



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 12th
**312th Army Band
Performance**

See Page 4 for Details

Saturday, July 29th
Summer Picnic

See Page 4 for Details

Saturday, August 5th
Auxiliary Meeting
Change is for August Only

Monday, September 4th
**Fountain Valley Fall
Festival Parade**

Details Forthcoming

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

**MAY GOD
BLESS AMERICA!**



Commander's Column

Dear Comrades,

For my first newsletter article as your Commander, I wish to thank everyone in advance for the support in making this coming year successful. I look forward to working with our Auxiliary on joint fundraisers to benefit our Veterans Programs.

I want to thank Jim Griffith, all the Post Volunteers, and the Rotary Club Volunteers for making this year's Memorial Day Weekend Poppy Drive successful and I look forward to all the veterans and veteran's programs that will benefit from the proceeds.

Membership

As of June 13th, we have 657 members for a total of 92.79%. I appreciate all the hard work recruiting new members and would like for us to strive to get to 100% in this coming year.

We have several events coming up that I would appreciate support from as many members as possible. On July 12th at 7 p.m., the 312th Army Band will be performing at our Post, the summer picnic will be held on July 29th from noon to 5 p.m. and lastly, on September 4th, we will be participating in the Fountain Valley Fall Festival Parade.

I hope to see everyone there.

In True Comradeship,

Eric Veed
Post Commander

Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Auxiliary held their Memorial Day Poppy Drive on Sunday, May 28, 2017 at the Safeway @ Mesa Ridge in Fountain from 9 a.m. until we ran out of poppies at 2 p.m. This was hugely successful as we collected \$867.63 and 900 poppies were handed out!!

I wish to recognize the members that participated: Guy Johnson, Mike & Sigi Walker, Carol Knutson and myself. Also, our very committed volunteer-Ron Jones.

Five Boy Scouts and two Scout Leaders from Troop 183 (St Paul's United Methodist Church) collected money at the other entrance from 9 a.m. to noon. What a respectful, enthusiastic bunch of young men!! Thank you ALL for your time and dedication as we raised money for our Relief Fund which helps veterans in need!

After our last Auxiliary meeting on June 10th, our past Presidents (Rita Christensen, Carol Knutson, Carol Archuleta and Jane Hart) provided a lovely luncheon for us! Thanks again to you all!

By the time this newsletter is published, Post Commander Eric Veed and myself will have attended the State Convention which was held here in Colorado Springs, from June 14 through 18. And, we hope that we will have many ideas to bring back to share with the Post and the Auxiliary as we embark on this exciting new year together! Rachel Brown, Carol Knutson and Mike Walker will also have attended portions of the convention.

(President's Column continued on page 4.)

VFW Post 4051 Officers For 2017-2018

Commander	Eric Veed
Senior Vice Commander	Dr. Chris Linski
Junior Vice Commander	Shai Bardfield
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Adjutant	Duane Knutson
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Surgeon	LeRoy Jensen
Service Officer	Lance Dyar
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Trustee #2	John Mazzella
Trustee #3	Barbara Green
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Ways and Means	Jon Wander Bill Vanaman Jim Griffith Barbara Green Gerald Walter Eric Veed
Americanism	Dr. David Jenkins
Buddy Poppy	Ron Marshall
Community Activities	Jon Wander
Bingo Games Manager	Jon Wander
Membership	Dr. Chris Linski
Legislative	Dr. Chris Linski
Public Affairs	Barbara Green
Voice of Democracy	Dr. Chris Linski
Patriot Pen	Bill Vanaman
ROTC/JROTC	Brian Michaud
Scouts	John Mazzella
Teacher of the Year	Bill Thomas
National Home	Rick Archuleta/LeRoy Jensen
Safety	Paige Lanier
Honor/Color Guard Captain	
Entertainment	
Webmaster	
Flag Committee	
Adopt a Unit POC	

Editorial Staff

Post Commander	Eric Veed
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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	Vacant
Cancer Aid	Rachel Brown
Community Service	Tina Stemen
Legislative	Rachel Brown
Voice of Democracy & Youth Activities	Vacant
Membership	Charlene Cormier
Membership Administrative Chairman	Barbara Green
National Home	Charlene Cormier
Tech Support	Tami Veed
Games Manager	Rita Christensen

The Mission Continues

On May 13th, *The Mission Continues* joined with *Wish for Our Heroes* to prepare a yard which allowed **Home Depot** to come and install a handicapped ramp for a disabled veteran. **Home Depot** will also landscape the yard – front and back. The veteran, Jerry, lost both legs below the knee.

