



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



March/April 2018

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 17th
***St. Patrick's Day
Celebration***

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Saturday & Sunday, March
24th & 25th
***Department of
Colorado Council
of Administration***

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Sunday, April 22nd
***District 5 Convention
and Elections***

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

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**MAY GOD
BLESS AMERICA!**



Commander's Column

Dear Comrades,

We have a very busy two months ahead of us. We have Nominations for the 2018-2019 slate of Officers at the March 3rd Post meeting and Nominations and Election of Post Officers at the April 7th Post meeting. I invite all Post members to attend and run for office or accept an appointed position.

The District 5 Convention with Elections and Installations of the 2018-2019 District 5 VFW and Auxiliary Officers will be held at our Post on April 22nd. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. with the convention starting at 2 p.m. I would like a great showing of post members for the convention.

Membership - as of February 15th we have 591 members for a total of 91.34%. We need 57 by June to make our 100% +1 this year. Please support Senior Vice Commander Chris Linski in one of his membership drives.

Our May Post meeting will be pre-empted by the 21st Annual Loyalty Day Parade hosted by VFW 5221. We will have coffee and doughnuts at 7:30 a.m., leave for VFW 5221 at 8:30 a.m., and will line up at 10:00 a.m. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be at the Post after the parade. I look forward to a good turnout.

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 True Comradeship,

Eric Veed
Post Commander

Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!! It's that time again. This is your official notice of our upcoming Nominations and Elections! If you would like a voice in how our Auxiliary is run, how money is spent, ideas about recruitment or how we run our programs - now is your chance! We will start the nomination of officers on March 10th, continue Nominations and hold election of officers on April 14th. Meetings start at 10:30. The Auxiliary desperately needs more membership involvement if we want to continue to have a "happy and healthy" Auxiliary. Please consider getting involved in any capacity! We certainly have something you might be interested in!

District 5 Nominations and Elections will be held at our Post on April 22nd starting with lunch at 1:00 p.m. (prepared by our Auxiliary) with meeting, Nominations, Elections and Joint Installation to follow. Also, start making plans for the VFW State Convention to be held June 13-17 at Post 7945 in Thornton, Colorado.

As of February 15th, we still need six more Annual members to renew for the 2018 membership year. As a reminder, if your 2018 dues are not paid prior to June 30, 2018, you will have to rejoin. This means you start over with a new application and start back at year 1. So far we have 40 Annual members, 224 Life members with a total of 264 members which is 92.31%. This means that we need the six outstanding annuals plus 17 NEW members to reach 100%+ by the end of June.

RECRUIT RECRUIT RECRUIT

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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
Buddy Poppy	Jim Griffith
Community Activities	Barbara Green
Bingo Games Manager	Jerry Walter
Assistant Games Manager	Valerie Bernal
Membership	Eric Veed
Legislative	Kent Lambert
Public Affairs	Ron Marshall
Voice of Democracy	Amy Earley
Patriot Pen	Amy Earley
ROTC/JROTC	Dr. Chris Linski
Scouts Charter Representative	Dr. Chris Linski
Scoutmaster	Galen Steele
Teacher of the Year	Amy Earley
National Home	Dr. Chris Linski
Safety	Bill Vanaman
Honor/Color Guard Captain	Brian Michaud
Entertainment	John Mazzella
Webmaster	Bill Thomas
Flag Committee	Rick Archuleta/LeRoy Jensen
Adopt a Unit POC	Paige Lanier

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

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:13

“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

Today's paper, besides covering the medal count at the Winter Olympics, had on the front page a sort of book-end of heroes from different times in our nation's history. There was a continuation of the story of El Paso County Sheriff's Deputy Micah Flick age 34 who gave his life in defense of our community, and the story of Navy Lt. Jim Downing, Pearl Harbor attack survivor from the USS West Virginia, who left his country's service at age 104. Both men in the time appointed to them gave sacrificially of themselves to our state and country. Both in their lives and their deaths demonstrated that there are principles worth more than our individual lives. Micah Flick stepped into the line of fire to protect the life of a fellow officer. Jim Downing memorized the names of 105 comrades who perished on a terrible day to give comfort to their families.

We remember their courage, their love of friends, family, and country. We honor their willingness to love greater than the moment of testing and to lay down their lives. God bless and keep them both in his care.

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: John Button, Eugene Christians, Jerry Heckman, Jack Morimitsu, and Edward Symbouras 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 Past Post Commander Robert Chevalier on the death of his wife and Past Auxiliary President Mary Anne Chevalier. The Auxiliary Charter was draped in her memory at our January meeting, and a memorial gift was sent to the Marian House in her name.

Get well cards were sent to Christina Fruge and Rita Christensen, both recovering from hip surgery. A Get Well card was also sent to Patsy Gilmore, District 5 Senior Vice President. 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,

Carol Knutson for Rita Christensen

Courage

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

- Martin Luther King Jr



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

Officer of the Year Award

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4051 would like to congratulate this year's Officer of the Year winner. This award requires candidates to be recognized by their colleagues or those they serve, have consistent excellence in the performance of their duties, and consistent dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibilities and skills within their profession. Congratulations to Sergeant Corey Hutchison from the Colorado Springs Police Department, and his family, on receiving a VFW Certificate of Appreciation for being our Officer of the Year!

