

July 21, 2021
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7829
The Country Club of Woodmoor
18945 Pebble Beach Way
Monument CO 80132

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

Opening ceremonies: Mitch LaKind, Junior Vice Commander at 1902hrs.

Calling the Roll of Officers:

	Name	Present	Absent/Excused
Post Commander	Bruce Beyerly	Zoom	
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		X
Trustee	Aurora Carey	Zoom	
Trustee	Rodney Fetterman	X	
Trustee	Don Ostrander	X	

Members:

Joe Carlson Joe Berhelotte
Scott Quaife Paul Willey

Guests:

Daryn Strop

Agenda Approval: Jr Vice Commander LaKind gave an overview of the proposed agenda. Paul Willey moved to approve the agenda as presented, Don Spano seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Membership: reading and referring applications: Jay Kajs
None

Reading of Minutes: May 19, 2021 meeting: A motion was made by Jay Kajs to accept the June 16, 2021 minutes as posted on the website. Rodney Fetterman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The minutes are posted on the website.

Quartermaster Reports: Jay Kajs.

Monthly report for June 2021:

Beginning balance: \$ 5309.79
Receipts: \$ 28.55
Disbursements: \$ 945.59
Ending balance: \$ 4392.75

Quarterly Report for April-June 2021

Beginning balance: \$ 5545.55
Receipts: \$ 437.15
Disbursements: \$ 1589.95
Ending balance: \$ 4392.75

The motion was made Tom Dowd to approve the Quartermaster's monthly and quarterly reports; Don Spano seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vouchers for disbursements:

Delbert Zehring	Web site Monthly Fee	\$11.95	General Fund
Delbert Zehring	Annual Website Fee	\$65.89	General Fund
Woodman Valley Chapel	Nancee Delhousey Memorial	\$250.00	Post Relief Fund
Mike Dasso	Post member in distress	\$584.00	Post Relief Fund
VFW, Dept of Colorado	Annual Quartermaster's Bond	\$67.50	General Fund

Joe Carlson moved to approve the disbursements as listed, Paul Willey seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. The reports are posted on the web site.

Report of the Service Officer: Don Spano

If you're able to step in as the Post Service Officer through September please contact Commander Bruce Beyerly. Mike helped Connie get her electricity restored after her autopay failed and her electricity was cut-off. Don and Kendall Pickering helped distribute meals at Mt Carmel. They distributed food to approximately 100 families. The next distribution will on 22 July, 12 and 26 August.

Comrades or Family of Comrades in Distress. Don Spano, Post Chaplain

Dennis Delhousay's wife, Nancy, passed away on 5 July and was laid to rest in a private ceremony on 14 July. A public memorial service will be held on 30 July at 11:00hrs at Woodman Valley Chapel. Chaplian Spano will stop by to see how Dennis is doing.

Bill Byars wife, Linda currently resides at the Springs Ranch Memory Care facility and is now excepting visitors

Connie Connolly is recovering from shoulder surgery. If you'd like to help her out with a meal you can sign up at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/2648gg> The Monument Latter Day Saints mission is continuing to provide some assistance with her horses and work around the yard.

Kendall Pickering's mother-in-law, Jan Piron has been hospitalized with heart issues

Reports of Committees and Sub-committees:

- Membership: (position vacant)

Nothing to report

- Social: Don Ostrander

Don is looking into an end of summer picnic in mid-September. Mitch LaKind suggested he might be able to help find a location in the town of Monument, more to follow at August meeting. He is also tentatively planning a luncheon at Mimi's Café in Colorado Springs on 20 August. Finally, Don's company is planning to host a Truck or Treat event in October. He suggested that the post may want to set up a booth.

- Scholarship: Paul Willey

Classes start back up on 18 August and Paul will start contacting the middle and high school towards the end of the month.

