



THE AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT 5 COLORADO

DEC MEETING

4 April 2017 10:00am

Held at Post 193

55110 Morrison Rd., Denver, CO.80219

COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Commander Jimmy Walker

Declared the meeting DEC, Jimmy welcomed everyone introduced Auxiliary President Pilar Bottoms, Senior Vice Commander Terri Shelefontiuk, Junior Vice Commander Robb Smith. Next introduced the District 5 Officers. Next was the introduction of Auxiliary Officers. CMDR expressed concern more Posts weren't represented at this meeting. Reason being the Posts not in attendance were some of the ones that need the most help in recruiting and signing up unsigned members. Also brought up Simon Sinek book of ASK WHY.

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting was gavelled to order at 1000 hrs. Adjutant Joel Mendelson declared that there was a quorum present.

Past Commander present at this District Meeting was: Terri Shelefontiuk Post 206

Adjutant Roll Call – Reported we had a quorum with the following present; Sr. Vice Tom Moermond; Jr. Vice Roger Masse; Jr. Vice Wayne McClimans; Adjutant Joel Mendelson; Finance Officer Richard Reeser; Sgt-at-arms Donald Clair

Posts represented – Post 103, 161, 178, 2012, 22, 206, 2000
Total present 9 Members including guests

Officers Report

Adjutant - Joel Mendelson:

Minutes covered below

Sr. Vice Commander - Tom Moermond

Announce that he had a list of percentages of each post and where they were in membership for the year. Made a plea for everyone to put extra effort into getting membership back to where we need it. Also mentioned DMS at Headquarters a week earlier.

Jr. Vice Commander – Wayne McClimans

No Report

Jr. Vice Commander – Roger Masse

No Report

Finance - Richard Reeser

Rick announced we currently have in the District 5 account \$5,900.00

And another \$2,000.00 slotted for two Veterans attend a training program in July 2017 in D.C.

Motion to accept Finance Report by Tom Moermond, Seconded by Wayne McClimans

Sgt-At-Arms – Don Clair

No Report

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS AND GUESTS:

Current Officers Sr Vice Tom Moermond; Jr Vice Roger Masse; Jr Vice Wayne McClimans; Adjutant Joel Mendelson; Finance Richard Reeser; Sgt-at-arms Donald Clair

Auxiliary President ([Pilar Bottoms](#))

Other guests ([Department Senior Vice Terri Shelefontiuk & Department Junior Vice Robb Smith](#))

GUEST SPEAKERS

[Department Senior Vice Terri Shelefontiuk & Department Junior Vice Robb Smith, Post 103 1st Vice Commander Lynn Peterson](#)

Adjutant Meeting Minutes –

Adjutant, read relevant minutes: Reported the following visits to the following Posts and meetings; 12/2016 Edgewater Post 17, 01/2017 Mid-Year Denver Crown Plaza: 01/2017 Arvada Post 22; 02/2017 Northglenn Post 151; 02/2017 Denver Post 193; 02/2017 Central City Post 166; 03/2017 Golden Post 21; 03/2017 Evergreen Post 2001; 04/2017 District 5 DEC Post 193; Soon to happen 04/2017 Lakewood Post 178; 05/2017 District 5 Conference Post 193

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Tom Moermond, Seconded by Wayne McClimans

COMMITTEE REPORTS – (If not bypassed by Motion)

Limit each to five minutes

NEW BUSINESS

3 Motions

- 1). Pay District 5, Commander \$500.00 for expenses; Motion by Joel Mendelson, Seconded by Wayne McClimans
- 2). Move District 5, Web site to Headquarters; Motion by Joel Mendelson, Seconded by Tom Moermond
- 3). Pay Adjutant Office supplies and mailing expenses \$153.66, Motion by Tom Moermond, Seconded by Wayne McClimans
- 4). Motion to donate \$500.00 to Colorado Legion Baseball, Motion by Melito Garcia, Seconded by Roger Masse

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION
The American Legion Post 1260
Meeting 24 January 2017**

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED VETERANS COMMITTEE (UVC)

WHEREAS, The American Legion, along with The Veterans of Foreign Wars, The Disabled American Veterans, The World War I Veterans, the American GI Forum and The Paralyzed Veterans of America were the founding members of The United Veterans Committee in 1972, and;

WHEREAS, The American Legion has been a member in good standing with The United Veterans Committee for 44 years, and;

WHEREAS, According to the minutes, dated: February 9, 2016 of the United Veterans Committee, with the representative from the American Legion Department of Colorado voting, as a member of that Committee, to support a statewide referendum raising the tobacco tax, which if passed, would have provided funds to support veteran's programs, and;

WHEREAS, After a period of four months, on June 19, 2016, the Colorado Department of the American Legion's Executive Committee of Colorado, voted to remain neutral in support of the statewide referendum instead of voting to withdraw support, and;

WHEREAS, There is no evidence that Colorado Department of the American Legion's Executive Committee voted to withdraw support of the referendum or to terminate membership in the United Veterans Committee of Colorado, and;

WHEREAS, After a period of five months on July 18, 2016, the Commander of the Colorado Department of American Legion, without authority from the Department Executive Committee or the membership of the State of Colorado American legion, the Commander of the American Legion Department of Colorado, did unilaterally and without authorization, along with the Commander of the State of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars, in a joint letter to the United Veterans Committee, sought to withdraw support of the statewide referendum, and;

WHEREAS, After a period of approximately six months, on August 12, 2016, the Commander of the American Legion Department of Colorado, erroneously cited American Legion Resolution 37, indicating that the United Veterans Committee established a policy in support of the statewide resolution without the vote of its members, and did, unilaterally terminate membership in the United Veterans Committee of Colorado, and;

WHEREAS, The United Veterans Committee did not establish policy, but rather voted to support a referendum which would have provided approximately \$40,000,000 for veteran's programs;

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Colorado's continued membership in the United Veterans Committee would benefit the American Legion Department of Colorado members by adding a larger collective body to the United Veterans Committee and present a United veterans voice of the Committee to the public and State legislators; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the American legion Department of Colorado withdraw its letter terminating membership in the United Veterans Committee of Colorado and immediately reestablish its longstanding membership in that Committee.

This is to certify that Post 1260, at the regularly help monthly meeting of members, adopted the above resolution.

Adjutant
Harold Jones

Post Commander
Joseph Langran

District 5, Motion by Tom Moermond,
Seconded by Wayne McClimans

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE NEWS -
District Commander - five minutes

NATIONAL NEWS – (National Officer)
(If someone present is qualified to speak. five minutes)

MEMBERSHIP PROGRESS OR PRIZES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS -
Sr Vice Commander – (As Needed)

AGENDA –

CLOSING –

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<i>District 5 Officers</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Posts</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Guests</i>	<i>Present</i>
Commander	✓	Edgewater 17	✓		
Senior Vice 5A	✓	Golden 21			
Senior Vice 5B		Northglenn 22	✓		
Jr. Vice 5A	✓	Englewood 27			
Jr. Vice 5B	✓	Denver 29			
Adjutant	✓	Westminster 52			
Asst. Adjutant		Bear Valley 84			
Finance Officer	✓	Idaho Springs 98			
Chaplain		Denver 101			
Service Officer		Littleton 103	✓		
Historian		Arvada 161	✓		
Sgt-At-Arms	✓	Central City 166			
		Lakewood 178	✓		
Other Representatives		Denver 193			
DEC		Denver 204			
Webmaster		Denver 777			
		Evergreen 2001			
		Denver 2012	✓		
		N. Jeffco 11-11			

Comments

