



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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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,

We need your comments and ideas on ways to celebrate our 75th Anniversary next year. We are currently planning a fundraiser dinner at a local hotel or convention center. This event will be open to the public with online and in-person ticket sales. We hope to schedule a veteran keynote speaker and have some great entertainment options, as well! This will be a joint effort between the Post and Auxiliary to make this an amazing event. Advertising outlets are also being examined to make sure that we reach the entire Pikes Peak Region.

Upcoming Day of Service

We have joined The Mission Continues and USAA to provide volunteers for their 9/11 Day of Service being held on Saturday, September 7th! This event will be at Palmer Park in Colorado Springs and will begin at 8:00 a.m. Due to our Post meeting, many of our participants will be arriving following the meeting. After the day of service (Commander's Corner continued on page 4)

Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you to everybody who was able to join us for our 4th of July Picnic at the Post! We had a wonderful turnout!

Looking to volunteer? The Mission Continues is partnering with USAA for the 9/11 Day of Service. They will be doing maintenance and restoration of Palmer Park. The date is September 7, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with a BBQ to follow. If anybody would like more information or to find out where to sign up, please don't hesitate to give me a call or an email.

We currently have 218 members, with a percentage of 86.85%. If you know anybody who may be eligible to be a member, send them my way! I would love to give them more information on our organization and what they can do to help make it better!

Upcoming Events

September 20th
Auxiliary Dinner/Dance

September 26th
Homefront Cares Donor Appreciation Reception – RSVP by September 16th.

October 25th
Auxiliary Dinner/Dance

I look forward to seeing everybody at our next meeting, September 14, 2019, at 10:30 a.m!

Respectfully yours,
Mandy Linski
Auxiliary President

VFW Post 4051 Officers For 2019-2020

Post Commander	Dr. Christopher Linski
Senior Vice Commander	Dennis Snider
Junior Vice Commander	Amy Earley
Quartermaster	Joe Cormier
Chaplain	Jim Griffith
Judge Advocate	Bob Green
Surgeon	Bill Thomas
1-Year Trustee	Barbara Green
2-Year Trustee	Eric Veed
3-Year Trustee	Brian Michaud
Adjutant	Dennis Snider
Service Officer	Dr. Christopher Linski
House Committee	Rick Archuleta
Ways and Means	William Mathis
Membership	Amy Earley
Officer of the Day	Brian Michaud
Guard	Lance Dyer
Legislative	Dr. D. J. Alberts
Entertainment	John Mazzella
Buddy Poppy	James Griffith
Americanism	William Mathis
Adopt-A-Unit	Paige Lanier
National Home	Dr. Christopher Linski
Honor/Color Guard	Brian Michaud
ROTC/JROTC	Barbara Green
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/Webmaster	Bill Thomas
Bingo Games Manager	Jerry Walter
Crawford House Representative	Barbara Green

VFW Post 4051 Auxiliary Officers For 2019-2020

President	Mandy Linski
Senior Vice President	Rita Christensen
Junior Vice President	Mike Walker
Treasurer	Rachel Brown
Chaplain	Michelle Pineda
Conductress	Carol Archuleta
Guard	Carol Knutson
1-Year Trustee	Mike Walker
2-Year Trustee	Carol Knutson
3-Year Trustee	Tami Veed
Secretary	Rachel Brown
Patriotic Instructor	Carol Knutson
Americanism	Carol Knutson
Buddy Poppy	Mike Walker
Community Service	Mandy Linski
Legislative	Rachel Brown
Hospital	Tami Veed
Membership	Rita Christensen
Leadership	Rachel Brown
National Home	Mike Walker
Scholarship	Rachel Brown
Games Manager	Rita Christensen
Youth	Mandy Linski



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 Michelle Pineda, (719) 287-4781. 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

"For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands."

Saint Paul, 2 Corinthians 5:1

"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God."

Saint Paul, Hebrews 3:4

"Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone."

Saint Paul, Ephesians 2:20

"Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures."

President John F. Kennedy

I hate home renovations. They always come at the wrong time for budget and at a time when time itself is short. Recently we have had to replace our windows and now we are getting solar panels put on the roof. We will need to repair the garage foundation, replace kitchen cabinets, and so much other stuff over the next few years that it can drive you to distraction. The list of shoulds seems endless, but it must be done. You can't invest in a home and then let it go to ruin simply because it is always inconvenient to repair it.

