



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 4th
**Calhan Loyalty Day
Parade**

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Friday, May 10th
**Mother's Day
Dinner/Dance**

Auxiliary President's
Column

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Saturday & Sunday,
May 25th & May 26th
Buddy Poppy Days

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

**MAY GOD
BLESS AMERICA!**



Commander's Corner



**Dr. Christopher Linski
Post Commander**

Greetings Post and Auxiliary Members,

I want to thank all of the members who provided service and support to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary throughout this fraternal year. Our Post cannot operate without each of you! As we move into the new fraternal year, I want to congratulate all of the newly elected and appointed Post and Auxiliary officers. Let's work together to continue making improvements to our operations and continue to provide great service to our military service members, veterans, and their families!

Training Opportunities

One of the key aspects of any position is understanding the expectations of the position and gaining access to all resources that can assist you in being successful in your role. If you have not received information about your role as an elected or appointed officer, or if you believe that additional training is needed to help you and our members be successful in our mission to assist veterans and their families, please let me know. I will either provide internal (Commander's Corner continued on page 4)

Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2019-2020: Mandy Linski—President, Rachel Brown—Sr. Vice President, Mike Walker, Jr.—Vice President, Secretary—Rachel Brown, Treasurer—Rita Christensen, Chaplain—Michelle Pineda, Conductress—Carol Archuleta, Guard—Carol Knutson, and Tami Veed—3-Year Trustee. Thank you to all of you for accepting an office this year!

Auxiliary Membership as of April 12th is 251 total members which is 95.8%. This total also includes 35 Annual Continuous members. Anyone wishing to get your 2018 dues paid, you still have until June 15th to do so. After June 30th, your membership will be considered "Former" and you will have to re-join and start all over again with your membership! Contact Tami @ (719) 238-3543 and I will be happy to help you.

Did you know: There are 61 Active Auxiliaries in Colorado; 1,621 Annual Members; 4,638 Life Members with a total of 6,259 members of which there are 42 male members in our area alone!

Join us on Saturday, May 4th to participate in the Calhan Loyalty Day Parade. We will meet at the Post at 7:30 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts and caravan with our trailer and others to Calhan. VFW Post 5221 in Calhan will provide lunch for all participants after the parade is over. It's always a fun parade and enjoyable day.

We will have our Mother's Day Dinner/Dance (Chicken Cordon Bleu) on Friday, May 10th. Make your reservations

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VFW Post 4051 Officers For 2018-2019

Post Commander	Dr. Christopher Linski
Senior Vice Commander	Galen Steele
Junior Vice Commander	Bob Green
Quartermaster	Joe Cormier
Chaplain	Jim Griffith
Judge Advocate	Bob Green
Surgeon	LeRoy Jensen
1-Year Trustee	John Mazzella
2-Year Trustee	Barbara Green
3-Year Trustee	Eric Veed
Adjutant	Duane Knutson
Service Officer	Jeremy Johnson
House Committee	Rick Archuleta
Ways and Means	Dennis Snider
Membership	Galen Steele
Officer of the Day	Jeremy Johnson
Guard	Val Bernal
Legislative	Dr. D. J. Alberts
Entertainment	John Mazzella
Buddy Poppy	James Griffith
Americanism	VACANT
Adopt-A-Unit	Paige Lanier
National Home	Dr. Christopher Linski
Honor/Color Guard	Brian Michaud
Flag Committee	LeRoy Jensen
ROTC/JROTC	Barbara Green
Boy Scouts	Dr. Christopher Linski
Public Servant Program	Jean Plank
Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen	Amy Earley
Teacher of the Year	Amy Earley
Public Affairs	Ron Marshall
Webmaster	Bill Thomas
Bingo Games Manager	Jerry Walter
Crawford House Representative	Barbara Green

Editorial Staff

Post Commander	Dr. Christopher Linski
Editor	Bill Thomas
Assistant Editor	Ron Marshall

To Report A Death

To report a death of a Post member, please contact Chaplain James Griffith, (719) 632-9874 or for an Auxiliary member, contact Chaplain Rita Christensen, (719) 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 (if known); Your Name, Phone Number and/or Other Point of Contact.