Post members, Jean Plank (and his wife), Amy Earley, and Barbara Green helped clear out overgrown shrubs, and tear down a greenhouse and a pond.

I am looking forward to seeing the final product – I bet it will look great!

Barbara Green
Past Post Commander
The Mission Continues Member

I look forward to a great future for America - a future in which our country will match its military strength with our moral restraint, its wealth with our wisdom, its power with our purpose.

– John F. Kennedy

Chaplain's Report

(Reprint from 2016)

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 and 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." Let us not forget.

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

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

Freedom Isn't Free

We all probably know the start of the Declaration of Independence. But do we remember how it ends?

"And for the support of this Declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

That ending was more than a call to arms for the colonies. It should speak to us today and remind us that "freedom isn't free" - whether the price is our military's sacrifices or our own defense of freedom, or even the myriad of other uncertainties. This Fourth of July it is worth remembering that hard work, faith and a commitment that freedom is worth the strife, have been essential to our success since the founders laid the groundwork 240 years ago.

(Courtesy Colorado Springs Gazette July 4, 2016)

Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Auxiliary Members,

The Auxiliary Charter was draped in memory of Life Auxiliary member, Jean Tillotson. A contribution was made in Sister Jean's name to Interim Health Care. Thinking of You cards were mailed to Past Auxiliary Presidents Ruth Husien-ga, Jane Hart, and Carol Archuleta.

"The best way to live is to appreciate each minute of the day as an unrepeatabe miracle."

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,
Rita Christensen
Auxiliary Chaplain

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Clarence Stearns, Richard Agee, Juan Ruiz, B.E. Tillotson, Donald Coblentz, Russell Ericson, Harlan Long, and Michael Royse.

**Auxiliary
Florrie Marquette**

Each of our departed Comrades made a special contribution to our Nation, our Community, and our Post.

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.

312th Army Band

We are excited to announce that the 312th Army Jazz and Rock Band will be performing at VFW Post 4051 on July 12, 2017. The performance begins at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance is FREE and limited to Post Members and Guests only.

The 312th Army Band was activated on October 1, 1973 in Lawrence, Kansas, as part of the 89th Army Reserve Command, headquartered in Wichita, Kansas. For a brief period in the early 1970's, the 312th existed as the only all female band in the Army Reserve. In 1977, an aggressive recruiting campaign was undertaken for both male and female musicians.

It is the first Army Reserve Band to receive the Colonel George S. Howard Citation of Musical Excellence for Military Concert Bands. The prestigious international award recognizing military concert bands is administered by The John Philip Sousa Foundation. The 312th Army Band received this citation December 16, 2005.

The 312th Band has performed hundreds of concerts throughout the country including Atlanta, Denver, Des Moines, Honolulu, Kansas City, New York, St. Louis, San Antonio, San Francisco, Seattle, and West Point among others. The band features a marching band, concert band, rock band, blues band, jazz combo, brass ensemble, woodwind quintet, and ceremonial detail.

Annual Summer Picnic!!

When: Saturday, July 29th from noon to 5 p.m.

Where: Cimarron Eastridge Park

2324 Shawnee Drive, Colorado Springs, 80915
(same place as last year)

Food: Hot Dogs, Brats, Burgers and more!
Please bring a side dish to share.

The park has a children's playground, basketball court, baseball diamond, and horse shoe pit...so bring your sports equipment!

Bouncy House will be available all afternoon; Face Painting & Balloon Animals 1-2 p.m.

Come hungry and bring your entire family for a fun-filled afternoon of good eats and great camaraderie!!!

(Auxiliary President's Column cont'd)

Upcoming Auxiliary Dinners

July 21 – Western Night – BBQ Pork Loin
August 18 – 'Sounds Like' International – Swiss Steak

Do not forget to call the Post (719) 632-9874 to make reservations before Wednesday @ 5 pm prior to the dinner. These dinners are our main fund raisers. Please be considerate and cancel your reservation or change the amount of persons attending so that we may have a more accurate count of persons actually intending to dine with us!! Thank you! Anyone wanting to volunteer to help prep our meals, please contact Charlene at (719) 578-1429.

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 July and August celebrants.

As always, I remain loyally yours

Tami Veed

Auxiliary President

Cell: (719) 238-3543

Email: president@vfw4051.us

Post Surgeon's Report

Dear Comrades:

A sympathy card was sent to the Russ Ericson family. Russ passed away on 2 May. A get well card and fruit basket was sent to Larry McDermed. Larry is currently at the Health Care Resort. A get well card was sent to Howard Pease. A get well card and visit was made to Bob Brannon who is recuperating at Medallion Health Center

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!

