



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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Upcoming Events

*Best Wishes for a
Happy, Healthy, &
Prosperous 2017!*

Friday, January 13th
*International
Dinner/Dance*

6 - 10 p.m.

Friday, February 10th
*Valentine's Day
Dinner/Dance*

6 - 10 p.m.

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

**MAY GOD
BLESS AMERICA!**



Commander's Column

Dear Members,

This month's commander's column is about cooperation between Post 4051 and Post 101 on Veteran's Relief.

A few weeks ago Post 101 commander, Jeff Newsome, sent out a request to all of the area Posts to help share the cost of paying for storage of a veteran's household goods. The household goods were to be sold if the bill was not paid promptly. So, we paid the amount due.

After the bill was paid a member of Post 101 and friends of the veteran moved the household goods to the veteran's apartment. Now, he and his two young children can sleep in beds rather than on the floor.

Veteran's Relief – That is What the VFW is All About!

As a recap, here are some of the donations that Post 4051 has made to local charities to help veterans:

*The Home Front Cares
Marian House Soup Kitchen
Care and Share Food Bank
Mt. Carmel Center for Excellence*

Thanks to Jim Griffith and the volunteers who help with Buddy Poppy drives which are the source of our Veteran's Relief monies.

Sincerely,
Barbara Green
Post Commander

Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As 2017 gets underway, I would be remiss not to mention the many contributions made by each member of the Men's Auxiliary as they closed their final chapter December 2016. These men spent many years raising funds for Blue Star Mothers, Homefront Cares, and other fine charities, not to mention all the effort and the countless hours they put in to our own Post! THANK YOU!

I feel proud to say that five of these men are now members of the Auxiliary. We welcome all their ideas and suggestions as we all work "to keep veterans at the center of our hearts".

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 – please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you would like to share some of your time and/or ideas with us.

I want to thank all of you for supporting the Auxiliary dinner/dances. They are one of our main fundraisers.

*Upcoming Auxiliary Dinners:
January 13 – International Dinner
February 10 – Valentine's Dinner*

A special thanks to Christal Bardfield and her family for decorating the poppy Christmas tree before the Egg Nog Party.

Lastly, I wish to thank those of you
(President's Column continued on page 4.)

VFW Post 4051 Officers For 2016-2017

Commander	Barbara Green
Senior Vice Commander	Eric Veed
Junior Vice Commander	Dr. Chris Linski
Quartermaster	Joe Cormier
Adjutant	Duane Knutson
Chaplain	James Griffith
Staff Judge Advocate	Dr. D. J. Alberts
Surgeon	LeRoy Jensen
Service Officer	Lance Dyar
Officer of the Day	Eddie Roberts
Trustee #1	Dr. D. J. Alberts
Trustee #2	Barb Bacon
Trustee #3	Eddie Roberts
Guard	Eric Denny
House Committee	Rick Archuleta, Chairman Barbara Green Joe Cormier Jerry Walter LeRoy Jensen Eddie Roberts
Ways and Means	Barbara Green Joe Cormier Jerry Walter Rick Archuleta
Americanism	Jon Wander Bill Vanaman Eddie Roberts
Buddy Poppy	Jim Griffith
Community Activities	Barbara Green
Bingo Games Manager	Gerald Walter
Membership	Eric Veed
Legislative	Dr. David Jenkins
Public Affairs	Ron Marshall
Voice of Democracy	Barbara Green
Patriot Pen	Barbara Green
ROTC/JROTC	Dr. Chris Linski
Scouts	Dr. Chris Linski
Teacher of the Year	Barbara Green
National Home	Dr. Chris Linski
Safety	Bill Vanaman
Honor/Color Guard Captain	Eddie Roberts
Entertainment	John Mazzella
Webmaster	Bill Thomas/Eddie Roberts
Flag Committee	Rick Archuleta/LeRoy Jensen
Adopt a Unit POC	Paige Lanier

