

Minutes of VFW Post 4051
Meeting of 6 August 2022

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. We had guests, Roger Smith, potential new member, Dale Anderson, Gabriel Balljos, and Doug Fitzgerald from Congressman Lamborn's office.

The roll was taken with 3-year Trustee Dana Wilkins, Entertainment John Mazzella, House Committee Rick Archuleta, Public Affairs Benjy Benjamin, Pikes Peak Veterans council Paul Bailey, absent. All other elected and appointed officers were present.

Minutes were accepted as written

Membership: No new members this month. Eric Veed was presented with his 15-year membership pin.

The Quartermaster's Report was given by Quartermaster Eric Veed and is subject to audit. Eric made a motion that we bond for 400k as our other money is tied up with the renovation project. The motion passed.

Reports of Committees:

Service Officer: No report.

Surgeon Report: Tami Veed, and Eric's stepfather Mike Walker are in rehab. Eric's mom has been declared cancer free.

Chaplain's Report: Seven deceased members this month – Scott DeFebaugh, Cecil Charles, Milford Prothe, Floyd Strauss, Robert Barr, George Patterson, and Joseph Potter.

Legislative Report: D. J. Alberts gave a report that the burn pit legislation has been signed. Affected members need to register on the burn pit registry.

Staff Judge Advocate: No report

Surgeon: Duane reported that Dave Wagner should be leaving the hospital soon. His cancer surgery was successful.

Entertainment: John Mazzella absent. No Report

House Committee: Rick Archuleta absent. No Report

Bingo: Need volunteers. Bingo revenue has been increasing averaging 67 players per session.

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 absent. No report

Americanism: No report

VOD/PP/Teacher of the Year: Chairmen are needed.

JROTC/ROTC: Joel No report

Poppies: Joel No report

Trustees: No report

Public Affairs: No report

Honor Guard: No report

Public Servant: Larry Johnson will chair this committee.

Adopt a Unit (2-77 FA): Paige reported that the Regiment is having a reunion on 14-18 September. He also reported that the Artillery ball will be held on 16 September. Let Paige know if you are interested in attending.

Adopt a Unit (Space unit): Bob reported that we have received our certificate awarding us this adopt-a-unit. We will be working with their booster group.

Transition Committee: The general application from the city has been signed so construction is good to start. This should start at the end of October due to a zoning change. A request has been sent to the committee to choose colors for the building. David and helpers will clean the outside of the building tomorrow of weeds from 0830-1000.

National Home: Always looking for new life members. There is a one-time life member payment of \$50.

National Home Prayer

Correspondence: Barbara wrote a thank you letter for a \$100 donation check received.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

Eric needs a two-drawer file cabinet. Barbara has one at home and Art has some at the Legion Post.

Barbara made a motion to donate \$150 to purchase 10 wreaths from Wreaths Across America for placement at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery. The motion passed.

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.

Good of the Order:

The representatives from Congressman Lamborn's office spoke on members being allowed to start VA claim office paperwork at their office. However, they are not a VSO. Dale Anderson spoke on outreach. There are plans to hopefully get another VA clinic closer to Pueblo, probably in the Fountain area. No date but the money has been allocated. Gabriel also spoke on emergency care for veterans. Any ER can be used, but the VA needs to be notified within 72 hours. If private insurance is billed by the VA, co-pays will most likely be charged to the patient. Specialty clinics are being opened to include Urgent Care. Five hundred contacts per year are needed to keep rural clinics open. Having an agreement with the ER at Ft Carson's Evans hospital with the VA is in the works. Castle Rock is getting a VA clinic.

David asked who will keep the Post running once in the new building

Art mentioned Mr. Adair's 100th birthday party at Legion Post 209 on 3 September at 1400. Mr. Adair is a member of our Post.

Closing prayer
Flag salute

The meeting was closed at 1010. The next Post meeting will be on 3 September at American Legion Post 209 at 0900, with donuts and coffee at 0800.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Green
Adjutant

Approved/Disapproved

Bob Green
Commander