



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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March/April 2019

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 16th
***St. Patrick's Day
Celebration***

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Friday, April 12th
Easter Dinner
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Column

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Sunday, April 14th
District 5 Convention
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PRAY FOR OUR
SOLDIERS, SAILORS,
AIRMEN,
MARINES, AND COAST
GUARD AROUND THE
WORLD

**MAY GOD
BLESS AMERICA!**



Commander's Corner



Dr. Christopher Linski
Post Commander

Greetings Post and Auxiliary Members,

I want to thank all of the members who participated in our consolidation surveys. The committees of Post 4051 and Post 101 have evaluated the feedback and concluded that consolidation of the Posts is not desired at this time. As such, we disbanded the investigating committees.

Collaboration Opportunities

Post 4051 is looking for opportunities to collaborate with other VFW Posts, veteran's organizations, and community partners. The only way for us to expand our membership and operations is to gain more attention from our veteran community. If you have ideas for working with others to promote our mission, please contact me. This can be fundraisers, career fairs, booth setups, or even inter-post competitions! Thank you in advance for your ideas to help our Post thrive.

VFW Election Season

We will begin the post officer election season shortly. If you would like to be nominated for an elected position but are (Commander's Corner continued on page 4)

Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!! It's that time again....This is your official notice of our upcoming Nominations and Elections! If you would like a voice as to how your Auxiliary is run, how money is spent, ideas about recruitment or how we run our programs – now is your chance! This is my last term as your Auxiliary President. We will start the nomination of officers on March 9th, continue nominations and hold Election of Officers on April 13th. Meetings start at 10:30. The Auxiliary desperately needs more membership involvement if we want to continue to have a "happy and healthy" Auxiliary. Please consider getting involved in any capacity! We certainly have something you might be interested in!

Program reporting year ends March 31st, so make sure to get credit for all your hard work this year by turning in your reports to Mandy Linski.

The District 5 Convention will be held at our Post on April 14th starting with lunch at 1:00 pm (prepared by our Auxiliary). The meeting, nominations, elections and joint installation to follow. Also, start making plans for the VFW State Convention to be held June 12-16 at Post 9644 in Sheridan, Colorado.

As of February 6th, we still need six more Annual members to renew for the 2019 membership year. As a reminder, if your 2019 dues are not paid prior to June 30, 2019, you will have to rejoin. This means you start over with a new application and start back at year 1. So far we (President's Column continued on page 4)

VFW Post 4051 Officers For 2018-2019

VFW Post 4051 Auxiliary Officers For 2018-2019

Post Commander	Dr. Christopher Linski
Senior Vice Commander	Galen Steele
Junior Vice Commander	Bob Green
Quartermaster	Joe Cormier
Chaplain	Jim Griffith
Judge Advocate	Bob Green
Surgeon	LeRoy Jensen
1-Year Trustee	John Mazzella
2-Year Trustee	Barbara Green
3-Year Trustee	Eric Veed
Adjutant	Duane Knutson
Service Officer	Jeremy Johnson
House Committee	Rick Archuleta
Ways and Means	Dennis Snider
Membership	Galen Steele
Officer of the Day	Jeremy Johnson
Guard	Val Bernal
Legislative	Dr. D. J. Alberts
Entertainment	John Mazzella
Buddy Poppy	James Griffith
Americanism	VACANT
Community Activities	Barbara Green
Adopt-A-Unit	Paige Lanier
National Home	Dr. Christopher Linski
Honor/Color Guard	Brian Michaud
Flag Committee	LeRoy Jensen
ROTC/JROTC	Barbara Green
Boy Scouts	Dr. Christopher Linski
Public Servant Program	Jean Plank
Voice of Democracy &	
Patriot's Pen	Amy Earley
Teacher of the Year	Amy Earley
Public Affairs	Ron Marshall
Webmaster	Bill Thomas
Bingo Games Manager	Jerry Walter
Crawford House Representative	Barbara Green

