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Robert (Bob) B. Greene

Quartermaster General
Veterans of Foreign Wars of
the United States
*National Representative
for Department Convention
June 18 - 21, 2014*

Robert (Bob) Greene was elected Quartermaster General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in April 2012 following the retirement of Larry Maher. Prior to this, Greene served as Assistant Quartermaster General 2005 – 2012, Director/Chief Information Officer 2001 – 2005, Director of Finance and Human Resources 1996 – 2001, Director of Purchasing and Life Membership 1985 – 1996 and Accounting Office Manager 1978 - 1985.

He is a native of Kansas City, Mo., and attended school there before joining the United States Army in 1970. His tour of duty was spent in Vietnam, where he served in a 101st Airborne

light weapons infantry unit. For service in Vietnam, he was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star, an Air Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Following military service, Greene attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City and earned a degree in business administration in 1977. He came to work for the VFW national headquarters in 1978.

He is a life member of the VFW National Home and Legacy Life Member of VFW Post 7397 in Lenexa, Kan.

Greene resides in Lenexa with his wife Teresa. They have twin daughters.



Dixie Hild Past National President 2013-2014

*National Representative
for Department Convention
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Past National President Dixie Hild of Omaha, Nebraska, continues to serve the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as Chairman of the National Audit Committee, and a member of the Budget and Advisory Committees.

As National President in 2008-2009, she led the 560,000 members under her theme, *Our Dreams Become Rainbows*.

She is eligible through her husband, Rolland, who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, and is a VFW Past State Commander.

A life member of Herman Godbersen Auxiliary #8334 in Millard, Dixie has served as Auxiliary and District President, and when she was 1994-1995 Department President, she was named Runner-up President of the Year in her membership group.

She has served in numerous other

capacities for the organization, including three terms as Department Chief of Staff. On the National level, she has served as National Aide-de-Camp, Convention Page, Flag Bearer, Youth Activities and Voice of Democracy Director, Buddy Poppy Director, and Big Ten Conference Chairman for the Safety, Legislative and Community Service programs.

Retired after 21 years in insurance and bonding management, and five years in pharmaceutical sales, she holds memberships in the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary, and is a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. She is also active in her community through the Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The Hilds have been married for 46 years. They have one daughter, Kim, a Life Member of Auxiliary 8334; two sons, Greg and Troy, Life Members of VFW 8334; and seven grandchildren.

Mid-Summer Conference

July 12-13, 2014 - Craig VFW 4265

Ask for VFW Rates

Holiday Inn 970-326-6998

Candlewood Suites 970-629-50556

Hampton Inn & Suites 970-826-9900

Best Western Plus 970-824-9282

Valley Vista Inn 970-620-4560

Elk Run Inn 970-826-4444

Saturday 7/12 Workshops

Lunch and Dinner

(need reservations

303-421-1630)

Sunday 7/13 COA

8:30 AM

In Loving Memory Of

Victor “Bud” Peterson VFW Post 2601
Longs Peak 1969-1970
Passed away March 15, 2014

Donald Smith, VFW Post #9669
Rustic Hills
Past Department Commander 2007 - 2008
Passed away March 16, 2014

Dorothy Travinek, Ladies Auxiliary #6616
Capra-DeCanio-Tezak
Past Department President - 1990-1991
Passed away February 11, 2014

Rest In Peace You Work On Earth Is Done - You Will Be Missed

2014 Legislative Conference Action Items

Congress must fully fund the VA. Our nation's financial crisis must never jeopardize the delivery of timely and quality health care. With the imminent return of our warriors, the VA is seriously underfunded. Area such as capital infrastructure, quality primary and specialty staffing, and recovery of third party funds demands continuing evaluation and dynamic actions by the VA.

To improve the *benefits delivery system*, it is imperative that the VA's IT accounts are fully funded. Continued expansion and timely development of e-records systems will compliment and insure the current and future needs of the integrated electronic processing are met. It is up to Congress to provide continuing oversight to ensure that the veteran-centric intent of the law is not violated. Processing claims RIGHT the FIRST time will go far in reducing the claims backlog.

Congress must fund DOD to preserve our *military forces and retiree* earned life styles. Recruiting and weapons development are continually on the budget cutting board. DOD's attempts to pass fee increases with reductions in benefits and entitlements are further results of mismanagement that break the faith with those who gave so much for America's and the whole world's freedoms. It is time for congress and our nation to live up to their promises made and insure they are promises kept. Retirement and adequate health care are earned entitlements, not chips to be taken back.