VFW Post 4051 Auxiliary Officers For 2019-2020

(Effective July 1, 2019)

President	Mandy Linski
Senior Vice President	Rachel Brown
Junior Vice President	Mike Walker
Secretary/Treasurer	Rachel Brown
Chaplain	Michelle Pineda
Conductress	Carol Archuleta
Guard	Carol Knutson
Patriotic Instructor	Carol Knutson
Trustee #1	Mike Walker
Trustee #2	Carol Knutson
Trustee #3	Tami Veed
Program Chairmen to be selected at the May Meeting	
Games Manager	Rita Christensen



VFW 4051 Bingo

VFW 4051 Bingo pays the big bills for the Post like utilities, insurance, etc. Our bingo sessions are on Tuesday and Friday each week around 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the North Carefree Bingo Hall, 3440 N Carefree Circle, a block west of Academy on North Carefree.

These operations are run by volunteers, many of whom simply need to take a day off every now and then! If you have been a member of the Post or Auxiliary for at least six months, and have a little bit of free time, please think about volunteering! We appreciate any assistance you can provide.

Contact Games Manager Jerry Walter at (719) 574-4324 to volunteer!

SUPPORT VFW 4051 BINGO!

"We will accept nothing less than full victory! Good luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."

—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower
Supreme Allied Commander
6 June 1944

Chaplain's Report

"After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened). Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus." Mark 9:2-8

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well." Martin Luther King, Jr.

I love winter storms! It never ceases to amaze me how a little covering of snow or ice makes things look different, and new. We have a hackberry tree in our front yard that in the spring and summer is covered in leaves and the green is contrasted against the brown, veiny bark and you can see detail against it. In the fall, the leaves turn yellow, briefly, then turn brown, and all I concentrate on is the work to bag them up. But in winter, when the snow and ice cover the branches and gifts it with a sculpture like quality, I see the tree, the whole tree. I see the trunk, the branches and twigs, the shape of the whole and the snow and ice merely bring this into sharp relief. It is transfigured, and I see it differently.

In Mark's gospel Jesus is transfigured in the view of his disciples. Now the meaning of transfiguration is this – that the true or hidden nature of a person or thing which has always been before us suddenly is made clear. Jesus was who he was before and after the Transfiguration. He was just as compassionate, just as wise, just as holy but in this one moment on that mountain what was always there but clouded by "normalness" was brought into sharp relief to the disciples. They got a glimpse of God in Jesus the closest they would ever get to seeing God this side of death. It was how they saw him that changed. Dr. King's saying about the street sweeper gets to the heart of this. It is not the job or the outward circumstance of the man, but the man's character revealed in the spirit of how he does his job that transfigures his life to those who see it.

There are transfiguring moments all around us. The
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Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Auxiliary Members,

At our March meeting the Auxiliary Charter was draped in memory of Life Auxiliary member, Charlene Madden.

A speedy recovery card was also sent to Past Auxiliary President Eunice Wohlgenuth who is mending nicely from a broken foot. A thinking of you card was mailed to Sister Betty Holland.

"Christ did not come to shield us from the grief and pain of life, but those who have his peace inside can thrive within strife."

If you know of any member who is ill, recovering, in the hospital or just in need of a kind word, please call me at (719) 598-0613.

Sincerely,
Auxiliary Chaplain
Rita Christensen

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snow-covered tree that reveals its symmetry and beauty. The child who astonishes us by some conversation or deed that sets us back, and we see but for a brief glimpse the man or woman they will be. In some other person's kindness, we too catch a glimpse in sharp relief against the all-too-present ugliness of life - the face of God.

In my conversations with many of you around the post, I catch a transfigured glimpse of what is really there behind the tired old faces, greying hair and worn spirits – a glimpse of the warrior within, the young man or woman of character that gave of themselves for their country, and I see you differently. You are transfigured to what has always been there.

