



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



January/February 2018

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 6th
*Post Voice of
Democracy/Patriot's
Pen Presentations*

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Saturday January 13th
*District Voice of
Democracy/Patriot's
Pen Banquet*

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Friday, February 9th
*Valentine's Day
Dinner/Dance*

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PRAY FOR OUR
SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN,
MARINES AND COAST GUARD
AROUND THE WORLD

**MAY GOD
BLESS AMERICA!**



Commander's Column

Dear Comrades,

We had a successful Poppy Drive Veterans Day Weekend. I wish to thank Jim Griffith and all of the volunteers that supported the event.

Membership

**As of December 15th we have
580 members for a total of
89.64%.**

**We need 68 by June to make our
100% +1 this year.**

**Please support Senior Vice
Commander Chris Linski in one
of his Membership Drives.**

With the New Year approaching I'm reaching out to the Membership to bring a new member to the regular membership meetings and invite them to join us for one of our Friday Dinner/Dances.

On the 14th of December, the 4th Infantry Division Artillery (DIVARTY) had their Centennial St. Barbara Day Ball.

Hooah!!

Finally, I wish Health and Happiness for all of you and your families for the coming year.

In True Comradeship,

Eric Veed
Post Commander

Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It's hard to believe we are halfway through our Auxiliary year already! There are so many more things we need to accomplish and can only do that if we have volunteers to take the lead - we really need the help of all our members so please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you would like to share some of your time, talents and/or ideas with us.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a great big shout out to the few volunteers that have continually given many hours in the preparation of our Auxiliary dinner/dances. They are: Charlene Cormier, Carol Archuleta, Rita Christensen, and Carol Knutson!

Additionally, we all want to thank John Blum for his support! These Auxiliary dinner/dances are the main way we raise funds to support our Department and National programs and it would not happen without the contributions of these individuals.

REMINDER: If you are an Annual Member, please make sure that we have received your membership renewal as the membership year ended December 31, 2017.

The Post and Auxiliary will be hosting the District 5 Awards Banquet celebrating and honoring District winners of Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year on January 13, 2018. Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP to Page Gilmore at vfwdist5vodpp@gmail.com. Because of this event, there will not be an Auxiliary dinner in January. Our (President's Column continued on page 4.)

VFW Post 4051 Officers For 2017-2018

Commander	Eric Veed
Senior Vice Commander	Dr. Chris Linski
Junior Vice Commander	Galen Steele
Quartermaster	Joe Cormier
Adjutant	Duane Knutson
Chaplain	James Griffith
Staff Judge Advocate	Dr. D. J. Alberts
Surgeon	LeRoy Jensen
Service Officer	Jeremy Johnson
Officer of the Day	Brian Michaud
Trustee #1	Barb Bacon
Trustee #2	John Mazzella
Trustee #3	Barbara Green
Guard	Valerie Bernal
House Committee	Rick Archuleta, Chairman Barbara Green Joe Cormier Jerry Walter LeRoy Jensen
Ways and Means	Barbara Green Joe Cormier Jerry Walter Rick Archuleta
Americanism	Al Andrews Bill Vanaman Jim Griffith
Buddy Poppy	Barbara Green
Community Activities	Valerie Bernal
Bingo Games Manager	Eric Veed
Membership	Kent Lambert
Legislative	Ron Marshall
Public Affairs	Amy Earley
Voice of Democracy	Amy Earley
Patriot Pen	Dr. Chris Linski
ROTC/JROTC	Dr. Chris Linski
Scouts Charter Representative	Galen Steele
Scoutmaster	Vacant
Teacher of the Year	Dr. Chris Linski
National Home	Bill Vanaman
Safety	Brian Michaud
Honor/Color Guard Captain	John Mazzella
Entertainment	Bill Thomas
Webmaster	Rick Archuleta/LeRoy Jensen
Flag Committee	Paige Lanier
Adopt a Unit POC	

Editorial Staff

Post Commander	Eric Veed
Editor	Bill Thomas
Assistant Editor	Ron Marshall

VFW Post 4051 Auxiliary Officers For 2017-2018

President	Tami Veed
Senior Vice President	Charlene Cormier
Junior Vice President	Tina Stemen
Secretary/Treasurer	Rachel Brown
Chaplain	Rita Christensen
Conductress	Carol Archuleta
Guard	Carol Knutson
Patriotic Instructor	Carol Knutson
Trustee #1	Carol Knutson
Trustee #2	Rita Christensen
Trustee #3	Mike Walker
Americanism	Vina Candia
Buddy Poppy	Mike Walker
Cancer Aid	Rachel Brown
Community Service	Tina Stemen
Facebook/Webpage	Tami Veed
Games Manager	Rita Christensen
Hospital	Tami Reed
Legislative	Rachel Brown
Membership/Leadership	Charlene Cormier
National Home	Charlene Cormier
Veterans & Family Support	All Members
Voice of Democracy	Vacant
Patriot Pen	Vacant

Post Membership

For any of our members that recruit two or more members (annual or life) with their paid dues, you will receive a free dinner/dance ticket at the Friday night dinner/dances.