Veterans' health care must provide quality medical services with adequate staffing to insure access to those health care services, emphasis on suicide prevention, gender-specific treatment for women, care giver benefits for

veterans of all eras, and reduction in veteran's homelessness as part of the continuum of health care. None of these is more important than another but with more veterans being created by congress every day, it is imperative that no veteran or member of his family, is left behind after their sacrifices for our nation.

Every veteran has the right to attain *success after service*. This right involves elimination of the cultural divide between the military and civilian employees. To achieve this, veterans should be allowed to attend public schools at the in-state rate regardless of residency factors. Fully implementing the TAP facets will insure access during readjustment to civilian life. Primary understanding of their rights and responsibilities under USERA, DOL tracking hiring and retention of veterans and bridging the gap between career-ready military forces and their civilian counterparts is required.

During the conference, each member of the Colorado Congressional delegation or their aide was briefed on these VFW concerns. Our primary purpose was to remind Congress that **OUR NATION IS STILL AT WAR.**

We have 38,000 men and women stationed inside Afghanistan fighting to ensure the country doesn't become a terrorist training ground again. We have another 30,000 stationed in South Korea helping to preserve a 61- year-old cease fire that is looking more and more tenuous., We have tens of thousands more service members stationed abroad helping to bring peace and stability, and humanitarian assistance when and where it's needed.

Warren Tellgren
State Federal Legislative Chairman

Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

May 4	Dean K Phillips #5061	Denver
11	So Denver #2461	Denver
18	John S Stewart #1	Denver
25	Joseph J Jacques #7945	Thornton
June 1	Verle Huffman #9644	Sheridan
8	Paul A Westover #3471	Morrison
15	Retired Enlisted Assoc. (TREA #3)	
22	Dean K Phillips #5061	Denver
29	Englewood #322	Englewood
July 6	Skyline #2797	Denver
13	Mile High #1771	Lafayette
20	Pat Hannon #4666	Littleton
27	Dean K Phillips #5061	Denver

Please plan to bring 3 dozen doughnuts and some sugar free goodies, like cookies, croissants or bagels with cream cheese. Bring enough for both services. Coffee will be supplied to the Hosts, and you may bring juice or fruits if you wish. If you are unable to keep your assigned date, please work out a trade and then call, Betty Melsen at 303-237-6646 IN ADVANCE.

MAY DISTRICT MEETINGS

NO.	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
1	5/17/14 Saturday	Post No. 501 Denver	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow Election/Installation	Kirk Rosa Caroline Gelatt
2	5/10/14 Saturday	Post No. 3641 Pueblo	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow Election/Installation	Jim Lafferty Gloria Otwell
3	5/18/14 Sunday	Post No. 2585 Johnstown	12:00 noon Meal 1:00 pm Meeting Election/Installation	Jim Mauck Martine Arndt
4	5/04/14 Sunday	Post No. 2551 Fort Morgan	12:00 noon Meal 1:00 pm Meeting Election/Installation	Ron Davies
8	5/17/14 Saturday	Post No. 3820 Salida	12:00 noon Meal 1:00 pm Meeting Installation of Officers	Warren Tellgren Linda Reinpold
10	5/18/14 Sunday	Post No. 4171 Golden	1:00 pm (Election of Officers) Dinner and Installation	Bruce Dolan
11	5/4/14 Sunday	Post No. 4663 Clifton	9:00 am Registration 10:00 am Memorial Service 11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow/Election/Installation	Allan Stone Linda Reinpold
12	5/4/14 Sunday	Post No. 5181 Dove Creek	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow/(Election & Installation)	Pete Buchanan

Mother's Day is May 11th

Thank You Colorado

I wish to thank all the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members that have taken the time to send me Thinking of You cards, phone calls and show of concern during my Hospital stay. I am now home, but still dealing with health problems. Every day when the mail came, I thanked God that I belonged to the VFW, which is the most caring organization. Thank you!

Dick Adamson
VFW Post 8661

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POST & AUXILIARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR WILL BE MOVING.

NAME: _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ VFW POST NO. _____

NOTE: YOUR RETURN ADDRESS IS ON THE BACK SIDE
OF THIS NOTICE.