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 Post comrades: Anthony Koscielecki, Charles Wilkinson Jr., and Harry Johnson, and Post Auxiliary comrade: Charlene Madden and commit them to Thy care.

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

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

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resources or reach out to our District and Department officers to find resources that will help you! This goes for both the Post and Auxiliary. I hope that we can share best practices and continue to improve our capability to assist each other throughout the year!

Our Webpage

Did you participate in a VFW-related function? Do you have pictures that you would like to share? We are looking for pictures to upload to our webpage or Facebook page to show the community what we are doing. Pictures are worth a thousand words...and a great way to recruit new members! Share pictures by emailing me directly or tag us on Facebook at @VFW4051 or @lavfw4051 for the Auxiliary. Like our pages and show interest in our events.

Yours in Comradeship,
Dr. Christopher Linski
Post Commander
Commander@vfw4051.us

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

With the summer months and warmer weather coming soon, we hope to see more members and friends at our Friday night dinners and dances! Our Post needs continuous support to help with our Post financial obligations. With that being said, we had an unexpected repair needed at the front entrance door. The rear entrance door has been giving us problems too, and as a result we had this checked out and it will need a new metal frame (pending).

We are a step closer with the upper level heating and A/C replacement project. It has been a slow process, and we hope to see completion by July if all goes well. Again, we are asking our members to bring non-perishable food items to help support Silver Key.

Our Post also collects new toys year round for the Toys for Tots foundation. Both of these organizations are very appreciative of our continued support, and we thank you all for your continued support!

Finally, congratulations to all our newly elected officers of our Post and Auxiliary!

Chairman,
Rick Archuleta

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

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now for a lovely evening for that special Mother. Not to forget the men in our lives, the Father's Day Dinner/Dance (Roast Beef) will be Friday, June 14th!

The Department of Colorado State Convention will be held in Sheridan, Colorado, Post 9644, June 13-16. See Department website www.vfwco.org for complete convention information.

We hope to see many of you at our next Auxiliary meeting to be held on Saturday, May 11th. The Ways and Means Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. to decide how we will spend our monies for the coming month - come and voice your opinion. Coffee & Chat 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. with the meeting at 10:30 a.m. We will be discussing and selecting Program Chairmen for the coming year.

This will be my last article, as my time as your President will (finally) come to an end on June 30th. I wish the 2019-2020 Officers much success in the upcoming year! I'm only a phone call, email, or text away, should any of you need assistance!

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 May and June celebrants and best wishes to all our Mothers, Grandmothers, and Great Grandmothers! As always, I remain loyally yours,

Tami Veed,
Auxiliary President
Cell (719) 238.3543
Email: president@vfw4051.us

Loyalty Day Calhan Parade

In place of the normal 1st Saturday morning Post meeting, we will hold a short roundtable at the Post at 8 a.m. (no official meeting), then we will prep the trailer after that.

The parade lineup will begin at 10 a.m. in Calhan, with an 11 a.m. parade start time. After the parade, lunch will be available at Post 5221 in Calhan.

Buddy Poppies

Just a reminder for everybody that Saturday and Sunday, May 25th & 26th, we will be distributing Buddy Poppies at the Safeway store on Powers & Constitution and the Safeway on Circle & Galley.

We will have Post members and friends at these locations on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Won't you please come out and drop some donations in the cans to show your support?

Vietnam Era Pins and Certificates

TREA (The Retired Enlisted Association) has a ceremony twice a year to hand out pins and certificates to Vietnam Era Veterans who served on active duty (November 1, 1955-May 15, 1975 dates of service) and also to spouses of deceased service members who served on active duty during the above time period. The certificates have the TREA Logo and Chapter 1 on them.

If anyone is interested in receiving the pin and certificate (even if you received the pin previously) and would be able to attend the TREA ceremony (October/November 2019 or late March 2020) please let me know. Barbara-green241@hotmail.com.