For any active duty members; if they pay the first year, they will receive the second year free.

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

In 1863, Longfellow found out that his oldest son Charles, a lieutenant in the Army of the Potomac, had been severely wounded in battle. His deep personal despair was reflective of the despair and loss suffered by so many Americans, both in the North and in the South, during the long, terrible Civil War. Shortly after a visit to his son Charles, who was still struggling to recover from his war injuries, on Christmas Day, 1864, Longfellow penned the words to his poem, "Christmas Bells.," which later was put to music and is known as "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
"Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound the carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn, the households born
Of peace on earth, good will to men."
And in despair I bowed my head
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men."

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: Ernest Chandler, Norman Evans, Thomas Ferrara, Kenneth Gasper, John Kaufman, James Lippincott, Leroy Neitzke, Kirby Stafford Jr., Al Vrooman, and Roy Walker to 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,

A sympathy card was sent to Auxiliary Life Member Lu Pickarts on the death of her husband Edward Alan Pickarts. A sympathy card was sent to Auxiliary Member Michael Lippencott and family on the death of his father, Post 4051 member, James Lippincott. A sympathy card was sent to Past Auxiliary President, Carol Knutson, on the death of her brother.

Past Post 4051 Commander John Mazzella spent several days enjoying a rest and the attention of the nurses at Memorial Hospital. We are happy to say the doctors discharged him with a clean bill of health!

A thinking of you card was sent to Auxiliary President Tami Veed and to Auxiliary Life Member Sally Sherry, both recovering nicely.

If you know of anyone who is ill, recovering from surgery or in need of our help please call me at (719) 598-0613.

Sincerely,
Rita Christensen
Auxiliary Chaplain



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 at the North Carefree Bingo Hall, 3440 N Carefree Circle, a block west of Academy on North Carefree.

Each bingo team needs 7 or 8 people to work from about 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We really need a couple more workers for each session. If you can work both sessions – GREAT! But just one day a week would really help. Please contact the Post Leadership team if you would like more information about this important activity.

**FOR ALL MEMBERS, COME PLAY
BINGO; BRING YOUR FRIENDS;
SUPPORT VFW 4051 BINGO!**

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Events

POST Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Presentations, Saturday, January 6, 2018. Coffee and doughnuts at 8:00 a.m., presentations at 9:00 a.m., and the Post Meeting following the presentations.

DISTRICT Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Banquet, 6:00 p.m. Saturday, January 13, 2018. Social hour at 5:00 p.m. with the banquet (\$10 at the door) at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to vfwdist5vodpp@gmail.com by January 1st.

Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance

Friday, February 9, 2018. Chicken Cordon Bleu prepared by the Post Auxiliary with Carlos Crull performing. Post is open from 4:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Make A Difference (Join us in Helping Our Comrades in Need)

Why do I belong to the VFW? Is it for the comradeship or to shoot the breeze at the Post? Or is it the Friday night Dinner/Dance? Do I march in the parades for the Post? Do I attend Post meetings to make sure Post policies are being followed? Do I make suggestions on what the club has to offer? Do I belong to the Post just to say I belong to a VFW Post? Do some of these questions ring true with you? Let us think about what is listed above and find your own answer to the question.

Why do I belong to the VFW Post? The same people seem to run the Post year after year. Ask yourself if they are doing what you want them to do. No? Then maybe you should attend the meetings to make some changes. You cannot complain about what is going on if you are not part of the decision-making process. Maybe you would like to see something happen, some different things be done at the Post. Would you spend the money differently?

Please think about all that is mentioned above. Ask yourself these questions: Can I help the Post? Can I improve the Post? Can I help with an event or activity in the Post?

I hope you would say yes to many of these questions and become more involved.

I want to hear from you, my comrades.

Dr. Chris Linski
Sr. Vice Commander

(Auxiliary President's Column cont'd)

next Auxiliary Dinner will be our Valentine's Dinner on February 9th.

I wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year!
As always, I remain loyally yours,

Tami Veed
Auxiliary President 2017-2018
Cell - (719) 238-3543
Email - president@VFW4051.us

2018 Update on Crawford House

Did you know that Post 4051 is a charter member of CVRC? We have been part of this veteran support effort since the beginning in 2000. Our Post members can take pride in the activity of the Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition (CVRC) which operates the Crawford House.

Crawford House is the popular name for the buildings on South Weber where safe, healthy emergency housing and community-based residential care, treatment and rehabilitative services are provided for veterans who are homeless and suffer from chronic mental illness and/or suffer from substance abuse.

The Crawford House program is the only program of its kind in Colorado: a private, non-profit veteran's residential treatment facility.

Did you know that Crawford House is named in honor of deceased Master Sergeant, Retired, William J. Crawford, United States Army, a World War II veteran who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in the Italian campaign? Crawford was a member of Post 4051 and a mentor for many United States Air Force Academy graduates.

The need for Crawford House services continues even after all these years. Now veterans from Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan need a place to go while solving problems with PTSD and TBI.

