Meeting Date: 12/9/2014

• Call to order: 19:00

Salute to the Colors: All in attendance (16)

• Opening Prayer: Chaplain C. Nash

POW/MIA Ceremony: Sgt At Arms B. Munsell

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA: All in attendance (16)

Preamble of The American Legion: All in attendance (16)

Officers Roll Call:

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

• Guests in Attendance:

John Vigil (USA) Transfer	ee Chris Travis ((USMC) Transferee					
John Sommerock (USAF) New Member							
Reading of Minutes: Accepted⊠	Not Accepted \square	Reason:					

• District Officers Report: Commander Humphrey issued challenge to support the HBOT (Hyper Baric Oxygen Therapy) project, by collecting donations or fund raiser for the HBOT project. TABLED.

Officers' Reports:

Commander

- My thanks to Adjutant Tony DuMosch for single handedly putting on the Annual December 7 ceremony. This is a Post 15 tradition and will need to be addressed more formally in future years.
- My thanks to Assistant Adjutant Joe Centeno for arranging the Post 15 table at the Tanner Gun Show on November 22 and 23 and to all of the Post 15 members who helped man the table.

Adjutant

Legion 100th celebration of the American Legion will be in 2019 in Minneapolis. National has asked all
Posts to gather historical info, Adjutant has already started collecting the info requested. For more
information, see Tony DuMosch.

- Project Stay Alive, a program to find Legion members that have moved and are no longer receiving Legion mailings. When the new address is found it is forwarded to the Adjutant, in an effort to keep the members membership alive. So far 11 have been received and 11 sent.
- MyLegion.org, 7 Legion members have been found in the area requesting transfer to Post 15.
- Year end is soon, expiration notices sent to members. About 90 members thus far still have not paid 2015 dues.
- What are the plans for the Mile stone appreciation of long term membership? Recently received a letter from a member of 60 years requesting a "Gold Star" for his cap.
- Dec 7th went well. Over 70 members participated, standing room only. The Boy Scouts were recognized for their efforts.

Asst. Adjutant

- New format for documenting Post 15 meetings, using Agenda\Minutes format. I still need email address for Committee chairs.
- Awareness table at the Tanner Gun was successful, we talked to many Veterans and handed out information. There were many people that were interested in SAL, Auxiliary, Scouting, etc. We also had some serious interest in the Oratorical program. We also have been invited back to the show when it comes back to Loveland Feb 14th and 15th.

Sr. Vice Commander

- Membership report: 4 inbound transfers, 29 renewals, 1 outbound transfer. Current numbers: 78% renewals, and we are at 335 out of 430 membership goal.
- If you have not renewed, please renew.

Jr. Vice Commander – No Report

Finance Officer

• Financial Report given and accepted for Oct 2014 and Nov 2014. We received a \$700 donation from the Candlelight Theatre. It was allocated, by the membership, to the Donation fund.

Chaplain / Honor Guard Commander

- Memorials performed: 10 in October, 4 in November
- Ceremonies performed: Veteran's Day AVOL Ceremonies, Colors posting at Thunder Mtn Harley
 Davidson for prior to Veteran's Day, Flight presentation at North Shore Rehab, presented colors at Good
 Samaritan, and ceremony for Wreath Across America.

Sgt. at Arms - No Report

Historian/Webmaster

- Added minutes and other corrections to the Posts websites.
- Over 950 hits to the Post website.

Judge Advocate - No Report

Committee Chair Reports:

No report given by the following committees:

ALR American Legion Riders, Sons of the American Legion, Children and Youth, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation **Boys/Girls State**

• Fundraising, we have done real well with the selling of the Veteran hats. They are available in the Lounge for \$15.

Boy Scouts Troop 186

• The Scoutmaster gave a brief year-end summary of the activities, and scout progress of the Scout-led Troop 186.

• The Troop needed \$520.00 for the re-chartering fees. Post 15 members made a motion to donate the money to cover the fee from the donation fund. It was approved.

