



# News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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## Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 1st  
***Independence  
Celebration/Fundraiser***  
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Friday, July 20th  
***Hawaiian Night Post  
Dinner/Dance***  
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***Western Night Post  
Dinner/Dance***  
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Saturday, November 10th  
***Pin-Ups On Tour***  
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**MAY GOD  
BLESS AMERICA!**



## Commander's Corner



Greetings Post and Auxiliary Members!

The first thing I want to do for my inaugural newsletter article is to thank the 2017-2018 elected and appointed officers for a job well done this past year. I also want to congratulate all of the 2018-2019 elected and appointed officers on their new or ongoing roles. I look forward to a wonderful year as Post Commander for Pikes Peak Post 4051.

### Events

I have initiated multiple events that are aimed at building community awareness and involvement. However, I want to create events that are desired by Post and Auxiliary members. Please contact me directly with any recommendations or suggestions.

Pikes Peak Post 4051 recently held a Military Veteran and Spouse Career Event to assist our military community in transitioning to new careers. On July 1st, we will be conducting our annual Independence Day Picnic. However, this year, we are shaking things up! We are holding an Independence Celebration & Fundraiser on Sunday, July 1st from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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## Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Carol Knutson, Mandy Linski, Mike Walker, and I, along with many Post members, participated in the Loyalty Day Parade in Calhan, CO on May 5, 2018

The Auxiliary held their Memorial Day Poppy Drive on May 26-27, 2018 at the Safeway on North Circle on Saturday afternoon & Safeway on North Powers on Sunday afternoon from 12:00-3:00 p.m. 480 poppies were given out with \$445.84 collected. I wish to recognize the members that participated: Rachel Brown, Carol Knutson, and myself on Saturday; Mike and Sigi Walker along with Post member, Lance Dyar on Sunday. Thank you ALL for your time and dedication as we raised money for our Relief Fund which helps veterans in need!

Patty Guidry was a visitor at our June 9th meeting and has decided to become an Annual member. Her application will be accepted at our July meeting. She has jumped in with both feet, and we couldn't be more pleased! She volunteered to help prepare our Father's Day Dinner and will be the Youth Activities Chairman. Thank you Patty and WELCOME! After our meeting, our Past Auxiliary Presidents (Rita Christensen and Carol Knutson) provided a lovely luncheon for us! Thanks again to you both!

I will be attending and participating in the State Convention in Thornton, Colorado June 13-17. I am thrilled that Eric and I will be able to attend the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri July 21-25, 2018. This will be our first

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## VFW Post 4051 Officers For 2018-2019

## VFW Post 4051 Auxiliary 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

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.*

### Editorial Staff

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

## Chaplain's Report (Reprint from 2017)

After binge watching the HBO series "The Pacific" about the Marines in the Pacific, I was left to wonder where do we get such men? My own Dad was with the 33rd Infantry Division in New Guinea and the Philippines so this question is not academic but intensely personal. Like other veterans from WWII, he never talked much about his experiences until I was in the Army and I guess he felt that breached a divide that civilians cannot understand.

I was honored to hear many of his "war stories" that covered loss to hilarity. In my own service time I have seen young men and women rise to the level of that "greatest generation" in their own wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. My final six years of service were at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany where our mission was to stabilize the injured and send them home. I had the privilege of hearing many of their stories and witnessing their courage. Where do we get such men and women? They are all around us. They are our sons and daughters and our friends and neighbors.

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: Jack Close, James Hackett, Ed Lorenz, Werner Schwartz, Carl Segó, & Palmer Severson and Auxiliary member Dorothy Brown and to commit them to Thy care.

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

Sincerely,  
James Griffith  
Post Chaplain

## The New Colossus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
MOTHER OF EXILES. From her beacon-hand  
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.

"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

*Emma Lazarus*

## Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Auxiliary Members,

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Life Member Dorothy Brown, and the Auxiliary Charter was draped in memory of her at our May Auxiliary meeting. Sister Dorothy's funeral service was attended by several Auxiliary members. A sympathy card was sent to Post member John Texer on the passing of his wife, Virginia. A Thinking-of-You card was mailed to Past Auxiliary President, Phyllis Kauffman, who is recovering from a recent heart attack.

***When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive - to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.***  
*- Marcus Aurelius*

It is vacation time bringing a lot of visitors to our beautiful area, and with that, a lot of traffic. So stay alert when out in traffic and drive safely!!

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,

Rita Christensen, Chaplain



## 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!**

(President's Corner Continued)

at the Post. We have lined up live entertainment, Tom Munch from Pueblo. We also have donated items for a silent auction/raffle. Our Post is only able to continue serving veterans in our community if we are able to fund our operations. Donations and all proceeds from this fundraiser will be provided to the Post to ensure our continued operations for the upcoming fraternal year. Entry into this event is free and is open to the public, so bring your friends!

### **Pin-Ups On Tour**

As a heads up, we have also contracted with Pin-Ups On Tour for a "Free for Veterans" show on Saturday, November 10th! Family, Guests, and General Public tickets will be \$20. The Post will open at 5:00 p.m. and the show will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendars!

### **Post Hours**

I am working with our staff to determine how we can increase our Post hours. There will be great opportunities in the fall for additional hours during sports events. However, we must be open in order for people to come to the Post. This decision must come with member input. Please let me know what would attract you to come to our Post for your night (or day) out!

### **Member and Leader Mentorship**

My last note for this Commander's Corner is to talk about a push for mentorship. I need volunteers who will take new members under their wings, show them the rules and rituals, and teach them about our services and how they can become involved.

I also want our newly elected and appointed officers to have similar mentorship in understanding the requirements of their position. If you would like additional training on your position, let me know! I will find or create materials to assist you. You can also view various position material at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

If you have any comments, complaints, 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](mailto:Commander@vfw4051.us)

(Auxiliary President's Column Continued)

time attending a national convention.

