



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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**MAY GOD
BLESS AMERICA!**



Commander's Corner



Greetings Post and Auxiliary Members!

I hope everyone had a great summer! I want to begin by notifying the membership of three open appointed positions. I am looking for members to fill the role(s) of Public Servant Program Chair, Americanism, and Officer of the Day. Please contact me directly if you are interested in more information.

Events

Post 4051 is continuing to create new events for our members and our military community to enjoy! In August, we held a "Veteran Voices" event for veterans to tell their stories. On September 22, we have scheduled a Veteran Resource Fair and on October 17 we will host another Veteran and Spouse Job Fair. As a reminder, Pin-Ups On Tour will perform on Saturday, November 10th! Veteran tickets are FREE! Family, Guests, and General Public tickets start at \$20. Tickets and information are available at www.pinupsontour.com/tour. You can also buy paper tickets from me directly! Lastly, we are hosting the Department Council of Administration from November 16-18. We will have great food

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Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

First and foremost, I want to thank Charlene Cormier, Rita Christensen, Carol Knutson, Carol Archuleta, and Patty Guidry for their time and effort in preparing our Auxiliary dinners in June and July while I was out of town attending conventions.

It's that time again... Annual Member dues renewal letters were mailed out in August. Please be on the lookout for this and remit your payment as soon as possible.

Upcoming Auxiliary Dinners:

September 14

—Sock Hop & Crazy Sock contest (Barbecue beef sandwiches & soup)

October 26

—Halloween costume party (Chicken pot pie casserole). Proceeds from this dinner/dance will go to the VFW National Home for Children (Guest House kitchen remodel). Want to learn about the National Home? Check out their YouTube videos or their website www.VFWNationalHome.org.

Do not forget to call the Post (719) 632-9874 to make reservations before Wednesday @ 5 p.m. prior to the dinner. Auxiliary dinners are our main fund raisers. Please be considerate and cancel your reservation or change the number of people attending so that we may have a more accurate count of persons actually intending to dine with us!! If, for some reason, we do not have reservations for 30, Auxiliary dinners will be cancelled. Thank you!

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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	VACANT
Guard	Val Bernal
Legislative	Dr. D. J. Alberts
Entertainment	John Mazzella
Buddy Poppy	James Griffith
Americanism	VACANT
Community Activities	Barbara Green
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	VACANT
Voice of Democracy	Amy Earley
Patriot Pen	Amy Earley
Teacher of the Year	Amy Earley
Public Affairs	Ron Marshall
Webmaster	Bill Thomas
Bingo Games Manager	Jerry Walter

Editorial Staff

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

VFW Post 4051 Auxiliary Officers For 2018-2019

President	Tami Veed
Senior Vice President	Mike Walker
Junior Vice President	Mandy Linski
Secretary/Treasurer	Rachel Brown
Chaplain	Rita Christensen
Conductress	Carol Archuleta
Guard	Carol Knutson
Patriotic Instructor	Carol Knutson
Trustee #1	Rita Christensen
Trustee #2	Mike Walker
Trustee #3	Carol Knutson
Games Manager	Rita Christensen
Americanism	VACANT
Buddy Poppy/National Home	Mike Walker
Community Service Report	Mandy Linski
Hospital	Rachel Brown
Media Relations	Tami Veed
Membership & Leadership	Mike Walker
Scholarships	Rachel Brown
Veterans & Family Support	All Members
Youth Activities	Patty Guidry
Dept. President's Special Project	Tami Veed

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 (Reprint from 2017)

"Gratitude is a sickness suffered by dogs." —Joseph Stalin.

"No one is as capable of gratitude as one who has emerged from the kingdom of night." – Elie Wiesel.

Nowhere are human attitudes about gratitude and thanks more divergent than in these two quotations from the twentieth century. One comes from the perfecter of the concentration camp and the other from a survivor. They distill and encapsulate entire world views about God, the human condition, and hope.

To Stalin, power was everything; he could write one death is a tragedy and a million a statistic. To him, compassion and gratitude were weakness shown by the powerless to the powerful. Gratitude to him was not a virtue but a vice—something contemptible.

Elie Wiesel, a survivor of the Buchenwald Nazi camp system, spoke of the gratitude he felt when rescued by soldiers of the US Third Army. His view also captures a world view tempered by the darkness of evil but with a hope not extinguished by it. His was a gratitude that spilled over to fill his life and the lives of those he touched; not a vice but the strongest of virtues which combined with courage changes the world.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "In all things give thanks for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

History's and faith's verdicts are clear. Today, in the former Soviet Union, like unto the Rome of Emperor Nero, men name their dogs Stalin (Nero) and their sons Paul.