MAIL TO: DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO VFW,
1400 CARR ST., LAKEWOOD, CO 80214

THANK YOU
EDITOR

Commander's Column Kirk Rosa



I want to start by thanking the Department of Colorado for all the hard work that has been accomplished this year. We have more to do. Mem-

bership is doing good, most of the Post are thriving. My team and I have been busy. We have been traveling around to the districts working with Posts that need help, helping to resolve problems, the State Assist Service Officer has been traveling with us, working with Veterans to file claims for benefits.

We have worked hard to have a balanced budget for the Department. We had to cut some things, make some changes to accomplish this. We have worked real well with the Ladies Auxiliary, the Men's Auxiliary, the Cooties and the Warriors to raise funds and accomplish our goals for this year. We had the Black Forest Fire, the Wolf Creek fire (many of our comrades lost their homes or had damage or had to evacuate). We had the floods up north and down in the Manitou Springs area (Colorado Springs area) that took a toll on a lot of our members. We had a Post that was flooded. Fortunately we were able to get funds for both the fire disaster and the flood disaster. We were assisted by other Departments, as they

sent us donations that helped us help our membership. Overall it has been a good, but a tough year with all that has happened. We have pulled together to try to resolve all the problems.

In a month and a half, our State Convention will convene. The dates are from 18 to 22 June. The convention city is Montrose Colorado this year. All the forms and you need to get registered is on the Department web page at www.vfwcolodept.org. I hope to see all of you there. It is a great city and they are rolling out the welcome mat for us.

I want to thank a few individuals. Most importantly, Post Commanders and District Commanders. My Team, Jim Lafferty, Pete Buchanan, Bruce Dolan, Ron Davies, Allan Stone, Ed Aitken, all the Chairperson for the various committees, and programs. They all worked hard this year. Ann Mauck and Rita Fama for all the hard work they have done. One really does not know what they really do unless you are in the office and see for yourself. I can only ask that everyone work hard for the new State Commander as you did for me. Remember our troops serving and those in harms way.

Kirk Rosa
State Commander

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Really? Really? Are we really closing VFW Posts? Are we really closing clubs our veterans rely on to help them conduct the business of their lives? Yes we are!!!!

Why? Because we have scoundrels, schiesters, and self serving thieves in our Organization who chose to take advantage of a cheap chance to tell our Vets---screw you, I'm for me!

I let it be known at last year's Convention, send in a silly Audit, I'll question it. Send in another and you may get a visit.

We are counting 5 Posts being closed, and the list is not done. I will tell you now, State Commander Rosa and myself will file criminal complaints against anyone we find to do wrong doing against the VFW. Really, do you want to steal from your Comrades?

Bruce Dolan
State Quartermaster

Surgeon's Column Allan Stone



This is my last article in the Colorado Veteran as your Department Surgeon. It has been a pleasure to serve you, the comrades of Colorado, as your Department Surgeon.

I continue to visit the Colorado State Veterans Nursing Homes and went to the State Veterans Nursing Home at Fitzsimons in Aurora. Fitzsimons is the newest Veterans Nursing Home opening in October 2002. The facility has 180 operating beds, including a 21-bed Alzheimer's unit and a 24-bed rehabilitation unit. All facility beds are licensed for Medicare A. Colorado's State Veterans Homes serve honorably discharged veterans, veterans'

spouses/widows and "Gold-Star" parents, any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces.

In March the Veterans Administration (VA) celebrated its 25th anniversary as a cabinet-level department. Today, VA operates 151 medical centers, 103 residential rehabilitation treatment programs, 820 community-based outpatient clinics, 300 Vet Centers, and 131 national cemeteries. The new Denver replacement hospital project is now 42 completed.

I look forward to visiting with you at the State Convention in Montrose, June 18 - 21. Let's all work together to support and honor veterans!

Allan Stone
State Surgeon

Sr. Vice Column Jim Lafferty



This year is drawing to a close and we are not doing to bad an membership. We do need to work on our continuous members and get them

back in. What with the new dues increase I am sure a lot of them are unhappy about it. The way to avoid the increase is to become a life member. If you look at what you pay-out each year as a continuous member and then look at what a life membership is, you can see that in the long run you would be saving money plus you would help your post with a pay

out each year.

