

**ERIC V. DICKSON**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST #1980**  
February 24, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

Colors Posted  
Opening prayer observed  
POW-MIA empty chair observed  
Pledge and preamble recited

Meeting called to order at 1906  
Previous meeting minutes for January 2009 was approved as written.  
Finance report: Monthly and annual reports approved as written. See attached

1. **New Member(s):** None

2. **Introduction of Guests:** American Legion District 7 Officers led by Commander Mike Christiansen. Larry Johnson - Adjutant, Bill Marshall – D.E.C.

3. **Committee Reports:**

**Executive:** Nominations for Post Officers to be made at the April meeting voted on in May and installed in June.

**Boys State:** Dave Turley will coordinate with WPHS for nominees. The Auxiliary missed the deadline for submission of nominees to Girls State, but the District 7 Commander asked that they contact Jan Hinkley and still submit their nominees. The Fees for Boys State is \$275 per person this year. Counselors are needed and training is mandatory.

**Post Scholarship:** No update.

**Oratorical:** Nothing to report

**Post Home:** A meeting will be held at Lee Vulcan's house to discuss options and ideas. A strip map to Lee's house will be provided.

**Other Old Business:**

**State Raffle/Gaming:** Advance sales for the 50/50 raffle tickets to support the pig roast will be produced. Proceeds will be split with the Auxiliary. Motion was discussed and approved.

**Annual Post Pig Roast:** Proposed dates for the pig roast are 30 – 31 May 09, subject to Darryl's approval. The Auxiliary asked for \$200.00 "seed money" for gift baskets to be used with the silent auction items and decorations. Motion was approved

and passed. A 50/50 cash prize raffle was approved to support the event. A chair for the event was nominated, Bob Mericle, and approved.

**Post Fun Shoot:** Dates of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April are approved. Lee Vulcan will head the activity. Single date will be decided at the next meeting.

**Cruise above the Clouds:** The date is 12 September. The Post will man a Poker Run stop for the event.

**Garage Sale:** Postponed until further notice.

**Bike Rally:** No date yet for the rally.

4. **SERVICE OFFICER:** A meeting reference

5. **POST ADJUTANT:** 9 renewals were processed and 2 additional arrived prior to the meeting. Department has also sent many transfers that are also being processed.

6. **POST CHAPLAIN:** Rod Herk's Mother is at Penrose Hospital and not expected to survive the night. Time and place for the funeral is TBD. Card to be delivered. Coordinate with Rod to donate \$75.00 to a charity specified by him. Motion was accepted and passed.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Memorial Day:** Dates are 25 – 25 May. Be prepared for the annual ceremonies at the Woodland Park Cemetery.

**Photos:** Post Historian, Dave Turley, needs more photos. Send him either hard copy or digits to be added. Digits preferred.

**Legion Riders:** Nothing to report

**4<sup>th</sup> of July and Veteran's Day Holiday:** Nothing new to report

**Correspondence:** The Post received a "thank you" letter from the Gold Star Mothers reference the Post's support of their Gold Star weekend in Estes Park the last weekend in September. The funds will be used to support Gold Star Mothers.

7. **GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

Phil Cleaver mentioned a past article in Legion Magazine on the Siberian Conflict and offered his recollections.

District 7 Officers: April 25 at 1830 is the dedication of Post 209's new home in Colorado Springs at Austin Bluffs and Academy. All are invited and dinner is included.

Commander Christiansen presented awards to the Post for their participation in Boys State and the American Legion Shooting Organization. The Annual Post report to District and Department is due prior to June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Post was asked to relook election dates as the Post report is due prior to 19 June. It was stressed to put more effort into membership and renewals. Use the old "door-to-door" method to get friends and other veterans to renew and join. The Department Convention is in Grand Junction. Transportation is provided. Fees for those attending will be charged. May 16 is the District Convention at Post 209. Members were encouraged to write their congressmen and senators on several bills in the house and senate reference veterans' health care, taxes on miles driven vs. annual renewal, gun control, a state veteran's cemetery and new VA hospital.

Meeting adjourned at 2047

Bill Fisher  
Commander

Attendees:

Andy Tyler   Bill Fisher   Robert Mericle   Bob Fugatt   Jim Wolff   Mark  
Manriquez   Lee Vulcan   Vernon Wilson   Don Parlier   Chuck Gardner  
Phillip Cleaver   Robby Cox   Steve Meyer   Jen Manriquez   Yvonne Wilson