Editorial Staff

Post Commander	Barbara Green
Editor	Bill Thomas
Assistant Editor	Ron Marshall

VFW Post 4051 Auxiliary Officers For 2016-2017

President	Tami Veed
Senior Vice President	Charlene Cormier
Junior Vice President	Jane Hart
Secretary	Tina Stemen
Treasurer	Rachel Brown
Chaplain	Rita Christensen
Conductress	Carol Archuleta
Guard	Carol Knutson
Patriotic Instructor	Carol Knutson
Ways and Means	Rita Christensen Charlene Cormier Carol Knutson
Trustee #1	Rita Christensen
Trustee #2	Charlene Cormier
Trustee #3	Carol Knutson
Americanism	Vina Candia
Buddy Poppy	Maggie Wander
Cancer Aid	Rachel Brown
Community Service	Jane Hart
Legislative	Rachel Brown
Voice of Democracy & Youth Activities	Barbara Green Charlene Cormier
Membership	
Membership Administrative Chairman	Barbara Green
National Home	Charlene Cormier
Tech Support	Tami Veed
Rehabilitation	Linda Dunahoo
Games Manager	Rita Christensen

Voice of Democracy & Patriot Pen Finalists

Voice of Democracy

- 1st Place – Isabella Janney**
10th Grade - Coronado High School
- 2nd Place – Shannon Wallace**
12th Grade - Cheyenne Mountain High School
- 3rd Place – Lydia Golden**
9th Grade - The Golden Homeschool

Patriot Pen

- 1st Place – Carmel Thompson**
8th Grade - Russell Middle School
- 2nd Place – Amya Patterson**
8th Grade - Russell Middle School
- 3rd Place – Elijah Kianidehian**
8th Grade - Russell Middle School

Chaplain's Report

"Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in deserving them – Aristotle".

I am the chaplain for both VFW 4051 and DAV 26, and in that capacity I am privileged to hear a lot of stories. I know that our service officers do as well. They do a great job and keep people's confidences as well as any minister. Sometimes we are struck with the power and reality of those stories, and sometimes we are humbled by the courage and sorrow displayed. Sometimes it is the irony created by age and health, which, like an optical illusion, makes it hard at times to see the reality behind our mortal and very frail shells. Did that old guy really see those sights, did he really do those things? It is always a trap to look only at the externals - you know the wrinkles, the joint pain, the limp, the dimness of eye and the slowness of speech. But, under each fading away old soldier is a story of service and a man of dignity, a man of honor.

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: Richard Bush, Frank Hollier, David Garrison, Elwood Ziegenfuss, Gerald Kirchoff, Lawrence Hall, Jessie Rivera Sr., Cloran Powers, James Gilbert, and Auxiliary Members: to commit them to Thy care. Call me at 719-200-8223 if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

TO REPORT A DEATH

To report a death of a Post member, please contact Chaplain James Griffith, 632-9874 or for an Auxiliary member, contact Chaplain Rita Christensen, 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 Handling Arrangements (if known); Your Name, Phone Number and/or Other Point of Contact Phone Number.

Ray Hope

WWII veteran Ray Hope passed away peacefully at his home on December 7th 2016 at the age of 94. Ray served in the Naval Air Corps from 1942-45. Ray and his wife Ruth, were regular members of the Friday night dinner/dance crowd, and after Ruth passed away years ago, Ray continued his passion with numerous dance instructors and partners. Ray will certainly be missed.

Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

A sympathy card was sent to Sarah Halloway, the daughter of Auxiliary Life Member Elizabeth Henry who passed away on October 6th and a contribution was made to Kid Power Inc. in Elizabeth's name. Past Auxiliary President Barbara Johnson passed away on October 12th. Her memorial service was attended by four Past Presidents of the Auxiliary along with several Post members and Auxiliary Sisters. A sympathy card memorial contribution was presented to Barbara's Husband, Past Post Commander Harry Johnson. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Past Auxiliary President Louise Kilgore, to the family of Auxiliary Life member Norma Wooles and to Past State Commander Earl Havens on the death of his wife Susan. The Auxiliary Charter was draped in the memory of our Auxiliary Sisters. A Thinking of You Card was sent to Past President Ruth Huseinga and Post Vice Commander Eric Veed and a Speedy Recovery Card was sent to our Auxiliary Treasurer, Rachel Brown.

Our prayers and thoughts are with all who have lost loved ones and who are recovering from an illness or surgery. If you know of anyone who is in need of our help, please call me at (719) 598-0613.

