



# News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 1st  
***New Post Hours***  
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Saturday, January 19th  
***Voice of Democracy  
Dinner***

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Column  
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Friday, February 15th  
***Valentines Dinner/  
Dance***

See Post Calendar  
for Details

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PRAY FOR OUR  
SOLDIERS, SAILORS,  
AIRMEN,  
MARINES, AND COAST  
GUARD AROUND THE  
WORLD

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**MAY GOD  
BLESS AMERICA!**



## Commander's Corner



**Dr. Christopher Linski  
Post Commander**

Greetings Post and Auxiliary Members,

I hope you all had an excellent holiday season. We look forward to an excellent 2019! I want to begin this year by encouraging you to reach out to those who may be eligible for membership in the Post or Auxiliary. We must increase our numbers to continue operating effectively. The Post is also looking for an Assistant Quartermaster who is willing to learn the ropes. If you are interested in this position, with the potential for running for Quartermaster, please let me know!

### **Your Voice is Needed: PLEASE Take the Survey**

Post 4051 has been investigating the potential steps of consolidation with Post 101 to form a single Colorado Springs post. We want to know your opinion.

Please take the survey provided in this newsletter on page 4 or visit this Web site link to share your thoughts:

<https://s.surveypplanet.com/Fo8gaBTJg>

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## Auxiliary President's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It's hard to believe we are halfway through our Auxiliary year already! There are so many more things we need to accomplish and can only do that if we have volunteers to step up – we really need the help of all our members so please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you would like to share some of your time, talents, and/or ideas with us. Better yet, become an Auxiliary member and help us as we help our veteran and active duty membership.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a great big shout out again to the few volunteers that have continually given many hours in the preparation of our Auxiliary dinner/dances. They are: Carol Archuleta, Rita Christensen, Carol Knutson and Charlene Cormier! Additionally, Rita and Carol Knutson created/made the decorations for the tables in the dining room. Our Friend of the Post decorating extraordinaire, Ron Jones, helps to decorate the rest of the dining room for whatever theme we make up! Auxiliary dinner/dances are the only way we raise funds to support our Department and National programs, and this would not happen without the contributions of these individuals.

REMINDER if you are an Annual Member, please make sure that we have received your membership renewal as the membership year ended December 31, 2018.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU LOSE IF YOU DON'T PAY YOUR VFW AUXILIARY DUES BY DECEMBER 31st?

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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	Jeremy Johnson
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	Barbara Green
Voice of Democracy &	
Patriot's 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

### 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.*

## 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	Carol Knutson
Buddy Poppy/National Home	Mike Walker
Chaplain's Report	Rita Christensen
Community Service Report	Mandy Linski
Extension	Tami Veed
Historian/Media Relations	Tami Veed
Hospital	Rachel Brown
Legislative	Rachel Brown
Membership & Recruitment	Mike Walker & Tami Veed
Scholarships	Rachel Brown
Veterans & Family Support	All Members
Voice of Democracy &	
Patriot's Pen	Vacant
Youth Activities	Tami Veed

### (Commander's Corner Continued)

#### Post Hours

We are sad to say that the updated Post hours for 2018 did not provide any additional traffic. As such, we have returned to the following business hours beginning January 1st:

**Sunday: Rentals Only**  
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**Tuesday: Rentals Only**  
**Wednesday: Rentals Only**  
**Thursday: 4-7 p.m.**  
**Friday: 4-11 p.m.**  
**Saturday: Rentals Only**

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

## Chaplain's Report

(Reprint from Jan/Feb 2018)

In 1863, Longfellow found out that his oldest son Charles, a lieutenant in the Army of the Potomac, had been severely wounded in battle. His deep personal despair was reflective of the despair and loss suffered by so many Americans, both in the North and in the South, during the long, terrible Civil War. Shortly after a visit to his son Charles, who was still struggling to recover from his war injuries, on Christmas Day, 1864, Longfellow penned the words to his poem, "Christmas Bells," which later was put to music and is known as "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along the unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.  
"Then from each black, accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the South,  
And with the sound the carols drowned  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

It was as if an earthquake rent  
The hearth-stones of a continent,  
And made forlorn, the households born  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."  
And in despair I bowed my head  
"There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail  
With peace on earth, good will to men."

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 comrade Daniel Paterson, and Auxiliary comrades: Jane Hart and Margaret June McMurray and commit them to Thy care.

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

Sincerely,  
James Griffith  
Post Chaplain

## Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Auxiliary Past President Jane Hart passed away on November 8th after a brave battle with cancer. Her funeral service was attended by four Auxiliary Past Presidents and several members of our Post. The Auxiliary Charter was draped in Sister Jane's memory and a contribution was sent to the American Cancer Society in her name. Sister Jane was a loyal supporter of the VFW, our Auxiliary, and Post 4051, and she will be greatly missed by all.

A donation and sympathy card was mailed to Linda Aegerter on the death of her mother, Life Member Margaret June McMurray, and the Auxiliary Charter was draped in memory of Sister Margaret.

Thinking of You cards were sent to Past Post 4051 Commander Harry Johnson and Auxiliary Life Member Betty Holland.

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.***  
***(Proverbs 3.5)***

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 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.