- Veterans Assistance: Bill Byars

Nothing to report

- Buddy Poppies: Kendall Pickering

The Auxiliary is running short on buddy poppies and asked to borrow some until their new supply comes in. There are currently no firm plans for the next Buddy Poppy event

- Youth Activities: Jeff Parks (?)

Nothing to report

Commendations and Recognitions:

None

Unfinished Business:

1. EL Paso County Homeless Veteran's Stand-down is Tuesday, 21 September, 2021. Post POC is Ed Herlic and Connie Connolly is once again a member of the El Paso County Homeless Veteran's Coalition (EPHVC) board member. More to follow next month

2. Post website update – There is grant money available from VFW National for updating post websites. Mitch LaKind and Kendall Pickering will update the post next month on progress.

New Business:

1. Joint Post/Boot Barn Hall fund raising event scheduled for 11 November, 2021. Bruce Beyerly led the discussion. The Post would be responsible for contracting the act/band and contacting potential sponsors, Boot Barn Hall would be responsible for ticket sales, the venue and advertising. At this point there are no out of pocket expenses for the Post. The primary concern is determining who will be the Post POC for the project. Scott Quaife volunteered to act as the POC with help from both Mitch LaKind and Dale Bastin. Bruce Beyerly agreed to sign all contracts, and write a letter of introduction as the Post Commander. Tom Dowd moved to go ahead with Scott Quaife as the POC and planning of the event. Don Spano seconded the motion and it carried with unanimous vote.

2. General Liability Insurance – The Post doesn't currently have any liability insurance. If someone made a claim against the Post it may put Post leadership at risk of a lawsuit. We were unable to participate in the recent Monument 4 of July celebration as organizers require participants to have liability insurance. Bruce Beyerly received a few quotes, but felt they were too expensive. Some members felt that we should be able to obtain this type of insurance for between \$800 and \$1500 for \$2 million worth of coverage. Tom Dowd moved that the Post explore the potential requirement and cost of liability insurance. Don Olander seconded the motion and the Post members agreed unanimously

3. Joint Bingo fundraisers with American Legion Post 9-11. Joe Carlson moved to join with the legion Tom Dowd moved to table a decision until next month, Jay Kajs seconded the motion and members voted to table discussions until next month.

4. Jay Kajs moved that the Post approve his proposed annual budget (as posted on website), the motion was seconded by Don Spano. Jay explained that he used last year's budget numbers adding some money for social events and for chaplain supplies in the General Fund. He further explained that using last year's budget for the Relief Fund that by this time next year the Relief Fund would basically be zeroed out. This is because we haven't been fund raising i.e. Buddy Poppies due to Covid restrictions. Jay then moved to table farther discussions until next month. The motion to table was second by Tom Dowd and the membership agreed with a unanimous vote.

Good of the Order:

1. Bruce thanked Tom Dowd for POC'ing the Post's participation in Monument's 4 of July parade and all those who participated in the parade.

2. The joint meeting of the Post-Auxiliary leadership meeting is rescheduled for Monday 16 Aug 2021.

3. Audrey Marshall-Harris of Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center will be a guest speaker at our 18 August general membership meeting. Auxiliary members are welcome to attend.

4. Don Spano looking into outside funding programs, including grants from Pikes Peak United Way and WalMart. Mitch proposed the Post set-up a presents at Org.Amazon.com Smiles site to collect contributions.

5. Don Spano was invited to represent the Post at the dedication/renaming of the Briargate post office on Friday 30 July. The post office is being renamed in honor of Chaplain Karl Getz, the 1st chaplain to be killed action since Vietnam.

- **Next Leadership Team meeting:** 11 August, 1900hrs location TBD

- **Next General Membership Meeting:** 18 August, 1900hrs at the Tri-Lakes Meeting House, on hiway 105, Monument, CO. Near the Jarrito Loco restaurant.

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

- **Closing Ceremonies:** 2040 hrs.

Thomas Dowd

Adjutant, VFW Post 7829