

Call to order: 1900 hrs.

Salute to the Colors: by members in attendance.

Opening Prayer: by Chaplain Charlie Nash.

POW/MIA Ceremony: By Sgt. at Arms Bill Munsell.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA: by members in attendance.

Preamble of The American Legion: by members in attendance.

Officers Roll Call: See chart below.

POSTING	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSE
Commander	Harold Gosse	X		
Adjutant	Tony DuMosch	X		
Asst. Adjutant	Joseph Centeno	X		
Sr. Vice Commander	Steve Powell	X		
Jr. Vice Commander	Jerry Cotner		X	
Finance Officer	Terry Thompson	X		
Chaplain	Charlie Nash	X		
Sgt. At Arms	Bill Munsell	X		
Historian	Ryan Shuler	X		
Service Officer	Vacant			
Judge Advocate	Harold Gosse	X		

Guests in Attendance:

No guests present

Meeting opened: Reading of Minutes: **Motion was made to accept the minutes as AMENDED.**
Motion passed.

District Officers Report:

No report given

Officers' Reports:

Commander

- Discussed the IRS Code Section 19 referring to Veterans organizations. See: http://www.irs.gov/irm/part7/irm_07-025-019.html . Suggested that membership contact their representative in an effort to redefine the definition of Veteran. At this time, the definition is very strict and excludes military members that served during peacetime.
- District 4 Fall Conference to be held at Post 32 in Longmont on Oct 25th. Conference will be held from 0900-1300. **ACTION ITEM:** Cmdr. asked Finance Officer to ensure that Post 15s dues were paid prior to the event.

Adjutant

- Early bird membership program will expire November 11th.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Adjutant requested that the Webmaster repost informational items that are posted on Post 15's Facebook page on the website for redundancy (Webmaster is working on this item).

Asst. Adjutant

- No report

Sr. Vice Commander

- Incentives for members to recruit new members: \$1500.00 is offered in a one-time drawing that will be split between winning current member (including auxiliary and SAL) and new member. If 4000 new members are signed up, a special edition 24K gold handgun will also be added to the drawing. See <http://www.coloradolegion.org/concrete5/> for more info.
- C.A.M.P.P. (Colorado Advanced Payment Plan) – allows members to pay dues for future years, at current fee amount.
- Post 15 membership is already above 60% (10% higher than mandated).

Jr. Vice Commander

- No report

Finance Officer

- Financial report was made available and approved.

Chaplains / Honor Guard

- Five funerals and a posting performed at the Elks Club.
- Members of the Honor Guard were in attendance and recognized for their service.

Sgt. at Arms

- Reminder: there is a \$5 penalty for cursing and cell phone interruptions to the meeting.

Historian/Webmaster

- Question was asked of the Webmaster if all resources, needed to effectively promote Post 15 through our website have been received. Webmaster replied, that at this time, he was not ready to upgrade the site at this time. When the site is ready, the webmaster will make the request to purchase the necessary software.

Judge Advocate

- No report

Committee Chairman Reports:

ALR American Legion Riders

- Walden Rookie Ride (300miles). 6 bike/9people/2 new riders
- Flag line for Robert Morris. Received an appreciation letter from sister of deceased.
- Legion rider (Travis Grizzard – AL Rider Chaplain) moderately injured in accident, cutoff
- Legion Riders presented Cmdr. of Post 15, with a plaque commemorating the founding AL Rider members of Post 15.

Sons of the American Legion

- Meetings are still the first Saturday of each month at 1100.

Boys State

- Contact has been made with Loveland Classical Schools and Resurrection Christian Schools.

- Hats sold in lounge are a fundraiser for Boys State program.

Honor Guard (AVoL Honor Guard Commander, Max DeCamp)

- Performed 5 services and 2 colors postings.
- 4 more Memorial services scheduled.
- Presenting colors for the Wounded Warriors event.

Oratorical

- This is a formal, timed, strictly scripted Constitutional speech competition.
- Request made to membership to work towards attracting High School students to be sponsored by Post 15th, in the AL Oratorical program for next year. For more information see <http://www.legion.org/oratorical/about>.
- The current year’s final competition is scheduled for Jan 3rd.
- Refer all inquiries to Harold Gosse.

Boy Scouts Troop 186

- Scout meeting has been changed to Tuesdays to allow more scouts to attend and avoid conflict schedules with school events.
- August - backpacked the Big South Trail
- September - campout at Cherokee Park, scout participated in Orienteering course designed by retired Army NCO.
- Two scouts completed BOR requirements for 2nd class.
- October - events planned, Fritzler’s Corn Maze, Berthoud Observatory for those working on Astronomy merit badge.