**SUPPORT VFW 4051 BINGO!**

# Post Consolidation Survey

The following survey will gauge current opinions on the potential Post consolidation of Post 4051 and Post 101 to form a single Colorado Springs Post. All responses are anonymous. Please return surveys to the Post by February 15, 2019 or online: <https://s.surveyplanet.com/Fo8gaBTJg>

Please Select Your Affiliation:       Post 4051 Member    Auxiliary 4051 Member       Neither

Circle one choice per statement:

- |  |         |           |        |
|--|---------|-----------|--------|
| 1. I am aware of the potential Post consolidation:     | Yes     | or        | No     |
| 2. I have enough information to make a sound decision: | Yes     | or        | No     |
| 3. My current position on the consolidation is:        | Support | Undecided | Oppose |

Please write your responses to the following statements:

4. Explain the primary reason(s) for choosing your answer to statement #3:

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5. Provide any remaining questions you need answered to be confident in your position:

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**Return to:** Post Commander, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

## 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!.

## U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration

### (Arranging Burial for a Deceased Family Member)

Fax all available military discharge documents to 1-866-900-6417 and follow-up in 2-3 days with a call to 1-800-535-1117.

If both spouses are living and are interested, you can submit VA Form 40-1007, Application for Pre-need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a National Cemetery.

Send a copy of a DD214 by Toll-Free fax at 1-855-840-8299 or by mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151. Do Not email.

### (Auxiliary President's Column Continued)

1. Cancer Grants
2. Can't attend meetings
3. Can't sign in at the canteen
4. If you are an Officer you will be removed
5. Individual Auxiliary Incentives (cheaper hall rental, etc..)

The Post and Auxiliary will again be hosting the District 5 Awards Banquet celebrating and honoring District winners of Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year on January 19, 2019. Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP to Page Gilmore at vfwdist5vodpp@gmail.com. Pork loin roast will be on the menu. Please let us know when you RSVP if you do not wish to eat pork and we will provide a substitute. Because of this event, there will not be an Auxiliary dinner in January. Our next Auxiliary Dinner will be our Valentine's Dinner on February 15, 2019.

***I wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year!***

As always, I remain loyally yours,  
Tami Veed  
Auxiliary President  
Cell (719) 238-3543; Email president@vfw4051.us



## TAPS

Post  
Daniel Paterson

Auxiliary  
Jane Hart & Margaret McMurray

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:

Get Well cards were sent to Bill Green, Harry Johnson (also in a wheel chair), Don Christian (recently in the hospital) and Max Beham.

We appreciate your donations of any torn, soiled or American Flags in need of replacement. We take them to the American Legion Post 209 for ceremonial disposal.

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

***My Very Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to All!***

Yours in Comradeship,  
LeRoy Jensen  
Post Surgeon

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00		JANUARY 2019					DANCE 7 PM \$10.00	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<b>(NOTE)</b> <i>Reservations            Required            For            Dinner</i> Call (719) 632-9874		1 <b>Happy New Year!!</b>	2  Available For Rental Events	3  Open 4 to 7	4  Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance <b>Breaded Pork Cutlets</b>  <b>Carlos Crull</b>	5  <b>Post Meeting</b> Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m.  Available For Rental Events		
	6  Available For Rental Events	7  Available For Rental Events	8  Available For Rental Events	9  Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m.  Available For Rental Events	10  Open 4 to 7	11  Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance <b>Pizza, Salad &amp; Ice Cream</b>  <b>Springs</b>	12  <b>Aux Meeting</b> Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m.  Available For Rental Events	
13  Available For Rental Events	14  Available For Rental Events	15  Available For Rental Events	16  Available For Rental Events	17  Open 4 to 7	18  Open 4 to 11 NO Dinner/ Dance Only  <b>Carlos Crull</b>	19  <b>Voice of Democracy Dinner 6:00 p.m.</b> Pork Loin Roast  Available For Rental Events <sup>s</sup>		
20  Available For Rental Events	21  <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>  Available For Rental Events	22  Available For Rental Events	23  Available For Rental Events	24  Open 4 to 7	25  Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance <b>Country Fried Steak</b>  <b>Carlos Crull</b>	26  Available For Rental Events		
27  Available For Rental Events	28  Available For Rental Events	29  Available For Rental Events	30  Available For Rental Events	31  Open 4 to 7				

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00		FEBRUARY 2019			DANCE 7 PM \$10.00		
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<b>(NOTE)</b> <b>Reservations</b> <b>Required</b> <b>For</b> <b>Dinner</b> Call (719) 632-9874					1 <b>Open 4 to 11</b> Dinner/Dance <b>Roast Pork</b>  <b>Carlos</b> <b>Crull</b>	2 <b>Post Meeting</b> Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m.  <b>Available For</b> <b>Rental Events</b>	
	3	4	5	6	7	8 <b>Open 4 to 11</b> Dinner/Dance <b>Cordon</b> <b>Bleu</b>  <b>Springs</b>	9 <b>Aux Meeting</b> Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m.  <b>Available For</b> <b>Rental Events</b>
	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m.  Available For Rental Events	<b>Valentine's</b> <b>Day</b>  Open 4 to 7	<b>Open 4 to 11</b> Dinner/Dance <b>Cornish Hen</b> <b>Valentines</b> <b>Carlos</b> <b>Crull</b>	Available For Rental Events
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Available For Rental Events	<b>President's</b> <b>Day</b>  Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	<b>Open 4 to 11</b> Dinner/Dance <b>Shepard Pie</b>  <b>Carlos</b> <b>Crull</b>	Available For Rental Events	
24	25	26	27	28			
Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7			

## News from the Pikes Peak Post

**VFW Post 4051**  
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**Colorado Springs, CO 80903**  
**Website [www.vfw4051.org](http://www.vfw4051.org)**  
**(719) 632-9874**

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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: Sunday - Wednesday: Available for Rental Events;**  
**Thursday: Open 4 - 7 p.m. Friday: Open 4 - 11 p.m.**  
**Saturday: Available for Rental Events**  
**Open for Special Events and Meetings**

***Post Meetings on January 5 and February 2 at 9 a.m.***  
***Auxiliary Meetings on January 12 and February 9 at 10:30 a.m.***