



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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Upcoming Events

Monday, September 5th
**Fountain Labor
Day Parade**

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Friday, September 16th
**50's Sock Hop
Dinner**

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Saturday, December 31st
**New Year's Eve
Celebration**

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Early Details

PRAY FOR OUR
SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIR-
MEN, MARINES AND COAST
GUARD AROUND THE
WORLD

**MAY GOD
BLESS AMERICA!**



Commander's Column

Dear Members,

This month I am going to quote an article from the July 2016 issue of "Military Officer" magazine from page 18.

"TRICARE Update: VA treatment facilities are not considered Medicare-authorized providers, even if they are in the TRICARE network. This is because Medicare does not pay for care from a government-run facility. The VA is legally prohibited from billing Medicare because one government agency cannot pay another. Therefore, you will not be able to use TRICARE For Life to cover treatment for a non-service-connected condition at any VA facility. When you receive care from a non-Medicare provider, such as the VA, TRICARE For Life can pay only up to 20 percent of the TRICARE For Life "allowable" charge", which is the maximum amount TRICARE For Life pays for each procedure or service. The bottom line: You will have to pay the remaining amount, after TRICARE For Life pays 20 percent of the allowable charge, if you receive treatment for non-service-connected conditions at a VA facility.

TRICARE For Life and the VA recommend you seek care only for your service-connected disability at a VA facility. For all other types of care, consider using a Medicare-certified provider.

For additional information on care at VA treatment facilities, visit:

<http://1.usa.gov/1RnyYhz>.

Thomas Oukrop, MOAA member service representative."

A membership update as promised.

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Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I cannot believe it's back to school time already! Schedules are filling up and spare time is harder to find. I'm not ready to let go of summer yet!

Times they are a changing (literally) in hopes to gain more member participation in every aspect of our Auxiliary. At our August meeting, members present voted unanimously to change our monthly meetings from 2nd Mondays to 2nd Saturdays beginning September 10, 2016 for a trial period ending June 30, 2017, at which time this change will be revisited.

WE NEED YOU to move us to our primary Goal: Help Veterans and Their Families!! You can do this by contributing your time and talents, but most of all your ideas, to keep our Auxiliary moving forward.

On to other important information – Annual dues letters will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks. At the National Convention a few weeks ago, a proposal to increase Life Memberships by 15% across the board was passed. This will take effect on January 1, 2017. So for anyone with Annual Memberships that are considering moving to Life Memberships, this would be the time to do so. This will also be mentioned in the Annual Dues Letter.

The Auxiliary is actively looking for volunteers to help set the tables for all the dinners (see calendar for dinner dates). This will need to be done on the Friday mornings of the dinners. Rick and Carol Archuleta have been automatically doing this, especially since we started hosting

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VFW Post 4051 Officers For 2016-2017

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Junior Vice Commander	Dr. Chris Linski
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Adjutant	Duane Knutson
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Trustee #2	Barb Bacon
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	Joe Cormier
	Jerry Walter
	LeRoy Jensen
	Eddie Roberts
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	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
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Scouts	Dr. Chris Linski
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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

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VFW Post 4051 Auxiliary Officers For 2016-2017

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Guard	Carol Knutson
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	Charlene Cormier
	Carol Knutson
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Trustee #3	Carol Knutson
Americanism	Vina Candia
Buddy Poppy	Maggie Wander
Cancer Aid	Barbara Green
Community Service	Jane Hart
Legislative	Rachel Brown
Voice of Democracy & Youth Activities	Barbara Green
Membership	Charlene Cormier
National Home	Charlene Cormier
Tech Support	Tami Veed
Rehabilitation	Linda Dunahoo
Games Manager	Rita Christensen

Fountain Labor Day Parade Monday, 5 September

We will meet at the Post for coffee and donuts at 8 a.m., prepare the trailer and leave the Post at 8:45 a.m. to get in position for the start of the parade at 10 a.m.

Silver Key

Silver Key is in need of more food for their food pantry. Please - NO expired items! Won't you bring a few items next time you come to the Post?

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.

Chaplain's Report

Dear Comrades,

After binge watching the HBO series "The Pacific" about the Marines in the Pacific, I was left to wonder where do we get such men? My own Dad was with the 33rd Infantry Division in New Guinea and the Philippines, so this question is not academic but intensely personal. Like other veterans from World War II he never talked much about his experiences until I was in the Army, and I guess he felt that breeched a divide that civilians cannot understand. I was honored to hear many of his "war stories" that covered loss to hilarity.

In my own service time I have seen young men and women rise to the level of that "greatest generation" in their own wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. My final six years of service were at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany where our mission was to stabilize the injured and send them home. I had the privilege of hearing many of their stories and witnessing their courage. Where do we get such men and women? They are all around us. They are our sons and daughters and our friends and neighbors.

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 comrades and commit them to Thy care.

TAPS

Post

Harry Hoth, Donald Joiner, & Eugene Leggett

Auxiliary

Kay Eichelburg, Ada Crowhurst, Betty Jo Clifton, Carol Jones, & Gladys Kennedy

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

Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is hard to believe that summer is almost gone and there is a bit of fall in the air. I hope you have kept well and enjoyed our very warm days.