Sincerely,
Rita Christensen
Chaplain

TAPS

Post

**Richard Bush, Frank Hollier, David Garrison
Elwood Ziegenfuss, Gerald Kirchoff
Laurence Hall, Jessie Rivera Sr.,
Cloran Powers, & James Gilbert**

Auxiliary

**Elizabeth Henry, Barbara Johnson,
Louise Kilgore, Norma Wooles, Susan Havens**

Each of our departed Comrades made a special contribution to our Nation, our Community and our Post. Call me at 719-200-8223 if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

State of Accomplishments 2016

We had Buddy Poppy drives during the Memorial Day and Veterans Day weekends, where all money raised is donated to individual veterans in need or to charities that help veterans.

This past year we have donated money to:

**The Home Front Cares
Care and Share Food Bank
Marian House Soup Kitchen
Mt. Carmel Center for Excellence**

We also participated in the Homeless Veterans Stand Down and provided meals for many homeless veterans and their families in transition before getting employment and housing.

Post members are members of the Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition (aka Crawford House) board of directors, and we also provided food and cash donations to the Crawford House.

Recently, we shared the cost with VFW Post 101 in paying for the storage fees for a veteran. Now he and his young children sleep in beds rather than on the floor.

We provided a cash donation for the All Patient's Day activities at the Pueblo VA Home. We supported the nationally sponsored Voice of Democracy high school spoken essay contest and the Patriot Pen middle school essay contest.

We also support the Army ROTC program at UCCS by providing two \$500 scholarships to deserving cadets. For JROTC we provide medals and certificates at six local JROTC awards ceremonies annually.

We support a Police Officer, Firefighter, and EMT of the year, as well as a Teacher of the Year and Boy Scout Troop 828.

Further, we annually provide support to the Marine Corps Toys For Tots program. Post members also supported the Welcome Home program for Fort Carson troops who were returning from overseas combat tours.

Finally, Post members enjoy participating in local parades. This past year we participated in the Calhan Loyalty Day parade, the Fountain Labor Day parade and the Colorado Springs Veterans Day parade, and more!

(Auxiliary President's Column cont'd)

who stepped up to run the December meeting, all the preparation for the Egg Nog Party and the Christmas dinner in my absence. Thanks also for all the get well wishes and offers to help when my husband was in the hospital.

I wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year!
Follow us on Facebook – VFW Auxiliary Post 4051 @lavfw4051.

Loyally,
Tami Veed
Auxiliary President

Membership Pins

The following members received membership pins at the November Post meeting:

10 years Rick Archuleta
Bill Thomas
Eric Veed

20 Years Ron Marshall

25 Years Loren Grisby

30 Years Vito Martinez

If you feel you are eligible for a membership pin please let me know.

Sincerely,
Barbara Green
Post Commander

Post Surgeon's Report

Dear Comrades:

We extend our sympathies to the families of all our departed Comrades. Thank you to all who keep me informed of anyone who is ill at home or in the hospital.

A get-well card was sent on behalf of the Post to Comrade Art Cristensen. Several soiled and unservicable flags were delivered to American Legion Post 209 for proper disposal. Please bring in dry packaged food or canned goods for our Silver Key box. A quick reminder that Silver Key has moved from Bott Avenue to 1605 South Murray.

Sincerely,
LeRoy Jensen
Post Surgeon

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

Dear Members:

As we know, the Men's Auxiliary, as mandated by VFW National, is no longer a separate organization. It is now the VFW Auxiliary, and all eligible are encouraged to join. We want to thank all the men for their support and dedication through the years, in helping Post 4051 provide support for our veterans' programs!

Most recently, we were very thankful for their support on Veterans Day weekend. The following members and spouses spent many hours at different locations, collecting donations for our Buddy Poppy drive:

Jerry Hechman, Guy Johnson, Ron Jones, Tom & Mary Gallivan, Mike Walker, David & Laura Hughes, Jon & Maggie Wander, David Wagner, and Norm Turner.

All donation money was dispersed to worthy veterans programs. All in the Men's Auxiliary donated thousands of dollars through the years! Thank you for all you have done for our Post.

We regret to report that some of the projects we were hoping to get done are still on hold, but as 2017 rolls around, we will eventually get them done.

