

17 November 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 Community Meeting House

Opening ceremonies: Commander Bruce Beyerly at 1901hrs.

Calling the Roll of Officers:

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

Members:

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| Dale Bastin | Jerry Lollar |
| John Bloomfield (Zoom) | Doug Lyons |
| Joe Carlson | Jeff Parks (Zoom) |
| Darby Kelly | Paul Willey |

Guests:

Martha Lovell –Honor Flight of Southern Colorado
Mark Weinerth – Life Member

Agenda Approval: Comrade Darby Kelly moved to approve the agenda and Comrade Tom Dowd seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Membership: reading and referring applications:

Jerry Lollar – Transferring from at-large, is a life member. Approved unanimously

Reading of Minutes: October 13, 2021, meeting: Comrade Jay Kajs made a motion to accept the October 2021, minutes as posted on the website. Comrade Kendall Pickering seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The minutes are posted on the website and paper copies are available upon request.

Quartermaster Reports: Comrade Jay Kajs.

Monthly: Quartermaster report for October 2021:

Beginning balance: \$ 3935.91
Receipts: \$ 50.03
Disbursements: \$ 215.54
Ending balance: \$ 3770.40

Comrade Darby Kelly made the motion to approve the Quartermaster’s monthly report; Comrade Doug Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Vouchers for disbursements:

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| Bruce Beyerly | Web site (monthly fee) | \$11.95 | General Fund |
| Don Ostrander | Post Picnic | \$181.35 | General Fund |
| VFW, Dist. 5 | Sponsorship District Scholarships (2x) | \$200.00 | Relief Fund |
| Various winners | VoD and PP Scholarship | \$725.00 | Relief Fund |

Comrade Darby Kelly made the motion to approve the disbursements as listed. Comrade Kendall Pickering seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous vote. The reports are posted on the web site.

Guest Speaker Martha Lovell of Honor Flight of Southern Colorado

Introduced the Post to Honor Flight of Southern Colorado (HFSC). Honor Flight hosts eligible veterans all veterans though Desert Storm are eligible with priority going to the older veterans. Their next trip is scheduled for 21-23 April 2021. HFSC is also looking Guardians, individuals who will assist the veterans and volunteers, who will assist as required to make the trip as smooth as possible. Individuals acting as guardians and volunteers are expected to cover the approximate cost of \$1000.00 of their trip. Honor Flight meetings are the 2nd Thursday each month at 1600 at Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center (530 Communication Cir, Colorado Springs). More information about Honor Flight of Southern Colorado, upcoming meetings, and trips as well as application for veterans, guardians and volunteers can be found at www.honorflightsoco.net

Report of the Service Officer: Comrade Mike Dasso, reported on Mt Carmel’s food distribution program which provides free food to first responders, active duty, and veteran families. The program most recent distribution provided food to between 80-90 vehicles. The upcoming distributions are scheduled for the 23 November 9 and 23 December, volunteers welcome. Mike plans to meet with Jill Doyal to discuss ways that the Post can better coordinate our activities with Mt Carmel, the date is to be determined. Mike also met with Paul Price, Pete Travis, and Tom McGalpher (sp?) of Mt Carmel. The meeting turned into a

40-minute discussion on the increase in requests for services at Mt Carmel and how the Post might assist their effort.

Comrade or Family of a Comrade in Distress:

Commander Beyerly reports that Comrade Connie Connolly is recovering from shoulder surgery on one side and getting ready for surgery on the other shoulder. She is also recovering from some dental work. Please keep Comrade Bill Byars and his wife, Linda, prayers

Reports of Committees and Sub-committees:

Membership: (Position vacant)

Membership is currently at 83.9% up from 81.9% last month

Social: Comrade Don Ostrander

Thanks to all who showed up at the car show. The Christmas social is 11 Dec, from 1800-2030. Be ready to order when you arrive, dinner will be 1800-2000 and the "White Elephant" gift exchange will begin at 2000. Gifts should be no more than \$20.00 and "something you wouldn't mind bring home yourself." Please see Don's email for the menu.

Scholarship Programs: Comrade Paul Willey

Judging for Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year took place on Nov 4, 2021, at the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Meeting House. There were 9 Post and Auxiliary members to judge the entries. Six middle schools and four high school students (PRHS) participated. Paul will contact the schools and disturb award checks. Paul discussed the Post's Teacher of the Year program. Due to miscommunications the Post/Auxiliary did not have any nominations for this year's competition. It was proposed that we sponsor our own competition in the Spring. Paul was asked to produce a plan to be presented at the next month's meeting. Paul also distributed "Dear Veteran" letters he received from Lewis-Palmer Middle School.