Board-of-Governors

• The Vets Club facility is now subject to a contract for sale with Interstate Land Holdings, LLC. Purchase price is \$480,000. Closing will be March 31, 2015 provided Buyer's due diligence inspections do not disclose defects. AVoL will have the right to lease the facility on a month to month basis from April 1 to December 31, 2015 on payment of \$500 monthly rent plus amortized monthly real property taxes. The Board of Governors is currently evaluating a commercial building on East 11th Street. The purchaser is Interstate Plan Holdings LLC, the land is slated for redevelopment. One property is being looked at by the BOG to determine if the facility is feasible for our use.

House Committee

- New chairman of the House Committee is Ned Steele.
- AVOL Christmas party scheduled for Dec 20 at 5PM.
- Account holdings over \$24,315.00, petty cash \$1049.00, and stock room is full

Children and Youth, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Tony DuMosch is working with a young lady that was initially rated at 120% disabled by the VA. Due to
the problems incurred by the VA, her case was re-evaluated and increased to 160%. Efforts continue to
assist.

Oratorical

• Contest is January 3rd at 8:00. Roger Massey the contest chairman, is looking for volunteers to help. You can contact him at 719-648-2818

Nominations Committee

• Officer nominations coming in April. Election in May, and installation in June.

JROTC - No Report

Historical Preservation Committee - No Report

Upcoming events:

Date	Time	Event	POC
Jan 22 nd -24 th		Dept. Fall Conference will be held in Colorado Springs.	Tony DuMosch
		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	
Feb 14 th and 15 th	09:00-17:00	Legion Awareness Table at the Tanner Gun Show,	Joseph Centeno
	09:00-16:00	"Budweiser Event Center/The Ranch" in Loveland	

Unfinished Business:

• The fall Highway 34 Cleanup which was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions was rescheduled for Dec 13, 2014 at 9:00.

New Business:

(H. Gosse) Discussion about holding a ceremony to acknowledge Milestone Members (those with 40 years or more of continued membership) during the regular March 10th Post 15 meeting. Certificates will be prepared and given. Light refreshments will be provided. This is contingent on the

- participation of those members. Motion was made and approved.
- (H. Gosse) Discussion and vote on retention of 10 US Army M1903A1 (Springfield) rifles issued to Post 15. These are on loan from the US Army and will need to be returned if not used for ceremonial purposes. Options are (1) return all 10; (2) retain all 10; or (3) retain 2 for a Post 15 Color Guard. These are not the rifles used by the Honor Guard and no one has any recollection of when they were last used. If the vote is to retain any, the recommendation is that a gun safe or metal gun cabinet be obtained for secure storage. Approximate cost of \$100 to \$400. A motion was made to return the Post 15 bolt action "M1903A1" rifles to the Rock Island Arsenal, those that are found to be missing will be reported as stolen, to the Loveland Police Department.
- (S. Powell) Post liability insurance renewal received. Motion passed to pay the \$566.50 premium.
- (J. Centeno) Discussion to start a business directory (on our website, and Facebook) to identify: Post 15 member owned businesses. All members encouraged to forward those business names to the Webmaster.
- (T. Thompson) Motion made to contribute \$50 to the Larimer County Food Bank, passed. Motion also made to contribute \$50 to Operation Sanctuary, not passed.

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

• (J. Centeno) FBI warns military, former military of ISIS threat - The FBI is advising current and former members of the military to review their social media accounts to avoid posts that might attract attention from the group calling itself the Islamic State and its supporters. U.S. law enforcement posted the warning now in advance of the upcoming holiday season when many members of the U.S. military travel in uniform. The new warning also cites several recent attacks in Canada against members of the Canadian military, including the Oct. 22 Ottawa shooting and two other attacks using cars.

Next General Meeting: January 13th 2015

Closing Prayer: Chaplain C. Nash

Adjournment: 21:47