

Minutes of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4051
5 October 2024

The meeting was called to order by Commander Anthony at 0900. The opening prayer was given by Commander Anthony. 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 recitation of the Congressional Charter. Membership cards were verified.

Roll was taken with Sarah Tobin, Legislative and Jeff Fladung, Scouts absent. All other officers were either present or excused.

New members from September and October: Nicholas Traud, Patrick Nowlan, Joel Kasten, Gary Patton, Tamme McConnell, Todd Cote, Michael Zamonas, Keith Bush, Charles Huffman, James Dickens, Broker Mavity, Benjamin Wilmore, Charles Huffman, Jeffrey O'Hart, Brian O'Hart, Walter Jones, and Frank Doster. Barbara Green made a motion that we accept these new members as a group. The motion was approved.

Adjutant Barbara Green read September's minutes. There were neither corrections nor additions. The minutes were approved as written.

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

Service Officer – James Pines – James believes helping our members is important. He is willing to talk with any member regarding any problems they may have. James has been to the local VA clinic and has spoken with the VA representatives in Denver. Commander Anthony supports what the Service Officer is doing.

Comrades in Distress reported: Dave Wagner, Tami Veed and Reginal Turner. Please keep Reginald in your prayers. Commander of Post 12227 passed away recently due to injuries from a motorcycle accident. His service will be 15 October.

The Charter was draped for deceased members Victor Lopez, Leon Fassey and Henry Christian.

Americanism: Chuck Potter. Chuck is continuing to work with Jeff Davis from the Arizona State University on giving talks to students. Chuck will be speaking at Odyssey Elementary and Ellicott High School.

Bingo: Ron Reneker – Ron will be stepping down as games manager effective 31 January 2025. Friday 4 October was very busy. To be a games manager the member must have six months membership in the Post.

Poppies – Larry Johnson – No Report

Entertainment – Dave Anthony – Few more bookings remaining this year.

Honor Guard – Vacant

ouse Committee: Art Kimbrel mentioned that bingo is the Post's only fund raiser and pays utilities bills, donations and helps with veterans relief. Mike Sinchack reported on upcoming dinners to include a free membership dinner on 25 October. The best way to RSVP is through Facebook. There will be a Thanksgiving dinner on 22 November also with the auxiliary. No dinner on 29 November. The Post is open for football on Sundays. Art put purse hooks on the bar. Glen Blackman is working the health inspection and the liquor license.

Membership - Larry Johnson- Larry mentioned that all Post members are recruiters. Current membership is at 93.54%. Larry will be at the Tanner gun show 11-13 October selling raffle tickets and have a recruiting table also. If a VFW member recruits an auxiliary member they will get recruiter credit.

National Home – No report. Ron Reneker gave the National Home prayer.

Officer of the Day – No report

VOD/PP/Teacher of the year – Barbara Green reported that the deadline is 31 October and Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen essays must be downloaded to ScholarsApp.

Public Affairs – No report

ROTC/JROTC – No report

Scouts – No report

Staff judge Advocate – No report

Webmaster – Rick Cote – Newsletter recently sent out. If you did not receive it get with Rick to give him a good email address.

Correspondence.: Ron Reneker's letter of resignation as bingo games manager effective 31 January 2025. Letter from National VFW listing 2023-2024 recruiters and pins awarded. Thank you letters/notes were received from the VFW National Home. Care and Share and a thank you note in Ev McBride's name.

Unfinished Business

A motion was made to replace the heat pump HVAC unit in the kitchen not to exceed \$25,000 from the Post account. After discussion to include that there are no permits on file for the one currently installed on the roof, the motion was approved. Reginald Turner will help with getting a permit. This is the first of three units that need replacing.

New Business

Al Hitchens made a motion to donate \$500 from the bingo account to Christmas Unlimited. Eric Veed second. Motion was approved

Rick Archuleta made a motion to donate \$500 to Toys for Tots Southern Colorado Chapter. The motion was approved.

James Pines made a motion to award the families of deceased members a certificate from the Post thanking them for their veteran's service and membership. These certificates will either be purchased from the VFW store or printed locally. James and Dave Anthony are the POCs for this project.

The motion passed.

Art Kimbrel made a motion that the Post has an event on 11 November, Veterans Day. The motion was approved. The details to be worked out later.

Good of the Order –

Barbara Green spoke on the Veterans Tobacco Fund grant and that the money is being spent quickly – which is good and bad. She will begin working on getting a new grant for 2025-2026 in December.

Ron Reneker spoke on the local homeless veteran stand down on 15 October at Weidner Field. He also mentioned the Transition Housing Initiative which is requesting meals for the families. The families will be housed at the Hotel Elegante on Academy Blvd. Mt Carmel is also sponsoring an Angel Tree for gifts for children.

Commander Dave Anthony mentioned

Veterans Day parade has been cancelled for this year

There will be a joint Thanksgiving dinner provided by Post and auxiliary on 22 November.

We are hoping to get turkeys and hams donated to the Post for the Thanksgiving baskets. Village Inn is donating 25 pies.

Dave mentioned that for the homeless stand down helpers should be at Weidner field by 0800 on the 15th.

Steve Lelbach and Mike Sinchack thanked James Pines for all he does for the Post as the Service Officer. They also thanked Reginald Turner.

Closing ceremonies were held. The meeting was adjourned at 1120. Next meeting will be 2 November 2024.

Barbara Green
Adjutant

Approved

David Anthony
Commander