



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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November/December 2017

Upcoming Events

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

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Saturday & Sunday
November 11th & 12th
Buddy Poppy Drive

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Sunday, November 12th
**District 5 Memorial
Service and Meeting**

See Page 4 for Details

Sunday, December 31st
New Year's Eve

See Page 4 for Details

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

**MAY GOD
BLESS AMERICA!**



Commander's Column

Dear Comrades,

Jim Griffith is recruiting volunteers for Veterans Day Weekend Poppy Drives. Volunteers are greatly appreciated. The kickoff breakfast will be at the Village Inn located at the corner of Academy and Palmer Park Blvd at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, 11 November.

Membership

**As of October 14th we have 565
members for a total of 87.32%.**

**We need 83 by June to make our
100% +1 this year.**

We have a number of events for the first 3 weekends of November. The 4th is the Colorado Springs Veterans' Day Parade. November 11th and 12th is the annual Veterans' Day Poppy Drive. We will be distributing poppies at 4 locations throughout Colorado Springs.

The District 5 Memorial Service is scheduled for November 12th at VFW Post 3917. On November 18th we will be hosting the District 5 Training at our Post starting at 11 a.m.

Finally, we have the New Year's Eve celebration at the Post. The signup will begin November 17th and end on December 15th. I hope to see everyone there.

In True Comradeship,

Eric Veed
Post Commander

Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I cannot believe how quickly Thanksgiving and Christmas are approaching! Just like you are at home, the Auxiliary is gearing up for an exceptionally busy next few months. A quick review: **October 17th** – A few members from the Auxiliary volunteered at the Annual Homeless Stand Down at the City Auditorium.

October 27th – We had our Halloween Dinner/Dance and Costume Contest. We enjoyed a black cauldron chili dinner with corn bread, black and orange salad and spider devil's food cake. Proceeds from this dinner will go to the National Home for Children.

October 28th & 29th – Eric and I attended the Council of Administration Meeting and Parade of Programs in Fort Morgan, Colorado.

HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY!

The Post and Auxiliary will again participate in the Veteran's Day Parade on November 4th here in the Springs, and members of the Post will be distributing buddy poppies on November 11th and 12th at various locations around the city. Auxiliary members can call our Buddy Poppy Chairman, Mike Walker @ (719) 330-1667 if you would like to sign up to be a part of this year's Buddy Poppy Drive (volunteers are needed)!

Also on November 12, Charlene, Rita, and Rachel will be providing lunch for homeless veterans and families that are participating in the Transitional Housing Initiative at the Clarion Hotel on Bijou.

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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	Al Andrews Bill Vanaman Jim Griffith
Buddy Poppy	Barbara Green
Community Activities	Eric Veed
Bingo Games Manager	Eric Veed
Membership	Kent Lambert
Legislative	Ron Marshall
Public Affairs	Amy Earley
Voice of Democracy	Amy Earley
Patriot Pen	Dr. Chris Linski
ROTC/JROTC	Dr. Chris Linski
Scouts	Barbara Green
Teacher of the Year	Dr. Chris Linski
National Home	Bill Vanaman
Safety	Brian Michaud
Honor/Color Guard Captain	John Mazzella
Entertainment	Bill Thomas
Webmaster	Rick Archuleta/LeRoy Jensen
Flag Committee	Paige Lanier
Adopt a Unit POC	

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	Vacant
Patriot Pen	Vacant

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.

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.

Chaplain's Report

“Though force can protect in emergency, only justice, fairness, consideration, and cooperation can finally lead men to the dawn of eternal peace.”

President Dwight David Eisenhower

“When they came to the crowd, a man came up to Jesus, falling on his knees before Him and said, Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. I brought him to your disciples, and they could not cure him. And Jesus answered and said, “You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not drive it out? And He said to them, Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.” Matthew 17:14-21

Two World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, military actions in Panama and Grenada, the Persian Gulf War, the Cold War, the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars and a myriad of other conflicts and actions have come and gone since the creation of the VFW and we still are without peace. Our collective service has been long, hard and many times painful, but peace still seems to elude us. Some in our world say that any sort of lasting peace is an impossibility based on reasons that range from the theological (we are all fallen imperfect creatures), to the economic (there are too few resources that we all compete for in the world), to the anthropological (we are critters who need to eat and are not all that picky about it), to the psychological (our more basic animal needs invariably override the higher angels of our nature). It seems even when we want to do good we somehow mess it up and cry out like the Apostle Paul “O the good that I want to do I can’t.”

