

Minutes of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4051
2 August 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: Kurt Spohr, Matt Lewis and Doug Fitzgerald

Roll was taken with Quartermaster Tony Ziegner, excused; Americanism Chuck Potter, excused; Public Affairs, Richard Cote, excused; Adopt A Unit Space, P J Yuson, absent; ROTC, JROTC, Bob Green, excused.

Applications for membership: John Brandon, Reinstate annual, Marines; Michael Grabowski, Reinstate, annual, Army; Rodrigo Cavoza, Reinstate, annual Air Force; Katrina Cavazos, new annual, Air Force; Harvey Thompson, new annual, Navy; Ronald Wilt, Life, Air Force; Kevin Kolln, Life, Air Force; David Jones, annual, Air Force, Brian Lujan transfer, annual, Marines; Todd Dorpinghaus, Life, Navy. Art Kimbrel made a motion that these members be approved as a group. The motion passed.

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.

No deceased members to report this month.

Comrades in Distress: None reported.

Service officer – Lance Dyar - No Report

Community Service – Barbara Green – No report

Officer of the Day – Jerry Cupp – No report

Legislative – Steve Lucks – Steve has information on the VA Home Loan Program Reform Act. This report will be filed with the minutes.

House Committee – Mike Sinchak reported that the bar and kitchen are doing well. We are getting rentals also. Rick Cote is working on the new building locking system. Need fence maintenance. Upcoming meals – 8th Pork chops; 15th Hamburgers etc.; 22nd

Chicken parm; 29th Mexican Fiesta. The Post has NFL Sunday Ticket. Dave Anthony reported on entertainment. There is karaoke on Thursdays We need more post members to participate in events. Two acts are coming for Friday nights and a full band is on Saturday the 16th.

Bingo – Ron Reneker – Bingo doing well.

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 – Excused – No report

Adopt-a- Unit – 277-FA Paige Lanier – Some members are in San Diego with border patrol and will be there until October.

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

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

ROTC/JROTC/CAP Bob Green – Excused – No Report

Correspondence – Recruiting awards were passed out to members present to include pins, water bottles and a leather jacket to Mike Sinchak for being the Colorado recruiter of the year. We also received a thank you letter from the Disabled American Veterans for the dinner we hosted for them.

Unfinished business – None

New Business –

Duane Knutson made a motion to sponsor the 1st place District 5 Voice of Democracy award for \$350. The motion was approved.

Commander's Good of the Order:

From the recent District 5 meeting

There were speakers from Ft. Carson's Santa's Workshop, Operation Tabletop gaming group, and Rocky Mountain Battle Buddies service dog training.

There will be Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen ScholarsApp training at the next District meeting.

If we are interested in becoming a Purple Heart Post I can investigate

There might be a table at a Switchbacks game in the future and if you work at the table you get to watch the match also.

District 5 will have recruiting gifts. 2 members – patch; 5 members – beanie; 10 members Hat or polo.

Post 3917 will have a table at retiree day on September 23 at the Air Force Academy Falcon Club.

If the Post is interested in sponsoring Wreaths Across America at a cemetery let Barbara know.

The district would like to adopt a portion of a road or highway that will be designated as a “Purple Heart” road. District members would pick up trash along this part of the road or highway.

Upcoming blood drives – 20 October Post 4051; 16 February 2026 Post 101; 12 October 2026 either Post 4051 or Post 3917.

Good of the Order

Steve LeBlach mentioned activities at Cripple Creek

Scott from Post 3917 mentioned Post 3917’s open house on 23 August.

Matt Lewis mentioned that he is a VSO and may file VA claims

VFW.CO.org has Commander’s shirts for sale

Mike R mentioned a golf tournament at Ft Carson

Kurt Spohr from Germany introduced himself

Closing ceremonies were held. The next meeting will be held on 6 September 2025.

Barbara Green
Adjutant

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Commander