



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



May/June 2018

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 5th
**21st Annual Calhan
Loyalty Day Parade**

See Page 5 for Details

Sunday, May 6th
**Joint 2018-2019 Post &
Auxiliary Installation**

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Wednesday, June 13th thru
Saturday, June 16th
**VFW Department of
Colorado Convention**

See Department Website
www.vfwco.org for Details.

Sunday, June 24th
**Veteran and Spouse
Hiring Event**

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**MAY GOD
BLESS AMERICA!**



Commander's Column

Dear Comrades,

Past Post Commander and Past District 5 Commander Barbara Green is running for Department Surgeon. Please join me in showing our support for her campaign. Also, please join me in congratulating Dr. Christopher Linski, Post Commander-Elect, and our elected and appointed officers for 2018-2019.

Membership – as of February 15th we have 600 members for a total of 92.73%. We need 48 by June to make our 100% +1 this year. Please support Commander-Elect Chris Linski in one of his Membership Drives. I encourage all members to bring an eligible veteran to join our fine organization.

Our May Post Meeting will be pre-empted by the 21st Annual Loyalty Day Parade in Calhan hosted by VFW 5221. Coffee and doughnuts 7:30 a.m., leave for VFW 5221 at 8:30., line up at 10:00, parade starts at 11:00, and lunch at the Post following the parade. I look forward to seeing a good turnout for the parade.

The Rotary Club in Colorado Springs has an individual who portrays Teddy Roosevelt. Teddy will join us for the Loyalty Day Parade and speak for a few minutes at the lunch following the parade.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who supported my term as your Post Commander and ask that you continue to support me as I progress through the District Chairs.

In True Comradeship,

Eric Veed
Post Commander

Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome to our newest member Mandy Linski! Congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2018-19: Tami Veed--President, Mike Walker--Sr. Vice President, Mandy Linski--Jr. Vice President, Rachel Brown--Treasurer, Rita Christensen--Chaplain, Carol Archuleta--Conductress, Carol Knutson--Guard and 3 Year Trustee. Thank you all for accepting an office!! This year we will have a Joint Installation on May 6th at 2:00 p.m. at our Post. Family members and friends are welcome! The dress for the Auxiliary will be black pants and white blouse/white shirt.

Auxiliary Membership as of April 16, 2018 is 268 total members which is 93.71%. This includes 2 new Life Members and 2 new Annual Members so far this membership year. This total also includes 42 Annual Continuous members. I still need to hear from the following members: Jacqueline L. Clarke, Yvonne Cook, and Shirley Rasmussen. Please contact Tami (719) 238-3543 as soon as possible.

Commander-Elect Chris Linski and myself will be working together this year on planning events that will bring prospective new members into the Post. Watch for these events in upcoming newsletters (see www.vfw4051.org and click on Publications).

Join us on May 5 to participate in the Calhan Loyalty Day Parade. We will meet at the Post at 7:30 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts and caravan with our trailer and others to Calhan. VFW Post 5221 in (President's Column continued on page 4)

VFW Post 4051 Officers For 2018-2019

Commander	Dr. Christopher Linski
Senior Vice Commander	Galen Steele
Junior Vice Commander	Bob Green
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	Eric Veed
Trustee #2	John Mazzella
Trustee #3	Barbara Green
Guard	Valerie Bernal
House Committee	Rick Archuleta, Chairman Barbara Green Joe Cormier Jerry Walter LeRoy Jensen Barbara Green Joe Cormier Jerry Walter Rick Archuleta
Ways and Means	Barbara Green Joe Cormier Jerry Walter Rick Archuleta
Americanism	Al Andrews Bill Vanaman Jim Griffith
Buddy Poppy	Barbara Green
Community Activities	Jerry Walter
Bingo Games Manager	Valerie Bernal
Assistant Games Manager	Eric Veed
Membership	Kent Lambert
Legislative	Ron Marshall
Public Affairs	Amy Earley
Voice of Democracy	Amy Earley
Patriot Pen	Dr. Christopher Linski
ROTC/JROTC	Dr. Christopher Linski
Scouts Charter Representative	Galen Steele
Scoutmaster	Amy Earley
Teacher of the Year	Dr. Christopher 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	Dr. Christopher Linski
Editor	Bill Thomas
Assistant Editor	Ron Marshall

VFW Post 4051 Auxiliary Officers For 2018-2019

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

***Program Chairmen to be selected
at the May Meeting***

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

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."