I believe that we have accomplished a lot this year, but we still have things to do. We did close some posts, but they were not getting things done. We will continue to see things like this for our next year. All we need to do is go by the Policy and Procedure manual and there will not be any problems.

I hope to see all of you in Montrose for the State convention coming up in June.

Working for ALL Veterans.

Jim Lafferty
State Sr. Vice Commander

Jr. Vice Column Peter Buchanan



First off I want to wish all the new officers nominees, VFW and all Auxiliaries, a successful 2014-2015 year. I thank each of you for accepting a leadership roll in our

elite organization. It is my hope you will follow the motto I have held close as I go through the chairs, "focusing on veterans". It has served me well in times when the business side of the VFW seems to take over and we set aside our true mission to help each other and all veterans.

You all have heard about our mission on Capitol Hill this year at the March National Legislative Conference. The VFW's theme this year to your elected officials is "Our Nation is Still at War". It was an honor to represent each of you and speak for you to Senator Bennett and Udall's offices. Commander Rosa and I headed one team at the Senate while PDC Tellgren headed the team to speak at the House. We dropped off our 2014 Advocacy in Action booklet as well as other material put together by PDC Tellgren.

By the time you read this the VFW Washington Staff will have testified before all

four House Veteran's Affairs Subcommittees on an array of pending bills on credentialing gaps, vocational rehabilitation, education and employment, PTSD treatments, improvements in MST care and legislation on construction at VA medical centers.

I am honored to serve each of you as your State Jr. Vice Commander. I am looking forward to our State Convention in Montrose where I hope to earn your support in my advancement in the chairs to State Sr. Vice Commander. Hope you will attend your VFW State Convention June 18th through June 21st.

Finally, it needs to be our continuous focus to get our homeless veterans off the streets. In a recent article in the DAV magazine it was reported the number of homeless veterans is on the decline. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki said in a statement that the VA is "not going to rest until every veteran who has fought for America has a home in America". Enough said, it should motivate each of us to continue with our "focusing on veterans".

Peter Buchanan
State Jr. Vice Commander

Chaplain's Column Ed Aitken



Greetings Comrades and Sisters

It was great to see those that could attend the Council of Administration in Fort Morgan. It is always a pleasure to visit and catch up

with what is happening in your world. There was great training filled with lots of information.

As Chaplain of our post we have many Duties and Responsibilities to our comrades and their families, so be prepared, in a non-sectarian manner, to listen to your fellow comrades and provide aid and spiritual comfort in times of stress, sickness, or bereavement. The words and assistance you offer may be the only thing

that brings them though the difficult time they are experiencing.

One of the great pleasures that I have as Chaplain is the visitations to the Veterans in the senior homes and hospitals in my area. It is amazing to see a WWII Veteran that is slumped over in his chair, sit up proudly when you introduce yourself as a Chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and as you listen to his stories see the glimmer return to his eyes. Listening to their stories I now know why they are known as the Greatest Generation.

When words are spoken, the meaning is not in the words alone, but in the emphasis, the phrasing, and the expression given to those words.

Edward T. Aitken
State Chaplain

**2014 - 2015 Theme
Voice of Democracy Theme**

"Why Veterans are Important to our Nation's History and Future"

**2014-2015 Theme
Patriot's Pen Theme**

"Why I Appreciate America's Veterans"

Department of Colorado, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214

General Orders No. 4
May 1, 2014 **Series 2013-2014**

1. **94th DEPARTMENT CONVENTION** will be held in Montrose, June 18th through 21st. The Council of Administration will meet at 6:00 pm, June 18th at the Friendship Hall. All Council Members are requested to attend!! Uniform for the Convention will be: Council of Administration - casual; Joint Opening - Blues & Greys; Business Sessions - Black & White; Joint Memorial - Dark Suit or Blues & Greys.

2. **POST QUARTERMASTERS:** Request the assistance of your members in completing the list of deceased members form and return to Department Headquarters no later than May 16, 2014.

3. **DISTRICT COMMANDERS** must attend Council of Administration meeting June 18th at State Convention in Montrose, CO. You must also be present at ALL Business Sessions to receive your full travel expense check plus per diem for your motel room.

4. **REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT** from 2013-2014 Council Members between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, must be submitted in writing and approved by the State Commander. If not submitted by July 11, 2014, the request will not be paid.

