

Minutes of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4051  
2 November 2024

The meeting was called to order by Commander Anthony at 0900. The opening prayer was given by Duane Knutson. A break for breakfast and the meeting resumed at 1000.

Opening ceremonies were conducted to include salute to the colors Pledge of Allegiance opening prayer and recognition of past Post, District, State and Cootie Grand commanders. Membership cards were verified.

Roll was taken with Sarah Tobin, Legislative, Paige Lanier Adopt a unit, Jeff Fladung, Scouts and Jason Zich, Color Guard absent. Quartermaster Eric Veed, excused; Trustee Mike Sinehiak excused; and ROTC/Staff Judge Advocate Bob Green excused.

New Members: Craig Wisniewski (life transfer); Michael Masokas (life transfer); Steven Wright (new life); Jeffrey Smith (new life); Jeffrey Benefiel (annual). These new members were approved for membership. Those in attendance spoke a little about their military service.

The minutes were approved as written.

Quartermaster's Report was not given as the Quartermaster was not at the meeting.

Service Officer – James Pines – James spoke on the VFW Post 4051 Commemorative Certificate that will be sent to the families of deceased members. Before sending out the certificates family member's addresses need to be verified so that the certificates do not get returned to sender. These certificates will be sent out every three months. James' guest, "Dutch", spoke on meeting James at the DMV and with James' help now has a 100% VA rating with compensation. He thanked James for his help. Dutch is 92 years old. James mentioned that VA medical cards do expire. On 1 January 2026 current retiree cards will expire.

Comrades in Distress reported: None

No deceased members to report this month.

Surgeon – No report

Americanism/ Pikes Peak Veterans Council: Chuck Potter. Chuck will be speaking twice at Calhan high school on 7 November. He is now our representative on the Pikes Peak Veterans Council. Chuck said that at the October meeting the upcoming parade was the main topic. There will be a Veterans Day program at Russell Middle School at 1330 on Veterans Day. The next meeting will be in January.

Bingo: Ron Reneker – Ron gave the quarterly report figures. We lost money during the quarter of July to September because of the purchase of the pull tab machines. However bingo profit for October was \$3,000.

Poppies – Larry Johnson – No Report

Entertainment – Dave Anthony – At the membership dinner a new group performed. Dave asked for feedback on their performance. Dave has the Post rented out almost every weekend through the end of December. The District 5 Warriors will have their next couple of meetings at our Post. The Argonauts will have their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner at the Post on 7 November.

Honor Guard – Jason - Absent

House Committee: Art Kimbrel There was a question on when the liquor license will be issued. The Post needs a Club license not a Tavern license. The new Air Conditioner unit will be installed 12 November.

Membership - Larry Johnson- Larry mentioned that all Post members are recruiters. Current membership is at 95.69%. We need 34 more members to be at 102% Dave suggested recruiting at the Post. Potential members stop by so sign them up!

National Home – Ron spoke on who lives at the National Home

National Home Prayer given by Chaplain PJ.

Officer of the Day – No report

VOD/PP/Teacher of the year – No report.

Public Affairs – No report

Public Servant – No report.

ROTC/JROTC – No report

Scouts – No report

Staff judge Advocate – No report

Webmaster – Rick Cote – No mass emailing recently. There is now a QR code that members may use to make dinner reservations on line.

Adopt A Unit – 16 MWS – PJ reported that the squadron is normally deployed to Romania.

Correspondence.: Certificate to Larry Johnson for recruiting 25 new members in 2023-2024. Also a thank you card and letter from Care and Share. Finally, a certificate to the Post for our participation in Day of Service in 2024.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Barbara Green made a motion to spend \$1,000 from the Post account to support the 2024 District 20 drill meet. The motion was approved.

P J Yuson made a motion to spend \$500 out of the Post account to sponsor the 16 MWS holiday party. The motion passed. As these members deploy they are potential members of the Post.

Jerry Cupp made a motion to spend \$500 out of the bingo account for a donation to Care and Share. Art Kimbrel mentioned that the bingo account lost money last quarter. The motion passed with one negative vote.

Ron Reneker made a motion to spend \$170 for Wreaths from Wreaths Across America for the PPNC. The motion was approved.

Good of the Order –

James asked that members be ready to report next month on what the VA does for them other than compensation.

Art mentioned that we have three families for Thanksgiving baskets. Turkeys will arrive on Monday. If not used for baskets the turkeys may be given to other organizations providing baskets for thanksgiving or Christmas.

The parade is on for 9 November. Members will ride with a dance group. There is no walking on the sides during the parade so participation of Post members is limited.

On 16 November the District 5 meeting will be held at our Post. Dave is in need of helpers for that event.

There are two Toys for Tots boxes at the Post. Turn in day is 14 December.

Closing ceremonies were held. The meeting was adjourned at 1120. Next meeting will be 7 December 2024.

Barbara Green  
Adjutant

Approved

David Anthony  
Commander