

Minutes of VFW Post 4051
Meeting of 3 December 2022

The meeting was held at American Legion Post 209 and opened by Commander Bob Green at 0900. There were 22 members present.

The opening prayer was given

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Membership cards were verified

Recognition of past Department, District, and Post officers was given by Commander Green.

The roll was taken with 3-Year Trustee Dana Wilkins absent, Entertainment John Mazzella absent, Surgeon Duane Knutson excused, ROTC/JROTC Joel Nadel excused, and Veterans Council member Paul Bailey absent. All other elected and appointed officers were present.

Minutes were accepted as written

Membership: Richard Fierro, Army Iraq and Afghanistan Reinstate Life Member (paid by National VFW) The motion to accept this member was approved. Chuck Potter was given the oath of membership.

The Quartermaster's Report was given by Quartermaster Eric Veed and is subject to audit. We paid over \$700 to help with hotel costs for a homeless family out of Veterans Relief.

Reports of Committees:

Service Officer: Lance Dyar: No report.

Surgeon Report: Tami Veed and Eric Veed are recovering from surgery. Duane Knutson had a mild stroke on Thanksgiving, and Bob Green has a cracked tooth that needs to be extracted.

Chaplain's Report: No deceased reported this month

Legislative: DJ Alberts: The State Assembly will open the first week of January

Staff Judge Advocate: No report

Entertainment: No report.

House Committee: No report

Bingo: Ron Reneker: While the number of players has been down, pull tabs sales are high. Average of 52 players in November. Volunteers are needed ASAP.

Membership: Currently at 92.82%.

Community Activities: Let Barbara know of any community activities.

Pikes Peak Veterans Committee: No report.

Americanism: Chuck Potter will be the Americanism chairman. He spoke on his visit to Peyton Middle School/High School and will be invited back for another event later in the year.

VOD/PP Barbara Green: Certificates and gift cards for winners will be mailed on Monday

Teacher of the Year: No report

JROTC/ROTC: We are invited to a Doherty High School dedication of their Hall of Honor on 7 December at 1830. David Anthony plans to attend.

Poppies: Jerry Cupp: The poppy drives made nearly \$1,000 for Veterans Relief

Public Affair/Webmasters: Vacant. New chairman needed

Honor Guard: TC Charles: Looking for members

Public Servant: Larry Johnson: Despite trying we will have no Public Servant nominee this year.

Scouting: Galen Steele: No report

Adopt a Unit (2-77 FA): Paige Lanier: Training in January and deployed to South Korea in the spring. They will have a new commander in March.

Adopt a Unit (Space unit): Bob Green No report.

National Home: Ron Reneker No report.

National Home Prayer was given by Galen Steele, acting Chaplain

Correspondence: Thank You letters received from the American Red Cross, Care and Share, Honor Flight of Southern Colorado, and Academy School District 20. We also received letters for veterans from Carver Elementary School. Heidi Rabe would like to interview veterans. Please contact Heidi at hrabe77@cloud.com if you are interested in being interviewed.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

David Anthony made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to CASA. Motion approved.

Ron Reneker made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to Care and Share food pantry. The motion passed.

Art Kimbrel made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to Springs Rescue Mission. The motion passed.

Galen Steele made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to Marian House Soup Kitchen. The motion passed.

Richard Archuleta made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to Toys for Tots of Southern Colorado. The motion passed.

Paige Lanier made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to Christmas Unlimited. The motion passed.

Eric Veed made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to the VFW National Home for Children. The motion passed.

Jim Griffith made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to the El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition.

Barbara has submitted paperwork to receive a \$1,000 grant from National VFW/Humana for support of food pantries.

Good of the Order

Closing prayer

Flag salute

The meeting was closed at 0950. The next Post meeting will be 7 January at American Legion Post 209 at 0900, with donuts and coffee at 0800.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Green
Adjutant

Approved/Disapproved

Bob Green
Commander