5. **DISTRICT AND POST ELECTION REPORTS:** It is the responsibility of the membership to insist that the responsible officer reports the elections of officers to Department immediately after the election is completed. If not sent to Department Headquarters by July 1, 2014, your officers will be omitted from the Department Roster.

6. **POSTS SHOULD ARRANGE SPECIAL CEREMONIES** and all Commanders shall alert comrades to their obligations for appropriate commemoration of the following outstanding action dates in U.S. History: May 8th, VE Day; June 6th, D Day; June 14th, Flag Day. It is requested that all Posts and their members honor Memorial Day on May 31st.

7. **DELEGATE FEE NOTICES** are being sent to each Post Quartermaster. Fee must be paid to Department Headquarters prior to State Convention or your vote will not be accepted. Post Commander Delegate Card will be mailed to the Post Commander.

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ Bruce R. Dolan
Bruce R. Dolan
State Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:
/s/ Kirk R. Rosa
Kirk R. Rosa
State Commander

WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME

To me the first thing America means is Freedom--Freedom in speech, in action, and in thought. America gives me the right to think and to voice any thoughts that I might have concerning any topic and it leaves me free to choose my own paths and follow them in the way I see fit. America gives me the right to live my life and make it into the pattern I choose. America is the keyword to prosperity, health and happiness. If I am to be prosperous I must take advantage of the great things She offers--education, religion, the right to vote--in short, the Bill of Rights found in our National Constitution--and, with my good health, gain that for which every human is searching--happiness.

The word "America" suggests Democracy and Democracy gives me, the citizen, a right to help choose our country's leaders and to have a voice in making and enforcing our laws, for it is through these leaders that the people act. Democracy is the voice of the people, rich or poor, tramp or business executive, each have equal rights and are Americans.

America is the land of opportunities. Each day as the field of opportunities widen here in America, the war in Europe is lessening opportunities for the young men and women whose country is at war. Their education is being neglected while America offers its youth Kindergarten and College. Work is another opportunity--work to make food, clothing, and to occupy our minds and our hands. We work to gain wealth, to get food,

and to make our country a still better place in which to live. Not because someone is telling us we must.

God gave us America and America gives us the right to worship Him as we so desire. America offers diversions. We have the radio, the newspaper, the moving pictures, and any number of sports. We also have the time required to make use of them. Nothing is barred or banned. We are allowed to read, hear, or see anything that might concern us. Any American has the reasons and the privilege to say as Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "I see no reason why I should bow my head to man, or cringe in my demeanor."

America's Army and Navy afford protection against any Foreign Nation that might want to harm Americans. Doctors are continually protecting us from disease. We can feel safe and secure in America.

America will always have new opportunities, new thoughts, new problems to be solved and new methods by which to solve them. All this makes America a land of promise.

America is my home and, like home, it offers shelter, food, clothing, love, and happiness. What home means to anyone, that is what America means to me!!

*By Rose Ellen Ison,
Platner High School,
1944 Senior Year,
First Place Winner of the
Voice of Democracy Contest*

Donations are needed for Denver VA Coffee Admissions

It takes \$1,500 per month to support this program
That comes to \$18,000 a year to purchase coffee, cups, lids, etc.

Coffee is served Monday thru Friday all year long to veterans
that come to the Denver VA for appointments.

All donations are to be sent to Department Headquarters
earmarked Denver VA Coffee Admissions.

State Convention Buddy Poppy Display Contest

A Buddy Poppy Display Contest will again be held in connection with the State Convention. Rules have been designed to put emphasis on the **purpose and effectiveness** of the displays.

rules

(1). Displays will be presented and judged in four categories:

CATEGORY 1 Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign.

(Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.)

(a). Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW Buddy Poppy

(b). At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 2 Memorial or Inspirational Displays

(Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes)

(a). Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy.

(b). At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 3 Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies

(Post Home displays, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)

(a). Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3.

(b). At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 4 Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Jr. Units)

(a). Display must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy.