We were notified that Sister Kay Eichelburg passed away on April 16th, but had no other information. Sister Ada Crowhurst passed away on May 22nd. A sympathy card was mailed to her family and a contribution was also made to the Department of Colorado Cancer Aid and Research in her memory. Sister Betty Jo Clifton passed away on July 18th. A contribution was also made to the Department of Colorado Cancer Aid and Research in her memory. The Auxiliary Charter was draped in our Sisters' memory at the August Auxiliary meeting.

A "Speedy Recovery" card was mailed to Sister Jane Hart who is healing from surgery. A "Thinking of You" card was sent to Sister Dorothy Brown and her husband Dale. A sympathy card was mailed to Sister Barbara Singmaster on the death of her husband Donald Singmaster.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers, those who are ill and those who have lost loved ones. Let me know if there is anyone who is in need of our help.

Sincerely,
Rita Christensen
Auxiliary Chaplain

Post Surgeon's Report

Dear Comrades:

We extend our sympathies to the families of all our departed Comrades. "Thinking of You" cards were sent to Don Hawley and Art Christensen. Thank you to all who keep me informed of anyone who is ill at home or in the hospital.

Eight large bags of miscellaneous merchandise were provided to Silver Key. A quick reminder that Silver Key has moved from Bott Avenue to 1605 South Murray.

I also took numerous torn, soiled or faded U.S. flags to American Legion Post 209 for proper disposal and participated in their ceremony.

Sincerely,
LeRoy Jensen
Post Surgeon

(Commander's Column cont'd)

We have four new/reinstated members, so my goal is now 37 new/reinstated members. Please continue to help me fulfill this goal.

Barbara Green
Post Commander

New Year's Eve Information

Dinner & Dance will be \$45 per person (same as last year); Dinner only will be \$25, and Dance only will be \$25. The menu will be shrimp cocktail, Caesar salad, prime rib, baked potato, green beans, and cheese cake. The canteen area will be open for cocktails by 5:30 p.m. with dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. Dancing to the Springs band will be from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. The champagne and sparkling cider toasts will be at 10 p.m., 11 p.m., and midnight. Door prizes, a raffle, and a 50-50 drawing will also be available.

Early reservations will begin now, in September. Payment (cash or check only) will be required NLT December 1st to keep your reservation. (Name, phone number, number of tickets by category for each table – changes can be made up until Dec 1st) The New Year's Eve (NYE) Team must limit the seating to 125, so make your plans early. Your other family members and friends are also welcome! We encourage table groups of 4, 6, 8, or more, if desired.

We WILL need volunteers to get ready for New Year's Eve and a few to help out on New Year's Eve.

IF you can help out, please come to the next Friend's meeting on Sep 14th, or Oct 12th.

Please Be a Part of the NYE Team for 2016!

Attn: Auxiliary Sisters & Brothers

We have successfully voted to move our monthly meetings from 2nd Mondays to 2nd Saturdays **STARTING SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**. The Ways & Means meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. The Business meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. Coffee & donuts will be provided.

Auxiliary Theme Dinner September 16, 2016

50's Sock Hop Diner Menu

Featuring foot-long beef hotdogs with your choice of home-made chili, cheese, onion, sauerkraut or mustard & ketchup. Baked home-made fries & coleslaw.

Root beer floats for dessert.

Wild & Crazy Socks Contest Too!!

(Auxiliary President's Column cont'd)

the Salsa dance night on Thursdays. We owe them a huge THANK YOU for all of their help. Please call Tami at (719) 238-3543 to put your name on the list.

We are also in need of more people to help prepare meals. We do all of our prep work on Thursdays starting at 9:00 am. This is a huge task for only a few of the same members to do month after month. Thank you so much Charlene for taking the lead in organizing all the things pertaining to the kitchen! I know this is something our working members aren't able to do. In that respect, we really need other members to STEP UP and help us. Dinners are one of the ways we fundraise to support Veterans programs.

Upcoming Auxiliary Theme Dinners: September 16th - 50's Sock Hop – Dig out your poodle skirt and other 50's attire – and your crazy socks! We will be having a crazy sock contest. October 28th – Halloween Dinner and costume contest.

Call Charlene (719) 578-1429 or Tami (719) 238-3543 if you are able to volunteer your time and talents in helping us out in the kitchen or anything else you might be interested in. You may also email me at tamiv.vfwaux4051@gmail.com with any comments or suggestions. Follow us on Facebook too – VFW Auxiliary Post 4051 @lavfw4051.

Loyally,

Tami Veed
Auxiliary President

Attention Artillery Veterans

Command Sergeant Major Thomas J. Parsley from the 4th Infantry Division Artillery (DIVARTY) wants to invite any Field Artillery veterans to a "Day Out" with the Division. He wants to show members the new equipment, meet with soldiers, and eat lunch on Post. He will bring a bus to the Post to pick everyone up. The date has not been decided. The time will probably be between 1000-1300. Please let Jean know if you are interested.