Please send me the following information:

Name as you want it on the certificate
Branch of Service
Rank
Military job title

Barbara Green
Past Commander

Community Service Hours Outside the Post

1. Total Hours _____
2. Cash Donations _____
3. Round trip mileage _____

Please include a brief description of community service accomplished:

Mail this form to:
VFW Post 4051
430 East Pikes Peak Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Or return to a Post general membership meeting

Members Notice

The membership rules for annual members changed a couple of years ago. The new rule is annual renewal must be done during the month you joined the Post. So when you get the renewal notice, DON'T DELAY. Or better yet, consider using the life member installment plan. Your renewal is important!



TAPS

Post

**Harry Johnson, Anthony Koscielecki,
& Charles Wilkinson Jr.**

**Auxiliary
Charlene Madden**

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

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain



Post Surgeon's Report

Dear Comrades:

We are sad to report that Past Post Commander Harry Johnson passed away on Tuesday, April 9th. Harry was Commander in 1997-1998, 2001-2002, and 2006-2007, AND, he was one of the very few that was an ALL AMERICAN Commander! I visited Harry on several recent occasions before he passed.

I donated a large American Flag to the Post, and we continue to receive torn, worn, or soiled flags for proper disposal.

Please continue to let me know whenever one of our veterans is in ill health, in the hospital, or unfortunately has deceased.

Yours in Comradeship,
LeRoy Jensen
Post Surgeon

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

MAY 2019

DANCE 7 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>(NOTE) Reservations Required For Dinner Call (719) 632-9874</p>			1 Available For Rental Events	9 Open 4 to 7	3 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Enchiladas Cinco de Mayo Springs	4 Calhan Loyalty Day Parade See Page 4 for Details Available For Rental Events
5 Available For Rental Events	6 Available For Rental Events	7 Available For Rental Events	8 Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m. V-E Day Available For Rental Events	9 V-E Day Declared Open 4 to 7	10 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Chicken Cordon Bleu Mother's Day Carlos Crull	11 Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m. Available For Rental Events
12 Available For Rental Events	13 Available For Rental Events	14 Available For Rental Events	15 Available For Rental Events	16 Open 4 to 7	17 Open 4 to 11 NO Dinner/ Dance Only Roast Chicken Springs	18 Armed Forces Day Available For Rental Events
19 Available For Rental Events	20 Available For Rental Events	21 Available For Rental Events	22 Available For Rental Events	23 Open 4 to 7	24 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance White Bean Chili Carlos Crull	25 Buddy Poppies See Page 4 for Details Available For Rental Events
26 Buddy Poppies See Page 4 for Details Available For Rental Events	27 Memorial Day Available For Rental Events	28 Available For Rental Events	29 Available For Rental Events	30 Open 4 to 7	31 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance BBQ Ribs Springs	Available For Rental Events

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

JUNE 2019

DANCE 7 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>(NOTE) Reservations Required For Dinner Call (719) 632-9874</p>						<p>1 <i>Post Meeting</i> Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>
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<p>9</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>12 Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Open 4 to 7</p>	<p>14 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance <i>Pot Roast Father's Day</i></p> <p>Carlos Crull</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Open 4 to 7</p>	<p>21 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance <i>Steak Night \$12.00</i></p> <p>Springs</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>
<p>23/30</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Open 4 to 7</p>	<p>28 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance <i>Chicken Cordon Bleu</i></p> <p>Carlos Crull</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>

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Dinner \$10.00 Dinner & Dance \$20.00 Dance Only \$10.00

Call (719) 632-9874

Club Hours: Sunday - Wednesday: Available for Rental Events;

Thursday: Open 4 - 7 p.m. Friday: Open 4 - 11 p.m.

Saturday: Available for Rental Events

Open for Special Events and Meetings

Post Meetings on May 4 and June 1 at 9 a.m.

Auxiliary Meetings on May 11 and June 8 at 10:30 a.m.