



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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Upcoming Events

**All Dinners, Dances,
Bingo, & Post Rentals
Have Been Cancelled
Until Further Notice
Due to COVID-19
Pandemic
Restrictions.**

**Please Monitor Your
Email or the Post
Facebook Page
for Updates.**

**Post & Auxiliary
Meetings & Elections
Will Occur As
Scheduled**

STAY SAFE!

**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,

We hope that everyone is staying healthy and safe during the current health pandemic. We understand that there have been many families impacted. Our Post continues to monitor the local and state regulations to determine our future events. If social distancing measures continue beyond this month, we may not be able to hold our 75th Anniversary Celebration. We will keep everyone updated.

Post Elections

To ensure proper processes are implemented for the upcoming fraternal year, the Post will hold the officer elections and installation on May 2. We will allow members to attend at the Post using social distancing requirements. For those who cannot attend or do not feel comfortable being present, there will be an electronic meeting option. Please send me your nomination via email for any elected or (Commander's Corner continued on page 4)

Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

First and foremost, I hope everybody is staying safe and healthy. We are continuously monitoring COVID-19 and I am hoping that we can return to normal functions soon, especially with our May meeting approaching.

If we are unable to conduct our normal business meeting, we may be looking into a virtual meeting in order to hold our nominations, elections, and installation in May.

There is a possibility that the Post will be selling their location. Although the Auxiliary does not get a vote, the Commander would very much like our opinions and comments. He has posted a survey in order to receive feedback on the possibility of the sale.

If you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I want to do everything that I can to help you.

Stay safe.

Respectfully yours,
Mandy Linski
Auxiliary President

Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens.

Khalil-Gibran

VFW Post 4051 Officers For 2019-2020

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

VFW Post 4051 Auxiliary Officers For 2019-2020

President	Mandy Linski
Senior Vice President	Rita Christensen
Junior Vice President	Mike Walker
Treasurer	Rachel Brown
Chaplain	Michelle Pineda
Conductress	Carol Archuleta
Guard	Carol Knutson
1-Year Trustee	Mike Walker
2-Year Trustee	Carol Knutson
3-Year Trustee	Tami Veed
Secretary	Rachel Brown
Patriotic Instructor	Carol Knutson
Americanism	Carol Knutson
Buddy Poppy	Mike Walker
Community Service	Mandy Linski
Legislative	Rachel Brown
Hospital	Tami Veed
Membership	Rita Christensen
Leadership	Rachel Brown
National Home	Mike Walker
Scholarship	Rachel Brown
Games Manager	Rita Christensen
Youth	Mandy Linski

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 Michelle Pineda, (719) 287-4781. 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 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 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the North Carefree Bingo Hall, 3440 N Carefree Circle, a block west of Army 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!

Chaplain's Report

"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls: it tolls for thee."

John Donne 1572-1631, Meditation 17 from Devotions upon Emergent Occasions (written in 1623 while seriously ill).

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Saint Paul's Epistle to the Romans 8:38-39 (while awaiting trial for sedition).

John Donne was an English Anglican minister who lived just before the terrible English Civil Wars (1642-1651) during the reign of King James I. During the winter of 1623-1624 Donne was bedridden, extremely sick and very near death with typhus. Death was something Donne was familiar with. His wife had died in 1617 and of their 12 children only 7 survived beyond the age of ten. His brother Henry died of the plague. John had been part of the English embassy to Germany to mediate an end to the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) between Protestant and Catholic princes. He saw death with all its faces: age, disease, and war. He experienced loss and its pain in prison and free, when he was poor and when he was middle class. Unlike our time when death was something for the back room, in a hospital, or tucked neatly away out of sight in a nursing home: death was his constant companion. Donne wrote those famous lines "No man is an island" while he was ill. His words reflect the connectedness of all humankind bound by mortality.

We are now facing that old enemy death whose presence is tallied daily in the news. Our connectedness with humankind is declared and reinforced as we see COVID-19's path.

The Apostle Paul spoke of another kind of connectedness. Donne's captured our connectedness in life but especially in death. Paul spoke of our connectedness to God which even death or illness cannot sever. He spoke of hope and love and an action that even now works to redeem our world. So, don't lose heart and don't let physical separation wear you down.

You are connected people held together by the power and love of God in Christ regardless of circumstances.

If I can be of assistance please don't hesitate to call me at (719) 632-9874.

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

Auxiliary Chaplain's Report

Dear Auxiliary Members,

I am thankful to report none of our members have succumbed to the COVID-19 Virus. It has been a long and difficult quarantine, but it appears to have had a positive result.