President	Tami Veed
Senior Vice President	Mike Walker
Junior Vice President	Mandy Linski
Secretary/Treasurer	Rachel Brown
Chaplain	Rita Christensen
Conductress	Carol Archuleta
Guard	Carol Knutson
Patriotic Instructor	Carol Knutson
Trustee #1	Rita Christensen
Trustee #2	Mike Walker
Trustee #3	Carol Knutson
Games Manager	Rita Christensen
Americanism	Carol Knutson
Buddy Poppy/National Home	Mike Walker
Chaplain's Report	Rita Christensen
Community Service Report	Mandy Linski
Extension	Tami Veed
Historian/Media Relations	Tami Veed
Hospital	Rachel Brown
Legislative	Rachel Brown
Membership & Recruitment	Mike Walker & Tami Veed
Scholarships	Rachel Brown
Veterans & Family Support	All Members
Voice of Democracy &	
Patriot's Pen	Vacant
Youth Activities	Tami Veed



VFW 4051 Bingo

VFW 4051 Bingo pays the big bills for the Post like utilities, insurance, etc. Our bingo sessions are on Tuesday and Friday each week around 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the North Carefree Bingo Hall, 3440 N Carefree Circle, a block west of Academy on North Carefree.

These operations are run by volunteers, many of whom simply need to take a day off every now and then! If you have been a member of the Post or Auxiliary for at least six months, and have a little bit of free time, please think about volunteering! We appreciate any assistance you can provide.

Contact Games Manager Jerry Walter at (719) 574-4324 to volunteer!

SUPPORT VFW 4051 BINGO!

Editorial Staff

Post Commander	Dr. Christopher Linski
Editor	Bill Thomas
Assistant Editor	Ron Marshall

To Report A Death

To report a death of a Post member, please contact Chaplain James Griffith, (719) 632-9874 or for an Auxiliary member, contact Chaplain Rita Christensen, (719) 598-0613. Also, you may leave information either at the club or on the bulletin board so that proper follow-up can be taken. Please include: Name of Deceased; Date of Call; Date of Services; Funeral Home (if known); Your Name, Phone Number and/or Other Point of Contact.

Chaplain's Report

“The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blest: It blesseth him that gives and him that takes. ‘Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes the thronèd monarch better than his crown.”

William Shakespeare, The Merchant of Venice

“Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16

During my last tour in Germany, I had the chance to go on a staff ride of the Battle of the Huertgen Forest. I saw a little-known monument there to man's humanity to man on a battle ground that proved the opposite. I was so moved by what I saw that I later purchased a print of Don Stiver's *Truce in the Huertgen Forest* which hangs in my study alongside my Stiver's print of Chaplains in Iraq.

From September to November 1944, two U.S. Divisions (9th ID and 28th ID) plus part of one other were locked in a ferocious struggle with the German 89th Infantry Division along the Kall River Road which supplied both armies. The 28th ID earned the nickname “Bucket of Blood.” The battle was a small unit fire team struggle from tree to tree and ridge to ridge. The German artillery air bursts created casualties for almost every foot of ground taken. On the German side it was no better. The 89th was in a desperate fight and ordered not to retreat. The battle surged back and forth over the Kall Road and casualties mounted on both sides and men suffered unattended often within feet of their own lines.

Something had to give and it did in the best sort of way. SGT William Provencher of CO M, 112th Inf Regiment, 28th Division and Dr. Genter Stuttgen of the 89th Division met under flags of truce on the Road and worked out the first of three informal ceasefires between 7-12 November and established aid stations on either side of the road. German and American medics and soldiers acting as stretcher bearers took the casualties to which ever was the closest station. Some American found healing in a German aid station and some Germans in a U.S. aid station.

A transcendent moment in a scene from hell.

If man can rise to such a moment in war, how much more does God rise to mercy when we come to him with our daily needs. Let us trust Him who is greater than man and whose mercy is infinite.

(Chaplain's Report continued in next column)

Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Auxiliary Members,

At our January meeting the Auxiliary Charter was draped in memory of Life Auxiliary member, Joan Stern. Charlene Madden passed away on February 10th, 2019, and our Charter will be draped in Sister Charlene's memory at our March meeting.