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: Clayton Klundt and David Stone and Auxiliary Member Monica Moberly to commit them to Thy care.

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

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

POW/MIA Ceremony

Friday, September 21st, is the annual POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Past Commander Eric Veed and Officer of the Day Brian Michaud will again do their impressive ceremony at the Post in the ballroom at 5:30 p.m. prior to the 6 p.m. dinner.

Please Arrive PRIOR to 5:30 p.m. so as Not to Disturb the Short Ceremony!

Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Auxiliary Members,

A sympathy card was sent to the Auxiliary Past President Carol Archuleta on the death of her brother. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Auxiliary Life Member, Monica Moberly and the Auxiliary Charter was draped in her memory at our August meeting. A sympathy card was sent to VFW Department of Colorado Auxiliary Secretary Ann Mauck on the death of her husband, Department of Colorado Past Commander, Jim Mauck. A sympathy card was sent to Auxiliary Life Member Christina Fruge on the death of her sister. A sympathy card was sent to Post 4051 Past Commander Eric Veed and his wife, Post 4051 Auxiliary President Tami Veed, on the death of Eric's father.

"The best way to live is to appreciate each minute as an unrepeatable miracle. Work at your work, and play at your play. Shed your tears. Enjoy your laughter. Don't try to borrow from the future. Accept the fact that now is the best time of your life." (Origin unknown)

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 Cristensen



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 at the North Carefree Bingo Hall, 3440 N Carefree Circle, a block west of Academy on North Carefree. Each bingo team needs 7 or 8 people to work from about 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We really need a couple more workers for each session. If you can work both sessions – GREAT! But just one day a week would really help. Please contact the Post Leadership team if you would like more information about this important activity.

**FOR ALL MEMBERS, COME PLAY
BINGO; BRING YOUR FRIENDS;
SUPPORT VFW 4051 BINGO!**

(Commander's Corner Continued)

and entertainment. Come down and mingle with Post, District, and Department representatives.

Post Hours

Starting September 1st, We Have New Post Hours!

I want to thank everyone in advance for stopping by the Post for your days and evenings out. We cannot expand our canteen operations without members and their guests coming in to grab a drink, watch the game, and enjoy some renewed camaraderie! Your support is greatly appreciated.

New Post Hours!!

Sunday: 11 a.m.- 10 p.m.

Monday: 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Tuesday: Rentals

Wednesday: Rentals

Thursday: 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday: 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday: Rentals

Membership Contacts

If your email address has changed, please let us know. Our current roster comes from your membership profile from the National VFW web site. If your profile is not updated, you may not be receiving current communications!

And, as always, if you have any comments or suggestions for the operations of our Post, I want to hear from you. I cannot assist if I do not know about your concerns.

I am honored to serve as the Post Commander, and I look forward to leading our Post for the next fraternal year!

Yours in Comradeship,

Dr. Christopher Linski
Post Commander
Commander@vfw4051.us

(Auxiliary President's Column Continued)

Anyone wanting to volunteer to help prepare the Auxiliary dinner on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to around 2:00 p.m. or on Friday at 3:00 p.m. or serve the meal, please contact Charlene at (719) 578-1429. As you can imagine, dinners take many volunteer hours per month! We need your help!!

Our sympathy is extended to those who have lost a loved one and get well wishes to those who are ill. Happy birthday to all of our September and October celebrants!

As always, I remain loyally yours,

Tami Veed
Auxiliary President
Cell - (719) 238-3543
Email - president@VFW4051.us

New Member Profile

Billy-Ray Swartz

I am a native Colorado resident. I was born in Denver, then moved to Manitou, Woodland Park, and to Colorado Springs.

In 1961, I joined the Air Force as a paramedic, with duty at Ent AFB, Colorado, England, San Antonio, Texas, Korea, Louisiana, Alaska, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyoming, and I finally retired at the Air Force Academy in 1982.

During my time as a paramedic, I did lots of care including suturing many patients. To keep proficient, I started doing petti-punch embroidery work. My adopted daughter was believed to be of Native American descent. So, I did figures from Native American Indians.

Back in Colorado Springs, I went to work at the Air Force Academy at the Ice Arena where I was known as Mr. Zamboni for the next 20 years!

Collar Brass Needed

If anyone has extra collar brass, "VFW" or "4051," please consider donating it to the Post Quartermaster.

We are short and need some to give to new members!

Thanks for considering!

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

Dear Members,

Since our last newsletter, the lower level outside rock pile has been trimmed to ground level of bushes and elm trees and sprayed with commercial weed & stump killer. Our ballroom dance floor has been sanded and one coat of lacquer was applied. We are still waiting on an estimate for the upstairs renovation upgrade and for heating and cooling. We are no longer having salsa dancing upstairs. The good news is that we are now having dinners every Friday along with the dances.

