

**August 18, 2021**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7829**  
**The Country Club of Woodmoor**  
**18945 Pebble Beach Way**  
**Monument CO 80132**

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**Note: Due to COVID -19 restrictions this month's General Membership meeting was held at The Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce building**

**Opening ceremonies:** Bruce Beyerly, Commander at 1900hrs.

**Calling the Roll of Officers:**

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

**Members:**

Stella Beyerly            Joe Carlson  
Dennis Delhousay      Doug Lyons (Zoom)  
Scott Quaife (Zoom)    Paul Willey

**Guests:**

Eric Veed, VFW District 5 Commander  
Lynda Lyons, VFW Post 7829 Auxiliary  
Audrey Marshall-Harris, Mt Carmel Veteran Service Center

**Agenda Approval:** Commander Bruce Beyerly gave an overview of the proposed agenda after which Comrade Stella Beyerly move that the agenda be approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Comrade Spano and approved by voice vote of the membership.

**Membership: reading and referring applications:** None

**Reading of Minutes: July 21, 2021 meeting:** Adjutant Tom Dowd highlighted the July’s minutes. Quartermaster Jay Kajs moved that the minutes be approved as presented and Comrade Spano second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote

Comrade Jay Kajs moved that the guest speaker Audrey Marshall-Harris’ presentation be moved from later in the agenda to this time. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote:

**Guest Speaker:** Ms. Marshall-Harris’s presentation covered the various services available at the Mt Carmel Veteran Service Center, including but not limited to Military to civilian transition, employment workshops, military spouse career programs, financial coaching and assistance, housing and food aid, behavioral health and wellness programs. Veteran Services Officers are also on site to assist with the VA claims process. For more information on Mt Carmel see attach 1 or they can be reached by phone at 719-772-7000, and on the web at [www.veteranscenter.org](http://www.veteranscenter.org)

**Quartermaster Reports:** Jay Kajs

**Monthly:** Quartermaster report for July 2021:

Beginning balance: \$ 4392.75  
Receipts \$ 60.30  
Disbursements: \$ 385.74  
Ending balance: \$ 4067.31

The motion was made by Comrade Tom Dowd to approve the Quartermaster’s monthly report; Comrade Mitch LaKind seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**Vouchers for disbursements:**

Delbert Zehrung	Web site (monthly fee)	\$11.75	General Fund
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The motion was made by Comrade Rodney Fetterman to approve the disbursement as listed. Comrade Don Spano seconded the motion and the motion was carried by unanimous vote. The reports are posted on the web site.

**Report of the Service Officer:** Chaplain Don Spano standing in for Comrade Mike Dasso reported on the Post’s assistance to Mt Carmel’s food distribution program. Post members assisting the distribution effort included Comrades Joe Carlson and Don Spano. Future distribution efforts are scheduled for 26

Aug, 10 Sept and 24 Sept. Chaplain Spano also noted that he was the stand-by chaplain for the next few weeks at My Carmel Veteran Service Center

**Comrades or Families of a Comrade in Distress.** Comrade Don Spano, Post Chaplain, plans to continue checking in on Dennis Delhousay after the loss of his wife. Comrade Connie Connolly is continuing to recover from shoulder surgery and still need some assistance getting to medical appointments etc. Comrade Darby Kelly is in the hospital following a positive Covide test, he expected to return home on 19 Aug and recover at home. Comrade Roger Myers is recovering from hip replacement surgery

#### **Reports of Committees and Sub-committees:**

- **Fund Raising-Boot Barn Hall Fundraiser:** Comrade Scott Quaife reported that the band Wirewood Station is locked in as the headliner and Monument Mayor Don Wilson has agreed to be the evening's Master of Ceremony. Commander Beyerly reported he was still waiting to hear back from Boot Barn to finalize the contract. Comrade Mitch LaKind reported that Fox Mortgage will donate \$500.00 towards the band's contract.

- **Membership:** The Post is still looking for a volunteer to head up the Membership Committee.

- **Social:** Comrade Don Ostrander reported that the luncheon scheduled for Sat. 21 Aug at Mimi's Café from 11-1300 was on track with 10 people signed up to attend. Future events include a Post picnic scheduled for Noon to 1500 at Fox Run Park on 9 Oct and the Teller Williams Car Show on 16 Oct. The Post is welcome to setup and booth for recruiting and Buddy Poppy distribution. More to follow next month.