Veterans Job Fair Coming Soon!

Pikes Peak Post 4051 is proud to announce a veterans-only job fair scheduled for this summer that will be hosted by our Post. More details will be provided upon final determination of the date, time, and sponsored vendors that will be in attendance. 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, whether they discharged six months ago or 60 years ago!

If you own a business or can connect us to a responsible authority for a business that may want to attend this job fair, please notify your Sr. Vice Commander at linski3@hotmail.com.

Stay tuned for more!

Special Committee on Member Research

As Chairman for this Special Committee, I need your help to provide recommendations for improvement to our Post facility, events, and community outreach. The Post leadership wants to know your thoughts on what we should be doing to increase membership, increase retention, and to get more of our current members involved in Post activities. Is there something that you have always wanted the Post to do? Is there an event that you would like to host at the Post? Are there any other suggestions for building a Post that will continue to thrive for decades into the future?

Contact your Sr. Vice Commander today at linski3@hotmail.com and let me know. Your voice will help us improve! Thanks.

Dr. Christopher Linski
Sr. Vice Commander

(Auxiliary President's Column cont'd)

Upcoming Auxiliary Theme Dinners

March 23rd

March Madness

Beef Stew will be the entrée

April 13th

Spring Fling

Braised Pork Steaks will be the entrée

Our thoughts and prayers for healing are with those of you that are ill or injured, wishing you a speedy recovery!

Tami Veed

Auxiliary President 2017-2018

Cell - (719) 238-3543

Email - president@VFW4051.us

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

The Post will open on Saturday, March 17th, at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. A dinner of corn beef, cabbage, and potatoes will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost for meal is \$9. The Celtic Step Dancers will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will perform for 20-25 minutes.

There will also be an Irish Coffee Bar; price is \$3 per coffee.

Department of Colorado Council of Administration

Will be conducted over the weekend of the 24th and 25th of March and will be hosted by VFW Post 5812 and Auxiliary. VFW Post 5812 is located at 127 E. Spaulding, Pueblo West, Colorado 81007. See the Department's website for more details:

<http://vfwco.org/index.php/members/members-events>

District 5 Convention & Elections

Will be conducted on Sunday, 22 April at VFW Post 4051. Events begin with lunch at 1:00 p.m. with Convention and Elections following at approximately 2:00 p.m.

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 line up by 10:00 a.m. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m., and lunch will be served at Post 5221 after the parade.

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

January started out with repairs -- to our main bar cooler and the draft beer dispenser. We continued with the upstairs mini bar, and it is now fully functional again. Hopefully, the party rentals will come! We had to repair the ice machine and the cooler. Further, we had to purchase a new cash register. In addition, we also purchased a new radiant heater to keep the bar and back room warm during the winter months. We are still working on a way to heat the upstairs for warmth in the winter, and also provide cool air in the summer, without breaking the bank!

Berwick Electric was called to replace the upper and lower parking lot pole lights. And, the outside building lights also had to be replaced. We are working on a plan to replace the ceiling tiles in our main ballroom, and finishing it off with upgrading the lighting with LEDs. Acme Fire came in to do the six month inspection to our fire suppression system in the kitchen. Unfortunately, some replacement parts are needed to keep us in compliance with fire codes. Some of our fire extinguishers had to be replaced also. So you can see, it takes a lot of money to keep our facility in compliance with building codes and for everyone's safety! We accept any donations from our members to help with the cost of these building projects. Make sure to designate any donation to the upgrade of our Post building.

We want to thank our members and Friends of the Post who continually support the Friday evening dinners and dances. You are very much appreciated!

Yours in Service,

Chairman,
Rick Archuleta

Board members: LeRoy Jensen, Jerry Walter, & Joe Cormier

Alternates: Duane Knutson & Ron Marshall

Words to Live By

“There are seven things that will destroy us: Wealth without work; Pleasure without conscience; Knowledge without character; Religion without sacrifice; Politics without principle; Science without humanity; Business without ethics.”

- *Mahatma Ghandi*



TAPS

Post

**John Button, Eugene Christians, Jerry Hickman
Jack Morimitsu, and Edward Symbouras.**

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:

Our comrade Barb Bacon recently had serious back surgery and is now home in recovery. Post Commander Eric Veed went to the hospital on 21 February for surgery and we didn't have any status when we went to press for this newsletter. We certainly hope all turned out well for him!

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 seem to be receiving a lot of soiled and unserviceable American flags lately, and we have delivered them to American Legion Post 209 for proper disposal. They have a burn site located next to their facility, and they do a wonderful job in their ceremony!

Sincerely,

LeRoy Jensen
Post Surgeon

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00		MARCH 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	2	3
		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 <u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only David Hudson (Ballroom) Salsa!!	Post Meeting Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Available For Rental Events
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APRIL 2018

DANCE 7 TO 10 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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 March 3 & April 7 at 9 a.m.
Auxiliary Meetings on March 10 & April 14 at 10:30 a.m.