

Minutes of VFW Post 4051
Meeting of 2 September 2023

The meeting was held at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4051 and opened by Commander David Anthony at 0900. There were 21 members present.

The opening prayer was given by Chaplain P J Yuson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Membership cards were verified.

Roll was taken with Senior Vice Commander, Larry Johnson excused, House Committee Chair Rick Archulata, Scouting Chairman Galen Steele, Honor Guard/Staff Judge Advocate T C Charles and Veteran Council Chairman Paul Bailey absent. All other elected and appointed officers were present.

Minutes were accepted as published.

Membership: Alan Bridges - Air Force, Korea, Desert Storm; Kyle Crewey - Air Force, Afghanistan; Mark Gardner - Army, Afghanistan, Iraq; James Garrison - Army, Afghanistan, Iraq; Phillip Heinz - Navy, Expeditionary Medal; Miles Hensley - Navy, OFF; Scott LeBlanc - Air Force, Afghanistan, Korea, ; Christy Manning - Army, Desert Storm; Andrew Miller - Navy, Desert Storm; Ruben Olivarez - Air Force, Afghanistan; William Ramsey - Navy, Vietnam; and Mitchell Schutz - Air Force, Korea.

The Quartermaster's Report was read by Quartermaster Eric Veed and is subject to audit.

Reports of Committees:

Service Officer: Lance Dyar - No report.

Surgeon Report: Duane Knutson - No report.

Chaplain's Report: The Charter was draped for two deceased members: Garry Gibson and Eugene Wahl. P J Yuson read the Chaplain's prayer. P J mentioned that he is available for Chaplain visits.

Comrade in Distress: None

Legislative: Sarah Tobin mentioned that the Defense Authorization Act has not been approved in Congress. This means that Coast Guard members will not be paid if the bill is not signed or a continuing resolution is not passed.

Staff Judge Advocate: T C Charles - Absent

Entertainment: John Mazzella - No report

House Committee: Rick Archuleta - Absent

Bingo: Ron Reneker. Bingo is doing well financially. Ron thanked the volunteers.

Membership: **Currently** at 2.79% as Life members have not been included in the total.

Community Activities: Barbara Green - Please let Barbara know of any community service hours and mileage and personal cash spent.

Pikes Peak Veterans Committee: Paul Bailey - Absent

Americanism: Vacant

VOD/PP: Barbara Green - Applying for both Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen are now done online with Scholarsapp.com

Teacher of the Year: Barbara Green - No report

JROTC/ROTC: Bob Green - No report

Poppies: Jerry Cupp - Jerry will have Buddy Poppy signup sheets available at the next meeting for the November Buddy poppy Drive.

Public Affair/Webmasters: Ron Reneker - No report.

Honor Guard: TC Charles - Absent

Public Servant: Larry Johnson - Absent

Scouting: David Anthony - mentioned the two scout troops who will be meeting at the Post home. The male troop plans to put up flagpoles as an Eagle project.

Adopt a Unit (2-77 FA): Paige Lanier - Paige has photos from Korea where the Battalion is currently deployed.

Adopt a Unit (Space unit): Bob Green - No report.

Trustees: No report

National Home: Ron Reneker - No report.

National Home Prayer given by Chaplain P J Yuson.

Correspondence: Plaque from The National Home for Children for our contribution. Thank you letter from Ft Carson for our donation of gift cards.

Unfinished Business

Motions from last month that are still open:

Signs

Kitchen Vent Hood

Replace Ceiling tiles

Four TVs

Space Command Flag purchase

Kitchen appliances will be ordered on the Post debit card

HVAC - Art said that the HVAC system is in good shape with three units working properly and parts ordered to fix any other problems.

Fire Suppression – Art said that once the appliances are installed the fire suppression system will be completed.

Site Survey

New Business:

Bob Green made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to support the District 20 drill meet. Motion approved

Art Kimbrel made a motion NTE \$35,000 to repair the building roof from the bingo account. Motion approved.

Jerry Cupp made a motion that Art Kimbrel be elected as the House Committee Chairman. Motion approved.

Jerry Cupp made a motion to purchase a washer and dryer for the post for \$100 from the post account. Motion approved.

Jerry Cupp made a motion to replace the front building glass from the post account NTE \$1,000. Motion approved.

Tom Permuy made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region from the bingo account. The motion was approved.

Eric Veed made a motion to replace flooring in the building NTE \$63,000 from the Post account. The motion was approved.

Eric Veed made a motion to repair electrical fixtures in the building NTE \$10,000. Currently the electrical fixtures etc. are not up to code. The motion was approved.

Eric Veed made a motion to purchase 16 VFW shirts to sell from the Post account. Cost \$12 sell for \$15. The motion was approved.

Ron Reneker made a motion to donate \$1,000 to Care and Share from the bingo account. The motion was approved.

Barbara Green made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to CABA. Commercial pilots with small aircraft distribute toys and food to rural area veterans for the holidays. The motion was approved.

Eric Veed made a motion that the post gets a tavern liquor license rather than a club liquor license. The motion was approved.

Good of the Order

Dave reminded members that Volunteer Day is every Thursday from 1300-1500.

Barbara spoke on a request to have food trucks in our parking lot. After discussion it was decided that this is not a good idea.

Sarah spoke on residents of Freedoms Springs and how they would like visitors to talk to. Chaplain P J will go to the facility to speak with the residents.

Closing prayer Given by Chaplain P J Yuson.

Flag salute

The meeting was adjourned at 1010. The next Post meetings will be 7 October at the Post Home at 0900, donuts and coffee at 0800.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Green
Adjutant

Approved/Disapproved

David Anthony
Commander