutant Dave, Teller Republicans, City, and others to Jackpot, Courier, Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, and more
 - Good visibility for our Post
 - Take down flags promptly at 7PM
- **Fun Shoot, Saturday, Oct 17th, 10am**
 - Hopefully Lee or Marty can organize this one as they have done great jobs on the last couple of shoots
 - Bill gave feedback on the August 15th shoot earlier in the meeting
 - Someone suggested that we might use the Fun Shoots as a fundraiser, charging a little more for entrance fee and also inviting other posts – no decisions made.
 - Rod suggested that we give more credit to the skeet shooting for the competition – others seemed to agree.
- **Post 1980 Baseball – Dave**
 - It was a very good season other than the problems with the State “B” tournament getting moved; Dave attended a meeting to review the issues that led up to the event and wrote an e-mail summarizing the key points and ways to avoid such issues in the future (better communications); also passed around a letter that Woodland Park Mayor Steve Randolph had sent to Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB) [coordinated with Dave before sending]
 - Dave has printed Legion Baseball Certificates of Appreciation for each participant and will present (and try to get other officers to participate) when Coach Winstead can arrange
 - Dave has ordered the plaque for Coach Winstead (\$40 approved at July meeting)
 - Dave will be working with and assisting Coach Winstead for 2010 Legion Baseball (TBD); hopefully a Post 1980 team and a bid for a tournament next year (if so, Dave will probably be the Tournament Director for the team)
 - Things moving along on getting a flagpole for Panther Field (Meadow Wood Sports Complex); Rotary club has submitted for a matching grant from Rotary District (should hear if approved in mid-

September); will be installed as a joint Rotary and Post 1980 project; known as the Woodland Park Citizenship Project since the flag will be raised and lowered by sports participants (Coach Winstead supporting and taking care of the flag; we will work with the youth to train on proper respect, folding, etc); Rotary will put plaques by pole and fence at home plate area; need AmLeg 5" seals to accompany (cost \$59 x2; motion made, seconded, and approved for Dave to order)

- **Boys State** – Dave – Monthly meetings at Department in preparation for 2010; Dave will be meeting with Mark Martin at Woodland Park High School to discuss candidates; made presentation to the Rotary Club in July and will be making the presentation to the Kiwanis on Sept 9th.
- **Oratoricals** – Dave – NTR at this time; will get with Mark Martin on this also
- **Veterans Day activities:** Flags at Lions Park 7am; down at 5PM (note 5PM); activities at Crystola, time, publicity, food, committee and lead (maybe side dishes by members and main course purchased by 1980 from Crystola); will be discussed at the September meeting
- **Christmas Party Activities** – Veterans Hall, Tuesday, 8 December; anyone to head the committee or participate
- **Anything else from the Executive Committee meeting on Aug 20th? -- NTR**
- **Any other old business? -- None**

New Business

- **District 7 Conference, Thursday, Sept 17th, Post 5, 6PM;** District 7 officer indicated that dinner will be served at 6PM; Bill will be going; if anyone else would like to attend, please contact Commander Bill.
- **Dave: 18-19 Sept WP Octoberfest;** City Manager looking for donations to purchase one free beer for active duty service members; publicity at the event
 - Dave passed the boot around and \$64 was collected and will be presented to the City Manager on behalf of Post 1980
- **In January will develop budget for next year (balancing expenses with projected incoming funds)**
- **Other new business?**
 - Mark Manriquez updated on the **Welcome Home Warriors** program/retreat the weekend of October 3rd; volunteers needed to assist with the kids; if you can assist, contact Mark
 - Dave indicated that the Rotary Club was updated on this program on Friday and that it sounds like they are making a big difference for families with difficulties as a result of service in Iraq and Afghanistan

Correspondence?

- **Thank you from 4-H Shooting Club** – card passed around and given to Paul for the Post History

Announcements? Commander? Anyone?

- **Upcoming events**
- **Membership reminder**

Special Recognition -- None

Good of the Legion

Sickness/Illness -- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

Bill Fischer
Post 1980 Commander

Dave Turley
Post 1980 Adjutant

Attendees:

Bill Fischer	Dave Turley	Rod Herk	Paul James
Gary Brovetto	Robert Fugatt	Chuck Gardner	Steve Myers
Tom Kerry	John Meyer	Kirby Laughlin	Bob Mericle
Mark Manriquez			

District 7 Officers:

Mike Christensen, Commander
Phil Larsen, Judge Advocate
And one more who did not sign the sheet

Auxiliary: Deb Fugatt

Guests: John “JP” Griego (Boys State and Boys Nation speaker)
John Griego (Father)
Kathy Griego (Mother)