

American Legion District 5 District Fall Conference October 4, 2014

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM at The Potter House in Aurora, CO

by Commander Terri Shelefontiuk

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

Reverend Cathy Haley offered a Prayer

Commander Terri Shelefontiuk Declared the Conference to be open

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Commander Terri Shelefontiuk introduced Officers and Guests of the Legion.

Commander Terri Shelefontiuk introduced a District Guest, the Founder of the Rocky Mountain Hyperbaric Institute, Ryan Fulmer and presented him with a check for \$2,500 made out to Rocky Mountain Hyperbaric Association. Mr. Fulmer thanked Commander Shelefontiuk and the American Legion for the donation and asked for help from the American Legion finding local veterans in need of treatment.

Department Commander Richard Humphries recognized Department President Suzie Bozella and the Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander Scott Garret. He introduced Legion officers and office staff.

Commander Terri Shelefontiuk asked Harry Ciruli to come up to the stage to present Scott Garret, Detachment Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, with a check for the Child Welfare Fund for \$1,759.00 dollars.

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

Commander Terri Shelefontiuk called a 10 minute recess for breakout. The Colors were recognized.

Commander Terri Shelefontiuk called the meeting back to order

Flag was saluted by the District

Adjutant Stephen Lee conducted an Officer Roll Call

Commander Terri Shelefontiuk	Present	Finance Officer Rick Cody	Excused
Sr Vice 5A Jimmy Walker	Present	Chaplain Norm Harpole	Excused
Sr Vice 5B Jack Paulson	Present	Sgt At Arms Art Santry	Present
Jr Vice 5B	Vacant	Service Officer	Vacant
Jr Vice 5A West Heather Lockhart	Excused	Historian	Vacant
Jr Vice 5A East	Vacant	Webmaster Stephen Lee	Present
Jr Vice 5B West	Vacant	DEC Ed Waring	Present
Adjutant Stephen Lee	Present		

Adjutant Stephen Lee conducted a Post Roll Call

Arvada 161	Absent	Elizabeth 82	Absent
Aurora 1976	Absent	Englewood 27	Absent
Aurora 1992	Present	Evergreen 2001	Absent
Aurora 1995	Absent	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	Present	North Jeffco 11-11	Present
Centennial 1876	Absent	Northglenn 22	Absent
Central City 166	Absent	Parker 1864	Absent
Commerce City 151	Present	Strasburg 183	Absent
Denver 204	Absent	Westminster 52	Suspended
Edgewater 17	Absent	Federal Heights 711	Absent

Adjutant Lee determined that there was a quorum.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend District 5 business and move into the Department Agenda. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Commander Terri Shelefontiuk asked Detachment Commander Scott Garrett to come up to introduce his officers and give his presentation.

Commander Garrett announced that Mike Moss from Golden Post 21 was elected as National Commander and thanked those that supported his campaign. Commander Garret announced that National Commander Moss will have his Home Coming March 20-22, 2015 in Lakewood, CO.

Commander Garrett reported on some of the programs the SAL has been working on: Americanism 17,159 volunteer hours \$35,000; Children and Youth: 8,288 hours and \$29900; VA&R 470 visits 21,100hours and \$31,000; and in Other Projects 22,500 hours and \$9900 dollars were raised. The totals for the year for the Detachment of Colorado are 69,045 hours donated and \$105,855 dollars raised with just under 3000 members.

Commander Garrett mentioned that the American Legion and SAL Commanders and Auxiliary President all agreed to work on only two projects for the year. The project they chosen for veterans was HBOT and for Children and Youth it was the Colorado Kids Fund. Commander Garret gave a summary on these programs.

Commander Terri Shelefontiuk turned the meeting over to Department Commander Richard Humphrey.

Commander Humphrey passed out awards for 100% membership to a few posts. The Commander gave a few suggestions on how to bring in new members and increase the visibility of the American Legion in the community. He reported on what happened at last year's National Convention and how well Colorado did reaching National's and the State's goals. Colorado received many awards and Commander Carol Kennedy was named Commander of the Year at National. Commander Humphrey spoke on HBOT, how it works and what it does for veterans suffering from PTSD and TBI type injuries.

Commander Humphrey asked Jr. Vice Commander Larry Johnson to the stage to give his report on membership and the membership drawings and programs.

Commander Humphrey gave a report on the progress being made on the building of the VA Hospital and the Opening of a new VA Clinic. He also reported on the Legacy Fund.

Commander Humphrey asked Past National Commander Tom Bock to speak. He spoke on membership, DMS events, and national happenings on VA&R.

Commander Humphrey asked the American Legion Baseball Chairman, Lynn Peterson to give his report.

Commander Humphrey asked that annual reports be completed and encouraged the Posts to turn them in and explained why they are important.

Commander Humphrey announced that Mid-year conference was to be held in Colorado Springs hosted by Post 209 at the Hotel Elegante. He also mentioned a parade to be held in Downtown Denver and a Hero Tribute to be held in November.

Commander Humphrey asked National Chairman of Children and Youth Ralph Bozella to speak. He encouraged local posts to reach out to local veterans in need of assistance gaining access to VA benefits

and support by way of town hall meetings. He announced a seminar to be held November 1 at Denver Post 1 on this topic.

Commander Humphrey asked NEC Frank McCurdy to speak. He covered the problems going on with the VA and the special meeting the NEC's were invited to regarding the resignation of the Director of the VA.

(Transcript partially lost due to electronic failures.)

Reverend Cathy Haley performed the closing prayer

Colors retrieved – POW/MIA Chair retired

District 5 Commander Terri Shelefontiuk Adjourned the meeting