

American Legion District 5 District Convention May 10, 2014

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM at American Legion Post 23 Aurora, CO by Commander Dean Casey

**Pledge of Allegiance performed, Preamble voiced by the District
POW/MIA empty chair recognized
Flag salutation performed by the District
The Preamble was voiced by all present**

Chaplain Norm Harpole offered a Prayer

Commander Dean Casey Declared the Convention to be open

Commander Casey introduced Officers and Guests of the Legion, Including an SAL Delegation

President of the Auxiliary Sandra Flint introduced her officers and Guests of the Auxiliary

Doug Woodell brought greetings from the National Commander and spoke about Post 23 and Membership.

Tom Bock gave an update on the resolution from National and invited people to join him to protest on Memorial Day at 11:00 AM.

Richard Humphries brought greetings from Commander Carol Kennedy. He furthered the discussion on membership numbers. Colorado is ranked 99.9% in the Nation. 20669 Members. We have records indicating 20701 Members. District 5 is at 108.08% 5094 Members. He plugged the Family Management Seminar at Post 209. Department Convention in Lamar.

Bill Pollock announced District 5 won National Category 3 award. He made an appeal to Posts to finish their 100%. He announced his intention to run for Dept Jr. Vice again.

DEC Ed Waring declined comment at this time.

Scott Garrett announced a Golf Tournament May 30 at Fitzsimmons. A BBQ will be at the Department Convention. He is selling shirts to wear at Convention in Charlotte. He has embroidered items for sale.

SAL National Commander Candidate Mike Moss gave an update on his campaign. He indicated he would not be at our Department Convention. Ken Yanke will be his aid.

Dean Casey introduced District 5 Officers and recognized Elaine Bock.

Bill Baldasini Stood in for Jim Gillis. He shared a story related to Patriotism.

Dean Casey introduced former Officers. President of American Legion Baseball.

Lynn Petersen gave a brief overview of Legion Baseball. 110 Teams. No league in Colorado Springs this year. About 1/3 of the teams are in the metro area.

Ed Pietsch spoke about a new program at Post 103. A memorial scholarship for a woman shot at Arapahoe High School. 2 Candidates received \$1000 each this year.

Dean Casey said the System Worth Saving will be here Monday-Wednesday next week to look at the VA. Monday night at Post 161 7PM will be a Town Hall meeting. Congressmen/Senators have been invited.

Auxiliary President Sandy Flint introduced all her present and past Officers.

Chaplain Harpole conducted a Memorial for those Legionnaires who have fallen from all Posts reporting.

Joyce Allen conducted a Memorial for those Auxiliary Members who have fallen from all Units reporting.

The meeting was suspended after rendering honor to the colors until after Lunch

District Convention resumed after Lunch

Adjutant Harry Ciruli conducted an Officer Roll Call

Commander Dean Casey	Present	Finance Officer Rick Cody	Present
Sr Vice 5A	Vacant	Chaplain Norm Harpole	Present
Sr Vice 5B Terri Shelefontiuk	Present	Sgt At Arms Tim Schenck	Present
Jr Vice 5B East Jimmy Walker	Present	Service Officer Dean Casey	Present
Jr Vice 5A West Fred Muskopf	Absent	Historian	Vacant
Jr Vice 5A East Jim Fitzpatrick	Present	Webmaster Stephen Lee	Present
Jr Vice 5B West Wayne Best	Absent	DEC Ed Waring	Present
Adjutant Harry Ciruli	Present		

Adjutant Harry Ciruli conducted a Post Roll Call

Arvada 161	Present	Englewood 27	Absent
Aurora 1976	Absent	Evergreen 2001	Present
Aurora 1992	Present	Golden 21	Absent
Aurora 206	Present	Highlands Ranch 1260	Present
Aurora 23	Present	Idaho Springs 98	Absent
Bear Valley 84	Absent	Kiowa 182	Absent
Brighton 2002	Absent	Lakewood 178	Present
Brighton 46	Absent	Littleton 103	Present
Castle Rock 1187	Absent	North Jeffco 11-11	Present
Central City 166	Absent	Northglenn 22	Present
Commerce City 151	Absent	Parker 1864	Present
Denver 204	Absent	Strasburg 183	Absent
Edgewater 17	Absent	Westminster 52	Suspended
Elizabeth 82	Absent		

No resolutions/No Bylaw Changes were presented to the body

Officer Reports:

Sr Vice Terri Shelefontiuk 5B West

Did not Visit Aurora 1976. Castle Rock was Election night. She received Kiowa/Elbert annual report and talked about merging with Elizabeth 82

Jr Vice Jim Fitzpatrick

All but 2 posts met Strasburg Very dedicated. Encouraging all posts have an active const/bylaws committee Approached by Jen Jackson Front Range Hospice – Larimer County asking for volunteers (veterans) to relate to their vets

Jr Vice Jimmy Walker No Report

DEC Ed Waring 29 Visits. Worked with posts in jeopardy to resolve issues. Attended Convention Fall Conf DEC meeting to approve budget POW/MIA Memorial Highway dedication, SAL CWF Banquet. AUX Presidents Homecoming in Keensburg and this years Department Convention in Lamar.