CVRC has a web site (www.cvrctovets.org) where you can see pictures and find out more about the goals and sponsors.

Thanks for your continued support as we work together to meet these needs.

Respectfully,
Duane Knutson
Past Commander
CVRC Representative

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

Since our last newsletter we had to replace some internal parts on our new-used ice machine at a minimal cost.

Project plans for our Post Memorial Room are taking shape. The ceiling has been redone and painted, walls have been painted, and new flooring is in place. There is still more work to be done before this project is completed.

We want to thank all the volunteers that donated their time, energy and talents to accomplish what has been done so far. The next time you are at your Post, take a good look at the future Memorial Room.

We hope that all of our Post members and friends who attended our New Year's Eve gala had an enjoyable evening with good food and drink, and dancing or just listening to the good music by the Springs band.

We look forward to a prosperous 2018 for our Post and our members. And, we ask for your help in recruiting new members!!

Yours in Service,
Chairman,
Rick Archuleta

Board members: LeRoy Jensen, Jerry Walter, & Joe Cormier
Alternates: Duane Knutson & Ron Marshall

Courage

"I contend that fortitude in war has its roots in morality; that selection is a search for character and that war itself is but one more test—the supreme and final test if you will—of character.

Courage can be judged apart from danger only if the social significance and meaning of courage is known to us; namely that a person of character in peace becomes a person of courage in war. A person cannot be selfish in peace and yet be unselfish in war.

Character, as Aristotle taught, is a habit, the daily choice of right and wrong; it is a moral quality which grows to maturity in peace and is not suddenly developed on the outbreak of war.

For war, in spite of what we have heard to the contrary, has no power to transform, it merely exaggerates the good and evil that are in us, till it is plain for all to read; *it cannot change; it exposes.*"

– Lord Moran, in *The Anatomy of Courage* (1945)



TAPS

Post

**Ernest Chandler, Norman Evans,
Thomas Ferrara, Kenneth Gasper, John Kaufman,
James Lippincott, Leroy Neitzke,
Kirby Stafford Jr., Al Vrooman, and Roy Walker.**

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:

I visited Roy Walker in the nursing home during this last period.

Thank you all for letting me know whenever one of our veterans is in ill health or in the hospital. We need to keep them all in our hearts and prayers!

We have also accepted and delivered soiled and un-servicable flags to American Legion Post 209 for disposal.

Thanks to the many of you who have stepped up and brought in canned goods and dry packaged food for the Silver Key box. This is very much appreciated!

**Remember, if you can bring in just one
or two items each time you come to
the Post, it really, really helps!**

Sincerely,
LeRoy Jensen
Post Surgeon

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00		JANUARY 2018			DANCE 7 TO 10 PM \$10.00	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
(NOTE) Reservations Required For Dinner Call (719) 632-9874	1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3	4	5 Open 4 to 11 <u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only Carlos Crull Salsa!!	6 Post Meeting Post VOD/ Patriot's Pen Presentations Details on Page 4 Available For Rental Events
	Post Closed	Salsa!! <i>Every Friday Night - Upstairs</i> <i>Free Lessons 8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</i> <i>Dance 9:00 p.m. - Midnight</i> \$10.00 Cover Charge				
7 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	8 House Commitee Meeting 9:00 a.m. Post Closed	9 Post Closed	10 Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Post Closed Available For Rental Events	11 Open 4 to 7	12 Open 4 to 11 <u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only David Hudson (Country) Salsa!!	13 Aux Meeting District VOD/ Patriot's Pen Banquet Details on Page 4 Available For Rental Events
14 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	15 <i>Martin</i> <i>Luther King</i> <i>Jr. Day</i> Post Closed	16 Post Closed	17 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	18 Open 4 to 7	19 Open 4 to 11 <u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only Carlos Crull Salsa!!	20 <i>Marine</i> <i>Corps League</i> <i>Meeting</i> Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Available For Rental Events
21 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	22 Post Closed	23 Post Closed	24 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	25 Open 4 to 7	26 Open 4 to 1 Dinner/Dance Beef Stroganoff Carlos Crull Salsa!!	27 Available For Rental Events
28 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	29 Post Closed	30 Post Closed	31 Post Closed Available For Rental Events			

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

FEBRUARY 2018

DANCE 7 TO 10 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				4	5	6
Super Bowl Sunday! Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Chicken Cordon Bleu Valentines Carlos Crull Salsa!!	Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 A.M. Meeting 10:30 A.M. Available For Rental Events
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Post Closed Available For Rental Events	House Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. Post Closed	Post Closed	Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	Open 4 to 11 No Dinner/ Dance Only Springs Salsa!!	Marine Corps League Meeting Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Available For Rental Events
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Post Closed Available For Rental Events	President's Day Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Chicken Fried Steak Carlos Crull Salsa!!	Available For Rental Events
25	26	27	28			
Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed 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: Closed Sunday thru Wednesday
Open Thursday and Friday at 4 p.m.

Open for Special Events and Meetings

Post Meetings on January 6 & February 3 at 9 a.m.

Auxiliary Meetings on January 13 & February 10 at 10:30 a.m.