

June 16, 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: Bruce Beyerly, Commander at 1901hrs.

Calling the Roll of Officers:

	Name	Present	Absent/Excused
Post Commander	Bruce Beyerly	X	
Sr Vice Commander	Kendall Pickering		X
Jr Vice Commander	Mitch LaKind	Zoom	
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		X
Trustee	Rodney Fetterman	X	
Trustee	Don Ostrander	X	

Members:

Dale Bastin Connie Connolly

Dennis Delhousay (Zoom) Darby Kelly
 Stella Beyerly Paul Willey
 Delbert Zehrung

Guests:
 Redmond Ramos Robert Lundy
 Scott Sims Mike Geers

Agenda Approval: Commander Beyerly gave an over view of the proposed agenda. Darby Kelly moved to approve the agenda as presented, Stella Beyerly seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Membership: reading and referring applications: Jay Kajs
 The transfer of Mike Geers was unanimously approved
 Welcome to the Post!

Reading of Minutes: May 19, 2021 meeting: A motion was made by Darby Kelly to accept the May 19 2021 minutes as posted on the website. Connie Connolly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The minutes are posted on the website.

Quartermaster Reports: Jay Kajs.
Monthly: Quartermaster report for May 2021:
Beginning balance: \$ 5221.69
Receipts: \$ 399.05
Disbursements: \$ 310.95
Ending balance: \$ 5309.79

The motion was made Delbert Zehrung to approve the Quartermaster's monthly report; Rodney Fetterman seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vouchers for disbursements:

Delbert Zehrung	Web site Monthly Fee	\$11.95	General Fund
Delbert Zehrung	Annual Website Fee	\$38.99	General Fund
Delbert Zehrung	Bi-annual Website Renewal Fee	\$334.88	General Fund

Don Spano moved to approve the disbursements as listed, Rodney Fetterman seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. The reports are posted on the web site.

Report of the Service Officer: Mike Dasso

Mike attended the Monument Memorial Day Ceremony and reported that it was very well done. Redmond Ramos was the key note speaker. He met with Audrey Marshall-Harris of Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center on May 4. They discussed Post outreach programs such as the Saturday Monument Farmer's Market booth and she expressed a desire to join us. The food distribution is now on Thursday vs Friday. At the June 10th distribution between 70-70 cars received food packages and approximately 100 families received assistance. The next distribution is June 24, followed by 8 & 22 July, and 12 & 26 August, the hours are approximately 0900-1300hrs. He reminded everyone of the Friday gathering at

The Pub in Palmer Lake 16-1800hrs. University of Denver School of Law can provide assistance to veterans needing legal assistance including disability claims. Finally, Mike will step down for the next few months to deal with family issues. If you're able to step in for Mike please contact Commander Bruce Beyerly.

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

Dennis Delhousay's wife, Nancy, fell and broke her hip in multiple places, doctor she should recover but will require physical therapy.

Bill Byars wife, Linda, has been living in a memory care facility since July. Bill was finally able to visit earlier in the day.

Joe Carlson's daughter, Lilly is recovering from foot surgery

Doug Lyons' wife, Linda, was in a minor auto accident and is recovering from some minor injuries

Connie Connolly will be undergoing surgery for her shoulder in July. Don was able to make arrangements with the Monument Latter Day Saints mission to provide some assistance. If you're available to help her out over the next few weeks please let her know.

Reports of Committees and Sub-committees:

- **Membership:** Nothing to report

- **Social:** Don Ostrander

Of the 22 people who signed up for the tour at the Pueblo Aircraft Museum only four showed. Don asked that in the future if you signed up for a social event and are unable to attend to please let he know. There are no events scheduled for July and Aug. He will look at setting something up for September as well as the Christmas party in Dec

The Rocky Mountain Street Rides Nationals at the state fairgrounds, 25-27 June

- **Scholarship:** Paul Willey

A heads-up letter has been sent out to all the local school POCs, a follow up letter will be sent in the fall when students return to class.

- **Veterans Assistance:** Nothing to report

- **Buddy Poppies:**

Bruce Beyerly spoke with the auxiliary president about doing a joint booth at the Monument farmer's markets which are held weekly on Saturdays from 0800-1400. There are no firm plans for the next Buddy Poppies event. Connie Connolly volunteered to be the POC and will look into possibly having an event at Safeway, Walmart or King Scoopers. Also discussed is setting up a booth at the Monument Farmer's Market.

- **Youth Activities:** Jeff Parks (?)

Nothing to report

Commendations and Recognitions:

- Jay Kals and Mike Dasso were both presented VFW Dept. of Colorado Commander's pins for each recruiting one new member.

- Hospital program, 1st place. Awarded to both the Post and Auxiliary

- Citizenship and Education Award, 3rd place. Thanks to Paul Willey

- Veterans and Military Support Award, 3rd place

- Citizenship Education Teacher Award, Middle School Level awarded to Lewis Palmer Middle School

- Citizenship Education Teacher Award, Middle School Level awarded to Lauren Elizabeth Balasaro. The last two awards will be presented in the fall during a school assembly.

