



News from the Pikes Peak Post and Auxiliary



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Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 2nd
Veterans Day Parade
See Page 4 for Details

Saturday, November 9th and
Sunday, November 10th
Buddy Poppy Distribution
See Page 3 for Details

Sunday, December 8th
Commander/President's Egg Nog Reception

Friday, December 13th
Auxiliary Christmas Dinner/Dance

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,

We still need your assistance with our 75th Anniversary next year. We are currently planning a fundraiser dinner at a local hotel or convention center. This event will be open to the public with online and in-person ticket sales. We hope to schedule a veteran keynote speaker and have some great entertainment options, as well! This will be a joint effort between the Post and Auxiliary to make this an amazing event. Advertising outlets are also being examined to make sure that we reach the entire Pikes Peak Region. We have also been approved to conduct a raffle for this event with a Grand Prize of up to \$10,000! More details to come as we finalize the event and receive necessary approvals from the Secretary of State.

New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is just around the corner! Reservations are now open for our wonderful celebration on December 31st. Come help us ring in the New Year! Cost is \$35/person for dinner only or for dance (Commander's Corner continued on page 4)

Auxiliary President's Column

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

Need something to do for New Year's Eve? Come join us for our New Year's Celebration! We will be serving our delicious prime rib! Tickets are \$35 each for dinner or dancing, or \$55 for both! Online payment and reservations can be made at vfw4051.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

We will be having our Veterans Day Poppy Drive November 9-10 at the Safeway store on North Circle. Come support our veterans and auxiliary by getting a poppy!

We currently have 234 members, with a percentage of 93.23%. We need 17 members to reach 100%! If you know anybody who may be eligible to be a member, please let me know!

Upcoming Events

November 22nd
Auxiliary Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance

December 13th
Auxiliary Christmas Dinner/Dance

Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for more upcoming events (including our Eggnog Social).

I look forward to seeing everybody at our next meeting, November 9, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.!

Respectfully yours,
Mandy Linski
Auxiliary President

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
Public Servant Program	Jean Plank
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.

Veterans Stand Down

The 2019 Veterans Stand Down took place on October 15th in the Colorado Springs City Auditorium.

The final stand down count was 109 homeless veterans and 60 needy, but not homeless, and perhaps 10 non-veterans that got some sort of assistance.

So the official count is 109 homeless and 60 other veterans or 169 served.

Since the 2019 Point in Time survey registered 201 homeless veterans in Jan 2019, we served 52% of the homeless veteran community.

Items and Other Things Provided *Free of Charge:*

*Food,
to include a Hot Lunch,
Clothes,
Socks,
Shoes,
Boots,
Winter Coats,
Hand Warmers,
Knitted Caps,
Scarves,
Toiletries,
Backpacks,
Flu Shots,
Haircuts,
Dog Food,
Flashlights,
Water Bottles,
and much, much, more!*

Information and handouts were provided by several organizations including the Crawford House, Wounded Warriors, Medicare, Vietnam Veterans, American Legion, and others.

A big **Thank You** goes out to **ALL** of the many volunteers that helped out!

James Griffith
Post Chaplain

Auxiliary Chaplain's Column

Dear Auxiliary Members,

I am sad to report the passing of two of our members, Katie Lowderman and Kathryn Ann Kirkbride. Christina Fruge is in rehabilitation recovery from a fall and is improving.

If you know of any member who is ill, recovering, in the hospital, or just in need of a kind word, please contact me at (719) 287-4781.

Sincerely,
Michelle Pineda
Auxiliary Chaplain

Buddy Poppies for Veterans Day 2019 Weekend

Buddy Poppies will be distributed by VFW Post 4051 members at two locations on Saturday, 9 November and Sunday, 10 November during the Veterans Day weekend. Locations are the Safeway Stores near the corner of Galley Road and North Circle Drive, and on Powers Boulevard near Constitution.

There will be a kickoff breakfast at the Village Inn located at the corner of Academy Boulevard and Palmer Park Boulevard at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, 9 November. Poppy supply pickup on Sunday, 10 November will be at the Village Inn parking lot. Location assignments will be finalized at that time. The distribution at all locations will be approximately 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Plan to attend the breakfast and help distribute Buddy Poppies. Wear your VFW uniform if you have one or at least your cap. If you have no cap or uniform, come anyway.

Veterans Day grew out of Armistice Day on 11 November. Armistice Day commemorates the end of World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of November when the guns on all fronts finally went silent.

The Buddy Poppy tradition dates to Armistice Day 1918 and refers to the poem "In Flanders Field." Today the Poppy reminds us of the honorable and heroic service performed by generations of service men and women in peace and in war.

Donations fund our post's Veterans' Relief Fund. The Veterans' Relief Fund supports local efforts to assist veterans and the organizations that support them.

Refer questions to James Griffith at (719) 200-8223 or griffithjr001@yahoo.com.

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only; dinner and dance is only \$55/person! We will have prime rib, live music from Carlos Crull, and dancing all night! Online reservations and payments can also be made this year.

Check out www.VFW4051.org/newyearseve.

