

October 20, 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 1900hrs.

Calling the Roll of Officers:

	Name	Present	Absent/Excused
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	X	
Surgeon	Vacant		
Guard	Kendall Pickering	X	
Service Officer	Mike Dasso	X	
Trustee	Aurora Carey		Absent
Trustee	Rodney Fetterman	X	
Trustee	Don Ostrander	Zoom	

Members:

Stella Beyerly Doug Lyons
John Bloomfield Daryn Strop
Joe Carlson

Guests:

Eric Veed, VFW District 5 Commander
Sergio Prieto, Army veteran, and a loan officer with Guaranteed Rate mortgage company
Jerry Lollar, Army and Navy veteran and plans to transfer from VFW Post 101

Agenda Approval: Comrade Joe Carlson moved to approve the meeting agenda as posted on the website, Comrade Don Spano seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Membership: reading and referring applications: None

Reading of Minutes: September 15, 2021, meeting: Comrade Don Spano made A motion to waive the reading of the September 15, 2021, minutes and accept the minutes as posted on the website. Comrade Stella Beyerly seconded the motion, and it carried by unanimous vote. The minutes are posted on the website and paper copies are available.

Quartermaster Reports: Comrade Jay Kajs.

Monthly: September 2021:

Beginning balance: \$ 3164.01
Receipts: \$ 783.85
Disbursements: \$ 11.95
Ending balance: \$ 3935.91

Quarterly: July – September 2021

Beginning balance: \$ 4392.75
Receipts: \$ 1386.98
Disbursements: \$ 1843.82
Ending balance: \$ 3935.91

Comrade Rodney Fetterman made the motion to approve the Quartermaster's monthly and quarterly reports; Comrade Tom Dowd seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vouchers for disbursements:

Del Zehrung	Web site (monthly fee)	\$10.95	General Fund
Bruce Beyerly	Annual State Periodic Review	\$10.00	General Fund

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

Report of the Service Officer: Comrade Mike Dasso continues to work with Mt Carmel at their food distribution program. At the last event approximately seventy cars received food. Future food distribution events are schedule for 28 Oct, 12 & 23 Nov, 9 & 23 Dec at 0930. Bill Byars will continue to work on the Veteran's Christmas Party at the Pueblo Veteran's Home. Mike and Don Spano will coordinate with the Auxiliary to develop future service opportunities. Finally, Mike investigated the possibility of the Post using

the Woodmoor Community Center Meeting Hall for future Post meetings. The meeting hall is available, but there may be some costs involved. No decisions were reached at this meeting.

Comrade or Family of a Comrade in Distress. Comrade Don Spano, Post Chaplain

The Beyerlys have covered from covid and are both doing well
Paul Willey is back at work after hip replacement surgery and doing well
Connie Connolly continues to recover after shoulder surgery
Comrade Jerry Lollar requested extra prayers for General Colin Powell and his family

Reports of Committees and Sub-committees:

- **Boot Barn Hall Fundraiser:** Comrade Beyerly reported the Boot Barn called and cancelled the event fearing that ticket sale would fall short and not justify the effort necessary to continue planning. The Post is working with the band, Wirewood Station, to reschedule an event in Monument later.

- **Membership:** The Post is still looking for a volunteer to chair the Membership Committee. 118 life members, 4 continuing members and the post is sitting at 81.9%

- **Social:** Comrade Don Ostrander

The Christmas party is scheduled for 11 December at The Edelweiss restaurant from 1800-2030hrs. Dinner will be served at 1800, a gift exchange will begin at 2000. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a small gift costing no more than \$15.00. Don will send out a sign-up for the Christmas Party on the 1 November, he will include the menu at that time. Comrade Carlson also announced the Lynda Lyons is donating two handmade quilts for auction at the Christmas Party. Don is also hosting a craft fair at Keller Williams, and he is looking for anyone who might be interested in setting up a craft booth. Proceeds will go to Partners in Housing.

