

Minutes of VFW Post 4051  
Meeting of 2 October 2021

The meeting was called to order at American Legion Post 209 and opened by Commander Bob Green at 0900 on 2 October 2021

Membership cards were verified by acting Officer of the Day Duane Knutson

A salute to the Colors was given

The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Joel Nadel

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members present

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

**THE PURPOSE OF THIS 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 was taken with 2 Year Trustee Jerry Cupp excused; and 2-year trustee DJ Alberts absent. All other elected officers were present.

A motion was made by Chris Linski and seconded not to read the minutes of the previous month. The motion passed.

Applications for Membership: Paul E Smith III – Army, Vietnam; Timothy Sullivan Army Iraq; Mark Ferrigno - Coast Guard Expeditionary medal. Theron Charles, Army, Korea (life transfer) Andrew Tafoya – Army, Desert Storm. All five of these members were voted on as a group and approved for membership.

**The Quartermaster's Report** was given and is subject to audit.

**Reading of Bills:** No non-routine bills were presented.

**Reports of Committees:**

**Chaplain's Report:** Joel Nadel reported that no members were reported deceased this month.

**Staff Judge Advocate:** The new national podium edition is out.

**Building Committee:** David Anthony reported that it will take four to six months before renovation can start due to needed permits. The committee is watching out for used restaurant kitchen equipment and bar equipment to become available for purchase.

**Grand Opening Committee:** Joel and the rest of the committee are gathering information and a proposed invite list for the grand opening which will most likely happen a month after the building is cleared for occupancy. They are also hoping for sponsorships.

**Service officer:** No report.

**Surgeon Report/Comrade in Distress:** Eric Veed's mother and stepfather both have COVID.

**Americanism:** No report

**Buddy Poppies:** Buddy poppy drive 11, 13 and 14 November at the Big R on Powers Blvd. Breakfast at IHOP at 0800 on the 11<sup>th</sup>. More members are needed to sign up for the drive. Information will be posted on Facebook.

**Community Service:** Post members helped at the recent Homeless Veteran Stand Down. Please give Barbara your Community Service hours and mileage.

**Entertainment:** No Report

**Membership:** There is a membership drive this weekend at the Tanner Gun Show. David needs help manning the table at membership drives.

**Legislative Report:** Barbara reported that the state legislative session begins in January. Federal legislation is ongoing. Remember to contact your Congressmen regarding issues you are interested in. Election Day is the first Tuesday in November.

**Public Affairs:** The plan is to have a digital newsletter beginning in January 2022. Bill Thomas is looking for the best software to use. The webpage will be updated with the new building information.

**VOD/Patriots Pen:** Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen deadlines 31 October. Barbara contacted Colonel Huber at Air Academy High School who promised three VOD submissions. She needs to also contact Mr. Gagnon at Russell Middle School. She has concerns about applications being sent to our old address.

**JROTC/ROTC:** No report

**Scouting:** American Legion Post 209 has Scouts that may be eligible for the VFW Scout of the Year award.

**Teacher of the Year:** Chris Linski reminded members present of the 31 October deadline for entries to the Post.

**Public Servant/Safety:** Ron Reneker is working on getting applications from Firefighters, Law Enforcement and EMT's . Our new member TC Charles is a policeman with the Colorado Springs Police Department and might be able to help.

**Honor Guard:** No report

**Webmaster:** No report

**Adopt a Unit:** Paige reported that the 2-77FA is going downrange to Ft. Irwin California. Bob is working on getting us a Space Force Unit to sponsor and to get official sponsorship for the 2-77FA.

**Bingo:** Bingo is doing well but they can always use more volunteers.

**Pikes Peak Veterans Council:** No report

**Crawford House:** No report

**House Committee:** No report

**Trustees:** No report

**National Home:** Chris reminded members of the \$50 one time membership. He also reminded members of his deal where for every 10 new National Home members he will draw a name for reimbursement of their dues.

**National Home Prayer:** Given by Chaplain Joel Nadel

**Correspondence:** Thank you letter from Colorado Department for the Scout scholarship donation and for the Department Foundation donation. Request for donation mail from Care and Share and the Memorial Day Foundation.

## **Unfinished Business**

Internet will be installed in the new building. It will be with Comcast/Xfinity.

## **New Business:**

Duane Knutson made a motion that the Remodel committee chairman, David Anthony, have permission to purchase items and equipment NTE \$10,000 per transaction. Seconded. Under discussion

it was pointed out that this would be mainly for kitchen and bar equipment. A second debit card will be requested for this use. The motion passed.

Duane Knutson made a motion that the Remodel chairman be bonded for \$10,000. Second. Under discussion this bond will need to be obtained through an insurance company. The cost is unknown at this time.

**Good of the Order**

Tony Archer mentioned that COVID booster shot (Pfizer) and flu shots are available at the VA Clinic.

Paul Bailey is working on the wreath presentation for Veterans Day.

Eric Veed mentioned the next District 5 meeting on 14 November at Post 3917 and the upcoming Council of Administration meeting on 16-17 October also at VFW Post 3917.

Chris reminded members to either carry membership applications or have access to electronic versions.

Larry Johnson mentioned that programs and social media need to be explained to members and prospective members.

**Closing prayer** Given by Chaplain Joel Nadel

**Flag salute:** Given by members present

The meeting was closed at 1015. Next Post meeting, 6 November at 0900 at American Legion Post 209.

Respectfully submitted

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Commander