

VFW POST 4051
6 APRIL 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Commander Chris Linski at 0904

OPENING PRAYER: Chaplain James Griffith

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Commander Linski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander (Cmdr) Linski

GUESTS: Cmdr Linski recognized Past Post Commanders, Past and Present District Officers, Present Department officers, and Present Officers of the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC).

PAUSE: Cmdr Linski paused the meeting and asked Comrade Barbara Green to introduce the Post's Fireman of the Year, Robert Fildes. Cmdr Linski presented the award certificate and asked Robert to introduce his family and talk a little of his service. Mr Lindes introduced his wife Crystal, his daughter and two sons. He served 8 years in the Marines and has been a paramedic firefighter since 2009. The family was recognized and left; Cmdr Linski resumed the meeting.

PURPOSE OF THE 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.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Service Officer Johnson (absent), Guard Val Bernal (absent), Legislative DJ Alberts (excused), Safety Jean Plank (excused), Webmaster Bill Thomas (excused), Bingo-Games Manager Jerry Walter (absent).

READING OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Two members which are transfers to us and one new application: (Motion, approved)

- a. Craig M Whitehill, Army, Hostile Fire, Life Member, Transfer
- b. Leo R Winburn, Army, Korea, Annual Member, Transfer
- c. Brandon Charles Giggey, Army, Global War on Terrorism, New Annual Member

MEMBER CROSS OF MALTA CEREMONY: The Cmdr paused the meeting, called Comrade Winburn forward, did the swearing in ceremony, presented him with a Cross of Malta, and asked him to give the members a brief history of his military service. The Cmdr then resumed the meeting.

MINUTES: The March meeting minutes were approved with one correction.

REPORTS:

Quartermasters Report: Post and Club reports were given by QM Joe Cormier. Report was referred to Trustees for audit.

Service Officer: No report.

Surgeon: No report.

Comrade in Distress: No report.

Chaplain's Report: Two comrades deceased this month; Charles Wilkinson and Anthony Koscielecki.

Chaplain's Prayer: Chaplain Griffith

Legislative: Cmdr Linski reported that the VA will not appeal the recent court ruling that the blue water Navy is eligible for Agent orange disability.

Staff Judge Advocate: No report.

Ways and Means: No report.

Entertainment: Comrade Mazzella reminded members the Auxiliary would do a ham dinner and Carlos Crull would provide the music for Friday April 12.

House Committee: Rich Archuleta reported that the engineering firm working on heat and air conditioning for the upper party room are near the end of the design phase, competitive bids next. The front door was repaired and the steel frame on the back door needs replacement. House Committee Monday.

Bingo: JVC Green gave the bingo report. Report was referred to Trustees for audit. Volunteers are needed, Tuesdays and Fridays, at Carefree Bingo, 1100-1500.

Membership: SVC Steele gave the membership report emphasizing we need 31 members to meet our 100% goal of 610.

Safety: No report.

Trustees: The quarterly report will be done later in April.

Americanism: No report

Youth Activities: JROTC and UCCS ROTC ceremonies are covered.

National Home: Cmdr Linski advised the general public can become a National Home associate member for \$50

National Home for Children Prayer: Chaplain Griffith

Buddy poppy: Chaplain Griffith passed a clipboard for volunteers to pass out Buddy Poppies on May 25 and 26 (volunteer breakfast at the Palmer Park/Circle Village Inn on May 25 at 0800).

Public Affairs: No Report

Color Guard: No report

Flag committee: No Report.

Adopt a Unit: No Report.

Policy committee: This new committee will focus on a few policies, coordinate as needed, and bring to the membership for approval.

Correspondence:

The adjutant had 5 miscellaneous announcements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Barbara Green moved to approve \$1000 from the bingo account for CVRC (Crawford House) because of the recent storm damage. Approved.
2. Bob Green moved to approve \$100 from Veteran Relief for Lance Higgins, the Post's Scout of the Year. Approved.
3. Cmdr Linski called for delegates:
 - a. District Convention: Amy Early, Bob Green, Skip Peterson, Duane Knutson (motion, approved)
 - b. Department convention: Bob Green (Motion, approved, register as JVC so you can vote as commander if needed)
 - c. National convention: Barbara Green, Bob Green (Motion, approved)
4. Bob Green moved that Comrade Dana Wilkins be approved by the membership to join the Cooties. Approved.
5. Elections at the April meeting. The following nominations were made, seconded, and accepted:

Commander	Chris Linski (Rich Archuleta was nominated but declined to serve)
Senior Vice Commander	Denis Snider
Junior Vice Commander	Amy Early
Quartermaster	Joe Cormier
Chaplain	Jim Griffith
Trustee (3 year)	Brian Michaud

Nominations were uncontested and a white flag was raised for each position.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Jim Griffith reminded members that the next meeting of the El Paso County Homeless Veteran Council will be on April 11.
2. Eric Veed announced the April District 5 meeting will be at Post 4051 on April 14, lunch at 1300, meeting at 1400 with district elections followed by a joint installation with the district auxiliary. He asked for Post 4051 support for his nomination to District Commander.
3. Bob Green as the MOC Grand Commander reported on Pup Tent elections for the coming year.
4. Eric Veed stated the house committee will be looking into a point of sale (POS) system for our bar operation.
5. Cmdr Chris Linski had several items:
 - a. The Department convention will be in Englewood CO (VFW Post 9644), June 12-15.

- b. In coordination with the Auxiliary, he is planning for a Joint Post and Auxiliary installation on April 28.
- c. The annual Salute to Service event will be held at Post 3917 on April 28; Comrade Denis Snider will be our volunteer to be recognized.
- d. On Saturday, May 4, we will hold a brief roundtable meeting to take care of any pressing business before we depart for Calhan and Post 5221 on Loyalty Day.
- e. He still has State raffle tickets for those wanting to have a chance.
- f. He will be at the District 5 table at the Colorado Technical University job fair.
- g. On May 29 we will have a table at the MVEE employment career fair.
- h. The Cootie convention is coming, be sure to register.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Commander Linski

CLOSING PRAYER: Chaplain Griffith

ADJOURNMENT: Ordered by Commander Linski at 1007. The next meeting will be on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 0900. (Loyalty Parade in Calhan on May 4)

Dr CHRIS LINSKI
COMMANDER

DUANE KNUTSON
ADJUTANT