Many of you have stepped up and brought in a lot of canned goods and dry packaged food for the Silver Key box. I have just delivered another large box of needed food for their use. **Remember, if you can bring in just one or two items each time you come to the Post, it really, really helps!**

In addition to all the soiled and unserviceable flags for proper disposal that I dropped off last time, I received additional flags during June which I took to The American Legion Post 209 to be properly disposed of at a future ceremony.

Sincerely,
LeRoy Jensen
Post Surgeon

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

Dear Members:

Since our last column, we are still trying to repair and replace what we can. But, with our limited budget the going is slow. Our next priority is our Post surveillance camera system, which should be purchased and installed soon.

The Memorial Day Weekend Buddy Poppy distribution drive was very successful. We thank all the members, including the Rotary Prime members, who helped distribute poppies and collect money donations for our Veterans Relief Fund.

We are looking forward to our annual summer picnic in the park get together on Saturday July 29th. See page 4 for details. Flyers will be printed in the Post to remind our members as we get closer to this event.

Yours in Service,

Chairman,
Rick Archuleta

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

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.

Veterans Groups of Interest

The Mission Continues
missioncontinues.org

Team Rubicon
teamrubiconusa.org

Red White and Blue
teamrwb.org

If you have questions contact the Post Quartermaster's office at (719) 632-9874 and leave a message for Barbara.

Memorial Day Flags at Cemeteries

On Memorial Day Weekend we were not able to recruit the help from Time Warner and the Young Marines, as in past years, to place flags at Evergreen Cemetery. So, the Evergreen front office volunteered their staff to help place flags for our deceased Post veterans, and we provided the flags.

Rick Archuleta placed flags at Fairview, Woodland Park, Crystall Valley, Spring Valley, Eastonville, and Fountain Cemeteries. I hope we will get more volunteer help for next year!

Mr. and Mrs Victor Lopez, along with Rick Archuleta, attended the wreath laying ceremony at Memorial Park.

The annual Memorial Day ceremony, formerly held at TREA, was held at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) facility at Palmer Park and Peterson Road this year.

72 YEARS AGO

Pikes Peak Post 4051 was chartered on May 28, 1945 just before WWII ended. Our Ladies Auxiliary was chartered a couple of months later. According to Bud Plumlee, Past Senior Vice Commander of the Post, the Post and canteen started on the second floor across the corner of Pikes Peak and Wahsatch. It was *very* crowded. **Then the Post grew like wildfire!**

Keep Addresses Current

(SNOW BIRDS – TAKE NOTE!!)

Are you getting the NEWS? Do you get the National VFW monthly magazine?

Several of our members changed addresses, did NOT tell us, and they were dropped from membership with this POST!!

Please let our Quartermaster, at (719) 632-9874, know your correct address so we can keep your membership active.

The person 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

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

JULY 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>						<p>1 Post Meeting Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Post Closed Available For Rental Events</p>
2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6 Open 4 to 7	7 <u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only	8
Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed Available for Rental Events	Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge	Carlos Crull Open 4 to 11	Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 A.M. Meeting 10:30 A.M. Post Closed Available For Rental Events
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed	Friends of the Post Mtg 4 P.M. 312th Army Band 7:00 p.m. Club Opens 5:00 p.m.	Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge	Dinner/Dance Meatloaf (John B.) Springs Open 4 to 11	Marine Corps League Meeting Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Post Closed Available For Rental Events
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed Available for Rental Events	Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge	Dinner/Dance BBQ Pork Loin Western Night (The Aux) David Hudson Open 4 to 11	Post Closed Available for Rental Events
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed Available for Rental Events	Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge	<u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only Carlos Crull Open 4 to 11	Post Picnic See p. 4 for Details Post Closed Available for Rental Events

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AUGUST 2017

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			Post Closed	Post Closed Available for Rental Events	Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge	Dinner/Dance Roast Chicken (Charlene) Springs Open 4 to 11	Post Meeting Meeting 9:00 a.m. Aux Meeting Meeting 10:30 a.m. Post Closed Available For Rental Events
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	Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed Available for Rental Events	Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge	Dinner/Dance Swiss Steak "International Dinner" (The Aux) Carlos Crull Open 4 to 11	Marine Corps League Meeting Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Post Closed Available For Rental Events
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed Available for Rental Events	Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge	Dinner/Dance Manicotti (Shai & Team) Springs Open 4 to 11	Post Workday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Post Closed Available For Rental Events	
27	28	29	30	31			
Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed Available for Rental Events	Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge			

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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 July 1st and August 5th at 9 a.m.

Auxiliary Meetings on July 8th And August 5th at 10:30 a.m.