**Scholarship Programs:** Comrade Paul Willey will send out information/reminders to all participating schools during the first week of September. Judging will be the first week of November; he will need 12 to 15 volunteers to assist.

- **Veterans Assistance:** Nothing to report

**Buddy Poppies:** Comrade Mitch LaKind will follow up with King Scooper and look into Home Depot. There are no distribution events scheduled other than the Teller Williams Car Show event.

- **Youth Activities:** Nothing to report

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- The annual budget was discussed during the July meeting and was tabled due to time. Comrade Dowd moved to approve the budget as discussed during the July 2021 General Membership meet. The motion was seconded by Comrade LaKind. The budget was approved by unanimous vote with no further discussion.

- Post website update, Comrade LaKind is waiting a call back from VFW National concerning their grant for post website. He also stated he would contact Fat Cow, the current web host for the Post website, to inform them that we are move to another host. As part of this process Comrade Kals moved that Comrade LaKind assume the responsibility for paying future web bills from Comrade Zehrunge. This motion was seconded by Comrade Fetterman and approved by the membership unanimously.

- General Liability Insurance, the Post currently has no general liability insurance and the discussion centered on what type of insurance is need and how much. The Post has very limited assets; however, Post officers could theoretically be responsible. Comrade Bruce Beyerly will contact some agents as well as some other organizations in similar situations and report back.

- Joint BINGO with American Legion Post 9-11, it was proposed by Comrade Kelly that we might join forces with the American Legion to host weekly BINGO games and share profits between the two organizations. It was pointed out by Comrade Veed that such an arrangement was probably a violation of state gaming rules. Comrade Spano moved that the Post form a short term committee to research state gaming rule and how they may pertain to a joint operation and or our Post hosting BINGO nights. Comrade Stella Beyerly seconded the motion, it carried by unanimous voice vote. Comrade LaKind volunteered to chair the committee and report back next month.

**New Business:** None

**Good of the Order:**

- The Post-Auxiliary leadership meeting/get together was postponed until TBD

- Amazon Smile contributes .5% of purchases made by individuals who've identified the Post as their charity. Comrade Spano is working with Org.amazon.com to get the Post on their list of non-profits

- Comrade Spano while at the Biargate Post Office dedication honoring Army Chaplain Karl Getz, spoke with VFW Department Commander Green who asked Don to convey appreciation for all we do at Post 7829.

- Fridays at The Pub, opposite the fire house on Hi 105 in Palmer Lake

- **Next Leadership Team meeting:** 8 September at 1900 at Commander Beyerly's home, 15752 Piute Cir, Monument

- **Next General Membership Meeting:** 15 September at 1900, at Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Community Room.

- **Uniforms:** baseball cap and shirt, black and white, blue and gray. See Bruce Beyerly

- **Closing Ceremonies:** 2010.hrs.

Thomas Dowd  
Adjutant, VFW Post 7829

## TEAMS

### Greet and Connect

- Help Starts Here
- Intake and Triage
- Client Support
- Liaison to Partners and Programs
- Volunteer Coordination



### Transition and Employment

- Military Career Transition
- Employment Workshops and Classes
- MilSpouse Career Program
- Veteran Job Coaching
- Community Partnership Resources



### Veteran and Family Resources

- Financial Coaching and Assistance
- Housing and Food Aid
- Education Programs
- Legal Support
- Homeless Veteran Outreach



### Behavioral Health and Wellness

- On-site Counseling Services
- Telehealth Therapy
- Support Groups
- Alternative Therapies
- Retreats



### Community Connections

- Community Service and Outreach
- Military Family Programs
- Supportive Events
- 100+ Community Partners



## MISSION

TO PROVIDE BEST PRACTICES FOR OUR MILITARY, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH ACCESSIBLE PROGRAMS, INTEGRATED RESOURCES, AND COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS THAT EMPOWER LIVES AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY



## STRONGER TOGETHER



## PARTNERS

Mt. Carmel collaborates with partners in residence and the community to provide the most comprehensive services available in one location.

## EVENT SPACE

We also offer multi-functional rental spaces.

- Community Hall
- Multi-Purpose Classroom
- Chapel
- Conference Room

## YOUR BEACON OF SUPPORT SINCE 2016

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