VFW Post 4051
General Membership Meeting Minutes
5 August 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Commander Eric Veed at 0903.
OPENING PRAYER: Chaplain Jim Griffith
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Veed
GUESTS: Past Dept Commander (PDC) DJ Alberts; Colorado State Senator Kent Lambert; El Paso County Veteran Services Officer Carl McDaniel
PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION: The Purpose of this Corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies.
ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Junior Vice Commander Shai Bardfield (absent), Trustee #1 Barb Bacon (excused), Americanism and Youth Programs Jon Wander (absent), webmaster Bill Thomas (absent)
READING OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None.
MINUTES: The July meeting minutes were approved
REPORTS:

Quartermasters Report: Report was given by QM Joe Cormier; subject to audit. Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Chris Linski motioned that the report be accepted and the routine bills be paid, motion seconded, motion passed.

Service Officer: No report.

Legislative: Comrade Kent Lambert gave a brief summary of the 33 bills and resolutions related to military matters considered by the 2017 Colorado legislature. He highlighted the establishment and opening of a new charter school adjacent to Peterson AFB with a focus of nurturing cadets for the Civil Air Patrol, ROTC, and active duty.
PDC DJ Alberts reported that at National level, the GI Bill has been continued, reporting of community service efforts will be broken out for national level and state level. He recommended getting signed up for the Action Corps, and more Service Officer help for Veteran claims must be done at Post level by trained and certified volunteers.

Surgeon: Surgeon LeRoy Jensen reported Herb Swing and Bob Behan received get well cards; Bob also received a fruit basket. Barb Green sent get well cards to Art Christensen and Auxiliary President Tami Veed.

Comrade in Distress: None Reported

Chaplain's Report: Deceased members since the July meeting: Herb Swing, Elmer Swift, Ken Davis, and Robert Combs.

Chaplain's Prayer: Chaplain Jim Griffith

Ways and Means: No Report.

Americanism: No report

House Committee: Comrade Rick Archuleta reported the installation and successful operation of 3 security cameras; one more to do. He also reported successful repairs to the beer keg cooler and the walk-in cooler. Work day is scheduled for Saturday, Aug 26, 2017 from 8 to 12noon.

Bingo: Acting Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Galen Steele gave the bingo report; subject to audit.

Membership: SVC Chris Linski reported the new membership year and the importance of recruiting new members.

Staff Judge Advocate: No report.

Safety: No report.

Community Service: Comrade Barbara Green encouraged members to turn in their community service hours and mileage for this new reporting year.

Trustees: Trustee Barbara Green reported completion of the quarterly report and that the quartermaster will be increasing our bonding coverage to $100,000 for the year 2017-2018.

Youth Activities: SVC Chris Linski reported that our post's Scout Troop needs volunteers to help with the Scout activities for the coming year.

Entertainment: No report.

National Home: SVC Chris Linski reported that at the National Home, Florida House, a family of six have won awards for their 4H activity.

National Home for Children Prayer: Chaplain Jim Griffith

Correspondence: Adjutant Knutson reported a Certificate of Appreciation and Thank you note from the 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment for our support of their Military Appreciation Tailgate Event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Comrade Barbara Green made a motion to spend $1000 from the Veteran's Relief Fund for Home Front Cares. Comrade Bob Green seconded. Motion approved.
2. Comrade Barbara Green asked for approval of 4 new Cootie applications: Brian Michaud, Amy Early, Val Bernal and Galen Steele. DJ Alberts seconded. Approved.
3. Comrade Paige Lanier made a motion for $300 from Veterans Relief Fund for Christmas Unlimited (which will provide back to school supplies for 49 families of needy veterans). Chris Linski seconded. Approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Chaplain Jim Griffith reported three items: A. the Veterans Day Parade will be on Saturday, Nov 4; B. The Buddy Poppy effort will be on Veterans Day weekend, Saturday, Nov 11 and Sunday, Nov 12; and C. The Homeless Veteran Stand Down (which we approved $300 for last month) now needs 2 teams of 5 volunteer servers to work at the Clarion Hotel; dates and time to be determined.
2. Commander Veed reported that our Bingo Operation is in transition and that additional workers are needed for the Tuesday and Friday sessions.
3. Comrade Ron Marshall reminded members that our organization has a transient component and we need 40 -50 new members each year to achieve 100 per cent, just to stay even.
4. Comrade Chris Linski stated Cootie membership applications are on the table.
5. Commander Veed reported he had approved a request from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to use our building for a training session on Aug 23; this will be a community service action. CASA provides support for abused children and spouses.

CLOSING PRAYER: Chaplain Jim Griffith

FLAG SALUTE: Commander Veed

ADJOURNMENT: Ordered by Commander Veed at 1000. The next meeting will be on Saturday September 2, 2017 at 0900.

Eric Veed
Commander

Duane Knutson
Adjutant