Unfinished Business:

- 4th of July Parade - Tom Dowd

The parade will be held on the 3rd of July at 1000hrs. The Post will join with the American Legion and their auxiliaries to head up the parade. We will meet at St Peter's Catholic Church not later than 0930. The uniform is the blue Post polo shirts and ball cap; service uniforms are welcome, but not required. Michael Carlson will lead group with the US Flag, followed by a combined rank of VFW and American Legion members carrying the service flags and then all other members. The American Legion will provide a vehicle to carry anyone not wishing to walk. Mitch Lakind will also have his truck available to carry people.

- 4th of July Street Fair –Bruce Beyerly

Bruce Beyerly spoke with Melissa Rodeffer the Auxiliary President about setting up a booth at the fair to hand out Buddy Poppies, recruit new members and talk with the public about our various activities assisting veterans. The booth will be located across the street from Lolly's Ice Cream Shop. The fair runs from 0600 to 1500. We are looking for volunteers to man the booth throughout the day. Cost is \$75.00 to be split with the auxiliary. A potential issue is the insurance requirement. Bruce is looking into getting insurance. A motion was made by Dale Bastin to support the booth and insurance up to \$500.00, the motion was seconded by Darby Kelly and passed by unanimous vote.

- Proposed updated Vision and Mission statements – Bruce Beyerly

Delbert Zehrung moved that the Post adopt the proposed vision mission statement as printed below. The motion was seconded by Darby Kelly and passed by unanimous vote.

Proposed Post 7829 Vision Statement: The MSG William J. Crawford VFW Post 7829 is an integral part of the Pikes Peak Region community, leading the way in serving today's Veterans and educating tomorrow's Veterans.

Proposed Post 7829 Mission: The MSG William J. Crawford VFW Post 7829 is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting its members, the Pikes Peak Region community, and other Veterans. We accomplish this by responsibly applying our collective talents, time, and funds through the lenses of Service and Compassion. We provide services to improve the lives of veterans, military personnel and their families while supporting positive citizen involvement for the betterment of our community.

New Business:

- Installation of Mitch Lakind as Junior Vice Commander

- Discussion of the Post's participation in the annual El Paso County Homeless Veteran's Stand-down, Tuesday, September 21, 2021. Connie Connolly announced that she is a member of the executive board. Discussions were tabled until next month

- Replacement of the lost Post and MIA flags. Darby Kelly volunteered to donate the funds required to replace the flags.

- Purchase of US Space Force flag. Discussions were tabled until next month.

- Jay Kajs moved that the Post explore the possibility of joining with the Boot Barn Hall to organize a fund raising event for Veterans Day. The motion was seconded by Dale Bastin. The event would be a concert (possibly a silent auction) at the Boot Barn Hall. The Boot Barn would advertise the event and sell the tickets. The Post would be responsible for booking the band/show, emcee etc. The Post would solicit local sponsors such as Sheels, or KKTV etc. Profits would be split 40% to the Post and 60% to The Boot Barn. The first milestone is the establishment of a committee and naming a POC within the next week or two.

- Joe Carlson moved the Post Commander is authorized to spend up to \$450.00 for the purchase of Post polo shirts and hats. The motion was seconded by Dell Zehrung and carried by unanimous vote

Good of the Order:

- VFW National has a grant available to update the Post's website. Bruce Beyerly will discuss this with Mitch LaKind and Kendall Pickering.

- Memorial Day Observance at Monument Cemetery was a well planned and executed event

- Department Colorado Convention out brief will be posted to the Post website.

- Flag Day Observance: Thanks to Darby Kelly for the help getting us together with the American Legion to conduct a flag retirement ceremony.

- Participation in social events and service projects if everyone pitches in it will help make the events successful and improve Post morale and camaraderie.

- Darby Kelly suggested joining forces with American Legion 9-11 to host the Legion's Tuesday night BINGO fund raiser. Potentially we could split proceeds with the Legion; however, volunteers would have to join the American Legion to be covered under their state license. The BINGO games are held on Tuesday evening (1800-2100hrs) at the old Depot restaurant in Palmer Lake.

- Joint meeting with Auxiliary and Post leadership in July to discuss the upcoming year.

- There will be a joint general membership meeting with the Auxiliary on 18 Aug with a guest speaker, Audrey Marshall-Harris from Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center.

- Darby Kelly requested that we update the e-mail list.

- Good News Jail and Prison Ministry organizers are looking to host their annual dinner sometime in the spring of 2022

- **Next Leadership Team meeting:** 14 July, 1900hrs at Bruce Beyerly's house. Contact Bruce if you plan to attend

- **Next General Membership Meeting:** 21 July, 1900hrs at the Tri-Lakes Community Room, 166 2nd St, Monument, CO.

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

- **Closing Ceremonies:** 2058 hrs.

Thomas Dowd
Adjutant, VFW Post 7829