Our greatest leaders have seen this process of force being needed in an emergency and winning only to see peace escape and evade our grasp. The qualities that we need to succeed in peace: internationally, nationally and personally - the justice, fairness, consideration and cooperation that General Eisenhower spoke of come only when we recognize that we just don’t have it in us, and then in humility and faith turn to God and ask for what we need to turn our swords into plowshares.

The leaven of faith works slowly in the lives of men and nations, but it works far better than violence. In his 2011 book “The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence

Has Declined” author Steven Pinker traces the decline (not the increase) of violence in society since the end of the Middle Ages right up until today. Pinker believes that this trend is mainly due to the centralization of legal power into the hands of nations not diffused in feudal lords or mobs. He also attributes a more peaceful world to the extension of rights as seen in our own Bill of Rights. What he does not make clear is why this happened. Although our Bill of Rights has a long legal history tracing back passed the English Magna Carta, the unalienable rights declared in our Declaration of Independence, that we prize and defend, are endowed by our Creator who has made all mankind equal. Our world more than ever needs mustard seed faith in a God who can move mountains and can move that most difficult obstacle - the human heart to prayer and peace.

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: Dale Brown, Cloyd Brunson, Larry McDermid, Bruce Morrell, Clovis Rodelandier, José Romero, Alvin Simon, William Stephens, Loretta Struthers, and James West. and Auxiliary Members: Caroline Finch and Rosemary Kuman to commit them to Thy care.

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

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Auxiliary Members,

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Life Member Caroline Finch and the Auxiliary Charter was draped in her memory at our September meeting. A sympathy card was mailed to the family of Life Member Rosemary Kuman and a memorial contribution was sent to the Pikes Peak Humane Society in her name. The Auxiliary Charter was draped in her memory at our October meeting. Post 4051 past Commander José Romero passed away on October 11th and a sympathy card was sent to his wife Jessie. A sympathy card was sent to Steve Cormier on the loss of his wife.

A friend of the Post, Ted Ellem, passed away in his beloved homeland, Australia, on September 11th. Ted served in the Australian Army in Vietnam. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his many friends of Post 4051. A sympathy card was sent to his two daughters, Cynthia Kilmartin and Fiona Miller.

Sincerely,
Rita Christian
Auxiliary Chaplain

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. and then move to our starting position.

District 5 Memorial Service and Meeting

Sunday, November 12, 2017 at VFW Post 3917. Lunch is at 12:00 p.m. followed by a Memorial Service at 1:00 p.m. The District meeting starts at 2:00 p.m.

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!

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain



New Year's Celebration

The canteen opens at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails. A prime rib dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30 p.m. which includes shrimp cocktail, caesar salad, baked potato, green beans, rolls & butter, and cheese cake.

Dancing with the Springs Band begins at 8 p.m. and ends at midnight. There will also be door prizes, raffle items, a 50-50 drawing, and party favors.

Champagne & sparkling cider toasts at 10 p.m., 11 p.m. & Midnight.

- **RSVP from Nov 17th to Dec 15th;**
- **CASH or CHECKS ONLY at signup:**
- **\$45 Per Person for Dinner & Dance**
- **\$25 Per Person for Dinner Only or Dance Only**
- **Free photos to be taken by Ron Jones**

Please provide names, phone numbers, and total number of people at your table.

(Auxiliary President's Column cont'd)

November 12th – District 5 Meeting and Memorial Service at VFW Post 3917.

November 17th – Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance and Bake Sale starting at 5 p.m.

November 18th – Our Post will host the next District 5 training session beginning at 11 a.m.

December 15th – Christmas Dinner/Dance and Bake sale starting at 5 p.m.

Auxiliary Meetings – Saturday, November 11 and Saturday, December 9, 2017. Ways and Means @ 9:30 am, Coffee and Chat @ 10:00 am and Meeting @ 10:30 am. The Past Presidents will host a luncheon after our December meeting. Please come join us!!

Thank you to all the annual members that have paid their dues thus far! Remember, those that have not paid yet, they are due by December 31, 2017.

Please call Charlene (719) 578-1429 or Tami (719) 238-3543 if you are able to volunteer your time and talents in helping us out in the kitchen or anything else you might be interested in. You may also email me with any comments or suggestions. Follow us on Facebook too – VFW Auxiliary Post 4051 @lavfw4051.

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 to Order!

The Auxiliary will be taking home-made pie orders for Thanksgiving. All pies are \$8.00. Pick your flavor from pumpkin pie, fruit pie, or cream pie.

Simply place your order prior to November 13, 2017 by calling Mrs. Charlene Cormier at (719) 578-1429.

