

Minutes of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4051
4 January 2025

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, and recognition of past Post, District and State Commanders. Membership cards were verified. The Constitutional Charter was recited by all present.

Roll was taken with 2 Year trustee, Glenn Blackman excused; Surgeon, David Waters, absent; Scouts Jeff Fladung and Kyle Burress absent; Honor/Color Guard Jamison Zich absent, Staff Judge Advocate and JROTC/ROTC Chairman Bob Green, absent.

The new members are Michael Cole (Life); David Condit (Life); James Condit (Life); Jack Kiplinger (Life); Roger Leonard (Life); Eli Sanchez (Annual) and Mark Steward (Life). Barbara Green made a motion that we accept these new members as a group (their DD214's had been verified). The motion was approved.

The December minutes were approved as written.

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

A motion was made by Barbara Green that Art Kimbrel as 33% owner of the post be removed from the Wells Fargo paperwork but still leave him as an account manager and check signer on the Wells Fargo Club account. (under discussion the 33% owner information was a clerical error at the bank). The motion passed.

A motion was made to add Anthony Zeigner as an Executor on the Wells Fargo and American National Bank accounts. Also to be the financial advisor on any Post bank accounts. The motion was approved.

A comment was made that Post financial information should never be shared with any non-VFW outside agency.

Service Officer- James Pines showed members the certificate to be presented to families of deceased members. With the Commander's approval James will purchase black frames for the certificates (while on sale). Printing certificates cost \$2.11 apiece. James would like members to fill out an information sheet to be kept in a file that indicates their next of kin/family members. Rick Cote will post this form on the website. James wished everyone a Healthy New Year.

Comrade in Distress – None

Chaplain – P J Yuson draped the Charter for deceased member Lyle Rochholz (96 years old at the time of his passing).

Community Service – Barbara Green reported that reporting is going well. Webmaster Rick Cote will put a form on the website for members to use to indicate Community Service hours etc.

Officer of the Day – Jerry Cupp – No report

Legislative – Steve Lucks. Soon Jeff Crank will take over as the District 5 Congressman. Steve will meet with Congressman Crank in Washington DC in February. Doug Fitzgerald is still on Congressman Crank's staff.

Entertainment – Dave Anthony. A group is enquiring about holding Sunday dances at the Post, but the building may be too small. This request will be investigated. Dave mentioned that there will be different musicians at the Post in 2025.

House Committee – Mike Sinchak reported on the Friday night dinners for January
10th Seafood platter
17th Chicken Fried Steak
24th Stuffed chicken breast
31st To Be Determined

The liquor license has been approved and is at the City Clerk's Office. There will need to be another fire inspection. The liquor license should be in place within two weeks. There are plans to serve lunch Thursdays through Sundays in the future. Mike Rosseau was thanked for his volunteering at the Post.

Bingo – Ron Reneker. Ron thanked the bingo volunteers. Bingo games format has changed. The hall rent has not been increased. Ron asked for a volunteer for the next two Tuesdays. Steve Lebach offered to help.

Membership is 101.17%. Larry Johnson mentioned that the Post will have a table at the Tanner gun shows on 10-11 January and 28-30 March. We have also been invited to have a table at the 19 April Cheyenne Mountain Archery Club event (for free). The proposed firearms raffle will be considered for a later date. Larry mentioned that everyone is a recruiter. Larry has a list of expired members and would appreciate help in contacting these past members. Mike Sinchak has recruited 13 new members.

Public Servant- Larry Johnson No report.

Scouts – Absent No report

Buddy poppies – Larry Johnson – No report.

Americanism – Chuck Potter. Not a lot going on with the youth in December and over the holidays.

Public Affairs/Webmaster – Rick Cote sent out emails in December. If you did not receive them let Rick know to update your contact information.

Pikes Peak Veterans Council – Chuck Potter will miss the next meeting to be held on 29 January and the February meeting. Larry Johnson offered to attend for the Post. Chuck also mentioned that the Korean War veterans group invites anyone who has served in Korea to become a member.

ROTC/JROTC – Bob Green absent. No report

Staff Judge Advocate – Bob Green absent – No report.

National Home – Tony Dal Lago. The National Home is 100 years old this year. There was a nice article in the VFW magazine on National Home.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen – Barbara Green. Natalie Dugan (VOD) and Amelia Poulson (PP) were awarded first place at District 5 judging. Commander Anthony and Barbara attended the District 5 awards dinner on 13 December. The Department awards dinner will be held on 25 January at VFW Post 3917.

Adopt a Unit (both) – Page Lanier absent and P J Yuson No report.

There was no correspondence.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

Elections were held for Quartermaster and 2-Year Trustee. Anthony Zeigner was elected as Post Quartermaster and Steve Leibach was elected as the 2-year Trustee. Past State Commander Barbara Green installed the two newly elected officers.

Good of the Order

Art Kimbrel mentioned that there is a two-year waiting list to go on the Washington DC Honor Flight trip. Martha Lovell asked interested members to fill out an application to go on the trip. She also mentioned the upcoming banquet and silent auction to be held someplace in Fremont County on 5 April. Silent auction donations are always appreciated. Honor Flight trip #20 leaves on 8 May. If you are interested in being a guardian on an Honor Flight trip the cost is between \$1200 and \$1500, and you must be less than 70 years of age. Family members are encouraged to join their Veterans.

Martha also mentioned Project Healing Waters fly fishing for disabled veterans. This group will be represented at Library 21C on 1 February from 1000-1330. And they will have a show in Denver from 21-23 February.

Commander Anthony thanked the volunteers who helped with the placements of wreaths on graves at Evergreen cemetery. One-third of the graves did not get a wreath as there were not enough wreaths. Dave has planned for our Post to sponsor wreaths (through Wreaths Across America) for Evergreen Cemetery. Anyone who purchases two wreaths through Wreaths Across America will receive one free wreath. This past year the wreaths were \$17 each. Clean up of the wreaths at Evergreen cemetery will be held on 18 January. (wear work gloves).

James Pines mentioned that JROTC cadets need service hours.

Commander Anthony mentioned that Post members helped veterans in need in 2024 and he hopes to help more in 2025.

Barbara Green mentioned that the 2024-2025 grant account is down to \$169. Hopefully we will get more money at the end of January from organizations who have not spent enough of their grant money. Barbara is working on writing a grant request for 2025-2026.

A question came up on if our Post building is secure. There is wire on the back patio to keep homeless people out and members will be going to Home Depot to look for more secure doors for the building. The installation of these doors will be done in house. There are also 22 cameras in the building.

Reggie mentioned new Social Security changes to be signed by President Biden this coming week. Members were encouraged to check out the changes as they might mean more benefits and money.

Closing ceremonies were held and the meeting was adjourned at 1125. The next meeting will be held on 1 February.

Barbara Green
Post Adjutant

David Anthony
Post Commander

