

19 January 2021
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7829
The Country Club of Woodmoor
18945 Pebble Beach Way
Monument CO 80132

Note: Due to severe weather in the Monument area this meeting was held via Zoom, hosted by Commander Bruce Beyerly

Opening ceremonies: Bruce Beyerly, Commander at 1920hrs.

Calling the Roll of Officers:

	Name	Present	Absent/Excused
Post Commander	Bruce Beyerly	Zoom	
Sr Vice Commander	Kendall Pickering	Zoom	
Jr Vice Commander	Vacant		
Quartermaster	Jay Kajs	Zoom	
Judge Advocate	Rodney Fetterman	Zoom	
Adjutant	Tom Dowd	Zoom	
Chaplain	Don Spano	Zoom	
Surgeon	Vacant		
Guard	Kendall Pickering	Zoom	
Service Officer	Mike Dasso	Zoom	
Trustee	Vacant		
Trustee	Vacant		
Trustee	Don Ostrander		Absent

Members: All via Zoom

Dale Bastin	Jerry Lollar
Stella Beyerly	Jeff Parks
Joe Carlson	Paul Willey

Guests: None

Agenda Approval: Commander Bruce Beyerly summarized the agenda, Comrade Jay Kajs moved to approve the agenda and Comrade Jerry Lollar seconded the motion. The Post membership approved the agenda unanimously.

Membership: reading and referring applications: None

Reading of Minutes: 15 December 2021 meeting: Comrade Jerry Lollar made a motion to approve the December 15, 2021, minutes as posted on the website. Comrade Don Spano seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The minutes are on the website and paper copies are available.

Quartermaster Reports: Comrade Jay Kajs.

Monthly: Quartermaster report for December 2021:

Beginning balance: \$ 9114.09
Receipts: \$ 66.59
Disbursements: \$ 806.72
Ending balance: \$ 8319.96

Quarterly Report:

Beginning balance: \$ 3935.91
Receipts: \$ 6249.14
Disbursements: \$ 1865.09
Ending balance: \$ 8319.96

Comrade Kendell Pickering made the motion to approve the Quartermaster's monthly and quarterly reports, Comrade Mike Dasso seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vouchers for disbursements:

Mandy King	Teacher of the Year (MS)	\$ 300.00	Relief Fund
Stephine Markel	Teacher of the Year (HS)	\$ 300.00	Relief Fund

Comrade Jeff Parks moved to approve the disbursements as listed. Comrade Jerry Lollar seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous vote. The reports are on the web site.

Report of the Service Officer: Comrade Mike Dasso

Post members participated in the food distribution at Mt Carmel on Nov23, Dec 9, and Jan 14. Future food distributions are scheduled for Feb 11 & 24, and Mar 11& 24. At the last distribution approximately 104 vehicles received meal packages. On Nov 23 Comrade Dasso assisted a local veteran with both food and conversation. On 9 Dec received notice the Col Bill Clark passed away, Comrade Dasso represented the Post by spending time with the family. On 14 Jan Mike met with a counselor for mental health at Mt Carmel and received an overview of Mt Carmel's program.

Comrade or Family of a Comrade in Distress. Comrade Don Spano, Post Chaplain

Comrade Bruce Beyerly will undergo Shoulder surgery on 24 Jan and Comrade Spano lost a cousin earlier in the month.

Reports of Committees and Sub-committees:

- **Membership:** The post membership is at 92.6% and continues to climb as members continue to update their membership. There were 113 members that have paid dues so far this year. Commander Beyerly recommended that members consider upgrading their membership to Life members as it can potentially save the members money eventually.

- Social: Comrade Don Ostrander was not present to report, but the Commander noted that Don is planning a brunch for some time in February at either the Urban Egg or Omelets Etc.

- Scholarship Programs: Comrade Paul Willey

The District 5 winners for Patriots Pen were Conor Bruster 6th grade was 1st place and received \$100.00 award and Avery Pelkinton 2nd place and a \$50.00 award. Grace Weitzel 1st place and \$350.00 for her voice of Democracy, she is moving on to the Department competition.

- Veterans Assistance: Nothing to report

- Buddy Poppies:

Commander Beyerly will do an inventory of the poppies in the coming weeks and report back at the next general membership meeting.

- Youth Activities: Comrade Jeff Parks

On 18 Jan at 0730 the Pack will host their Pinewood Derby at Lewis Palmer ES. The Pack will also be conducting their crossover event on 25 Feb. Les Schwab is donating \$1500 to the Pack. Due to Les Schwab's procedures the check was issued to the Post. Comrade Parks and the Quartermaster will work out details for transferring the money to the Pack. Comrade Parks alerted the Monument Scout Troops to the Scout of the Year competition and given them a 1 Mar deadline. The only Girl Scout Troop he can locate is in Gleneagle, and Jeff will let them know about this scholarship program.

- Post Website: Jr Vice Commander Kendall Pickering

Comrade Pickering removed all the data on the old website and stored it on a separate shared drive. He also separated the Warrior's data from the Post information pasted it on to the Warriors. He has activated VFW7892.com and will activate VFW7829.org once permission comes through from National. The Fat Cow website and accounts are closed.

Commendations and Recognitions: None

Unfinished Business:

-General Liability Insurance: Commander Bruce Beyerly

Commander Beyerly is collaborating with Farmers Insurance to get a quote, more to follow as information comes available

New Business:

- Installation of the new Junior Vice Commander Rodney Fetterman. The Post Commander Beyerly administered the oath of office

- Comrade Carlson nominated Comrade Paul Willey for the Salute to Service Award and Comrade Parks seconded the nomination and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

- Commander Beyerly moved that the Post form a committee to revise and update the Post By-Laws, the motion was seconded by Comrade Kajs and it carried by unanimous vote. Comrades Lollar and Dowd volunteered as members. More to follow

- Comrade Kajs moved to establish Events and Fundraising committee, Comrade Pickering seconded the motion. This committee would not replace any existing committee but oversee annual planning and coordination between committees and other Post actives. The motion passed by unanimous vote

- National headquarters remove Comrade Aurora Cary as the Post trustee due to her failure to maintain her account in good standing. Since this position is up for election in this year's Post election cycle, the position will remain open until then

- National Military Service, Comrade Carlson moved that the Post support the VFW Warriors' Vander-Clute Ride National, the motion did not receive a second. The commander proposed we hold off on the Vander-Clute Ride until we get some more information. The Commander then moved that the Post donate to the VFW Children's Home for \$250.00, Comrade Parks seconded the motion. Comrade Kajs volunteered to make the donation and file a voucher for a refund. The Commander amended the motion to authorize a donation of \$250.00 by Comrade Kajs. The motion carried by unanimous vote. In the meantime, Commander Beyerly will contact the VFW Warriors to determine when or if they plan to have a Vender-Clute ride

Good of the Order:

- We continue to look for a permanent home for our meetings. If you have any ideas for a new home, please provide the Post leadership with your thoughts

- We are still waiting on information for the United Way Grant. Commander Beyerly will follow up and report back next month.

- Comrade Carlson's son Michael has been asked to preform at the National Convention.

- Comrades Spano and Connelly are continuing to scrub the Post roster

Next Leadership Team meeting: February 9, 2021, at 1900hrs at TBD. All members are welcome.

Next General Membership Meeting: February 16, 2021, at 1900hrs at the Tri-Lake Chamber of Commerce Community Meeting Room

Uniforms: baseball cap and shirt, black and white, blue, and gray. See Joe Carlson

Closing Ceremonies: 2020.hrs.

Thomas Dowd
Adjutant, VFW Post 7829