There will also be a sign-up sheet at the bar. Your fresh pies will be available for pick up on November 22nd at the Post from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

We have the best VFW Post in Colorado Springs, but our membership numbers are in decline. Now is the time to address this problem; we need to come together and do what we can to help recruit new members.

By the time this newsletter reaches our Post members, Halloween will have passed, and the holidays will soon be here along with the winter weather.

We are doing what we can to keep up with repairs and any needs that are required to keep our Post building in good condition. We are working hard to keep our members informed on what's happening at our Post. We welcome any ideas or concerns that any of our members may have.

In closing, we wish everyone the happiest of Holidays for 2017.

Yours in Service,

Chairman,
Rick Archuleta

Board members: LeRoy Jensen, Jerry Walter, & Joe Cormier

Alternates: Duane Knutson & Ron Marshall



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Post

**Dale Brown, Cloyd Brunson, Larry McDermid,
Bruce Morrell, Clovis Rodelandier,
José Romero, Alvin Simon, William Stephens,
Loretta Struthers, and James West.**

Auxiliary

Caroline Finch and Rosemary Kuman

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

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

Colorado Springs Homeless Veterans Stand Down

I want to thank you all for so generously supporting the October 17, 2017 Colorado Springs Homeless Veterans Stand Down. Thanks to your efforts, we served 198 veterans of which 113 were homeless and 85 were needy but not homeless. Families in need were provided 7 hotel rooms used with a total of 21 people which includes 10 veterans and 7 children ages 18, 15, 12, 12, 5, 4, and 6 months. Many meals for the families are also being provided.

Also please mark your calendar and save the date for October 16, 2018 for the 20th Annual Colorado Springs Homeless Veterans Stand Down.

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

What is Americanism/ Patriotism?

- Love of country
- Devotion and loyalty to its institutions and ideals
- Eagerness to defend it against all enemies
- Allegiance to the Flag
- Desire to secure the blessings of liberty



Post Surgeon's Report

Dear Comrades:

Get well cards were sent to Page Lanier and Jean Plank.

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!

We have also accepted and delivered soiled and un-servicable flags to American Legion Post 209 for disposal.

Thanks to the many of you who have stepped up and brought in canned goods and dry packaged food for the Silver Key box. This is very much appreciated!

**Remember, if you can bring in just one
or two items each time you come to
the Post, it really, really helps!**

Sincerely,
LeRoy Jensen
Post Surgeon

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

NOVEMBER 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>			1	2	3 Dinner/Dance Meatloaf David Hudson Ballroom Open 4 to 11	4 Veterans Day Parade See Page 4 for Details Post Closed Available For Rental Events
5 Post Closed	6 Post Closed	7 Post Closed	8 Friends of the Post Mtg 4 P.M. Post Closed Available for Rental Events	9 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge	10 No Dinner/ Dance Only Springs Open 4 to 11	11 Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 A.M. Meeting 10:30 A.M. Post Closed Available For Rental Events
12 District 5 Memorial Meeting See Page 4 for Details Post Closed	13 Post Closed	14 Post Closed	15 Post Closed Available for Rental Events	16 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge	17 Dinner/Dance Roast Turkey Thanksgiving Dinner (Aux) & Bake Sale Carlos Crull Open 4 to 11	18 Marine Corps League Meeting Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Post Closed Available For Rental Events
19 Post Closed	20 Post Closed	21 Post Closed	22 Post Closed Available for Rental Events	23 Thanksgiving Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge	24 No Dinner/ Dance Only Springs Open 4 to 11	25 Post Closed Available for Rental Events
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DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

DECEMBER 2017

DANCE 7 TO 10 PM \$10.00

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<p>(NOTE) Reservations Required For Dinner Call (719) 632-9874</p>		<p>Egg Sunday</p>	<p>Nog 10 December</p>	<p>Party 1-3 p.m.</p>	<p>1 Dinner/Dance Baked Chicken Carlos Crull Open 4 to 11</p>	<p>2 Post Meeting Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Post Closed Available For Rental Events</p>
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<p>24/31 Christmas Eve/ New Year's Eve</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Post Closed</p>	<p>26 Post Closed</p>	<p>27 Post Closed Available for Rental Events</p>	<p>28 Open 4 to 7 Salsa!!! 8:30 to Midnight \$10.00 Cover Charge</p>	<p>29 No Dinner No Dance</p>	<p>30 Post Closed 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: Closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, and Saturday**

Open Thursday and Friday at 4 p.m.

Post Meetings on November 4 (Round Table @ 7:30 a.m.) & December 2 at 9 a.m.

Auxiliary Meetings on November 11 & December 9 at 10:30 a.m.