



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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March/April 2020

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 13th
Post Dinner/Dance
Corned Beef & Cabbage
See Calendar for Details

Saturday, March 28th
Post Work Day
(Cleaning/Painting)
See Calendar for Details

Friday, April 10th
Post Dinner/Dance
Shrimp Alfredo
See Calendar for Details

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,

Even though it is only March, we are gearing up for the 2020-2021 fraternal year! Post nominations for all elected positions will open at the March Post membership meeting. Elections and installation of officers will be conducted at the April Post membership meeting. There are also several appointed positions available for the upcoming year. Contact me to discuss the roles and responsibilities of these positions. 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

I want to thank everyone for the continued effort to surpass our goal of 100%+1 membership. We only need 10 more annual renewals, reinstates, or new members to meet our goal. With this goal,

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Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The main thing I want to mention is that our nominations for positions are in March. If you have been wanting to get involved, or know anybody who wants to be involved, now is the perfect time!

Our elected positions include President, Senior-Vice President, Junior-Vice President, Treasurer, Conductress/Conductor, Chaplain, and Guard.

If you would like to be nominated for a position, but cannot attend the March or April meeting, please notify our Secretary, Rachel Brown, in writing. Our installation will occur during the April meeting.

As always, thank you to everybody for your continued support for our Auxiliary. We couldn't do what we do without it.

As noted in the Commander's Column, we have some very important changes ahead and I ask for your continued support as we go through them.

I look forward to seeing everybody at our next meeting, March 14, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.!

Respectfully yours,
Mandy Linski
Auxiliary President

"I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within."

Douglas MacArthur

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



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 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the North Carefree Bingo Hall, 3440 N Carefree Circle, a block west of Academy 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!

Editorial Staff

Post Commander	Dr. Christopher Linski
Editor	Bill Thomas
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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.

Chaplains' Column

"What is mankind, that You are mindful of them and human beings, that You care for them? For You have made us a little lower than the angels and have crowned us with glory and honor. *Psalm 8:4-5*

"So, from now on we regard no one according to appearances. Although we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the work of reconciliation."

Saint Paul II Corinthians 5:16-18

As I write I am listening to Johannes Brahms' Symphony 3, one of the most beautiful pieces of music ever written, and I am struck that such a lonely and broken man created this timeless masterpiece. Brahms was a child of extreme poverty and tenement life in industrial Germany. When it was discovered he had a musical talent for the piano, his parents sent him to work to play in bordellos. Brahms was small for his age and delicate in his features so he suffered no end of abuse and humiliation in these places at the hands of customers and staff. He was never able to build a meaningful relationship with a woman after that. When he did fall in love, it was almost always the wrong time or the wrong woman, yet all this drove him to master his musical craft as compensation for this lack. It also made him a self-critical perfectionist so concerned with only the best that he destroyed almost all of his early pieces and sketches and personal letters leaving us knowing nothing about the man and his life and development except from the letters friends wrote to him.

Unfortunately, Brahms never knew the renewing power of life with Christ and the true healing it can provide; never, except through his, music did he experience being a new creation. The wonder of all this is that in spite of his brutal life, he created so much lasting beauty. This is both a challenge to us who are in Christ to exercise compassion at all time in dealing with those around us and to remind ourselves that even in Christ we struggle and fail, but they, like us, are created a little lower than the angels and may have masterpieces in us to share.

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 Column

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Life Auxiliary Member, Martha Dilts, passed away on January 16th. Many of you will remember Martha and her sister Bonnie who were always helping in the dining room...*either cooking, serving or setting tables. Martha was a very dedicated member of our Auxiliary and will be greatly missed.* A sympathy card was given to Martha's family at her memorial service and the Auxiliary charter was draped in her memory.

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Past Post Commander Richard Archuleta on the death of Richard's mother.

A speedy recovery *card was sent to Post member Robert (Bob) Beham and a thinking of you card was sent to Post member Max Beham and his wife Ruth.*

If you know of any member who is ill, recovering, in the hospital or just in need of a kind word, please contact me or Chaplain, Michelle Pineda.

Sincerely,
Rita Christensen, Past Chaplain

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

We are now into the first quarter of the new year, and so far, there are no new problems! With that being said, we want to concentrate on our 75th Post Anniversary, which will be held at our Post on Friday, June 19th. We would appreciate any help with comments or suggestions as how to make this a memorable event. More details will be provided in a separate article. Our Post Friends meetings are every second Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. If you can attend, we invite you to come and share your inputs with us. Some of you probably have lots of knowledge about our Post from years ago.

Unfortunately, with the costs of food and beverages going up, we are in need of increasing our dinner and drink prices starting in March. Adult dinners will be \$12 and children under age 12 will be \$6. Dances will remain at \$10. Drink prices will be minimal TBD. Our hope is that this will not put a burden on our members.

Chairman,
Rick Archuleta
House members: Joe Cormier, Dick Gandoff, Jerry Walter
Alternates: Duane Knutson & Ron Marshall

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however, there is an even more important goal that we must achieve: Participation! We want our members to be active in service, both to our Post and to our veteran community. If you know how we can assist in community events to assist veterans and their families, please let us know. The more visible we are in the community achieving our mission to serve veterans, the better chance there is to attract new members! This is important for Post and Auxiliary membership.

