

Minutes of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4051  
5 July 2025

The meeting was called to order by Commander Green who led the opening prayer at 0900. The meeting resumed after breakfast at 1000.

Opening ceremonies were conducted to include salute to the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Membership cards were verified. The constitutional Charter was recited by all present.

Guests: Jerry Schwarz and Chuck Schwarz. Prospective new members.

Roll was taken with Sr. Vice Commander Art Kimbrel, Jr Vice Commander Tony Dallago, Pikes Peak Veterans Council member, Public Servant and Americanism Chuck Potter, Service Officer, Lance Dyar, and Bob Green ROTC/JROTC/CAP excused. 1 year trustee, Steve LeBlach absent.

Applications for membership: David Duran, Annual; Derwin Ratzlaff, Life; Robbie Stanton, Army, Life; John Franghton, Air Force, Annual; Carlos Richardson, Army, Life. These applications for membership were approved as a group.

Reading of the minutes was deferred as they are posted on the website. There were no corrections.

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

The Charter was draped for one member, James Waddle. Commander Green will attend Jim's service on the 9<sup>th</sup> representing the Post.

Comrades in Distress: Bob Green and Carol Archuleta. Troy Richardson is home from the hospital.

Service officer – Excused No Report

Community Service – Barbara Green – No report

Officer of the Day – Jerry Cupp – No report

Legislative – Steve Lucks – The budget that was passed adds money to the military but may not help members and their families with housing etc.

House Committee – Mike Sinchak – Mike thanked the volunteers and Jessica. Mike White and his helpers are keeping the outside looking great. Friday night dinners – Taco Bar on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Other week's menus TBD. The Post is now open Wednesday evenings

with Trivia at 1800 with Michelle Kyle and Denise Garcia in charge. Dinner food is also served.

Bingo – Ron Reneker – Bingo was profitable in June. Carefree Bingo was closed on 4 July.

Membership – 124.46% for end of year. New numbers will not be out until September.

Buddy poppy - Vacant

Americanism – Chuck Potter – Excused, No Report

Webmaster/Public Affairs – Rick Cote – Hits on the website were down in June. We have over 600 members, but Rick only has email addresses for 300 and some emails are coming back undeliverable.

Adopt-a- Unit – 277-FA Paige Lanier – Some members are in San Diego with border patrol and will be there until October. Paige Lanier and Jerry Cupp were VIP's at the 277-FA "June Week" commemoration honoring them for their participation in the Vietnam War battle of Sui Trace.

Adopt-a-Unit –Space PJ Yuson – No Report

Pikes Peak Veterans Council – Chuck Potter – Excused No Report.

ROTC/JROTC/CAP Bob Green – Commander Green reported that Bob and herself presented an NCO of the Year medal and certificate to a Peterson Space Force Base Civil Air Patrol member. Bob plans to contact the unit at the Air Force Academy to find out if they would like our Post to present an award.

Correspondence – A Five-member recruiting pin was presented to Michael White; Ron Reneker turned in a letter indicating that he will be resigning as bingo games manager effective 1 November 2025; There were two certificates for awards received at the State Convention, 1<sup>st</sup> place for Military Assistance and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Community Service for Class 5 Posts.

Unfinished business – None

New Business –

Tony Ziegner made a "housekeeping" motion: To remove David A. Anthony as Key Executive on all Pikes Peak VFW Post 4051 Wells Fargo bank and American National Bank accounts and Remove Arthur W. Kimbrel jr. as an owner on any Pikes Peak VFW Post 4051 Wells Fargo bank and American National Bank accounts and to remove Eric R. Veed as an owner and as a signer on all PikesPpeak VFW Post 4051

Wells Fargo bank and American National Bank accounts. Barbara A. Green is to be added as a key executive on all Pikes Peak VFW Post 4051 Wells Fargo bank and American National Bank accounts. This motion was approved.

Rick Cote made a motion to spend up to \$1500 from the Post bingo account to set up a buzz in system for the front door. There will also be a camera in place. Tony Ziegner second. Under discussion it was mentioned that the current system is not working. Rick Cote will install the system. The motion passed.

Paige Lanier made a motion to donate \$500 from the Post account to help pay for junior enlisted tickets to the 277-FA St. Barbara Day ball from the Post account. The motion passed.

Commander's Good of the Order:

The military Warrior Games will be held from 16-27 July at Robson arena on the Colorado College campus and at the Olympic Training Center. Volunteers are still needed or just attend to watch the para-athletes compete.

The military appreciation game at the Rockies will be on 6 July. Purchase tickets online.

District 5 hosts a collection of personal items for Partners in Housing. We have a collection box in the Post.

An adjutant and buddy poppy chairman are needed for the Post. After the meeting Mark Gardner offered to be the Post adjutant.

The following committee positions have been removed: Membership; Entertainment (this is part of the House committee); Scouts; Surgeon and Staff Judge Advocate (the last two are no longer required positions by National VFW).

Our Post has been awarded a \$50,000 Tobacco Fund Grant to help veterans in need. This is a reimbursable account, and we already have a separate account set up for the Tobacco Fund Grant.

Good of the Order

No other comments by members present.

Closing ceremonies were held. The next meeting will be held on 2 August 2025.

Barbara Green  
Acting Adjutant

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Commander