



# News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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## September/October 2017

### Upcoming Events

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

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Friday, September 8th  
***Patriot Day  
Thank You Event for  
the Military  
Community***

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Saturday, November 4th  
***Colorado Springs  
Veterans Day Parade***

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

**MAY GOD  
BLESS AMERICA!**



### Commander's Column

Dear Comrades,

Much information was presented at the Council of Administration in Craig, Colorado on 12-13 August. At the National Convention the VFW is transitioning from Demeter's to Robert's Rule of Order. The Department of Colorado has initiated a "Chaplain of the Year Award." When communicating with other organizations, National prefers that we use "Veterans of Foreign Wars" vice "VFW."

Membership was a major topic. The Department has been losing about 500 members a year. On June 13th we had 657 members for a total of 92.79%. We are waiting for National to publish our numbers for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. I appreciate your continuing hard work recruiting new members and would like for us to strive to get to 100% plus one this coming year.

I wish to challenge everyone to bring someone to our next meeting. This will help us to grow our Post. Remember, if you recruit 2 or more paid new members, you will receive a free dinner!

We have several events coming up for which I would appreciate your support. We will participate in the Fountain Valley Fall Festival parade on September 4th and the Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade on November 4th. Lastly, please support the Veterans Day Weekend Poppy Drive.

I hope to see everyone there!

In True Comradeship,

Eric Veed  
Post Commander

### Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It's that time of year again, annual members will soon be getting a letter regarding their annual dues payment. The Membership Committee thanks you in advance! As of June 30, 2017 (the end of our fiscal year) we were at 286 members or 93%. Our goal is to reach 100% this year, which means that we will need to recruit 22 new members. Everyone can recruit—we need new members to help keep our organization alive and kicking so we can help our growing population of veterans now and into the future! Our existing membership really needs to step up and get involved in one of our many programs—we need your ideas and input! Won't you please consider contacting one of our officers to learn where your time and talents might best be utilized so this Auxiliary can do even more for our veterans and their families!!

#### Upcoming Auxiliary Dinners Mark your calendars!

**September 1** – Sock Hop – Bring your entire family for dinner; kids age 5 and younger just \$5.00. Kids friendly meal – oven fried chicken, tater tots, cole slaw and make your own sundaes for dessert! We will again have the crazy sock contest.

**October 27** – Halloween Dinner/Dance and Costume Contest. Black cauldron chili, corn bread, black and orange salad and spider devils food cake.

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## VFW Post 4051 Officers For 2017-2018

Commander	Eric Veed
Senior Vice Commander	Dr. Chris Linski
Junior Vice Commander	Shai Bardfield
Quartermaster	Joe Cormier
Adjutant	Duane Knutson
Chaplain	James Griffith
Staff Judge Advocate	Dr. D. J. Alberts
Surgeon	LeRoy Jensen
Service Officer	Lance Dyar
Officer of the Day	Brian Michaud
Trustee #1	Barb Bacon
Trustee #2	John Mazzella
Trustee #3	Barbara Green
Guard	Valerie Bernal
House Committee	Rick Archuleta, Chairman Barbara Green Joe Cormier Jerry Walter LeRoy Jensen
Ways and Means	Barbara Green Joe Cormier Jerry Walter Rick Archuleta
Americanism	Jon Wander Bill Vanaman
Buddy Poppy	Jim Griffith
Community Activities	Barbara Green
Bingo Games Manager	Eric Veed
Membership	Eric Veed
Legislative	Dr. David Jenkins
Public Affairs	Ron Marshall
Voice of Democracy	Jon Wander
Patriot Pen	Jon Wander
ROTC/JROTC	Dr. Chris Linski
Scouts	Dr. Chris Linski
Teacher of the Year	Barbara Green
National Home	Dr. Chris Linski
Safety	Bill Vanaman
Honor/Color Guard Captain	Brian Michaud
Entertainment	John Mazzella
Webmaster	Bill Thomas
Flag Committee	Rick Archuleta/LeRoy Jensen
Adopt a Unit POC	Paige Lanier