Membership

Do you know of a local event where the VFW and Auxiliary can set up a membership booth? Do you work with other organizations that provide resources to veterans? Help us get out in the community and spread the word about our Post and upcoming events. This is the only way that we can adequately increase our membership to ensure continued operations in the years to come. Contact me with any opportunities for us to get more involved!

Your input is sincerely appreciated!

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

Post History

Colorado Springs Gazette
February 4, 1951

VFW Post 4051 Buys Building at 214-216 N. Tejon

Pikes Peak Post 4051, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has purchased for a reported \$45,000 a building at 214-216 N. Tejon St. for eventual use as a clubhouse.

W.C. Craron, chairman of the post's building committee, said the property is presently occupied by the Star Lunch, the Colorado Springs Paint company, and the Pointer Furniture company and that their leases still have from six months to five years to run.

"We can't do anything with the property until their leases run out and the ban on construction is off" he said, "but some day we plan to move our club there."

The present location of the club is 6 Wahsatch Ave.

Veterans Day Parade

Calling all Post Members!

We will be marching in the Veterans Day Parade again this year. The date of the parade is Saturday, November 2nd.

The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m., and we must be assembled at our starting point at 8:15 a.m. We will have both parade riders and parade marchers

Please be at the Post by 7:30 a.m. to help prepare the trailer for movement to our starting location.

Chairman of the House Committee's Column

Since our last newsletter, we had the dance floor lightly sanded and lacquered.

Now we want to get an estimate on the cost of replacing the carpet. It has been years since it was last replaced, and the wear and stains are very visible and an eye sore. We need to make this a priority, to have our ballroom ready for our New Years Eve Gala.

All committees are in the planning stage on how to make sure our 75th Post Anniversary in June of 2020 will be an event that we can be proud of.

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

Silver Key

Please Help Our Neighbors and Friends!

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, the need to support our neighbors and friends is also more pressing. Silver Key is requesting more food for those in need for Thanksgiving.

Won't you please bring some canned goods or dry foods to fill our box by the front door the next time you come to the Post?

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

G.K. Chesterton

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 (October/November 2019 or late March 2020) please let me know. Barbara-green241@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

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

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!



TAPS

Post

LeRoy Edgar and Charles Brannan

Auxiliary

Kathryn Ann Kirkbride and Katie Lowderman

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:

We are sad to report that two more of our veterans passed away, LeRoy Edgar and Charles Brannan.

Ron Marshall recently visited our former Post Surgeon LeRoy Jensen at his place of residence at Winslow Court. LeRoy is in good spirits, and he finally got a new phone; a flip phone, only for calls. His phone number is the same as his old one at the house: (719) 528-5497. He would welcome your calls.

We also made a few health and welfare calls and sent a "thinking of you" card to Ernie Perrone.

Three 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

DINNER 6 PM \$10.00		NOVEMBER 2019			DANCE 7 PM \$10.00		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
(NOTE) <i>Reservations Required For Dinner</i> Call (719) 632-9874					1 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Chicken Cordon Bleu Carlos Crull	2 <i>No Post Meeting</i> Veterans Day Parade <i>See Page 4 for Details</i> Available For Rental Events	
	3	4	5 <i>Election Day</i>	6	7	8 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Pork Chops Carlos Crull	9 Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m. Buddy Poppies Available For Rental Events
	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<i>U.S. Marine Corps Est. (1775)</i> Buddy Poppies Available For Rental Events	<i>Armistice Day Veterans Day</i> Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Beef Stew Springs Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 7	Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Roast Turkey Carlos Crull	Available For Rental Events	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	Available For Rental Events	<i>Thanksgiving</i> Available For Rental Events	Open 4 to 11 <i>No Dinner/ Dance Only</i> Carlos Crull	Available For Rental Events	

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8 Egg Nog Reception <i>1-3 p.m.</i> Commander/ President	9 Available For Rental Events	10 Available For Rental Events	11 Friends of the Post Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Available For Rental Events	12 Open 4 to 7	13 Open 4 to 11 Dinner/Dance Christmas Ham Carlos Crull	14 Aux Meeting Coffee/Treats 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m. Available For Rental Events		
15 Available For Rental Events	16 Available For Rental Events	17 Available For Rental Events	18 Available For Rental Events	19 Open 4 to 7	20 Open 4 to 11 No Dinner/ No Dance	21 Available For Rental Events		
22 Hanukkah Begins Available For Rental Events	23 Available For Rental Events	24 Christmas Eve Available For Rental Events	25 Christmas Available For Rental Events	26 Open 4 to 7	27 Open 4 to 11 No Dinner/ No Dance	28 Available For Rental Events		
29 Available For Rental Events	30 Post Closed	31 New Year's Eve Celebration <i>See Page 1 Commander's Corner for Details</i>	1 New Year's Day Post Closed	2 Post Closed	3 No Dinner/ No Dance Post Closed	4 Available For Rental Events		

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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 Meeting on December 7 at 9 a.m. (No meeting in November - Parade)

Auxiliary Meetings on November 9 and December 14 at 10:30 a.m.