



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO
DISTRICT 10, POST 4266
P.O. Box 4266, PARKER, CO

Minutes for Meeting of July 20th, 2015

1. **Introduction:** Special Guest Sherry Urrutia, Marketing Director, Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Fitzsimmons, delivered a presentation of the Living Center, its facilities and services throughout Colorado. Ms. Urrutia agreed to deliver a link and electronic copy of her presentation to be posted on the Post 4266 website and Facebook Page. Commander Totten also agreed to forward the link and presentation to the state for posting and further promotion.
2. **Message from District 10 Commander:** Dave Cook was present and delivered message from State to encourage all posts in Colorado to set a goal to sign up 5 new members. Commander Cook also commented that nominations for Public Servant National Award are due 1 January 2016. Lastly, Commander Cook stated State is returning adjudicating authority in the David Eyre case back to the post. He further stated to use Manual of Procedure Article 9 as guidance in pursuing the case. A motion was made and seconded, and approved by vote of members to **not** pursue the case any further.
3. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1925 hrs. by Commander Evan Totten.
4. **Officer of the day (Adjutant) shall check Membership Cards:** Acting Adjutant Pete Solano checked cards of all present. All present were authorized to remain.
5. **Recitation of Section 230102 of the VFW Congressional Charter**
6. **Opening Prayer** by Chaplain Ed Sainz
7. **Pledge of Allegiance**
8. **Officer Roll Call:** Acting Adjutant Pete Solano called the Officer Roll Call.

I. Commander	Evan L. Totten	Present
II. Senior Vice Commander	Reuben Trujillo	Absent
III. Junior Vice Commander	Floyd Merenkov	Present
IV. Quartermaster	Gerard Brushaber	Present
V. Chaplain	Edward Sainz	Present
VI. Adjutant	Vacant	Absent*
VII. Judge Advocate	Pete Solano	Present
VIII. Surgeon	Gerard Brushaber	Present
IX. 3 Year Trustee	Keith G. Troutman	Present
X. 2 Year Trustee	Roland R. Henkel	Present
XI. 1 Year Trustee	Donald D. Howell	Absent
XII. Service Officer	Floyd Merenkov	Present

***Commander Totten requested Solano act as Adjutant until such a time when a suitable replacement could be found. Solano agreed to Act as Adjutant until a suitable replacement was found.**

Quorum was declared by Commander Totten; 12 members present.

9. **Reading of last meeting minutes:** Meeting minutes for June had been distributed to all members by Commander Totten. Motion made, seconded and voted upon by present members. Minutes approved.



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10. Membership Applications: Chairman Brushaber reported that over 100 applications were distributed at Parker Days. To date, 2 applications returned, but did not contain the required DD214 documents. Commander Totten stated that he received a telephone request from a WWII member at large in Foxfield wishing to join the Parker post, but could not drive at night. Arrangements to drive that member and current member Ron Henkel (Highlands Ranch) were coordinated between Solano and Totten.

- 11. Quartermaster Monthly Report:** Quartermaster Gerard Brushaber read report.
- a. June Quartermaster report was available at the July meeting and will be added to June minutes for record purposes.
 - b. Chairman Brushaber delivered report to all members via email prior to meeting and made available a hard copy at the meeting. Brushaber noted a significant increase in the General fund from April to June and noted fundraising events such as Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Parker Days and the Warrior Cup Poker Tournament all contributed well to the increase. It was noted that all future funds disbursement requests (except recurring), with receipts submitted to the quartermaster, must be approved by member vote and noted in the report.
 - c. There was some confusion over the order of approving the report by motion and vote of the members prior to the trustees' approval. Commander Totten decreed that in the future, the trustees audit and acceptance of the report will precede the motion and vote by members to accept the Quartermaster's Report.
 - d. A motion to accept the April 2015 QM report was made and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Quartermaster's report for June 2015 was accepted.

12. Trustee Report –3rd Trustee Henkel: All Post funds have been properly accounted for.

13. Committee Reports:

a. Membership – Gerard Brushaber:

- i. Two new candidates attended the meeting and were introduced. James Pickering stated he was an Army veteran and served in Iraq and Afghanistan. David Seal stated he was a 23-year veteran of the Air Force and served in Vietnam. Both were advised to provide their DD214's in order to add them to the membership of Parker Post 4266. After a review of same, the post will vote on accepting these candidates into Post 4266.
- ii. The next membership drive event will be held in September for POW/MIA day. More details will be forthcoming.

b. Americanism:

Commander Totten recommended a new member take over this committee in order to more actively engage with the community regarding various VFW programs such as Teacher Award, Public Servant National Award, Patriot's Pen, Scout of the Year, and Voice of Democracy. Pete Solano agreed to chair this committee and actively seek organizational participants from Douglas County School District, Douglas County Sheriff's and South Metro Fire District. Subcommittee leads were recommended to assist him.



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c. Community Service:

- i. Four members of the post including Commander Totten attended the memorial service for Judge Hilbert Schauer on Jul 20th.
- ii. Post received an invitation to attend Patrick Veto's Court of Honor Ceremony at United Methodist Church in Parker at 4pm on July 25th. Commander Totten encouraged all members to attend.

d. Youth Activities – Nothing new to report at this time.

e. House – Nothing new to report at this time.

f. Ways and Means – Nothing new to report at this time.

14. Remember our National Home for Children- Prayer was read by Chaplain Sainz for the National Home for children in Eaton Rapids, MI.

15. Old Business – Commander Totten:

- a. A post recreational gathering is being planned for August. The intent is to re-engage passive members in a social gathering and recognize the work of active members and to promote comradery within the post. Members Merenkof and Solano were appointed to a committee to find a suitable time and location. A motion was forwarded, seconded and voted upon by members to authorize funds not to exceed \$300 from the general fund to use for rental of space, and purchase of food and b for the event.

16. New Business – Commander Totten:

- a. VFW program deadline dates were published and delivered to Solano.
- b. Commander Totten commented on the VFW State convention he attended.
- c. A motion was forwarded, seconded and voted upon by members to donate \$200 to the Colorado Veteran Community Living Center at Fitzsimmons in Aurora. The motion unanimously passed by hand vote of members present.
- d. Post 4266 will stand annual records inspection by District 10 at 17 September meeting.

17. Good of the Order – Cmdr. Totten

The next Post meeting: will be **Monday, 17 August 1900 hrs.**

18. Closing Ceremonies: Closing Prayer by Chaplain Ed Sainz

19. Meeting Closed by Commander Totten at 2120 hrs.

Submitted by:

Peter R. Solano

Adjutant (acting)

Parker VFW Post 4266