

American Legion DEC Meeting

02/13/2015 Post 22

Agenda

Formal Opening Ceremony –Jimmy Walker

The colors are in place:

Commander: Uncover - hand salute, two

Chaplain offers opening prayer-

POW/MIA: A POW/MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty, and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves to this vital endeavor.

Commander: Place the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair.

Recite the **Pledge of Allegiance**

Commander: Cover

Recite the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion; *For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:*

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

Auxiliary

To participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Sons

To adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

Riders

To participate in parades and other ceremonies which are in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion.

I now declare District 5 Fall Conference convened-Jimmy Walker and Pilar Bottoms

1. Introduce hosting Post Commander and Auxiliary President-Jimmy Walker

- a. Words from Post Commander
- b. Auxiliary President

Roll Call of Officers (Adjutant)

X	Commander	Jimmy Walker
X	Sr. Vice	Stephen Lee
	Sr. Vice B	Vacant
	Jr. Vice A West	Heather Lockhart
X	Jr. Vice B West	Wayne McClimans
	Jr. Vice B East	Richard Pabon
X	District 5 DEC	Ed Wearing
X	Adjutant	Annette Johnson
X	Assistant Adjutant	Joe Ann Guytan
X	Chaplain (January)	Norm
X	Chaplain (February)	Wayne McClimans
X	Finance Officer	Rick Reeser
X	Sgt-At-Arms	Art Santry
X	Historian	Vacant
X	Service Officer	Annette Johnson
	Public Relations	Vacant
	Dept. Service Officer	Dean Casey
X	Webmaster	Stephen Lee
	Chairman Finance	Rick Cody

Post Roll Call (Adjutant) February

Arvada 161	X
Aurora 23	
Aurora 29	
Aurora	X
Aurora 206	
Aurora 1976	X
Aurora 1992	X
Aurora 1995	
Bear Valley 84	
Brighton 2002	
Castle Rock 1187	
Centennial 1876	X
Central City 166	X
Commerce City 151	
Denver 204	
Edgewater 17	
Elizabeth 82	
Englewood 27	
Highlands Ranch 1260	
Idaho Springs 98	
Kiowa 182	X
Lakewood 178	
Littleton 103	
N. JeffCo 11-11	X
Northglenn 22	X
Parker 1864	
Strasburg 183	
Westminster 52	

2. CMDR: Representatives acknowledged:

Is there anyone that has not been recognized?

3. Do we have a Quorum? (4 Officers & 3 Posts) 9 Posts represented

I declare we have X do - not have a quorum

4. Short Break as Legion and Auxiliary Break-out:

Time out: 10:30 am

5. Call to order: Time in: 10:40 am

6. District Officers Reports

1. Commander:

- a. Consolidated Officers Reports – start working on these
- b. Date of District Change – May 1st
- c. Convention District 5 Saturday May 7 at Post 161 10:00 am
- d. District 6 Convention Saturday May 14th at Post 1 9:00 am
- e. Post 1976 is being revitalized –
 - i. Working on Bylaws and Constitution – need a good sample copy
- f. Post 46's roster waiting for signatures to transfer to Post 2002
- g. Bylaws and Constitution
 - i. Placed on Website, emailed, and snail mailed–
 - ii. Open for Discussion - Sr. Vice discussed
 - iii. 1/16/16 Thank you to Post 178
 1. Lee Motion to draft appreciation letter, Annette seconded, carried
 - iv. Post 151 working on Constitution & Bylaws
 1. Next meeting they will be adopted
 - v. District 5 Constitution & Bylaws handed out at meeting
 1. Norm motioned to accept D-5 Constitution & Bylaws in an 'Open for Discussion' period, Art & Annette seconded, motion carried
 2. Snail and email Constitution & Bylaws to all Posts
 - a. Ref: Open for discussion until 2/13/16
 - b. Snail mailed 1/18/16 Constitution & Bylaws for review - none returned
 - c. Emailed 1/18/16 URL for D-5 Constitution & Bylaws
- h. Questions concerning bylaws to change from 2 Sr. Vice to 1 and from 4 Jr. vice to 2
 - i. Motion made by Ed Post 161 Cmdr, to accept changes, seconded by Rich Pabon, motion carried to be effective day of convention
- i. Joe Anne Post 22 Adjutant has been appointed as Assistant Adjutant
 - i. Currently District training and will be ready when District realignment occurs.
- j. Emails, we only get 2000 free through Chimp mail we need to clean up email list
 - i. See the stats list for the first two weeks
 - ii. People ask the adjutant to forward flyers all the time **just delete it.** Please don't file an Abuse/Complaint, it goes against Adjutants personal email carrier, and they can shut down her personal email.
 - iii. The high levels of emails are because individuals were making complaints about not being notified, therefore, an increase of emails, snail mails and calls are occurring.
- k. Membership report from HQ
 - i. We are at the hardest portion on membership, the last 10%'s how can we help?
- l. Let's talk about Teamwork: this leads to success at mid-year and convention.
- m. Mid-year, we need more members in attendance not just Officers
 - i. How can we help get members to Convention
 - ii. Incentives: Awards are presented for a variety of things, check on the website to see all the various types of awards.
- n. Post 22 recognized Albert Trijuilo for 50 years of volunteer service
- o. Discussed Proud to be an American Program
- p. Cmdr: \$20.00 fine for phone ringing during the meeting
- q. Dept Convention in June in Longmont