Yours in Service,
Chairman,
Rick Archuleta

Board Members: LeRoy Jensen, Jerry Walter, Eddie Roberts, Joe Cormier

Alternates: Duane Knutson, Ron Marshall

Gourmet & Guests

GUESTS: Did you know each member can bring/ sponsor up to 12 guests for a Friday night dinner/dance? The House Committee has turned the spotlight on advance signup and set 30 signups as the tripwire for dinners (if there are less than 30 signups, dinner will be cancelled). Please make dinner and dance reservations by close of business each Wednesday, phone 632-9874, and include the number of guests and your contact phone number.

Thanks to those who are already giving strong support; now more of our membership can help the dinner/dance efforts raise funds to support veterans and their families.

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, from noon until 2:30 p.m., 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 11am to 3pm. ***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 call our Bingo Games Manager, Jerry Walter at 574-4324 for more information.

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

Friend's Committee Report

A great big THANK YOU goes to all that served on the Friend's Committee for the past year!

A **Special Thanks** to Charlene for overseeing the meal menus, arranging for cooks & helpers, and John Mazzella for lining up the different bands over the year(s).

We certainly could not plan for all the meals, cooks, band schedules, etc., without your help!

Sincerely,
Ron Marshall

Buddy Poppy Program

I want to thank everyone who supported the Veterans Day Buddy Poppy Distribution. The VFW brought in \$1957.00 and the Auxiliary \$1946.00 for a total of \$3903.00 to be used for veteran relief programs in the area.

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

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

Thank You Men's Auxiliary!

A ***very special thank you*** to the VFW Post 4051 Men's Auxiliary for all of your support for the Post in the past. You will be missed. Hopefully many of you will join the Auxiliary.

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

JANUARY 2017

DANCE 7 TO 10 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 Post Closed	3 Post Closed	4 Post Closed Available for Rental Events	5 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge	6 <u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only Carlos Crull Open 4 to 11	7 Post Meeting Coffee/Donuts 8 A.M. Meeting 9 A.M. Post Closed Available For Rental Events
8 Post Closed	9 Post Closed	10 Post Closed	11 Friends of the Post Mtg 4 P.M. Post Closed Available for Rental Events	12 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge	13 Dinner/Dance International Dinner/Swiss Steaks (The Aux.) David Hudson Open 4 to 11	14 Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 A.M. Meeting 10:30 A.M. Post Closed Available For Rental Events
15 Post Closed	16 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> Post Closed	17 Post Closed	18 Post Closed Available for Rental Events	19 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge	20 <u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only Springs Open 4 to 11	21 Post Closed Available for Rental Events
22 Post Closed	23 Post Closed	24 Post Closed	25 Post Closed Available for Rental Events	26 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge	27 Dinner/Dance Country Fried Steak (John B.) Carlos Crull Open 4 to 11	28 Post Closed Available for Rental Events
29 Post Closed	30 Post Closed	31 Post Closed	(NOTE) <i>Reservations Required For Dinner</i> Call (719) 632-9874			

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

FEBRUARY 2017

DANCE 7 TO 10 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>(NOTE) Reservations Required For Dinner Call (719) 632-9874</p>			1 Post Closed Available for Rental Events	2 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge	3 <u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only Springs Open 4 to 11	4 Post Meeting Coffee/Donuts 8 A.M. Meeting 9 A.M. Post Closed Available For Rental Events
	5 Post Closed	6 Post Closed	7 Post Closed	8 Friends of the Post Mtg 4 P.M. Post Closed Available for Rental Events	9 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge	10 Dinner/Dance Valentine's Dinner/ Cornish Hens (The Aux.) Carlos Crull Open 4 to 11
12 Post Closed	13 Post Closed	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> Post Closed	15 Post Closed Available for Rental Events	16 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge	17 <u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only Promises Open 4 to 11	18 Post Closed Available for Rental Events
19 Post Closed	20 <i>President's Day</i> Post Closed	21 Post Closed	22 Post Closed Available for Rental Events	23 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge	24 Dinner/Dance Stuffed Pork Chops (John B.) Springs Open 4 to 11	25 Post Closed Available for Rental Events
26 Post Closed	27 Post Closed	28 Post Closed				

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Dinner \$10.00 Dinner & Dance \$20.00 Dance Only \$10.00
Call (719) 632-9874

**Club Hours: Closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, and Saturday
Open Thursday and Friday at 4 P.M.**

Post Meetings On January 7th & February 4th at 9 A.M.
Auxiliary Meetings On January 14th & February 11th at 10:30 A.M.