Saint Augustine

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

A serviceman's or servicewoman's life is a path of faith even if they don't always recognize it or feel God's presence. We live our lives by faith. Faith that our families and loved ones pray for us, remember us, and cherish us while deployed. We don't see their love, only its effects in our lives. Is that reality any less because love is a feeling or a concept or a faith? When the writer of Hebrews states that faith is the substance of things unseen, by substance he means something real, an idea, a feeling, a faith, but still real.

During one of the many terrible, lonely, frightening nights my Dad spent on New Guinea in WW II waiting for a Japanese probe of the American lines, he prayed he would survive the night. In daylight, he and his friends prayed they would not be wounded and fall off the narrow jungle trails where only the feral pigs would find them. He prayed he would survive until nightfall, but most of all, at night, he prayed that his buddies in the single-man foxhole just yards away would be awake and alert and have his back. Just yards away, in the night, may as well have been on the moon, but he had faith in the unseen buddy yards away – faith in things unseen but of very real substance.

We face many struggles in life – family, job, health, and of course mortality, but with faith in those who care for us and most of all in the God who we do not see but whose effects are seen all around, we can trust and act taking that first step even when we don't see the whole staircase.

Our VFW Ritual Closing Prayer starts "Almighty God, the hour has come when we must part. We commit to Thy care." We pause to remember our Post Comrades: Charles Doole, Edwin Pankau, and Verne Slighter.

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

Sincerely,

James Griffith
Post Chaplain

Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Our Auxiliary lost three Life members; Patricia Karnincic, Mary Louise Goodale, and Veneda Erftmeier. The Auxiliary Charter was draped for Sister Patricia at our March meeting and for Sister Mary Louise and Sister Veneda at our April meeting. Sympathy cards were mailed to their families.

A sympathy card was mailed to Sister Barbara Donnell on the loss of her husband, Lanny, Life member of Post 4051, and to Post 4051 Sr. Vice Commander Christopher Linski and Amanda Linski on the death of Amanda's grandfather. Thinking of you cards were mailed to Sister Betty Holland, to Post 4051 Commander Eric Veed, and to Post 4051 Past Commander Duane Knutson.

On a personal note I would like to thank those who sent cards, called, and kept me in their thoughts and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. It was very much appreciated.

A very Happy Mother's Day, on May 13th, and a very Happy Father's Day on June 17th.

Please, if you know of any of our members who are ill or in the hospital, call me at (719) 598-0613.

Sincerely,

Rita Christensen, 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!**

Thoughts of the Senior Vice Commander

Upcoming Events

My task has been to initiate some additional events that will increase community awareness of our Post and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. If you are able to assist in the operations and logistics of these events, please contact the Sr. Vice Commander, Christopher Linski.

Veteran and Spouse Hiring Event

Pikes Peak Post 4051 is proud to announce a veteran and spouse job fair! This event is scheduled for Sunday, June 24, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Post. We are looking for companies that are interested in hiring veterans and their spouses to attend this event. We will also need a few volunteers to help set up the event, check-in attendees, and provide membership information to eligible veterans. This will be a joint event with the Post Auxiliary. We hope this event will provide increased publicity for the Post while achieving a major goal of assisting transitioning veterans in their pursuit of a new career!

To volunteer or coordinate with potential companies, please contact Chris at linski3@hotmail.com.

Independence Celebration and Fundraiser

Pikes Peak Post 4051 has been conducting an annual picnic for the 4th of July. This year, we are shaking things up! We are holding an Independence Day Celebration and Fundraiser on Sunday, July 1 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Post. We have lined up live entertainment, Tom Munch from Pueblo. We have also sent out electronic letters to members via email that can be used to request donations for the Post, donated items for a silent auction or raffle, corporate sponsors, or additional in-kind services to help us make this event successful. Our Post is only able to continue serving veterans in our community if we are able to fund our operations. Donations and all proceeds from this fundraiser will be provided to the Post to ensure our continued operations for the upcoming fraternal year.

To volunteer or assist in obtaining donated items, please contact Chris at linski3@hotmail.com.

2018-2019 Officer Positions

As the Post Commander-Elect, I am currently evaluating the list of appointed officers to determine any vacancies expected for the upcoming fraternal year. If you are an appointed officer who would like to continue in your position, or if you are interested in a new role, please contact me, Chris, at linski3@hotmail.com or (719) 231-5094.

Elected and appointed officers are expected to attend the upcoming Joint Installation of Officers on Sunday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the Post. The canteen will be open following (Thoughts of the Sr. Vice Commander cont'd next column)

(Auxiliary President's Column cont'd)

Calhan will provide lunch for all participants after the parade is over. It's always a fun parade and enjoyable day.