A sympathy card was mailed to Robert and Wanda Wencil on the death of their daughter.

“You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.”

Albert Schweitzer

If you know of any member who is ill, recovering, in the hospital or just in need of a kind word, please call me at 598-0613.

Sincerely,
Auxiliary Chaplain
Rita Cristensen

New Attraction-Colorado Springs

We have been notified that Ocean World Marine Museum, a nonprofit organization, is planning to open a new facility in Colorado Springs later this year.

They are seeking financial assistance to provide free tickets for local veterans and their families.

If you are interested in helping, or want to learn more about the museum, please contact Jeff Warner at jawcwarner@aol.com or 303-912-3593.

(Chaplain's Report continued from previous column)

Our VFW Ritual Closing Prayer starts “Almighty God, the hour has come when we must part. We commit ourselves to Thy care.”

We pause to remember our Post Auxiliary comrades: Joan Stern and Charlene Madden and commit them to Thy care.

Call me at (719) 200-8223 if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

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unable to attend the March (nominations) and April (elections) post meetings, then you must provide a written self-nomination to myself or to our Adjutant, Duane Knutson, before the nominations close on April 6.

Please also look at the numerous appointed positions that will need to be filled for the 2019-2020 fraternal year. If you want to become more involved, or to move into a new role within the Post, please let me know!

A list of all positions can be found on our website at www.vfw4051.org/post-officers. If you need to know more about a position, I can provide a brief description of the role in advance.

Yours in Comradeship,
Dr. Christopher Linski
Post Commander
Commander@vfw4051.us

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

We have an update on the design phase on the heating and air conditioning project on the upper level.

An engineering firm was hired to do a walk through inspection on the electrical panels and the condition of the roof. A problem was found and we contacted the roofing company that had replaced the roof, and the problem was repaired at no cost to the Post. We now have cost estimates on the new system. The firm will continue to do any design work needed for completion. Now we will need to get some contractors to give their estimates and bids to do the work.

We are hoping to get three or more contractors to bid the work before we make a decision. We want to pick a company that has a good reputation and has been in business for many years. We want to have the project completed no later than the last of April.

The Colorado Springs Fire Department paid us our yearly inspection visit, and we were hit with a couple of minor infractions, which will soon be corrected. The New Year has started out with no other new problems and hopefully it stays that way!

Chairman,
Rick Archuleta

Board members: LeRoy Jensen, Jerry Walter, & Joe Cormier.

Alternates: Duane Knutson & Ron Marshall

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have 33 Annual members and 217 Life members with a total of 250 members which is 94.70%. This means that we need the six outstanding annuals plus eight NEW members to reach 100% by the end of June.

RECRUIT RECRUIT RECRUIT

Upcoming Auxiliary Theme Dinners:

March 8th: Little Black Dress/Ties Men (Optional)
Turkey Divan will be the entrée. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Veterans/Military Support Programs.

April 12th: Easter Dinner
Baked Ham will be the entrée, Fundraiser TBD

To the few members that work so hard in the making of and decorating for these dinners, thank you so very much!

Our thoughts and prayers for healing are with those of you that are ill or injured, wishing you a speedy recovery!

As always, I remain loyally yours,

Tami Veed,
Auxiliary President
Cell 719.238.3543
Email president@vfw4051.us

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

We will host the St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A meal of corned beef and cabbage will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and costs \$10 per person. We will also have Celtic Dancers performing at 1: p.m.!

This event is open to all VFW and Auxiliary members, veterans, and their guests. This event will be cosponsored by VFW Post 101.

Let's make this an outstanding event!

District 5 Convention

The District 5 Convention will be held at our Post on April 14th. The day will begin with lunch at 1:00 p.m. which will be prepared by our Auxiliary.

The meeting, nominations, elections and joint installation will follow.

Crawford House Update

It's time for me to retire as Pikes Peak Post 4051 representative to the Board of Directors of the Colorado Veteran Resource Coalition, better known as Crawford House. Comrade Barbara Green has been approved as our new representative.

Some Background.