Veterans Assistance:

Comrade Byars has completed the purchase of gifts for Pueblo Veterans Home Christmas Party, on 10 Dec. Bill spent \$563.99 of the \$800 authorized, he will file the voucher next month The Auxiliary will wrap the gifts. If you would like to help let Bill Byars know.

Buddy Poppies:

Thanks to everyone, members, and the scouts, who participated on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday events. We collected almost \$6000.00 and handed out about four thousand poppies.

Youth Activities: Comrade Jeff Parks

Thanks to the Post for allowing the Cub Scouts to participate in distributing the Buddy Poppies. The scouts earned community service credits for helping. Jeff checked [with the Boy Scouts](#) and determined that he is eligible to function as both the charter representative and the scout pack leader, he volunteered to step-up and do both roles. Jeff also volunteered to be the POC for the Post's Scout of the Year program.

Post Website Update: Comrade Kendall Pickering

The transfer of data from the old site to the new site is continuing, approximately 40% of the jobs is done. The Old site (VFW7829.org) is still up and running, we will not take it down until the new one (VFW7829.com) is up and running.

BINGO Feasibility Committee: Comrades Aurora_Cary, Rich Crawford, and Darby Kelly

Nothing to report

Commendations and Recognitions:

The Auxiliary recognized Comrade Del Zehrunge, Dale and Stirling Bastin, Paul Willey, and Mike Dasso with a flag pin for their assistance to The Quaife during their recent move. Comrade Jay Kajs received one person membership pin

Unfinished Business:

- 1.** General liability insurance – Nothing new to report, full update during the December 2021 general membership meeting
- 2.** Nomination and election of Junior Vice Commander, Comrade Rodney Fetterman offered his written resignation (see attachment) for his position as the Post's 2yr Trustee and accepted the nomination for Junior Vice Commander. This position will fill the vacancy and will continue through the election of officers in the Spring of 2022. Comrade Rodney Fetterman was elected unanimously. He will be installed during the December general membership meeting.
- 3.** Nomination and election of 2yr Trustee, Comrade John Bloomfield accepted the nomination to fill the position of the 2yr Trustee. This position will fill the vacancy and will continue through the election of officers in the Spring of 2023. Comrade Bloomfield was elected by majority vote. He will be installed during the December general membership meeting.

New Business:

- 1.** Senior Vice Commander Kendall Pickering moved that the Post sponsor VFW District 5 Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen scholarship programs. We will sponsor the third-place award for both programs at total cost of \$200.00.
- 2.** Commander Beyerly moved to authorize up to \$200.00 provide gift wrapping materials at the Monument Christmas Market. The Post and the Auxiliary will sponsor a "gift wrapping" table on Saturday, 4 December 2021 at no additional cost to either the Post or Auxiliary. We cannot charge for our services, but we can except donations. We will also hold a silent auction for one of Linda Lyons' patriotic quilt. All funds collected will go into the General Fund and split 50-50 between the Post and Auxiliary. Comrade Kelly seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.
- 3.** Rechartering of Cub Scout Pack 117. Comrade Jay Kajs moved that the Post recharter Pack 117, the motion was seconded by Comrade Carlson and carried by unanimous vote
- 4.** Comrade Fetterman moved that the Post donate \$250.00 to Freedom Hunters, comrade Kelly seconded the motion. Comrade Kajs moved that the Post table the motion until the December meeting so that he could determine if the funds are available as they were not planned for in this year's budget. Comrade Kelly seconded the motion to table. The tabling motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 5.**

Good of the Order:

- 1.** Continuing to look for a permanent home for the Post. If you have any ideas, please let Commander Beyerly know
- 2.** State Representative Terry Carver is sponsoring one or two tables the Home Front Military Network Honoring the Brave Breakfast on 1 December from 0700-0830. There is no cost, but donations may be made at the table that morning.
- 3.** There is a WWII veteran living at the Senior Living Home on Jackson Creek. Commander Beyerly would like to recognize this individual at some point, more to follow

Next Leadership Team meeting: December 8, 2021, at 1900hrs at TBD. All members are welcome.