### Editorial Staff

Post Commander	Eric Veed
Editor	Bill Thomas
Assistant Editor	Ron Marshall

## 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	Mike Walker
Cancer Aid	Rachel Brown
Community Service	Tina Stemen
Facebook/Webpage	Tami Veed
Games Manager	Rita Christensen
Hospital	Tami Reed
Legislative	Rachel Brown
Membership/Leadership	Charlene Cormier
National Home	Charlene Cormier
Veterans & Family Support	All Members
Voice of Democracy & Youth Activities	Vacant

### Buddy Poppy Program

Please remember our Poppy Distribution this Veterans Day weekend. We will plan on handing out poppies on Saturday, 11 November, and Sunday, 12 November, 2017. The breakfast is at 8 a.m. on Saturday, 11 November, at the Village Inn on the corner of Academy and Palmer Park. See you there!

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

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.

## Chaplain's Report

*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."*

President Theodore Roosevelt

*"Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the LORD has helped us.'"*

I Samuel 7:13-14

Theodore Roosevelt was one of our greatest Presidents; a man and a veteran committed to the 'great enthusiasms of life,' but also acquainted with great sorrow and failure. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, second in command of the famed First U.S. Volunteer Cavalry Regiment "Rough Riders" whose mental and physical toughness was legendary. Roosevelt was nominated for the Medal of Honor by the entire chain of command in Cuba: Brigadier General Leonard Wood, who had received the Medal of Honor fighting the Apaches; Major General Samuel S. Sumner, an eyewitness to the Kettle Hill-San Juan Heights battle; Major General "Fighting Joe" Wheeler; and Major General William R. Shafter, Roosevelt's immediate superior who had himself been awarded the Medal of Honor in the Civil War. Nevertheless, Roosevelt's political opponents blocked the recommendation when he criticized them for keeping troops in a malarial Cuba longer than needed, and it took 103 years for the nomination to be approved by the Army.

Roosevelt, at age 55, after failure to win a third term as President, journeyed to Brazil and set out on an expedition down an uncharted tributary of the Amazon: the mysterious Rio da Dúvida, or River of Doubt. The expedition's extreme terrain, malaria, dysentery and a loss of supplies in a set of rapids nearly killed him, his son Kermit, and the great veteran Brazilian explorer Colonel Candido Rondon, but in the end a new tributary of the Amazon had been mapped.

The day after the U.S. entered WWI, the 58-year-old Roosevelt went to see rival President Woodrow Wilson to request permission to recruit an all-volunteer infantry division to fight in Europe. Although by May 1917 over 2,000

men a day were volunteering to fight alongside Roosevelt, President Wilson, a champion of universal conscription verses volunteer divisions, rejected the offer and Roosevelt was left on the sidelines.

All four of Roosevelt's sons joined the military and went to the front. His sons Archie and Ted Jr. (later a WWII MOH recipient) were wounded in battle, and his youngest son, Quentin, a pilot, was shot down and killed in July 1918. Roosevelt never recovered from Quentin's death and died a year later in 1919.

Men such as Roosevelt, and the men and women veterans at our VFW Post, pursue the "great enthusiasms of life" in war and peace, in their faith, in their families, and in their communities. That single-minded grasp of life and enthusiastic tenaciousness is what makes life worth living and leaves an "Ebenezer" on the road of history for us to pause at, remember, and follow.

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: Louis Caulboy, Elmer Swift, Herb Swing, Kenneth Davis, Robert Combs, and Art Christensen and Auxiliary Members: Elsie Tafoya and Ruth Huisenga to commit them to Thy care.

Sincerely,  
James Griffith  
Post Chaplain (719) 200-8223

## Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Auxiliary Members,

The Charter was draped at the July meeting for Auxiliary Life Members Elsie Tafoya and Ruth Huisenga. A memorial was sent to the Ladies Auxiliary Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 423 in Fountain, Colorado in Ruth's name.

Sympathy cards were sent to Auxiliary member Rita Christensen on the death of her husband Arthur Christensen, Past All American Commander and All State Quartermaster of Pikes Peak Post 4051.