Post Changes

To ensure transparency, I want to announce some potential changes to the Post so that members are not confused by any "grapevine" notifications.

The **first change** expected is the transition to volunteer bartenders.

The **second change** is a potential end to Friday night dinners. At a minimum, there will be a break from dinners during the summer, beginning July 1, to allow our Post and Auxiliary members to take a much needed break and enjoy their summer! Dances will still occur throughout the summer.

A **third change** is the current discussion of selling the Post facility for downtown real estate development. We will provide more details about this as conversations occur. We will also be providing opportunities for members of the Post and Auxiliary to provide their input on the future of our Post. We have also created a Capital Transition Review Committee to evaluate the organizational and legal requirements for any potential sale or relocation effort.

None of these changes will take effect prior to July 1, 2020. If there are questions, please contact me directly so that you get the most accurate response.

75th Anniversary Update

We have finalized the location for our 75th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, June 19. It will be at...*drum roll please*...Pikes Peak Post 4051! That is right, we will host the event at the Post in lieu of our Friday Night Dinner/Dance. We will have a catered dinner, raffles, a guest speaker, and more! Look for your invitation soon. This event will be open to the public.

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

Post History

Colorado Springs Gazette
December 23, 1955

Work Starts Wednesday on New VFW Building

Construction of an \$80,000 Veterans of Foreign Wars building at 430 East Pikes Peak Avenue will get underway next Tuesday.

This was announced Thursday by Glen Tusler of the Ring Construction Company, which will do the work.

The two-story building which will house VFW Post 4051 will be built of masonry and steel, Tusler said. It is expected to be completed early next July.

The club, which has a membership of 450 veterans, is presently located at 6 South Wahsatch Avenue. Parking facilities will be available in the rear of the new building.

A lounge, bar, and recreation facilities will be included on the lower floor, according to Thomas E. Cowan, commander of the Post. He said an assembly room and other facilities will be included on the top floor.

Organized in 1945, the Post's membership consists primarily of World War II and Korean veterans.

Email Address Update

I would like to update and verify emails of members on the National database, so everyone please send your email address to me at barbaragreen241@hotmail.com.

Thanks,
Barbara Green
Past Commander

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!

Vietnam Era Pins and Certificates

TREA (The Retired Enlisted Association) has a ceremony twice a year to hand out pins and certificates to Vietnam Era Veterans who served on active duty (November 1, 1955-May 15, 1975 dates of service) and also to spouses of deceased service members who served on active duty during the above time period. The certificates have the TREA Logo and Chapter 1 on them.

If anyone is interested in receiving the pin and certificate (even if you received the pin previously) and would be able to attend the TREA ceremony on March 27, 2020 please let me know. Barbaragreen241@hotmail.com.

Please send me the following information:

Name as you want it on the certificate
Branch of Service
Rank
Military job title

Barbara Green
Past Commander

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.

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



TAPS

Post

Billy Griffin

Auxiliary

Martha Dilts

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 get-well card was sent to Steve Kjonaas, Jr., Past State Commander, who fell and broke his arm. We wish him a speedy recovery and a quick return to his daily activities.

Two unserviceable American flags were 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 me of any comrades who are in distress and need assistance.

Yours in Comradeship,
Bill Thomas,
Post Surgeon

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived."

George S. Patton Jr.

DINNER 6 PM \$12.00

MARCH 2020

DANCE 7 PM \$10.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>*** NOTE Dinner Price Change</p> <p>Adults \$12 Children (Under 12) \$6</p>	2	3	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>Open 4 to 10 Dinner/Dance Meatloaf</p> <p>Alan Polivka</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Post Meeting Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>
8	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m.</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>Open 4 to 10 Dinner/Dance Corned Beef & Cabbage</p> <p>Carlos Crull</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>
15	16	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>Open 4 to 10 NO DINNER/DANCE ONLY</p> <p>Alan Polivka</p>	21
22	23	24	25	26	<p>27</p> <p>Open 4 to 10 Dinner/Dance Beef Burgundy Over Noodles</p> <p>Carlos Crull</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Post Work Day 0900 - 1200 (Inside-Cleaning & Painting)</p>
29	30	31				
Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events				

DINNER 6 PM \$12.00

APRIL 2020

DANCE 7 PM \$10.00

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<p>***</p> <p>NOTE Dinner Price Change</p> <p>Adults \$12 Children (Under 12) \$6</p>	<p>(NOTE) Reservations Required For Dinner Call (719) 632-9874</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Open 4 to 10 Dinner/Dance Beef Stew</p> <p>Alan Polivka</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Post Meeting Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>
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<p>12</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Open 4 to 10 Dinner/Dance Roast Pork</p> <p>Alan Polivka</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Available For Rental Events</p>
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Friday Night Dinner/Dance (Dinner Reservations Required)

Dinner \$12.00 Dinner & Dance \$22.00 Dance Only \$10.00

Call (719) 632-9874

Club Hours: Sunday - Thursday: Available for Rental Events;

Friday: Open 4 - 10 p.m.

Saturday: Available for Rental Events

Open for Special Events and Meetings

Post Meetings on March 7 and April 4 at 9 a.m.

Auxiliary Meetings on March 14 and April 11 at 10:30 a.m.