Our current commander, Chris Linski, has some new ideas on opening our Post a few more days during the week. We will support what he has in mind! The new hours begin on 1 September. See Commander's Column, page 4, for the new hours.

Finally, there will be **NO HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS** on either Labor Day, Monday, 3 September or Columbus Day, Monday, 8 October.

Yours in Service,

Chairman,
Rick Archuleta

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

ATTENTION: IMPORTANT JOINT TOWN HALL MEETING!!

Comrades, we are requesting the attendance of all Post 4051 and Post 101 members, along with corresponding Post Auxiliary members, for an important joint town hall meeting. We will be providing an initial conversation and Q&A session on the capability and desirability of the **Consolidation of Our Two Posts.**

Your voice is important, and we want to know what you think. The joint town hall meeting will be on **Saturday, September 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Post 4051.**

Thank you for your valuable input. If you are unable to attend, please send your comments or concerns to Commander Chris Linski at commander@vfw4051.us.

Yours in Comradeship,

Dr. Christopher Linski
Post Commander
Commander@vfw4051.us



TAPS

Post

Clayton Klundt, & David Stone
Auxiliary
Monica Moberly

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:

A sympathy card was sent to Eric Veed upon his father's passing. Jim Zapinski delivered two bags of clothing to Silver Key in memory of his son's passing. Prayers will continue for Roger Berg and others as they struggle with health concerns.

As a reminder, please bring to the Post any American Flags that are torn, soiled or otherwise in need of replacement. We will take them to American Legion Post 209 for proper, ceremonial disposal.

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

LeRoy Jensen
Post Surgeon

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00		SEPTEMBER 2018				DANCE 7 TO 10 PM	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
(NOTE) Reservations Required For Dinner Call (719) 632-9874						1 Post Meeting Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Available For Rental Events	
	2 Open 11 to 10	3 Fountain Labor Day Parade Coffee 7:30 am Trailer Prep 8:15 am Post Closed	4 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	5 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	6 Open 6 to 10	7 Open 4 to 10 Dinner/Dance Pizza/Salad \$8.00 Carlos Crull	8 Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m. Available For Rental Events
	9 Open 11 to 10	10 Open 6 to 10	11 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	12 Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Post Closed Available For Rental Events	13 Open 6 to 10	14 Open 4 to 10 Dinner/Dance BBQ Beef on Bun (Sock Hop/ Crazy Socks Contest) Springs	15 Post Closed Available For Rental Events
	16 Open 11 to 10	17 Open 6 to 10	18 USAF Est. 1947 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	19 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	20 Open 6 to 10	21 Open 4 to 10 POW/MIA Ceremony Dinner/Dance Enchiladas Maverick 3 Country	22 Post Closed Available For Rental Events
	23/30 Open 11 to 10	24 Open 6 to 10	25 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	26 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	27 Open 6 to 10	28 Open 4 to 10 Dinner/Dance Steak Night \$12.00 Carlos Crull	29 Post 101/4051 Consolidation Town Hall Mtg 10:30 a.m. at Post 4051 Post Closed Available For Rental Events

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00

OCTOBER 2018

DANCE 7 TO 10 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>(NOTE) Reservations Required For Dinner Call (719) 632-9874</p>	1 Open 6 to 10	2 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	3 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	4 Open 6 to 10	5 Open 4 to 10 Dinner/Dance Oven Crispy Chicken Springs	6 <i>Post Meeting</i> Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Available For Rental Events	
	7 Open 11 to 10	8 <i>Columbus Day</i> Post Closed	9 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	10 Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Post Closed Available For Rental Events	11 Open 6 to 10	12 Open 4 to 10 Dinner/Dance Menu TBD Carlos Crull	13 <i>USN Est. 1775</i> Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m. Available For Rental Events
	14 Open 11 to 10	15 Open 6 to 10	16 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	17 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	18 Open 6 to 10	19 Open 4 to 10 Dinner/Dance Lasagna Springs	20 Post Closed Available For Rental Events
	21 Open 11 to 10	22 Open 6 to 10	23 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	24 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	25 Open 6 to 10	26 Open 4 to 10 Dinner/Dance Chicken Pot Pie Casserole (Halloween Costume Party) Carlos Crull	27 Post Closed Available For Rental Events
	28 Open 11 to 10	29 Open 6 to 10	30 Post Closed Available For Rental Events	31 Post Closed Available For Rental Events			

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Call (719) 632-9874

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Tuesday & Wednesday Rentals; Thursday 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.;
Friday 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday Rentals
Open for Special Events and Meetings
Post Meetings on September 1 and October 6 at 9 a.m.
Auxiliary Meetings on September 8 and October 13 at 10:30 a.m.