

VFW Post 4051
Post General Membership Meeting Minutes
3 August 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Sr. Vice Commander Dennis Snider at 0900

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Sr. Vice Commander Snider

OPENING PRAYER: Chaplain James Griffith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE By Sr. Vice Commander Snider

GUESTS: All guests were acknowledged

PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION: The Purpose of this Corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: **Present:** Sr. Vice Commander, Adjutant Dennis Snider, Quartermaster Joe Cormier; Chaplain, Buddy Poppy James Griffith; Judge Advocate Bob Green; Trustee, Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, Teacher of the Year, ROTC/JROTC and Community Service Barbara Green; Trustee Eric Veed; Trustee, Color Guard, Officer of the Day Brian Michaud; House Committee Rick Archuleta; Guard Lance Dyar; Games manager Jerry Walter. And Adopt a Unit Paige Lanier. **Excused:** Commander, Service Officer, National Home, Scouts, Dr. Chris Linski; Jr. Vice Commander, Membership Amy Earley; Surgeon, Public Affairs/Webmaster, Bill Thomas; and Entertainment John Mazzella. **Absent:** Ways and Means, Americanism William Mathis; Legislative DJ Alberts; Public Safety Program Jean Plank.

READING OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Scott Alexander, Army, Iraq; Al Hitchens, Marines, Vietnam; John Brookins, Army, Iraq/Afghanistan and Megan Riley, Air Force, Iraq. Al was at the meeting and introduced himself and received a Cross of Malta pin.

MINUTES: The July meeting minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

Quartermaster's Report: Post and Club reports were given by QM Joe Cormier. Report was referred to Trustees for audit.

Service Officer: No report.

Surgeon: No report.

Comrade in Distress: No report

Chaplains Report: Two members deceased this month Thomas Mitchell and Carol Frazier

Chaplains Prayer: Chaplain Griffith

Legislative: Barbara Green attended two meetings this week. One on a proposed Community Living Center for Veterans in El Paso County and one on Veterans suicide.

Ways and Means: No report

Americanism: No report

House Committee: No report

Entertainment: No report

Bingo: Acting JVC Bob Green gave the bingo report. Report was referred to trustees for audit.

Membership: No report until National VFW calculates our beginning number for 2019-2020.

Staff Judge Advocate: No report

Safety: No report

Trustees: The April-June trustees report is complete.

Youth Activities: No report

National Home: No report

National Home Prayer: Chaplain Griffith

Buddy Poppy: James Griffith made a motion that we spend \$360 from Veterans Relief to purchase 3000 poppies. Eric Veed second. The motion was approved.

Public Affairs: No report

Color Guard: No report

Adopt A Unit: No report

Correspondence:

Patriot Paws newsletter

Thank you card from the mother of deceased member Jeremy Johnson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Eric Veed made a motion to donate up to \$300 from the bingo account to purchase food for the Day of Service picnic at Palmer Park. The date of the event is 7 September. Bob Green second. The motion was approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Paige Lanier presented the Post a framed certificate from the 4th ID (Ft Carson) acknowledging our donation to the 2018 St. Barbara Day ball. Tentative date for the 2019 ball is 12 December.
2. Eric Veed reported that there will be a District membership table at Vet Fest 10 August at UC Health Field. There will also be an Auxiliary table at the event. Set up at 1000, event 1100-1500.
3. Bob Green urged members to join the Military Order of the Cootie.
4. Ron Marshall reported that National Parks and States Parks are free admittance for veterans in August.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Sr. Vice Commander Snider

CLOSING PRAYER: Chaplain James Griffith

ADJOURNMENT: Ordered by Sr. Vice Commander Snider at 1000. The next meeting will be 7 September at 0900.

DENNIS SNIDER
Sr. Vice Commander

BARBARA GREEN
Acting Adjutant