(b). At least one of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

The State Buddy Poppy Committee shall have no responsibility in setting up, taking down, or returning displays. Displays may be entered and set up at any time from 7:30 a.m. Thursday June 19th. Displays shall be set up in space provided in the Convention exhibit or meeting halls. At the time the display is set up, the responsible person must complete an entry form which will show the category of competition, the number of Poppies used, the purpose of the display, the use to which it has been put and plans for future use, the Post and/or Auxiliary number and location, and the name of the person who will dismantle and remove the display at the close of the Convention. Displays may be accompanied by a white card, not to exceed 4 inches by 6 inches in size, on which is lettered in black ink an explanation of the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewer or the judges. Post name, number or location may not be visible on display entries; failure to comply will result in disqualification.

judging

Judging of displays will be on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of Poppies used. Where a sample of a large number of identical items (such as corsages or wreaths) is entered, full credit shall be given for the total number of Poppies used.

prizes

Plaques will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each of the four categories. Plaques will be awarded at the Military Banquet when the winners are announced.

First Place Winners in each Category

First Place winners in each category will be eligible to be taken to National Convention in St Louis, MO and be entered in their respective category. Entry forms must be signed by the Department Adjutant. If someone from your Post or Auxiliary is not taking the entry to National Convention, you must designate someone to be responsible to set up and take down the display at National Convention.



Rose Ellen Ison Vogelpohl was honored at the Americanism Program at Pioneer VFW Post 2121, Greeley, for her Voice of Democracy speech written as a high school senior at Platner High School in 1944. A certificate and framed copy of her speech, "What America Means to Me" was presented to her. Rose has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary since 1945. L-R: Rose Naughton, Raedene Miller, Rose Vogelpohl, and Glenna Medina.

2014-2015 Council Meetings

July 12 - 13, 2014 Craig

November 1 - 2, 2014 Pueblo West

March 28 - 29, 2015 Loveland

Subject to Change

VFW Post Membership by District as of May 1, 2014

Number/ City	2013	2014	%	Number/City	2013	2014	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	925	831	90	859 Leadville	44	42	95
501 Denver	378	362	96	1166 Buena Vista	170	153	90
2461 Denver	178	212	119*	3820 Salida	110	100	91
2797 Denver	65	72	111*	8661 Bailey	160	160	100*
3971 Denver	100	96	96	10721 Minturn	97	90	93
5061 Denver	414	445	107*	11411 Lake George	46	46	100*
TOTAL	2060	2018	98%	12009 Conifer	117	118	100*
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
61 Pueblo	96	92	96	2371 Walden	32	30	94
984 Trinidad	72	62	86	4264 Steamt Spgs	92	98	107*
2788 Penrose	86	99	115*	4265 Craig	142	137	96
3641 Ft. Collins	104	89	86	5261 Rangely	20	16	80
4061 Canon City	411	364	89	5843 Meeker	49	49	100*
5812 Pueblo West	204	228	112*	9374 Kremmling	44	41	93
7305 Colo. City	50	45	90	9471 Hayden	9	11	122*
8898 Boone	50	44	88	TOTAL	388	382	98%
12063 Westcliffe	44	43	98	DISTRICT #10			
TOTAL	1117	1066	95%	322 Englewood	124	129	104*
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	322	309	96	784 Montrose	150	151	101*
807 Boulder	61	52	85	1247 Grnd Jctn	331	310	94
1771 Lafayette	346	344	99	3571 Delta	70	71	101*
1781 Ft. Collins	323	317	98	3981 Grnd Jctn	137	119	87
2121 Greeley	203	184	91	4663 Clifton	89	94	106*
2585 Johnstown	110	117	106*	5485 Parachute	52	48	92
2601 Longmont	473	436	92	9221 Cedaredge	130	115	88
2841 Brighton	181	161	89	9304 Rifle	32	34	106*
4334 Ault	79	78	99	9333 Hotchkiss	34	31	91
6011 Platteville	76	70	92	TOTAL	1025	973	95%
6624 Evans	326	327	100*	DISTRICT #12			
7206 Louisville	33	25	76	4031 Durango	252	235	93
9565 Broomfield	137	130	95	5181 Dove Creek	57	54	95
9741 Dacono	51	50	98	5231 Mancos	190	176	93
TOTAL	2721	2600	96%	9058 Nucla	28	27	96
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	291	264	91	3411 Kit Carson	25	27	108*
3378 Yuma	69	68	99	6491 Burlington	85	83	98
3541 Sterling	121	108	89	6612 Hugo	51	48	94
3551 Brush	40	40	100*	9491 Deer Trail	23	21	91
3951 Ovid	29	29	100*	9700 Chynn Wlls	36	35	97
3961 Otis	26	25	96	TOTAL	220	214	97%
4191 Crook	23	23	100*	DISTRICT #6			
4671 Wray	67	64	96	336 Ordway	117	104	89
6482 Holyoke	65	60	92	2411 LasAnimas	111	106	95
7153 Fleming	42	38	90	3621 Lamar	59	62	105*
8064 Akron	48	44	92	4001 Springfield	48	48	100*
TOTAL	821	763	93%	4091 Rocky Ford	64	62	97
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #7			
101 Colo. Spgs.	471	503	107*	899 Alamosa	146	129	88
3917 Security	731	672	92	3228 Monte Vista	39	39	100*
4051 Colo. Spgs	770	717	93	4849 La Jara	69	64	93
5221 Calhan	100	103	103*	6101 San Luis	75	77	103*
6051 Wdln Park	44	42	95	8121 Del Norte	61	62	102*
6461 Fountain	293	299	102*	TOTAL	390	371	95%
7829 Monument	164	113	69	2014 dues are now DUE.			
9669 Colo. Spgs.	66	59	89	Be 100% +1 in 2014			
10649 Elizabeth	49	42	86	Have You Paid Yours??			
TOTAL	2688	2550	95%				
DISTRICT #6				15006 MAL 2298 2342 97%			
TOTAL DEPT 18803 18025 99%							

