

Minutes of VFW Post 4051
Meeting of 3 September 2022
(MOU and SOP appended)

The meeting was held at American Legion Post 209 and opened by Commander Bob Green at 0900.

The opening prayer was given

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Membership cards were verified

Recognition of past Department, District, and Post officers was given by Commander Green.

The roll was taken with ROTC chairman, Joel Nadel, Honor/Color Guard captain and Staff judge Advocate T C Charles excused and House Committee chairman Rick Archuleta, Pikes Peak Vet Council chairman Paul Bailey, Public Servant, Larry Johnson, and Public Affairs/Webmaster Teacher of the Year Chairman Benjy Benjamin absent. All other elected and appointed officers were present.

Minutes were accepted as written

Membership: Two new Life members Robert Henderson and Joshua Williams. Eric Veed made a motion that we accept these new members. Motion passed. We need to have another membership drive, possibly at a gun show.

The Quartermaster's Report was given by Quartermaster Eric Veed and is subject to audit.

Reports of Committees:

Service Officer: No report.

Surgeon Report: Tami Veed and Ev McBride are not in good health.

Chaplain's Report: Three members reported deceased this month, James Boland, Warren Youngquist, and Paul Bankes Jr.

Legislative: No report.

Staff Judge Advocate: Excused. No report

Surgeon: No report

Entertainment: John Mazzella. Members are asking when the new Post home will be open.

House Committee: Rick Absent. No Report

Bingo: Need volunteers. Lately, attendance has been down.

Membership: Beginning number for 2022-2023 is 516. Waiting for life members to be added.

Community Activities: Let Barbara know of any community activities.

Pikes Peak Veterans Committee: Paul Bailey is absent. No report

Americanism: No report

VOD/PP/ Chairmen are needed.

Teacher of the Year: Benjy Benjamin is absent. No report

JROTC/ROTC: Joel No report

Poppies: Vacant

Trustees: No report

Public Affairs: No report

Honor Guard: No report

Public Servant: Larry Johnson absent. No report

Scouting: Need chairman. National will still have a Scout of the Year but will not give a scholarship.

Adopt a Unit (2-77 FA): Paige Lanier. 14 September will be the regimental reunion meet and greet. . There will be a ball on 16 September.

Adopt a Unit (Space unit): Bob Green No report.

Transition Committee: Checks are being written to Hammar Construction. We are still waiting on some permits. Dave Anthony had flooring samples for the committee to decide on. Sub-contractors are being interviewed. The elevator will cost 250k. David thanked the people who helped to clear vegetation from around the building.

National Home: No report.

National Home Prayer

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business

Duane made a motion for the need for a Standard Operating Procedure for donations to veterans in need. One suggestion is having Mt Carmel “vet” the applicants and give out the money. We would donate \$2,000 per year for this project. More work on this idea. Comment made that our donation could go to other Mt Carmel projects. In the past, our donations have been tanks of gas or a hotel room for the night. The American legion Post 209’s Service Officer handles their requests. The motion was tabled. Ron has written an SOP for members to read over and make comments. The original motion has been tabled again.

New Business:

Barbara Green made a motion to donate \$1,000 for the 2023 Colorado Scout of the Year scholarship account from the Post general account. The motion passed.

Barbara also made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Commercial Aviation Business Association (CABA) for their annual holiday food and toy drive from the bingo account. The motion passed.

Art Kimbrel made a motion to donate \$100 to help pay for member Irvin Adair’s 100th birthday party. The motion passed.

Good of the Order:

9 September will be a day of service at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery to clean graves.

11 September will be a 9-11 commemoration at Memorial Park at noon.

18 October will be the homeless veteran stand down at the city auditorium. Volunteers are needed.

Galen Steele received his 10-year membership pin.

Grand Cootie Commander, Eric Veed urged members to join the Cooties.

D J Alberts commented that the bingo account needs to spend money on charities.

Closing prayer

Flag salute

The meeting was closed at 1000. The next Post meeting will be on 1 October at American Legion Post 209 at 0900, with donuts and coffee at 0800.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Green
Adjutant

Approved/Disapproved

Bob Green
Commander

I propose we do an MOU, Memorandum of Understanding agreement. This is my proposal on how it might read.

VFW Post 4051 includes in their financial plan, from the Veterans Relief Fund, for Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center Military, Veteran, and Family Services Program.

The Case Managers within Military, Veteran, and Family Services will meet with Veterans and will provide case management with veterans needing assistance referred to by VFW Post 4051. The Case Managers will review each case and determine if the veteran is eligible for VFW Funding.

VFW Post 4051 will donate quarterly to Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center Military, Veteran, and Family Services Program. Amount donated will be determined by VFW Post 4051.

Funding will not be used for Veterans with a dishonorable discharge or violent felony of record.

A report will be given back to VFW Post 4051 quarterly indicating case number, date of need, type of need, amount needed, and amount granted. Good stories when selected by Case Managers will supplement reporting.

Either party may choose to terminate this agreement with notice of 30 days.

Quarterly contributions to Military, Veteran and Family Services Program will begin on a mutually acceptable date.

Signed by: VFW Post 4051 Commander
Director of Military, Veteran, and Family Services
Director of Operations

Purpose. To establish guidelines to help veterans and their families in their time of financial need.

Definitions

- (1) **“MOU”** means Memorandum of Understanding
- (2) **“Emergencies”** means help that can not wait for the next business day

Fraud and deception prohibited. Any Commander or designated representative engaged in any deceptive activity shall not, directly or indirectly:

- (1) Employ any scheme to defraud or deceive.
- (2) Intentionally make any untrue or misleading statement of fact; or
- (3) Engage in any act, practice, or course of conduct constituting fraud or deceit.

Enforcement Authority. The Post Commander or designated representative is hereby designated as the "enforcement authority". As enforcement authority, the Commanders' or designated representatives' powers and duties are as follows:

- (1) The veterans who can wait to be vetted by Mt. Carmel will be sent to them for their needs per MOU.
- (2) The other veterans who are "emergencies" and need to be vetted will be done by the Commander or designated representative at that time.
- (3) The Commander or designated representative has the right to grant or refuse to grant any monies they feel necessary for a veteran who cannot be vetted in a reasonable amount of time.
- (4) The Commander or designated representative will meet with the veteran at the place the monies are required.
- (5) At no time will monies be given to the veteran.
- (6) If a veteran requires a recurrent financial need, he or she can or will be referred to Mt. Carmel for financial counseling and further assistance.