- **Scholarship Programs:** Comrade Paul Willey

Judging for Patriot's Pen, and Voice of Democracy will take place on Nov 4, 2021, at 1900 at the Monument Meeting House. If you are interested in judging, please let Paul know at 610-955-4659 or pdwilley1903@gmail.com. If anyone knows of an individual who wishes to submit an essay, please give Paul Willey a call.

- **Veterans Assistance:** Comrade Bill Byars will coordinate the purchase of gifts for the veterans and the Auxiliary will wrap the gifts.

- **Buddy Poppies:** Comrade Kendall Pickering

The Post will distribute Buddy Poppies on 11, 13 and 14 November at the Baptist Rd King Soopers from 0900-1600. The daily POCs are 11 Nov - Tom Dowd, 13 Nov - Bruce Beyerly and 14 Nov - Joe Carlson. The Cub Scouts will assist on Saturday and Sunday. Linda Lyons will donate a quilt to the Buddy Poppies to be raffled off on Sunday pending a review of the VFW by-laws.

- **Youth Activities:** Comrade Jeff Parks

The Post needs a volunteer to represent the Post as the Chartering organization liaison, the time commitment is minimal. If interested contact Commander Beyerly. Also, the Scout of the Year competition will begin soon. Nominees should be an Eagle Scout, or Gold Award Girl Scout.

- **Post Website Update:** Comrade Kendall Pickering

Comrade Pickering is currently waiting on a response from National HQs. More to follow

- **Bingo Feasibility Committee:** No report until November

Commendations and Recognitions: None

- The Post was awarded the 1st place plaque for Hospital Program 2020-2021, group 3. A special thanks to Comrades Mike Dasso, and Don Spano for making this award possible.

Unfinished Business:

- General liability insurance: We are still seeking information and bids

New Business:

- Nomination and election of a new Junior Vice Commander. Comrade Joe Carlson nominated Comrade Rodney Fetterman which he accepted. As a Post Trustee, Comrade Fetterman resigned his trustee position to run for Junior Vice Commander. As a result, the election of both the Junior Vice Commander and 2yr Trustee are now scheduled for the November General Membership meeting. Nominations for both positions will remain open until then. Currently, each position has one nominee: Junior Vice Commander – Rodney Fetterman, and 2yr Trustee – Joe Carlson

- Christmas gifts for Veterans living in local assisted living facilities. Comrade Bill Byars agreed to POC this activity and coordinate purchase and wrapping of the gifts with the Auxiliary. Comrade Dasso moved that the Post authorize up to \$800 from the Post Relief Fund to purchase gifts. Comrade Stella Beyerly seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Good of the Order:

- Comrade Jerry Lollar talked about a new veterans' assistance group in the Pikes Peak area named Helping Hands. This support group is for the younger veterans and provides a space for the veterans to talk through their feelings. Comrade Lollar feels this is an organization we can support at both the Post and district level.

- A social meeting of the Post and Auxiliary leadership is still in the plans, but date and time is yet to be determined.

- Alternate Post funding sources: Comrade Don Spano will meet with Elizabeth from the Pike's Peak United Way to discuss the application process for a United Way grant which will be awarded next Fall. Comrade Spano plans to start the application process in in early 2022.
- We are looking for a new place to hold meetings. If you know of a place where we might establish a permanent location with some storage space. In the meantime, next month we will meet at the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Meeting House, near Jarrito Loco. From December through June, we will meet at the Tri-Lake Chamber of Commerce, 166 2nd St, Monument.
- Mt Carmel Military Retiree Appreciation Day is 23 October.
- Special Forces Motorcycle Club is hosting a "Toy Run" to support St Joseph, dates to be determined
- Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade is 6 November
- The American Legion is hosting a dinner honoring WWII veterans, look for an email with more information

- **Next Leadership Team meeting:** 10 November, 1900hrs, location to be determined. All members are welcome.

- **Next General Membership Meeting:** 17 November, 1900hrs, at the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Community Meeting Room, near Jarrito Loco.

- **Uniforms:** Baseball caps and polo shirts. See Bruce Beyerly

- **Closing Ceremonies:** 2033hrs.

Thomas Dowd
Adjutant, VFW Post 7829