Finance Officer Rick Cody TCF \$1145 USB \$3714 \$4859.68 USB Checks \$2350 No deposits, no income, no per capita.

Adjutant Harry Ciruli No Minutes from last meeting as Department took over the meeting. Previous meeting minutes posted on the website

Chaplain Norm Harpole No report. No sick call, no contacts

Sgt At Arms Tim Schenck No report

Commander Dean Casey 108.02% Membership. All posts but 3 made 100%. Hospitality has been great. Lamar convention wants to see a lot of us there

Service Officer Dean Casey 30 appointments a month. March he had 62. Dean inquired if anyone put in for grant money. Veterans are requesting funds.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Terri Shelefontiuk Motioned for District 5 at midyear conference and conventions meetings to pay for Department Officers and their staff lunches as long as those Officers are not attached to the Post holding the meeting. Second by Harry Ciruli. One abstention, One opposed. Passed.

Terri Shelefontiuk Motioned for District 5 to pay Dean Casey to receive \$63 reimbursement. Second. One opposed. Passed.

Ed Waring Motioned that we supply one donation for Boys State \$200 and Girls State \$300. Oratorical \$175. (Total \$675) Second. Passed.

Terri Shelefontiuk Motioned to pay past due invoicing to Kimodo Consulting \$100, \$35.00 Domain Transfer \$15, Renewal \$20.14, Late Fee \$10. (\$135.00) Second. One opposed Passed.

JR Kent Motioned to reimburse the Commander and DEC \$500 each for travels. (\$1000 Total) Second. Two no. Carried.

Ed Waring Motioned to donate \$200 to Mike Moss SAL National Commander Campaign. Second. Carried.

Lynn Petersen Motioned to donate Baseball \$200 donation. Second. Passed.

Nominations

Commander

Stephen Lee nominated Terri Shelefontiuk for Commander
Second

Jr Kent Motioned all nominations Cease
Second

Sr Vice 5A

Terri Shelefontiuk nominated Jimmy Walker for Sr Vice 5A (North)
Second

Jr Kent Motioned all nominations Cease
Second

Sr Vice 5B

Ed Waring nominated Jack Paulson Post 1260 with a letter of intent
Second

Jr Kent Motioned all nominations Cease
Second

Jr Vice 5A West

Terri Shelefontiuk Nominated Tim Schenck
Second

Jr Kent Motioned all nominations Cease
Second

Jr Vice 5A East

Terri Shelefontiuk Nominated Heather Lockhart

Jr Kent Motioned all nominations Cease
Second

Jr Vice 5B West

None

Jr Vice 5B East

None

Finance Officer

JR Kent nominated Rick Cody

Jr Kent Motioned all nominations Cease
Second

Historian

None

Chaplain

Stephen Lee nominated Norm Harpole

Tim Schenck Motioned all nominations Cease
Second

Sgt At Arms

Stephen Lee nominated Art Santry

Jr Kent Motioned all nominations Cease
Second

Delegate to National

Dean Casey

Norm Harpole Motioned all nominees elected by white ballot Second.
Passed.

National Vice Commander Doug Woodell installed the newly elected Officers

For the Good of the Legion

Tim Schenck wishes District take on a problem at Department Level. No resolution or policy at this time for the Department to notify Posts of all resolutions submitted by District. All Posts should be informed 30 days prior. He asks this body to require that the resolutions from Department be sent to all Posts.

Jimmy Walker made it a motion.
Second. After a discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Rick Cody stated income last year was \$2360.40 At Convention and throughout the year we spent \$2350. Net gain \$10. This year we have no per capita yet, delegate fees 161 \$267 (92) 22 \$60 (30) 206 \$9 (3) 1111 \$9 (3) 178 \$222 (74) 1864 \$21 (7) 1992 \$6 (2) 103 \$21 (7) 1260 \$45 (15) 23 \$0 (0) 2001 \$0 (0). \$660 income, checks today totaled \$2273.

Tom Bock indicated he would pay all assessed fees in arrears.

Rick Cody indicated that per capita will be \$0.35/Member of the district. ~\$1981 5091 members
Request from the floor to get the delegate fees mailed ahead of time and Posted on the website.

Ed Waring Motioned to appropriate fees for the website to continue for 1 year payable in November.
Second. One opposed. Passed.

JR Kent indicated Terri Shelefontiuk was the first female Commander for District 5. It was corrected that in 1957 Helen Osmundsen was District 5 Commander.

Frank McCurdy had a few words. He mentioned the Washington Conference and indicated he met with the Colorado Senators. He spoke about the new hospital. Civilian Board for Contract Appeals. Cbca.gov case 3450. Ruling to be 3-6 months after the court appearance. No answer is expected immediately. VA Claims \$630 Million. Turner says 2017 finish date with over \$1 Billion. VA says 44% complete. In reality 27% complete.

Lynn Petersen Updated us on Baseball programs

Norm Harpole had a closing prayer

Colors retrieved – POW/MIA Chair retired

District 5 Commander Terri Shelefontiuk Adjourned the meeting