Jean Plank wants to invite any Artillery veterans to the St. Barbara's Day Ball to be held on December 10th. He will help pay the cost of the ticket.

Please send Jean your name and address so that an invitation may be sent. Cell phone (719) 822-7037 or email: jeanplank@jplanksellscolorado.com

Or, please feel free to contact me via email at Commander@vfw4051.us.

Barbara Green
Post Commander

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

Dear Members:

Since our last newsletter, repairs were done to the upper level wall which was allowing a water leak into the interior of our building between the ballroom and the canteen. Repairs were completed in-house with no material cost, and labor was done by our maintenance man. The upper and lower level parking pole lights have been upgraded to LED's which illuminate better and are less likely to burn out than the old lighting system. We are looking at upgrading the ballroom lights, depending on the cost. The carpets were cleaned at no cost to our Post. We were able to keep the damage and cleaning deposit from a hall rental to cover the cost of cleaning. We are also in the process of getting an estimate on cleaning the cloth chairs in the upper level hall. And, we are getting serious about replacing the linoleum in the ladies room by the front door and canteen area. Hopefully, we can get this completed by the end of summer. Last, but not least, we are still asking for money donations to replace our table cloths, which are in dire need of replacing.

Our summer picnic on July 3rd, was well attended with 85 people including children who were lined up to get face paintings, animal balloons, and their turn in the bouncy house! Our Western theme dinner dance had a good turnout, suggesting that maybe we need to schedule this more than once a year!

Yours in Service,
Rick Archuleta, Chairman
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 sign up and set 30 signups as the tripwire for dinners (if there are less than 30 signups, dinner will be cancelled). Please make your 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 of you 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, widow's benefits, 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

I'm sure some of you have noticed that we have not had dinners at times on Friday nights. This is due mainly to the fact that we are not getting enough volunteer help. Generally, the same people are doing the cooking, serving, setting tables with tablecloths, utensils, and name plates, manning the cash register, etc.

We Need Your Help!

If you can help out just one or two times a month, it would certainly be appreciated! The down side is potentially more canceled dinners.

Wednesday Light Meals

Effective immediately, there will be no more Light Meals except on the 2nd Wed of each month at 5 p.m. after the Friend's 4 p.m. meeting. We have been routinely getting 1-3 people show up for Light Meals except for the Friend's night.

Post Work Day

We sincerely thank the following Post & Auxiliary members who participated in our annual work day on Saturday, August 20th: Dave Hughes, Ron Jones, Bob O'Keefe, Paul Skinner, Rick Archuleta, Carol Knutson, Duane Knutson, and Ron Marshall.

CSM Gary Collins

Unfortunately for us, Gary and his wife, Annie, have moved to El Paso, Texas back into their very nice home that had been rented to German families training for the Patriot Missile system at Ft. Bliss. Gary had missed only 4 meetings in 10 years. Thank you Gary, for all your support over the years! (Gary will continue to receive our newsletter.)

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00 **SEPTEMBER 2016** **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>				<p>1 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge</p>	<p>2 No Dinner/ Dance Only Carlos Crull Open 4 to 11</p>	<p>3 Post Meeting Coffee/Donuts 8 A.M. Meeting 9 A.M. Open 5 to 8</p>
<p>4 Post Closed</p>	<p>5 <i>Fountain Labor Day Parade</i> See Page 2 Post Closed</p>	<p>6 Post Closed</p>	<p>7 <i>No Light Meal</i> Open 4 to 7</p>	<p>8 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge</p>	<p>9 Dinner/Dance Beef Stroganoff (John B.) Springs Open 4 to 11</p>	<p>10 Auxiliary Ways & Means 9:30 A.M. Business Meeting 10:30 A.M. Open 5 to 8</p>
<p>11 Post Closed</p>	<p>12 Post Closed</p>	<p>13 Post Closed</p>	<p>14 Weds Light Meal 5 P.M. til gone Friends of the Post Mtg 4 P.M. Open 4 to 7</p>	<p>15 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge</p>	<p>16 Dinner/Dance 50s Sock Hop Foot Long Hot Dogs (The Aux) Promises Open 4 to 11</p>	<p>17 Open 5 to 8</p>
<p>18 Post Closed</p>	<p>19 Post Closed</p>	<p>20 Post Closed</p>	<p>21 <i>No Light Meal</i> Open 4 to 7</p>	<p>22 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge</p>	<p>23 Dinner/Dance Stuffed Pork Chops (John B.) Carlos Crull Open 4 to 11</p>	<p>24 Open 5 to 8</p>
<p>25 Post Closed</p>	<p>26 Post Closed</p>	<p>27 Post Closed</p>	<p>28 <i>No Light Meal</i> Open 4 to 7</p>	<p>29 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$5.00 Cover Charge</p>	<p>30 Dinner/Dance Baked Chicken (John B.) David Hudson Open 4 to 11</p>	

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OCTOBER 2016

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Club Hours: Club Closed Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday
Open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 4 P.M.
Open Saturday at 5 P.M.

Post Meeting on September 3rd at 9 A.M.
Post Meeting On October 1st at 9 A.M.