Speedy Recovery Cards were sent to Auxiliary member Jane Hart who is recovering from surgery and to Beverly Archer of Auxiliary 101 who is recovering from a fall.

Sincerely,  
Carol Knutson for Rita Christensen  
Auxiliary Chaplain

## A Bit of History

The 5th U.S. Army invaded Anzio, Italy, 90 miles behind enemy lines at a beach resort town 30 miles south of Rome on January 22, 1944. It was a complete surprise to the Germans. This invasion was to relieve pressure on the Monte Cassino Gustav Line. At 0500 hrs on May 25, 1944, over 500 artillery guns of all sizes let out a barrage of gun fire. Infantry, artillery, tanks, and other weapons rolled forward and reached the outskirts of Rome on June 4th and 5th.

We endured for 125 days on the Anzio beachhead. Over 20,000 casualties were recorded. That averaged out to 160 per day. A Chaplain said "Men, we have already spent our time in hell." Many have said the Anzio beachhead was a terrible blunder. I say it saved the beautiful city of Rome from plunder, as well as many more lives.

June 5th marked the 73rd anniversary of the capture of Rome. I was there...

Max Beham

## Fountain Valley Fall Festival Parade

Monday, September 4, 2017. We will meet at the Post at 7:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts and carpool to the parade location at 8:00 a.m.

## Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 4, 2017. Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at the Post for coffee, donuts, and a round table meeting at 7:30 a.m. We will depart the Post between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

## Post Surgeon's Report

Dear Comrades:

A get well card and fruit basket was sent to Bob Beham. 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. **Remember, if you can bring in just one or two items, it really, really helps!**

Sincerely,  
LeRoy Jensen  
Post Surgeon

(Auxiliary President's Column cont'd)

**November 17** – Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance and Bake sale

**December 15** – Christmas Dinner/Dance and Bake sale

Do not forget to call the Post (719) 632-9874) to make reservations before Wednesday @ 5 p.m. prior to the dinner. These dinners are our main fundraisers. 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!

We are becoming quite desperate for people willing to volunteer to help prep our meals. The same three or four people are constantly doing all the work! We do the prep work the Thursday before our dinners starting at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Charlene Cormier at (719) 578-1429 if you are able to help!

I would like to remind us all of our purpose as an Auxiliary, which is to serve veterans and their families. Let each of us treat one another with respect and kindness at all times! Our sympathy is extended to those who have lost a loved one and get well wishes to those who are under the weather.

As always, I remain loyally yours,

Tami Veed

Auxiliary President 2017-2018

Cell - 719-238-3543

Email - president@VFW4051.us

## Home-Made Pies!!!

The Auxiliary will be taking home-made pie orders for Thanksgiving. Simply place your pie order prior to November 13, 2017 by calling Mrs. Charlene Cormier at (719) 578-1429.

Pick your flavor; Pumpkin Pie or Fruit Pie (Cost Varies) and pick up your pies on Wednesday, November 22nd at the Post from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00.

## Patriot Day Thank You Event

Friday, September 8, 2017 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Norris Penrose Event Center parking lot located at the intersection of West Moreno Avenue and 530 Communications Circle. Join with several organizations as they thank 400 military families by providing non-perishable food, fresh produce, and necessities.

See Commander Eric Veed for more details.

## Chairman of the House Committee's Column

We are starting this column on a sad note once again. We lost both Herb Swing and Art Christensen who had been loyal members of our Post for many years. They were both very active in a variety of activities and VFW events, as well as the regular Friday night dinner/dances.

We are happy to inform the membership that our surveillance system is up and working now. Since our last newsletter, we have had to repair the bar walk-in cooler and the keg cooler systems. In addition, the air conditioning in the canteen area needed to be repaired. We are having a hard time keeping up with the repairs, and with a limited budget we need to be very careful and prioritize any repairs made. That being said, we are putting the upgrade of our lighting in the ballroom on the back burner for now.