If this is true of a building, how much more is it about our lives. Again, the list of shoulds is endless. We should eat well, we should exercise, we should maintain healthy relationships, we should help our communities, and we should care for other veterans. But there is a limit, and any good contractor knows that. There is a time when no amount of repair can fix a building that is simply not meant to last forever. Even our oldest monuments are but a second old compared to the age of the earth, the solar system, the galaxy, the universe...well you get the point.

However, the human soul is built by a Maker not with human hands nor designed for a brief span of time but eternity. The time we spend knowing God, repairing our souls when needed, and in building up others lasts forever.

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 comrades: Carol Frazier and Thomas Mitchell and commit them to Thy care.

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

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Auxiliary Members,

I am happy to report that there were No deceased members reported since the last newsletter!

If you know of any member who is ill, recovering, in the hospital, or just in need of a kind word, please contact me at (719) 287-4781.

Sincerely,
Michelle Pineda
Auxiliary Chaplain

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

We want to thank LeRoy Jensen for his time in serving on the house committee over several years. LeRoy can no longer serve or participate on our committee. We are now in the process of finding someone to take his place. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this position please contact me at (719) 287-5182 or leave a message on the Post phone (719) 632-9874. We normally meet on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for about an hour, after our monthly Saturday Post meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Since our last newsletter, we have not had any costly problems! We have done the re-stripping of our lower level back parking spaces. We will now continue to re-stripe the upper level parking spaces. We are also in the process of getting an estimate on the cost of replacing the outside building lights with LEDs.

Next year we will be celebrating our 75th anniversary of our Post which was chartered on May 28th, 1945. We want to hear from anyone who may have photos or stories on how our Post has evolved over the years.

Chairman,
Rick Archuleta
House members: Jerry Walter, Joe Cormier
Alternates: Duane Knutson and Ron Marshall

Bumper Stickers Seen On Military Bases

"Marine Sniper - You can run, but you'll just die tired!"

"The Marine Corps - When It Absolutely, Positively has to be Destroyed Overnight"

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vice at the park, we will join our community volunteers for lunch at the park. Come by the event to help with cleanup efforts!

Policies and Procedures

We are currently reviewing our Post Bylaws, policies, and procedures. If you have any recommendations for improving these items or notice items that are not currently provided in writing, please let me know. Our Policy Committee wants to know how to ensure our Post continues its operations well into the future.

Your input is sincerely appreciated!

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

POW/MIA Recognition Day

On Friday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m. we will hold a POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony. All guests are encouraged to come early and attend this important event.

Patton's "Poetry"

There is one great thing that you men will all be able to say after this war is over and you are home once again. You may be thankful that twenty years from now when you are sitting by the fireplace with your grandson on your knee and he asks you what you did in the great World War II, you won't have to cough, shift him to the other knee and say, "Well, your Granddaddy shoveled shit in Louisiana." No, Sir, you can look him straight in the eye and say, "Son, your Granddaddy rode with the Great Third Army and a Son-of-a-Goddamned-Bitch named Georgie Patton!"

Sure, we want to go home. We want this war over with. The quickest way to get it over with is to go get the bastards who started it. The quicker they are whipped, the quicker we can go home. The shortest way home is through Berlin and Tokyo. And when we get to Berlin, I am personally going to shoot that paper hanging son-of-a-bitch Hitler. Just like I'd shoot a snake!

Post History

**Colorado Springs Gazette
November 29, 1956**

VFW Post 4051 to Dedicate New \$150,000 Home Friday

The new home of Pikes Peak Post 4051, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at 430 E. Pikes Peak Avenue will be dedicated and a housewarming held Friday night. It is a \$150,000 building on the north side of Pikes Peak Avenue between Corona Street and Wahsatch Avenue and is the first home that the Post has owned. It formerly met in rented quarters at 6 S. Wahsatch Avenue.

The Post has grown to a membership of over 400 and is one of the largest in the region. The dedication will be at a dinner for members and their wives in the new building at 6 p.m. Friday. This will be followed at 9 p.m. by an open house for the public. At this event there will be a dance, with music by Ray Kranz and his orchestra.

Chief Speaker at the dedication ceremonies and the dinner will be Cooper T. Holt, Commander-In-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who will come here from the national headquarters in Kansas City for the occasion. Present also will be Earl Yates of Denver, Commander of Colorado Department and Ernest J. Lacer, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Colorado from Boulder. Other honored guests will include Ray H. Brannaman of Greeley, former National Commander-In-Chief and other officials of the national organization. John R. Wallace of Pikes Peak Post 4051, Department Junior Vice Commander and a member of the building committee will preside.

Many officers and past officers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will attend the dinner and take part in the dedication ceremonies. Chairman of the building committee is William C. Craron, present Commander of the Post. Other members of the building committee are Vincent Micci, C. E. Buscher, John R. Wallace, and Maynard Blinkard.

Among past Commanders of Post 4051 who will attend and take part in the dedication ceremonies are Clement E. Buscher, Howard Hudson, W. Earl Cole, Franklin T. Ripley, Vincent B. Micci, and Pat Hallman.

Vietnam Era Pins and Certificates

TREA (The Retired Enlisted Association) has a ceremony twice a year to hand out pins and certificates to Vietnam Era Veterans who served on active duty (November 1, 1955-May 15, 1975 dates of service) and also to spouses of deceased service members who served on active duty during the above time period. The certificates have the TREA Logo and Chapter 1 on them.

If anyone is interested in receiving the pin and certificate (even if you received the pin previously) and would be able to attend the TREA ceremony (October/November 2019 or late March 2020) please let me know. Barbara-green241@hotmail.com.

Please send me the following information:

Name as you want it on the certificate
Branch of Service
Rank
Military job title

Barbara Green
Past Commander

Community Service Hours Outside the Post

1. Total Hours _____
2. Cash Donations _____
3. Round trip mileage _____

Please include a brief description of community service accomplished:

Mail this form to:
VFW Post 4051
430 East Pikes Peak Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Or return to a Post general membership meeting

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!



TAPS

Post

Carol Frazier and Thomas Mitchell

Auxiliary

None

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:

We are sad to report that two more of our veterans passed away, Carol Frazier and Thomas Mitchell.

Ron Marshall recently visited our former Post Surgeon LeRoy Jensen at his new place of residence at Winslow Court. LeRoy does not yet have a phone, but is hoping to get one of the small phones in the near future.

LeRoy is in good spirits and always has a smile on his face, but is a little lonely and would welcome any Post members who wish to visit him. Visitors just sign into the logbook at the visitor's desk downstairs and go up to the 3rd floor, room 327. Knock on the door and go right in. He probably won't hear you knock. :)

As always, thanks to everyone for informing me of any comrades who are in distress and need assistance.

Please bring any American flags that are worn, torn, or soiled to the Post for proper disposal.

Yours in Comradeship,
Bill Thomas,
Post Surgeon

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00		SEPTEMBER 2019			DANCE 7 PM \$10.00	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 (NOTE) <i>Reservations Required For Dinner</i> Call (719) 632-9874	2 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>VJ Day (1945)</i> Available For Rental Events	3 Available For Rental Events	4 Available For Rental Events	5 Open 4 to 7	6 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance BBQ Brisket/ Western Night Springs	7 Post Meeting Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. 9/11 Day of Service Available For Rental Events
8 Available For Rental Events	9 Available For Rental Events	10 Available For Rental Events	11 Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m. <i>Patriot Day</i> Available For Rental Events	12 Open 4 to 7	13 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Steak Night \$12.00 Carlos Crull	14 Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m. Available For Rental Events
15 Available For Rental Events	16 Available For Rental Events	17 Available For Rental Events	18 <i>USAF Established (1947)</i> Available For Rental Events	19 Open 4 to 7	20 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Brats & Sauerkraut Sock Hop POW/MIA Ceremony Carlos Crull	21 Available For Rental Events
22 Available For Rental Events	23 Available For Rental Events	24 Available For Rental Events	25 Available For Rental Events	26 Open 4 to 7	27 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Baked Chicken Springs	28 Available For Rental Events
29 <i>VFW Established (1899)</i> Available For Rental Events	30 Available For Rental Events					

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	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Roast Pork Tenderloin Carlos Crull	Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m. Available For Rental Events	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
USN Established (1775) Available For Rental Events	Columbus Day (Observed) Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Creamy Mushroom Chicken Springs	Available For Rental Events		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
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 Halloween Black Cauldron Stew Carlos Crull	Available For Rental Events		
27	28	29	30	31				
Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7				

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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 September 7 and October 5 at 9 a.m.

Auxiliary Meetings on September 14 and October 12 at 10:30 a.m.