We will have our Mother's Day Dinner/Dance (Ham with Raisin Sauce) on Friday, May 11, so make your reservations now for a lovely evening for that special Mother. Not to forget the men in our lives, the Father's Day Dinner/Dance (Roast Beef) will be Friday, June 15!

The Department of Colorado State Convention will be held in Thornton Post 7945, June 13-16. See Department website www.vfwco.org for complete convention information.

We hope to see many of you at our next Auxiliary meeting to be held on Saturday, May 12th. Our Ways and Means Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. to decide how we will spend our monies for the coming month - come and voice your opinion. Coffee & Chat 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. with the meeting at 10:30 a.m. We will be discussing and selecting Program Chairmen for the coming year. (Please refer to the list of Chairmen at the beginning of this newsletter.)

Our sympathy is extended to those who have lost a loved one and get well wishes to those who are ill. Happy birthday to our May and June celebrants and best wishes to all our Mothers, Grandmothers, and Great Grandmothers!

Loyally yours,

Tami Veed
Auxiliary President

VFW Membership

I'm sure all of you VFW members out there have by now read page 44 of the March issue of the VFW Magazine. In case you haven't yet read it, there are several tips on how to identify and talk with potential new members. I believe that if you follow these guidelines, we may all be more successful in recruiting new members. Why don't you give it try? If you don't have a copy let me know; I can help.

Ron Marshall,
Past Commander

(Thoughts of the Sr. Vice Commander cont'd)

the installation, and a small meal will be provided.

I would also like to congratulate the elected officers for the 2018-2019 fraternal year! I look forward to working with all officers and Post members throughout my term to address any concerns and improve our operational capabilities.

Dr. Christopher Linski
Sr. Vice Commander

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

Since our last newsletter, we are glad to report that the upgrade to LED lighting has been completed on the lower level of our building. We are now looking into the cost of replacing the ceiling tile in our ballroom. We are currently in the process of getting a proposal to renovate the upstairs ballroom.

We have received a proposal from Berwick Electric to convert to LED lighting on our upper level.

With this said, we are slowly accomplishing the projects needed to keep our Post a safe place for our employees, members, and friends! Congratulations go out to our newly elected Post and Auxiliary Officers and Appointees.

We look forward to a prosperous remainder of the year with your continued support!

Yours in Service,

Chairman,
Rick Archuleta

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

21st Annual Calhan Loyalty Day Parade

On Saturday, May 5th, we will meet at the Post for coffee and doughnuts at 7:30 a.m. We will depart for VFW Post 5221, Calhan, at approximately 8:30 a.m. so we can be in the lineup by 10:00 a.m. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m., and lunch will be served at Post 5221 after the parade.

Joint 2018-2019 Post and Auxiliary Officers Installation

Elected and appointed officers are expected to attend the upcoming Joint Installation of Officers on Sunday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the Post. The canteen will be open following the installation, and a small meal will be provided.

Medal of Honor Ceremony

A Medal of Honor ceremony honoring Post Charter Member MSG William Crawford will be held at Memorial Park on Sunday, May 27 at 1:00 pm. A reception will follow.

Veteran and Spouse Hiring Event

This event is scheduled for Sunday, June 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Post. We are looking for companies that are interested in hiring veterans and their spouses to attend this event.



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Post

Charles Doole, Edwin Pankau, & Verne Slighter

Auxiliary

**Patricia Karnincic, Mary Louise Goodale
and Veneda Erftmeier.**

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:

A fruit basket was sent to Commander Eric Veed while he was in the hospital. Get well cards were sent to Roger Berg and Duane Knutson. We have learned that comrades Fred Strauss and Art Gardner have been out sick, and that Gene Eilers has serious hospital concerns. Thank you 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!

Sincerely,

LeRoy Jensen
Post Surgeon

Buddy Poppies

Distribution of Buddy Poppies will take place on Saturday, May 26th and Sunday, May 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at various locations throughout Colorado Springs. Volunteers needed. Contact Chaplain Jim to sign up.

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

MAY 2018

DANCE 7 TO 10 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
(NOTE) <i>Reservations Required For Dinner</i> Call (719) 632-9874	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				Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Smothered Burritos Cinco de Mayo Springs Salsa!!	Calhan Loyalty Day Parade (No Post Meeting) Details Page 5 Available For Rental Events
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JUNE 2018

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Call (719) 632-9874

Club Hours: Closed Sunday thru Wednesday
Open Thursday and Friday at 4 p.m.

Open for Special Events and Meetings
Parade on May 5. Post Meeting on June 2 at 9 a.m.
Auxiliary Meetings on May 12 & June 9 at 10:30 a.m.