Life member Roseanna Blunt passed away February 17th. A sympathy card was mailed to her family. A donation was made in her name to Rock of Ages Lutheran Church Pre-school and the Auxiliary Charter was draped in Roseanna's memory.

We were recently notified that life member Tana McDaniel passed away July 22, 2019. A sympathy card was sent to her husband William, and a donation was made to Post 4051 Auxiliary, and the Charter was draped in her memory.

Dorothy Farthing, a long-time companion of Post 4051 life member LeRoy Jensen, passed away April 11th from complications of heart disease. She was a frequent guest at our Friday night dinner dances and a loyal supporter of the Post.

If you know of any member who is ill, recovering, in the hospital or just in need of a kind word, please contact me. I pray that you stay well and safe.

Sincerely,
Rita Christensen
Acting Chaplain

The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office."

Dwight Eisenhower, General of the Army

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appointed officer position no later than May 1. Nomination must be in writing if you cannot attend the election meeting. As a reminder, all members in good standing are eligible for any elected or appointed position. Annual members should ensure they have renewed for the upcoming year. Your involvement is essential to our success!

Membership

As of writing this article, the Post needs 5 more new members, continuous renewals, or reinstated members to meet our goal of 100% +1. I want to thank all of our members for continuing to support the Pikes Peak Post, the Auxiliary, our veterans, and their families. We cannot fulfill the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars without you. If you have not renewed your membership this year, please do! If you know a veteran that is eligible, see if they would like to join our great organization. We must vote on any new members during the May and June meetings in order to count for our current year. I hope that we can meet this goal and push to a greater goal of 101% or more next year!

Post Changes – Please Read!

In this edition of the newsletter, we have provided a Member Survey for all Post and Auxiliary members. We hope that you can provide this survey electronically at <https://s.surveypplanet.com/QZvjA5q2hh> or at the Post meeting, if we are able to hold a physical meeting in May. Members can also mail their survey back to the Post at 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. These surveys are requesting your feedback on a current proposal for a real estate developer to purchase our property and, if approved, the expectations of the members for any future Post home facility. Due to our current financial constraints, we engaged in discussions with the developer to learn more. We expect a final member vote to approve or deny the proposed purchase at the July 4 meeting. Closing of the property would occur around the end of the calendar year. To provide information to the members, we will hold a town hall meeting on May 9 for all Post and Auxiliary members to discuss our options. Additionally, all Post members will be notified of the vote at least 30 days prior to meet our requirements for any capital-related decisions. Thank you for the taking the time to voice your opinion and provide options for the Pikes Peak Post to remain sustainable into the future.

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

Local History

Colorado Springs Gazette December 5, 1918

ADDITIONAL INFLUENZA REGULATION No.7

Unless a person having la grippe or influenza is properly isolated and quarantined in his home or the place where he resides, the entire home or building shall be quarantined and no person, sick or well, except the proper physician, nurse or attendant shall go in or out of such home or building during such quarantine.

The Health Department will remove such quarantine when the sick person is removed to a hospital unless it believes other conditions will render such removal inadvisable. Physicians are directed to notify patients and householders of this regulation and to report to the Department whether or not the patient can be properly isolated and quarantined within the home or building.

A white card with the word "Quarantine" will be placed upon the home or building where the patient can not be properly isolated within, or is not promptly removed to the hospital, and no person shall remove such sign except by order of the Health Department.

No person quarantined within his home or any building will mingle with other persons not quarantined.

This regulation is in effect until canceled or altered by the Health Department.

G. B. GILMORE
Health Officer of the City of Colorado Springs

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!



Bill Mauldin Wouldn't Mind

"I need a couple guys what don't owe me no money for a little routine patrol."

TAPS



Post
Jonathan Nau
Auxiliary

Roseanna Blunt & Tana McDaniel

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

Sincerely,
James Griffith
Post Chaplain

Silver Key

Please Help Our Neighbors and Friends!

Whenever you come to the Post for a dinner/dance or other events, please bring a few canned goods such as veggies, fruit, soups, etc., for our donations to Silver Key.

The box in the entrance way to the Post is currently empty!

Thank you! Your donations help someone in need.

Post Surgeon's Report



Dear Comrades

Ron Marshall made several health and welfare phone calls to LeRoy Jensen who is staying at Winslow Court Assisted & Senior Living facility. Winslow Court has 15 residents with the virus and 7 who have passed away. LeRoy, thank goodness, is still doing well, healthwise, but he did lose a long-time companion, Dorothy Farthing, who passed away April 11th from complications of heart disease. She was a frequent guest at our Friday night dinner dances and a loyal supporter of the Post.