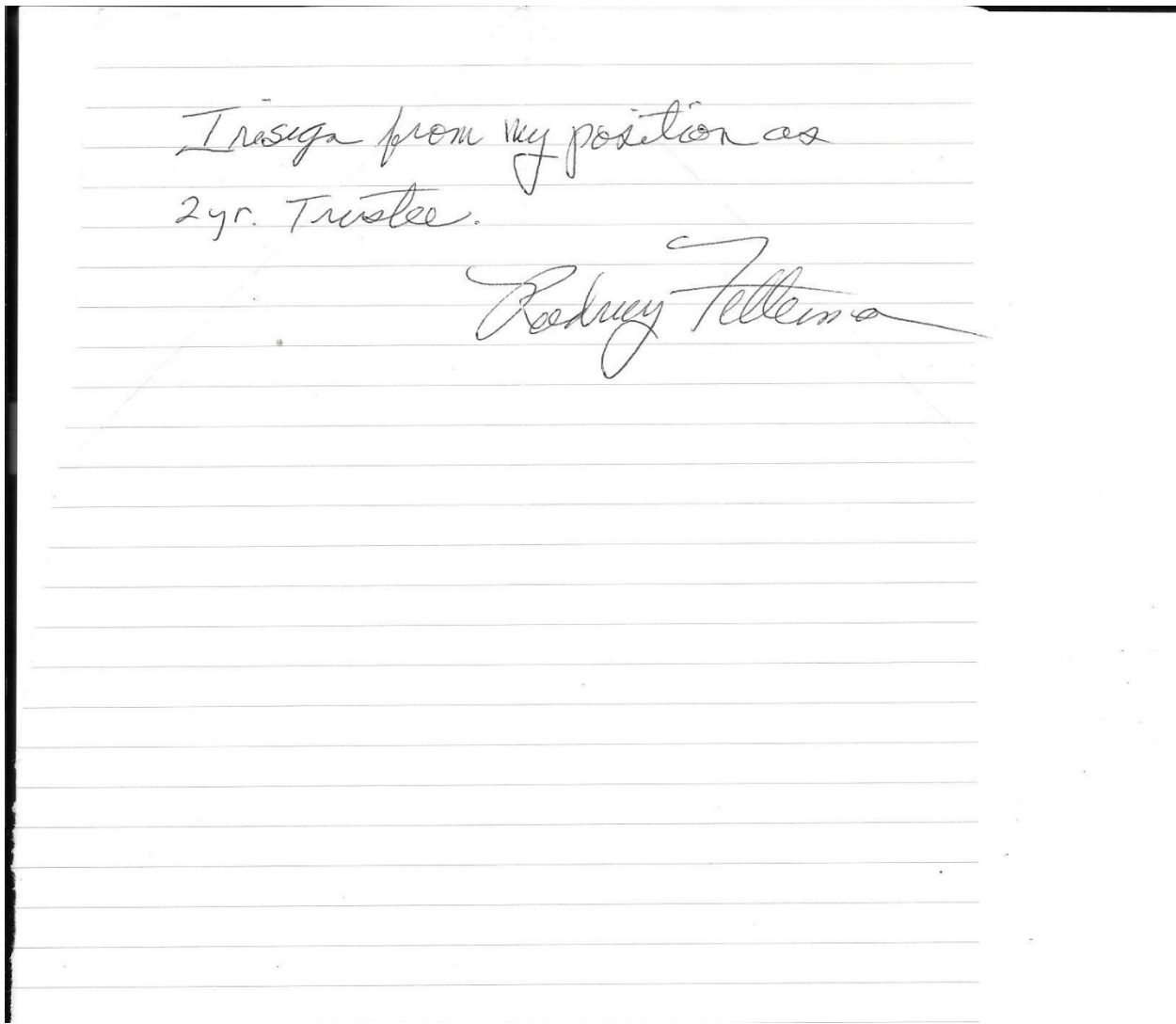
Next General Membership Meeting: December 15, 2021, at 1900 at the TRI-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Community Room, 166 2nd St Monument, CO

Uniforms: Baseball cap and shirt, black and white, blue, and gray. See Bruce Beyerly

Closing Ceremonies: 2108.hrs.

Thomas Dowd
Adjutant, VFW Post 7829

[Attachment:](#)



Insignia from my position as
2 yr. Trustee.

Rodney Feltema