Nearly 20 years ago, comrade John Mazzella and I were part of a **HOMELESS VETERAN INITIATIVE** in cooperation with the Veterans Administration (VA) to identify and eliminate veteran homelessness. We had to form a corporation and Post 4051 helped finance the formation. Colorado Veteran Resource Coalition (CVRC) was formed and became a legal entity that could contract with the VA. Next, we looked for a property. This took nearly 2 years because we kept running into NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) objections. Finally, a suitable property was found on South Weber, and in 2001 we opened the 15-bed Crawford House (named after Post 4051 Medal of Honor life member William J. Crawford).

In subsequent years, we opened 2 transition houses for 10 veterans who had completed the 90-day Crawford House programs, had an income, but needed more time to return to normal living; and 2 apartment buildings for 10 low income veteran families.

Some Results.

At the beginning, we found there were about 400 veterans (WWII, Korea, Vietnam) in the Pikes Peak Region that needed help. Since 2001, Crawford House has helped over 1700 veterans with a nearly 80 percent success rate.

The Homeless Veteran Initiative continues with nearly 300 veterans getting support at the annual Veteran Standdown. Crawford House continues to provide help to male and female veterans with problems, and the VA has a waiting list of veterans from the ongoing wars waiting their turn.

Sincerely,
Duane Knutson

Members Notice

The membership rules for annual members changed a couple of years ago. The new rule is annual renewal must be done during the month you joined the Post. So when you get the renewal notice, DON'T DELAY. Or better yet, consider using the life member installment plan. Your renewal is important!



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Auxiliary

Joan Stern & Charlene Madden

Each of our departed Comrades made a special contribution to our Nation, our Community, and our Post.

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain



Post Surgeon's Report

Dear Comrades:

I visited Bill Green who is recovering from cancer surgery. A get-well card was sent to Barb Bacon, as she recovers from cancer surgery. Get-well wishes were sent to Max Beham as he has been diagnosed with Leukemia. As of this publication, no new deceased comrades were reported.

We appreciate your donations of any torn, soiled or American Flags in need of replacement. We take them to the American Legion Post 209 for ceremonial disposal.

Please continue to let me know whenever one of our veterans is in ill health, in the hospital, or unfortunately has deceased.

Yours in Comradeship,
LeRoy Jensen
Post Surgeon

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

MARCH 2019

DANCE 7 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>(NOTE) Reservations Required For Dinner Call (719) 632-9874</p>					<p>1 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Louisiana Gumbo Mardi Gras Carlos Crull</p>	<p>2 Post Meeting Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Available For Rental Events</p>	
	3	4	5	6	7	<p>8 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Turkey Divan Little Black Dress/Ties Men (Optional) Springs</p>	<p>9 Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m. Available For Rental Events</p>
	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	<p>Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m.</p> Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	<p>Open 4 to 11 NO Dinner/Dance Only Carlos Crull</p>	<p>St. Patricks' Day Corned Beef & Cabbage \$10 Details p. 4 Available For Rental Events</p>
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	<p>Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Chicken Springs</p>	Available For Rental Events	
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	<p>Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Prime Rib Carlos Crull</p>	Available For Rental Events	

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

APRIL 2019

DANCE 7 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>(NOTE) <i>Reservations Required For Dinner</i> Call (719) 632-9874</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<i>District 5 Convention</i> Lunch 1 p.m. Meeting 2 p.m. Elections/Installation	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Shrimp or Chicken Alfredo (Call In) Springs	Available For Rental Events
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<i>Easter</i> Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Chicken Dumplings Carlos Crull	Available For Rental Events
28	29	30				
Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events				

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Dinner \$10.00 Dinner & Dance \$20.00 Dance Only \$10.00

Call (719) 632-9874

Club Hours: Sunday - Wednesday: Available for Rental Events;

Thursday: Open 4 - 7 p.m. Friday: Open 4 - 11 p.m.

Saturday: Available for Rental Events

Open for Special Events and Meetings

Post Meetings on March 2 and April 6 at 9 a.m.

Auxiliary Meetings on March 9 and April 15 at 10:30 a.m.