One unserviceable American flag was taken to American Legion Post 209 for proper disposal. Please bring any American flags that are worn, torn, or soiled to the Post for proper disposal.

As always, thanks to everyone for informing us of any comrades who are in distress and need assistance.

Yours in Comradeship,
Bill Thomas
Post Surgeon

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

DINNER 6 PM \$12.00

MAY 2020

DANCE 7 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NO DINNER/ NO DANCE	2 <i>Post Meeting & Elections</i> Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m.
3	4	5	6 No Friends of the Post Meeting	7	8 NO DINNER/ NO DANCE	9 <i>Aux Meeting & Elections</i> Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m.
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24/31	25				26	27

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JUNE 2020

DANCE 7 PM \$10.00

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	1	2	3	4	5 NO DINNER/ NO DANCE	6 <i>Post Meeting</i> Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m.
7	8	9	10 Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Available For Rental Events	11	12 NO DINNER/ NO DANCE	13 <i>Aux Meeting</i> Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m.
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28	29				30	

VFW Pikes Peak Post 4051: Capital Transition Survey

Greetings Post and Auxiliary Members,

We are asking for your participation in a survey regarding the future of the Pikes Peak Post.

Background: The Post has been provided a Letter of Intent to purchase the current property on Pikes Peak Ave. This Letter of Intent is based on the revitalization efforts of downtown Colorado Springs and was submitted by a national developer called Greystar. They are looking to build new apartment complexes in our area. To facilitate this, they have initiated proposals for the U.S. Bank property to the west of our location and our location. The proposed purchase price for our location would be approximately \$1.9 million and is contingent on the U.S. Bank property sale.

Our first step is to determine if the Post and Auxiliary members believe that this would be beneficial to our Post. We want to know your comments, recommendations, and concerns before beginning the process of drafting a sales agreement and having it reviewed by the members and the VFW Department of Colorado. It is important for us to determine the direction of our Post and how to ensure we sustain our mission into the future. This survey will be used to inform the leadership team and the Post's Capital Transition Review Committee of our best options. Due to the timeline, we expect to vote on this matter during the July meeting. A town hall meeting has also been scheduled for May 9, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss the findings of this survey and address any concerns that may be provided by the membership.

We thank you in advance for completing this survey.

Please submit on or before May 9, 2020. Paper survey responses can be mailed to the Post:
VFW Post 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Colo Spgs, CO 80903

To take this survey online, please go to: <https://s.surveymonkey.com/QZvjA5q2hh>

Select One Option - I am a: Post Member Auxiliary Member

Part 1: This section will discuss the potential sale of the property.

1. What do you pose as potential benefits to selling the Post property?

2. What do you pose as potential barriers to selling the Post property?

3. If you were to vote on this information today, would you vote to agree to the sale?

4. What additional information do you request about the process of the sale prior to the vote for the Post membership?

Part 2: This section will discuss the potential use of proceeds if the sale is approved.

1. What are your ideas for use of any proceeds from the sale of the property, not including the purchase of new property?

Part 3: This section will discuss the future needs of the Post if the sale is approved. Please provide your responses regardless of your answers to Part 1. This will ensure we have input from members in either scenario. A separate vote will be required prior to purchasing any property.

1. If sale is approved, do you believe the Pikes Peak Post should acquire a new facility?

2. If a new facility is acquired, what is important in deciding a new facility? Order the following from 1 to 11 (1 is most important, 11 is least important).

- Distance between local VFW Posts _____
- Size of the building _____
- Space for internal events/dances _____
- Offices for Post/Auxiliary officers _____
- Parking and ADA accommodations _____
- Facility kitchen _____
- Providing community resources _____
- Cost of the building _____
- Look/Appeal to new membership _____
- General location of facility _____
- Ability to renovate to meet needs _____

3. Provide any additional items not listed above that should be discussed about deciding a new facility and the future direction of our Post/Auxiliary.

4. What additional information do you request about the process of acquiring a new facility?

5. Provide any additional comments or concerns about the sale, use of proceeds, or purchase of a new facility that were not already discussed.

Thank you again for providing this information for review. We value your opinion. We hope that you will participate in the upcoming town hall. Feel free to contact the Post Commander with any urgent needs relating to this survey.

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VFW POST 4051



Friday Night Dinner/Dance (Dinner Reservations Required)
Dinner \$12.00 Dinner & Dance \$22.00 Dance Only \$10.00
Call (719) 632-9874

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