Board-of-Governors

- Met informally to discuss starting the process of changing the AVoL By-Laws that have been in place since 1947 and have never been updated. Some of the items include: the ability of the AVoL to impose additional dues on top of organizational dues, ability to borrow money, etc. Board members consist of 3 VFW and 3 AL members, a change to board members is also being discussed.
- Meeting is scheduled for 3rd Monday at 1800, in the dining room.

House Committee

- Sprucing up for Veteran’s Day.
- Nut Fry on Oct 18th, cost will be \$12.
- There was a discussion about some mysterious \$9000/\$12,000 that has been added to the Lounge account.

No Report given for the following committees: Children and Youth, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Public Affairs Report (Website & Newsletter), Nominations Committee, Membership Report., JROTC, Bingo/Kitchen, Historical Preservation Committee Report

Upcoming events:

Date	Time	Event	POC
10/22/14	0900-1000 & 10-1300	Veterans Job Fair held at Budweiser Event Center- No. Hall	
11/11/2014		Veteran’s Day	
11/15/2014	0900	Highway Cleanup (meet at sign on north side)	Harold Gosse

11/22–11/23, 2014	0900 – 1700	Legion Awareness Table at the Tanner Gun Show, “Budweiser Event Center/The Ranch” in Loveland	Joseph Centeno
1/22-1/24/2015		Department Fall Conference in Colorado Springs	Tony DuMosch

Unfinished Business:

- Legion Awareness table at the Tanner Gun Show at The Ranch in Loveland, scheduled for November 22nd and 23rd. Inflatable shooting range has been made available to Post 15th to promote the AL Junior Shooting Sport program. Volunteers to work the booth were requested, 5 more volunteers were needed.
- Planning meeting, 10/15/14 at 1900 in the dining room, for the Veteran’s Day events on November 11th. Volunteers needed. Tables will be set up at the AVoL, these tables need to be related to Veteran’s affairs/lives/concerns. If any organizations are interested contact Harold Gosse for more info. If the weather is inclement, the ceremony will be held at the AVoL, and fundraiser breakfast will be served from 0600 to 0930, all in uniform will eat for free. Fundraiser lunch sponsored by the SAL.

New Business:

- Jan 22-24th, Dept. Fall Conference will be held in Colorado Springs. Hotel reservations are being taken at this time, call Elaine at 303-366-5201 for room info. The conference will be at the Hotel Elegante Conference and Event Center. Cutoff date is Dec 22nd.
- October 18th from 1400-1800, there will be a Hayride/Jazz Concert at RestHaven Burial park in Ft Collins. Free event.
- November 6th, Brookside Gardens Apt, Post 67 Auxiliary is holding a fundraiser at 1800. All interested need to contact Donna Talafuse at 970-692-1926.
- The format of Post 15 Minutes will be changing. Effective immediately, the use of an agenda/minutes system will be used. All Officers and Committee Chairman will provide their reports and communications, 10 days prior to the normal membership meeting. This will allow for agendas to be created, and distributed to Officers/Committee Chairman, prior to the meeting, and printed for Legion members at the meeting (Officers/Committee Chairman should print out copies of both the minutes and agenda for their use). The agenda should be followed throughout the meeting, and at the conclusion of the meeting will be used to create the minutes for the meeting. These minutes will be emailed to all Officers and Committee Chairman for their revue, and will be posted on the Post 15 website (without the Financial Report), as will the agenda when it is available.

Communications/Misc. Members Comments for the good of the Post:

- Veterans Job Fair held 10/22/14 at the Budweiser Event Center
- Walgreens/VA to assist in tracking medications
- Free Flu Shot event Oct 18th at Ft Collins Clinic, 0800-1200.
- (John Little) An update was provided about scout Ely Talbot, had sold over \$10,000 of popcorn.
- Sale of the AVoL building: The listing contract is through the end of December, for \$550,000. Two showings have happened, but no offers have been made.
- Candlelight Dinner Playhouse Fundraiser auction raised over \$1400, that was split between

the AL and the VFW. Candlelight Dinner Playhouse is house is honoring Veterans by offering free admission to Nov 13 -15th (1930) and Nov 16th (1400) showings of “Miracle on 34th Street. Call 970-744-3747. See <http://www.coloradocandlelight.com/>

- Adjutant commented on the passing of Legionnaire Neal Thomas Jr., started the Legion Riders in Colorado, and held every position in the Legion (local, state, and national).
- 40’s Forever Event was a major success.
- Homes For Our Troops – Groundbreaking event for local triple amputee Marine Veteran, Cpl. Jason Hallett (Windsor). Next event is the turn-key event where the family takes possession of the house. Details will be posted on the Facebook page.

Next General Meeting: December 9th 2014

Closing Prayer: by Chaplain Charlie Nash.

Adjournment: 2025 hrs.

Report submitted by Joseph Centeno. To be presented to the membership of Post #15 for their approval and filing.