COLORADO MEMBERSHIP PLAN 2013 - 2014

As of the writing we have 32 VFW Posts that have achieved 100%. We will be awarding up to 18 VFW Post Commander's for All State Commander at State Convention, BUT you must be 100%+1 to qualify. The entry form is in your Commander's Leadership Book. It has to be into Department Headquarters by May 7, 2014.

The Department stands at 96%, and we need 875 members to be 100%. For National Awards you have to be 85% in retention of continuous members to qualify for All American. Be sure and check and re-check and get a list of your unpaids. Have someone call them to see if they will pay their dues, or see if there is a reason that they can't afford to pay their dues. If there is a reason that they cannot afford to pay, you can take it out of your relief fund. Set up a membership Drive to help, which I hope you have already done.

Please work membership so we can be an All American Department again!
Good Luck and we will see you in Montrose.

Jim Mauck
aka: Dr Fat Albert
303-588-7518
colofatalbert@outlook.com

VFW Men's Auxiliary Report 2013 - 2014

We are down, a lot, on membership in the Men's Auxiliary Units. Officers, you need to form a membership committee and call on the unpaid members and see why they are not paying their dues. Remember your Dues are the same as your Post. Your Post Dues did not change, National VFW added a \$10 fee to their dues and this DID NOT affect the Dues for the Men's Auxiliaries. Out of the Dues that you collect, \$10 is to be sent to Department Headquarters and the rest is yours. When you send your Dues with the Department card, please note if that member has had a change of address. If Department does not have the correct address for each member, they will not receive the Colorado Veteran, it will go to the wrong address and that is a waste of postage. So please send in a change of address when needed.

Don't forget to send in your Quarterly Audit Reports, Election Reports and by now all of you should have already been inspected by your Post Commander and a report sent to Department Headquarters. I will be reviewing your files to see that this is all recorded at Department Headquarters.

Don't forget to report your Community Service. There is a form you can print, if you need one, www.vfwcolodept.org. I will be giving awards to 1, 2, & 3 place at State Convention in Montrose. Hope you see you there.

Jim Mauck
Men's Auxiliary Liaison Chairman
aka: Dr Fat Albert

Department Service Office Fundraiser
2014 Calendar Raffle is now in process
Contact your District Commander
Every day is a winner!!

Spring Sweepstakes were mailed the middle of February 2014
Have you returned your stubs and a donation?

