

Minutes of VFW Post 4051
Meeting of 2 April 2022

The meeting was called to order at American Legion Post 209 and opened by State Commander Barbara Green at 0900 on 2 April 2022.

Membership cards were verified by Officer of the Day Jerry Cupp

A salute to the Colors was given

The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Joel Nadel

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members present

Recognition of past Department, District, and Post officers was given by State Commander Green.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION: The Purpose of this Corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

The roll was taken with Commander Bob Green, Sr. Vice Commander George Hammar, Quartermaster Eric Veed, Legislative D J Alberts, Webmaster, and Bill Thomas excused. Entertainment, John Mazzella, and House Committee Rick Archuleta were absent.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the March meeting minutes. The motion passed.

A motion was made to accept the transfer of life member James Jackson. The motion passed.

Reports of Committees:

The Quartermaster's Report No Report

Reading of Bills: No non-routine bills were presented.

Service Officer: No report

Surgeon/Comrade in distress: Larry Johnson had recent knee replacement surgery.

Chaplain's Report: Joel Nadel reported that members A. W. Field, Herman McElhaney, and Robert Rickard are deceased.

Legislative: One of the CFRs with a table of VA claims that can be given consideration is being changed. This includes Sleep Apnea, Tinnitus, and mental health issues. Please Google for more information.

Staff Judge Advocate: No report

Post remodel committee: David spoke with Elliot from Hammer Construction. Art has drawn up a kitchen design and has chosen appliances. The building has plenty of power. Permits need to be approved. The estimated start date is August 2022. Unknown how long the project will take to complete. The liquor license process takes six-nine months so the application will be started soon. David will set up another self-help time to remove paneling from one room to possibly be used in another

room. Advertising this workday will be on Facebook and the Website. David will bring a copy of the most recent blueprints next month.

Grand Opening Committee: No report

Americanism: Vacant – Chairman needed

Buddy Poppies: Signups for the May poppy drive are going well. Friday 28 May 1600-2000 and Saturday 29 May 0900-1500 at Big R on Powers

Community Service: New Community Service year started yesterday. Please tell Barbara of any Community Service hours, miles, and cash donations.

Entertainment: No Report

Membership: Need approximately 34 members to be 100% plus 1. David is “talking up” the VFW with various groups.

Public Affairs: No report

VOD/Patriots Pen: No report

JROTC/ROTC: ROTC certificates and medals were delivered to UCCS. Packets are done for seven JROTC units. Barbara will present at four of the schools. Joel will deliver Falcon HS and represent at two schools.

Scouting: Vacant – Need chairman

Teacher of the Year: No report

Public Servant/Safety: No report

Honor Guard: Vacant – Need chairman

Webmaster: No report

Adopt a Unit (Army) 2-77 FA is in training at this time.

Adopt a Unit (Space Command) No report.

Bingo: Ron reported on the bingo bank balances.

Pikes Peak Veterans Council: Paul Bailey reported that a Post wreath will be laid at the cemetery for Memorial Day.

Crawford House: Selling two of the three buildings. There may be furniture to donate to Ft. Carson for needy veterans and family members.

House Committee: No report

Trustees: No report

National Home: No report

National Home Prayer: Given by Chaplain Joel Nadel

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

Paul Bailey made a motion to pay the Post dues to the Pikes Peak Veterans Council. The cost is 10 cents per member. We had 556 members at the beginning of the fraternal year so our cost will be \$55.60. The motion passed.

Elections:

The following members were elected for the 2022-2023 membership year:

Commander: Bob Green

Sr. Vice Commander: David Anthony

Jr. Vice Commander: Ron Reneker

Quartermaster: Eric Veed

Chaplain: Joel Nadel

Three-year Trustee: Dana Wilkins

1 Year Trustee: Tom Permuy

Good of the Order:

Martha Lovell presented a report on the Southern Colorado Honor Flight trip coming up in April.

Members who have been on Honor Flight trips also spoke.

Joel mentioned the Habitat for Humanity build for veterans. He has applications.

Paige mentioned the furniture from Ft. Carson that has been given to needy families. Furniture can be picked up at homes. He also passed around some flechettes from field artillery equipment.

Erin Manning introduced herself. Erin won the drawing and donated the money to Honor Flight.

Closing prayer Given by Chaplain Joel Nadel

Flag salute: Given by members present

The meeting was closed at 0950. The next Post meeting will be held on 2 April at 0900 at American Legion Post 209.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Green

Adjutant

Bob Green

Commander