

May 19, 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: Del Zehrung, Commander at 1902hrs.

Calling the Roll of Officers:

	Name	Present	Absent/Excused
Post Commander	Del Zehrung	X	
Sr Vice Commander	Tom Dowd	X	
Jr Vice Commander	Rick Aragon	X	
Quartermaster	Jay Kajs	X	
Judge Advocate	Rodney Fetterman	X	
Adjutant	Connie Connolly		X
Chaplain	Doug Lyons		X
Surgeon	VACANT		
Guard	Kendall Pickering	X	
Service Officer	Mike Dasso	X	
Trustee, 1yr	Dale Bastin	X	
Trustee, 2yr	Aurora Carey	X (Zoom)	
Trustee, 3yr	Rodney Fetterman	X	

Members:

Joe Carlson (Zoom)	Bolivar Coba (Zoom)
Darby Kelly (Zoom)	Don Ostrander
Bruce Beyerly	Don Spano
Stella Beyerly	Paul Willey
John Bloomfield	

Guests:

Christopher Linski, VFW District 5 Commander
Joel Wilcox, New Member

Agenda Approval: A motion to approve the agenda as posted on the Post web site was made by comrade Bruce Beyerly and was seconded by Comrade Jay Kajs. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Membership: reading and referring applications: (Tom Dowd)
Joel Wilcox - Global War on Terrorism

Comrade Dowd moved to accept the candidate as a member of Post 7829. The motion was seconded by Comrade Rick Aragon, and carried by unanimous vote. Welcome to the post!

Reading of Minutes: October 18, 2017 meeting: Comrade Stella Beyerly moved to accept the April 15, 2021 minutes as posted on the website, Comrade Don Spano seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The minutes are posted on the website and paper copies are available.

Quartermaster Reports: Comrade Jay Kajs.

Monthly report for April 2021:

Beginning balance: \$ 5,545.55

Receipts: \$ 9.55

Disbursements: \$ -333.41

Ending balance: \$ 5221.69

A motion was made by Comrade Rick Aragon to approve the Quartermaster's monthly report; Comrade Kendall seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Vouchers for disbursements:

Del Zehrung	Web site (monthly fee)	\$10.95	General Fund
Jay Kajs	Native American Veterans Asso	\$200.00	Post Relief
Mike Dasso	Veteran Assistance	\$134.64	Post Relief
Jay Kajs	Buddy Poppies	\$600.00	Post Relief
VFW, Dept CO	Department Convention Delegate Fee	\$10.00	General Fund

Comrade Rodney Fetterman moved to approve the disbursements as listed. Comrade Kendall Pickering seconded the motion and the motion was carried by unanimous vote. The reports are posted on the web site.

Report of the Service Officer: Comrade Mike Dasso

- Thanks to all those post members who helped Scot and Elizabeth Lathe move into their new home on the 1st of May.

- Mike assisted at the successful May 7th Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center food distribution. He reported approximately 75 vehicles received free meals, assisting over 100 individuals.

Comrade or Family of a Comrade in Distress.

- Comrade Connie Connolly is preparing for an upcoming surgery
- Comrade Bill Byers' wife, Linda is suffering from continuing health problems
- Comrade Marcus Jiron is currently hospitalized.

Reports of Committees and Sub-committees:

- **Social Committee:** Comrade Don Ostrander

Pueblo Air Museum (31001 Magnuson Ave, Pueblo, CO) Tour, Sat, May 22 at 11:00am. Cost is \$7.00/person. Lunch TBD

- **Membership:** Comrade Tom Dowd

The post has 146 members in good standing (92%). We need approximately 10 new or renewing members in the next 30 days to reach our annual membership goal. He will contact those members who have not yet renewed their annual membership

Scholarship Programs: Comrade Paul Willey

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

Veterans Assistance: All community visitations remain on hold due to ongoing COVID protocols

Youth Activities: Comrade Rick Aragon

- Rick attended the May 8th BBQ and reported a good time as the scouts closed out the past year receiving various awards, promotions and prepared for the upcoming summer and next year
- This was Comrade Aragon's last meeting with Post 7829 as he is moving to San Antonio. The Post is looking for his replacement as the Scouting POC, volunteers should contact incoming Post Commander Bruce Beyerly.

Buddy Poppies:

The Post continues to look for alternate locations to distribute Buddy Poppies. The Monument Farmer's Market was suggested possible location for both Buddy Poppies and recruiting.

Commendations and Recognitions: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE.

New Business:

- Installation of Post Officers

VFW District 5 Commander, Dr Christopher Linski, installed the following comrades as elected officers for VFW Post 7829:

- Commander – Bruce Beyerly
- Senior Vice Commander – Kendall Pickering
- Quartermaster – Jay Kals
- Judge Advocate – Rodney Fetterman
- Chaplain – Don Spano
- Service Officer – Mike Dasso
- Trustee, 3yr – Don Ostrander

Department of Colorado convention in Denver, June 9-12, 2021

- Location Double Tree Inn, Denver
- Commander Del Zehrung will represent the post. Additional delegate positions (5) are available for anyone interested in attending for agenda and more information contact Del Zehrung. All Post members are encouraged to attend if possible.

Monument 4th of July Parade and Street Fair

- Comrade Tom Dowd will contact American Legion Commander Randy Fritz to coordinate joining the American Legion in this year's parade. Pending discussion with the American Legion the plan is to combine the post and auxiliary members with the American Legion members and the VFW warriors riding behind.
- Also discussed is the possibility of setting up a booth during the Street Fair. The booth would be used to distribute Buddy Poppies and membership drive. POC Mitch LaKind

Post Vision and Mission Statements: Comrade Bruce Beyerly

The Post vision and mission statements are being reviewed. The new statements are designed to highlight our activities throughout the Pike's Peak areas and focus the post's efforts. Proposed statements will be forwarded to all post members for review and comment in the coming days.

Good of the Order:

- Comrade John Bloomfield spoke about the Run for the Wall (motorcycles) to honor fallen and wounded veterans on May 22. The run will stop for fuel in Pueblo continuing on to Fountain and Limon. The traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall will be in Wallsenburg, CO June 18-20 June. Contact John Bloomfield for more information.

- Comrade Paul Willey suggested that we consider moving the General Membership meeting to the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce building. There is easy access for those who have trouble with stairs, acoustics etc. Comrade Beyerly will look into the possibility of changing our meeting location.

- District 5 Commander Christopher Liski

Colorado Technical University is offering the Patriot Scholarship deadline is June 30th.

Community Service hours can now be reported online

VFW conventions are important; these meetings allow member's voices to be heard at all levels of the VFW

- Comrade Darby Kelly talked about the Monument Memorial Day Ceremony on May 31. Participants should arrive at 09:30; ceremony begins at 10:00. Questions contact Darby Kelly

- Comrades Mitch LaKind and Kendall Pickering are working to update the Post website. Look for more information over the next few months

- **Next Leadership Team meeting:** June 9, 2021 at 19:00hrs (7pm), location TBD. All members are welcome.

- **Next General Membership Meeting:** June 16, 2021 at 19:00hrs (7pm), location TBD.

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

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

Thomas Dowd
Adjutant, VFW Post 7829