Our main concern for now is getting a heating system and cooler air flow in the upstairs hall before winter sets in. In the past we have had to refund money to large party groups due to the lack of heating & air conditioning!

Yours in Service,

Chairman,  
Rick Archuleta

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

## Doherty High School Navy JROTC Mural Project "Hall of Honor"

Doherty High School Navy JROTC is undertaking a large project to honor past and present military members, ships, and aircraft.

Their desire is to make this project historical in nature to instill in Doherty High School students, staff, and all of School District Eleven the significance the military has played in the history of our country. They have plans to place permanent murals on the entire length of the NJROTC hallway. They have contracted with a professional muralist to complete the murals.

What they need now is financial assistance to complete the project. If anyone is willing to donate any amount, please make the contribution to Navy JROTC Mural Project.

Mail to: Navy JROTC, 4515 Barnes Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80917.

## TAPS

### Post

**Louis Caulboy, Elmer Swift, Herb Swing, Kenneth Davis, Robert Combs, and Art Christensen**

### Auxiliary

**Elsie Tafoya and Ruth Huisenga**

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

Sincerely,  
James Griffith  
Post Chaplain

## Art Christensen

Past Post Commander and Quartermaster Arthur Christensen passed away peacefully on August 7th, 2017. Numerous family and friends attended his Memorial Service at the Post on Sunday, August 13th. Our Post Chaplain, James Griffith, officiated, along with Hospice Chaplain Ian Hyde. Military Honors were conducted by the High Frontier Honor Guard from Peterson AFB.

## Herbert R. Swing

Herbert R. Swing passed away on Sunday, July 9, 2017 in Colorado Springs. Herb spent many years as a member of our Post Honor Guard. A eulogy was provided by close friend and Life Member Vic Lopez. Numerous family and friends attended his Memorial Service at the Post on Saturday, July 15.

Our Post Chaplain, James Griffith, officiated, and Herb's son, Michael Swing, also gave a eulogy. Military Honors were conducted by the High Frontier Honor Guard from Peterson AFB.

## 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.

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

# SEPTEMBER 2017

DANCE 7 TO 10 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>(NOTE)</b> Reservations Required For Dinner Call (719) 632-9874</p>					<p>1 Dinner/Dance <b>Fried Chicken Family Night (Sock Hop)</b> (The Aux.) <b>Carlos Crull</b> Open 4 to 11</p>	<p>2 <b>Post Meeting</b> Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. <b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>
<p>3 <b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>4 <i>Labor Day Fountain Valley Parade (Page 4 for Details)</i> <b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>5 <b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>6 <b>Post Closed</b> Available for Rental Events</p>	<p>7 Open 4 to 7 <b>Salsa!!!</b> 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge</p>	<p>8 No Dinner/ Dance Only <b>Springs</b> Open 4 to 11</p>	<p>9 <b>Aux Meeting</b> Coffee/Treats 9:30 A.M. Meeting 10:30 A.M. <b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>
<p>10 <b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>11 <b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>12 <b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>13 Friends of the Post Mtg 4 P.M. <b>Post Closed</b> Available for Rental Events</p>	<p>14 Open 4 to 7 <b>Salsa!!!</b> 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge</p>	<p>15 Dinner/Dance <b>Steak Night POW/MIA Ceremony 6:45</b> <b>Carlos Crull</b> Open 4 to 11</p>	<p>16 <b>Marine Corps League Meeting</b> Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. <b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>
<p>17 <b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>18 <b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>19 <b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>20 <b>Post Closed</b> Available for Rental Events</p>	<p>21 Open 4 to 7 <b>Salsa!!!</b> 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge</p>	<p>22 No Dinner/ Dance Only <b>Springs</b> Open 4 to 11</p>	<p>23 <b>Post Closed</b> Available for Rental Events</p>
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DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

# OCTOBER 2017

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## VFW POST 4051



**Friday Night Dinner/Dance (Dinner Reservations Required)**  
**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 September 2 & October 7 at 9 a.m.***

***Auxiliary Meetings on September 9 & October 14 at 10:30 a.m.***