TAPS


Post 1: Alexander Blanton
Post 101: Donald N. Smith PDC
Post 322: Russell Underhill, Naspa Shultz
Post 336: Theodore Valdez
Post 501: F. D. Barta
Post 807: Wes Brown, Richard Hayes
Post 859: Gene Brower
Post 984: Elviro Garduno
Post 2121: Hewitt Crow, Millard Dilsaver, Robert Doerr, Chester Fason, Orlando Hill, Walter Miller
Post 2585: Clyde Bejarano, Harry Koch
Post 2601: Victor Peterson PDC
Post 2841: Harvey J. Ehrlich
Post 3411: William V. Colvin, Clarence R. Getman
Post 3631: Kenneth Niblick
Post 3820: Leo R. Kay, George K. Prager
Post 3917: Howard Huffman
Post 3981: Tony Garibay, Lance Clark, Ray Dionne, Earnest Chapman, Granville Meadors, Jack Lucas
Post 4001: Billy Cheek
Post 4051: Paul Kile, Ed Magariner, Michael Dassero, Sylvester Poulos, Alfred Norris, William Meyer, George Lash, Gerald Gerber, Lee Matoush, Don Kilgore, Rodney Hammond, Joe Schulz, James O'Dell, Raymond Coffin, Elmer Bolz, Allan Boyce
Post 4444: Harold Leepart
Post 4666: Kenneth Neiman, Charles Pippitt, William Benson, Cyril H. Slavic, Harry B. Johnson, Howard Flomberg, Allan Mann
Post 5485: Rusty R. Caldwell
Post 6612: Lucus N. Hobson, Joseph C. Clark
Post 9221: Melvin Hofer
Post 11411: Lawrence E. Jantz

Colorado VFW was 100.28% by June 30, 2013

THANK YOU

We can do it again in 2014

Please Pay Your 2014 Dues



Delectable Omelet Bar

Hosted by the Western Conference Team

With all proceeds to help support the Open House Hospitality room at the Ladies Auxiliary Western Conference in Colorado Springs Oct. 16-17- 18, 2014

Serving 8:30am—11:30am Dates & Places for Omelet Bars are April 27th VFW Post 9644 --- June 29th VFW Post 7945 – July 27th at VFW Post 7945
Thanks to these post for allowing our group to host the events.

Delicious Omelets



Expertly made by Ron Lattin assisted by our friendly crew

3 Egg Omelet along with a choice of Ham, Bacon, Onions, Chopped Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Green Peppers, Jalapeno's, Green Chilies, Cheddar Cheese or eggs cook to order with Incredible Homemade Green Chili, Biscuits-light and fluffy, Belgian Waffles-delicious with Fruit toping along with Maple Syrup or Orange Sauce, wonderful Country Sausage Gravy, superb Breakfast Potatoes, Orange Juice & Coffee

Cost \$7.00 per person Children 2-12 \$3.00

Thank You to all that support these endeavors
Ron & Charlotte Lattin

For the office of Surgeon
Department of Colorado

Ed Aitken **2014 - 2015**

Surgeon

Dept. Chaplain 2013-2014
Dept. Hospital Chairman 2013-14
Dept. Fund-raising Chairman 2012-13
Dept. Americanism Chairman 2011-12
Warriors, District 3 Treasurer 2011---
District 3 Commander 2012-13
All State Commander 2010, 2011
Cootie PT-1Member 2013---
Life Member National Home 2012---
VFW Life Member 2009---
Vietnam Veteran
U.S. Army

Candidate for Department Surgeon

Vote **Don McNeely**




- District 10 Commander 2014
- All American Quartermaster 2014
- 6 Years All Veterans HONOR GUARD – Fort Logan National Cemetery
- 2 Years All State Quartermaster
- Grand Commander 2012-13 & Adjutant 2013-2014
- Military Order of the Cooties -
- Trustee Department of Colorado



 Serving as Colorado's Department Surgeon I pledge to Serve our Brothers & Sisters in all the VA Nursing Units, Hospitals & Care Centers wherever they need assistance and personal care.


Elect **Kirk R. Rosa**
Department Judge Advocate
2014-2015



Department Commander 2013-2014
Department Jr. Vice Commander 2012-2013
District 8 Commander 2010-2012
District 8 Jr. Vice Commander 2009-2010
Post 12009 Commander 2004-2010

U. S. Navy 1976-1996 - Retired Chief Petty Officer

Ron Johnson
Candidate for State Chaplain 2014-15



- * US Army Special Forces (Retired)
- * Vietnam Service 1968-69
- * National Deputy Chief of Staff 2011-12
- * Nat'l Aide-de-Camp (Recruiter Class) 2009-10
- * National Aide-de-Camp 2010-11 & 2012-13
- * Dept. Youth Activities Chairman 2012-14
- * Dept. General Resolutions Committee Member 2011-2014

- * District 1 Chaplain 2013-14
- * