



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,

Welcome to another great year! I want to thank the officers of 2018-2019 for their hard work and dedication to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and welcome the incoming officers of 2019-2020.

July Picnic at the Post

The first event of this fraternal year is to celebrate Independence Day! We will host a **Picnic at the Post** on Sunday, July 7th beginning at 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be BBQ Beef Sandwiches, sides, and desserts. This is open to all VFW and Auxiliary members, their families and friends, and other guests. We will have "DJ Derek" providing live entertainment, and there will be a "Most Patriotic Attire" contest. And do not forget the kids! We will have fun and games for all!

75th Anniversary Coming Soon!

Pikes Peak Post 4051 turns 75 in
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Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I want to start out by saying thank you to our 2018-2019 elected and appointed officers for doing such an amazing job, and congratulations to our new 2019-2020 officers! I am looking forward to working together and making this upcoming term a great one!

My main focus for this year is membership, membership, membership! The most important part of membership is to recognize all of the hard work of our participating members and to increase the participation throughout our events and activities.

It is important for us to realize that without this increase in participating members, we will be unable to fulfill the mission of the VFW Auxiliary. Any suggestions on how to improve are highly encouraged and appreciated!

Thank you to everybody who volunteered to distribute Poppies over Memorial Day weekend! We had a great turnout and distributed over 1300 Poppies!

Upcoming Events

July 7

Picnic at the Post from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. We will have live entertainment and a Most Patriotic Attire contest.

We will be serving BBQ beef sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, and dessert!

July 19

Auxiliary Dinner/Dance. We will be serving chicken cacciatore!

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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
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

"War is an ugly thing but not the ugliest of things; the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feelings which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself."

John Stuart Mill

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."

George S. Patton, Jr.

"Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Jesus from John 15:13

I am a sucker for "military bro movies!" Sports are almost as good, but I don't think a finer movie scene has been shot than the final Normandy Cemetery sequence where Private Ryan, kneeling at CPT Miller's grave, remembers his dying words, "Earn this!"

Surrounded by a sea of crosses and Stars of David, awash in memories and supported by his family, Ryan turns to his wife and asks, "Have I lived a good life? Have I been a good man?" In other words, "Did I earn the benefits of Miller and his men's sacrifice?"

None of us earns it, yet all of us, as we remember friends and comrades that did not make it back from whatever far shores we served on, reflexively ask that question why me and not them, and have I lived the kind of life that honors their sacrifice and promise cut short.

The movie makes it abundantly clear, as does Jesus' quote on sacrifice's motive-love, that the best memorial to their lives is to live honorable, full, joyful, and loving lives. Not how you earn it, but how you live it.

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: Jeremy Johnson, David McClintock and Lewis Pardon, and Post Auxiliary comrade: Wanda Wencl 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,

Auxiliary Sister, Wanda Wencl, passed away on April 7th. A sympathy card was mailed to the family and a donation in her name was sent to the American Lung Association. The Auxiliary Charter was draped at our May Auxiliary meeting in Wanda's memory. A speedy recovery card was sent to Past Auxiliary President, Carol Archuleta, who is recovering from a fall.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as Auxiliary Chaplain for the past several years. It has been an honor and a privilege. Also, I want to thank my Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters for their concern during my recent battle with the flu.

"The greatest accomplishment is not ever falling, but rising again after you fall."

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

Sincerely,
Rita Christensen, Past Chaplain

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

As of June 3rd, at our monthly committee meeting, it was decided to delay the upper-level heating and air conditioning project. We had conducted a walk-through by four companies and received proposal bids. After reviewing all the bids, we determined, unfortunately, that all bids were well over our budgeted amount. Thus, we will continue to accumulate the funds needed to complete this project sometime in the future. We want to thank Richard Gandolf for his assistance in helping us with his knowledge and experience. I personally want to thank the House members for their commitment of time and suggestions on how to proceed with this needed project.

We had a couple of unforeseen repairs that had to be made. There was a problem in the ladies room and in the heating and air conditioning system on the lower level. We will continue to keep our Post clean and safe for our members and friends who continue to support our Post functions.

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

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in 2020! We are preparing for a great celebration to commemorate all of the amazing activities that we have conducted and for all of the veterans that have been impacted by our organization. Stay tuned for more information!

Need Volunteers

Comrades, we are in need of a volunteer for the position of **Service Officer**. If you are able to assist with this position, please contact me directly. We also need more volunteers to assist with weekly Bingo on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact me or Games Manager Jerry Walter if you can help out!

I look forward to another wonderful year as your Post Commander. As always, I want to hear your comments and ideas about maintaining and improving our Post operations and activities.

Your input is sincerely appreciated!

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

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August 16

Auxiliary Dinner/Dance. We will be serving pork pie!

I look forward to seeing everybody at our next meeting, July 13, 2019, at 10:30 a.m!

Sincerely,
Mandy Linski
President

Heads Up!

John Anderson will once again cook his famous bbq brisket and beans for our Friday night, September 6th, dinner at the Post. From the chef:

"The brisket is easy and good, and the recipe is a hand-me-down from my sainted mother. The beans are my recipe, are a work of both labor and love, and I've been doing them for 45+ years."

This is always a super fun time with a delicious dinner. Please wear your western gear-there will be prizes for the best attire. Some western/cowboy music will also be played for your listening and dancing pleasure. Make sure to sign up NLT Wednesday, September 4th for a head count for the food.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS PIKES PEAK POST 4051 & AUXILIARY



Picnic at the Post



Come check out
"DJ Derek"
Playing: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

**VFW and Auxiliary Members,
Families, Friends, and Guests
Are Welcome!**

Sunday, July 7th

BBQ Beef Sandwiches!



430 E. Pikes Peak Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO

11:00am to 3:00pm

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

**Jeremy Johnson, David McClintock
& Lewis Pardon.**

Auxiliary

Wanda Wencil

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 three more of our veterans passed away. Service Officer Jeremy Johnson, Lewis Pardon, and David McClintock.

Post Surgeon LeRoy Jensen was recently in the hospital with pneumonia and is now at a care center. We wish him a speedy recovery. He has resigned from this position as Post Surgeon after many years of faithful service, and we honor him for his unwavering devotion to all of us and our Post.

Past Post Commander, Post Trustee, and incoming District 5 Commander Eric Veed has been home recovering from surgery, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

There will be a ceremony for the proper disposal of worn, torn or soiled American Flags at American Legion Post 209 at 11 a.m. on July 4th. The public is welcome to attend at their Post at 3613 Jeannine Dr. (Just west of Academy Blvd).

Yours in Comradeship,
Bill Thomas,
Post Surgeon

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

JULY 2019

DANCE 7 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>(NOTE) Reservations Required For Dinner Call (719) 632-9874</p>	1 Available For Rental Events	2 Available For Rental Events	3 Available For Rental Events	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Post Closed	5 Open 4 to 11 NO Dinner/ Dance Only Carlos Crull	6 <i>Post Meeting</i> Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Available For Rental Events
7 <i>Picnic @ the Post</i> See Page 1 for Details Available For Rental Events	8 Available For Rental Events	9 Available For Rental Events	10 Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Available For Rental Events	11 Open 4 to 7	12 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance <i>Pork Chops</i> Carlos Crull	13 <i>Aux Meeting</i> Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m. Available For Rental Events
14 Available For Rental Events	15 Available For Rental Events	16 Available For Rental Events	17 Available For Rental Events	18 Open 4 to 7	19 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance <i>Chicken Cacciatore</i> Springs	20 Available For Rental Events
21 Available For Rental Events	22 Available For Rental Events	23 Available For Rental Events	24 Available For Rental Events	25 Open 4 to 7	26 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance <i>Spaghetti & Meatballs</i> Springs	27 Available For Rental Events
28 Available For Rental Events	29 Available For Rental Events	30 Available For Rental Events	31 Available For Rental Events			

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
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25	26	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	Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Meat Loaf Carlos Crull	Available For Rental Events		

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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 July 6 and August 3 at 9 a.m.
Auxiliary Meetings on July 13 and August 10 at 10:30 a.m.