2. **Sr. Vice:** Lee
 - a. Honoring Westminster Police Officer Banquet
 - b. Post visits
 - c. Constitution & Bylaws Discussion
 - d. Ed (DEC) comment changes being made on Constitution & Bylaws, discussion is time needed prior to making motion today?
 - i. No, this in relation to the bylaws not the Constitution.
3. **Jr. Vice:** Heather – 3rd time not at a meeting
4. **Jr. Vice:** Wayne: focusing on 19 schools for Boys State and Girls State
5. **Jr. Vice:** Richard working with Post 151 Constitution & Bylaws
 - a. Budget issues as well
 - b. Continual problems
6. **District 5 DEC:** Ed
 - a. Status Update
 - b. Recognized 7 Everyday Hero Ms. Montoya for her volunteer service of 40 at the VA
 - c. Thursday night Post 161 honored PD & FD of the year
7. **Adjutant:** Annette
 - a. Conducting Post Outreach
 - b. Post 46 & 2002
 - c. Revitalizing Post 1976
 - i. 1st meeting 6:30 on Feb., 18 at TREA
 - ii. District 5 attended and installed F/O
 - iii. 6 Commanders will attend March meeting
 - iv. Picked up c
 - v. DMS list from Dept to move from 211 to 1976
 - d. Emails: sent out D-5 email blast asking for verification, only 10/49 responded
 - e. Email address will be removed if verifications is not completed
 - f. Those who have responded - thank you.
 - g. Please let Adjutant know which Post email addresses are dead
 - i. currently out of 467 emails in two-weeks that went out only of 16/49 get opened.
 - h. I do not know if people are receiving them or not? Please respond or acknowledge once in awhile
 - i. Please open your emails and pass information on to your Post membership
 - j. Met with bike club interested in providing support to Veterans
8. **Assistant Adjutant:** Joe Anne
 - a. Four Chaplains Ceremony
 - b. Amazing & Beautiful!
9. **Chaplin:** Norm
 - a. Conducting Post & Hospital visits
 - b. Working on Veterans in Need
 - c. Post 178 did a Four Chaplain Ceremony on Sunday Jan 31, 2016
10. **Finance Officer:** Rick
 - a. US Bank \$5682.93

11. **Sgt-At Arms:**

- a. Helping Lee with Constitution & Bylaws

12. **Historian:**

13. **Service Officer:** Annette

- a. Post 1976 illnesses cards sent out
- b. New service connection signed into law by President Obama in Jan recognizing
 - i. Syringomyelia, TBI, Cis, ICP, & Hydrocephalus, G-force, or under pressure careers – can date back as far as any conflict in the 240 years we have been a country.
 - ii. Medical Records are the KEY to benefits.

14. **POW/MIA Update:** Annette

Pillar # 2 A Full Accounting of POW/MIA

Cpl. Kenneth R. Stuck, US Army Company L, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Lost 11-21-1950 in North Korea, Accounted for Jan 8, 2016

PFC. Roy A. Henderson, US Army, Company B, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, Lost on 7-27-1950 in North Korea and Accounted for on 1-14-2016.

MIA: Jan. 21, 1968, Sgt. 1st Class Billy D. Hill, assigned to the 282nd Aviation Battalion, 17th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade in his second tour to Vietnam. After 57 years of missing in action, Billy Hill's remains were recovered and identified by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Billy Hill was then returned to his family and buried on his 69th birthday at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Killeen, Texas, where nearly 1,000 mourners came to honor him. January 14, 2016, Billy Hill [Sr.], a Vietnam Veteran and father to Billy Hill [Jr.] was laid to Rest 5 days after his brother was found and returned home.

MIA/KIA: Thirteen members from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, along with a team from Rimo Expeditions, conducted search and recovery efforts on the Himalayan Mountains in India, in search of eight Army Air Corps members who went down in a B-24J aircraft in 1944. Eleven days into the excavation the team made an discovery unearthing potential evidence of the aviators they were searching for. Only a few days later the team was once again rewarded as more evidence emerged from the mountainside. More to come on this story as it unfolds.

Five Minute Break

15. **Old Business:**

- a. January (low turnout) is combined February in this report

16. **New Business:**

- a. 4 Pillars – Need to focus on these in relation to family values.
- b. POW/MIA update, documents were made available at table
- c. Post 178 & 22 Four Chaplains Ceremony

1. When Post are doing ceremonies contact the Adjutant to advertise throughout the District for you and help provide support.
- d. DMS Training by Terri S.

17. For the Good of the Legion:

- a. Raffle?
- b. \$500.00 for signing up new people – mid-year winners
- c.

18. Centennial Celebration – Ask Jim Gillis to attend and speak on this topic?

- a. Jim Gillis - Committee Chair
 - i. Individuals are needed to assist in various areas.
- b. National Centennial Celebration is asking for Posts to create History books.

19. Closing Ceremony – Commander Walker – Uncover

20. **Chaplin** will lead us in prayer

21. **Retire** POW/MIA Flag – Art Santry

22. Salute to Colors

23. **Commander:** I now declare this District Executive Committee Meeting of the American Legion, Department of Colorado, adjourned.



Meeting started: 10:30 am

Officers Present: 8

Members Present: 7

Guests Present: ___0___

Meeting Adjourned: 12:05