### **Upcoming Auxiliary Dinners:**

**July 20 – Hawaiian Night**

**&**

**August 17 – Western Night**

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 amount of persons attending, so that we may have a more accurate count of persons actually intending to dine with us!! Thank you!

Anyone wanting to volunteer to help prepare the dinner on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to around 2:00 p.m. and on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. or serve our meals, please contact Charlene at (719) 578-1429. As you can see, 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 our July and August celebrants.

As always, I remain loyally yours,

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

### **Courage**

"Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles;

Cowardice is submissive surrender to circumstances.

Courage breeds creativity;

Cowardice represses fear and is mastered by it.

Cowardice asks the question, is it safe?

Expediency ask the question, is it politic?

Vanity asks the question, is it popular?

But conscience asks the question, is it right?

And there comes a time when we must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because it is right."

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Chairman of the House Committee's Column

We want to thank all of the volunteers who helped with the Buddy Poppy Drive during Memorial Day weekend. It was a great success and all donations go to the Veterans Relief Fund.

Also, we placed over 200 flags on grave sites at local cemeteries during the three-day weekend.

We have not had any complaints about the condition of our dance floor, but we have scheduled *All Phase Flooring* during the week of July 2 through July 5 to sand and relacquer the ballroom floor.

All other projects are on a priority basis and will be completed as our budget allows.

Yours in Service,

Chairman,  
Rick Archuleta

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

## The Contest In America

War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things: the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks nothing worth a war, is worse. When a people are used as mere human instruments for firing cannon or thrusting bayonets, in the service and for the selfish purposes of a master, such war degrades a people.

A war to protect other human beings against tyrannical injustice; a war to give victory to their own ideas of right and good, and which is their own war, carried on for an honest purpose by their free choice,—is often the means of their regeneration.

A man who has nothing which he is willing to fight for, nothing which he cares more about than he does about his personal safety, is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.

As long as justice and injustice have not terminated their ever-renewing fight for ascendancy in the affairs of mankind, human beings must be willing, when need is, to do battle for the one against the other.

*John Stuart Mill*  
The Contest in America (1862)  
Published in Fraser's Magazine



## TAPS

### Post

**Jack Close, James Hackett, Ed Lorenz, Werner  
Schwartz, Carl Segó, & Palmer Severson**

**Auxiliary  
Dorothy Brown**

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 delivered to Jim Zapinski for the unexpected death of his son. Our prayers continue to be with Floyd Strauss, Gene Eilers, and Roger Berg as they struggle with health concerns. Our thoughts are with John Texier as he leaves Colorado so his daughter in California can provide support.

Thank you for letting me know whenever one of our veterans is in ill health or in the hospital.

Sincerely,

LeRoy Jensen  
Post Surgeon

## 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!

**DINNER 6 PM \$10.00**

# JULY 2018

**DANCE 7 TO 10 PM \$10.00**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><b>Independence Celebration/ Fundraiser</b></p> <p>1 - 4 p.m.</p> <p>See Commander's Corner for Details</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>(NOTE)</b> <b>Reservations Required For Dinner</b></p> <p>Call (719) 632-9874</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Independence Day</b></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Open 4 to 11 <u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only</p> <p><b>Carlos Crull Salsa!!</b></p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>Post Meeting</b></p> <p>Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Available For Rental Events</b></p>
<p><b>Salsa!!</b></p> <p><i>Every Friday Night - Upstairs</i> <i>Free Lessons 8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</i> <i>Dance 9:00 p.m. - Midnight</i> <i>\$10.00 Cover Charge</i></p>						
<p>8</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>House Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Open 4 to 11 <u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only</p> <p><b>Carlos Crull Salsa!!</b></p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Aux Meeting</b></p> <p>Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Available For Rental Events</b></p>
<p>15</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance</p> <p><b>Hawaiian Dinner Springs Salsa!!</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>Available For Rental Events</b></p>
<p>22</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Open 4 to 11 <u>No Dinner/</u> Dance Only</p> <p><b>Springs Salsa!!</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b></p>
<p>29</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b> Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b></p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>Post Closed</b></p>				

**DINNER 6 PM \$10.00**

# AUGUST 2018

**DANCE 7 TO 10 PM \$10.00**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>(NOTE)</b> <i>Reservations Required For Dinner</i> Call (719) 632-9874			1	2	3	4
		<b>Salsa!!</b> <i>Every Friday Night - Upstairs</i> <i>Free Lessons 8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</i> <i>Dance 9:00 p.m. - Midnight</i> <i>\$10.00 Cover Charge</i>			Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance <b>Chicken Cordon Bleu Springs Salsa!!</b>	<b>Post Meeting</b> Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m.  Available For Rental Events
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Post Closed Available For Rental Events	House Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. Post Closed	<b>Purple Heart Medal</b> (Est 1782) Post Closed	Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 11 No Dinner/ Dance Only <b>Carlos Crull Salsa!!</b>	<b>Aux Meeting</b> Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m. Available For Rental Events
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance <b>Western Night Dinner</b> Colorado Country <b>Salsa!!</b>	Available For Rental Events
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 11 No Dinner/ Dance Only <b>Carlos Crull Salsa!!</b>	Available For Rental Events
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Post Closed Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance <b>Stuffed Pork Chops</b> Carlos Crull <b>Salsa!!</b>	

## News from the Pikes Peak Post

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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 thru Thursday**  
**Open Friday at 4 p.m.**

**Open for Special Events and Meetings**  
***Post Meetings on July 7 and August 4 at 9 a.m.***  
***Auxiliary Meetings on July 14 and August 11 at 10:30 a.m.***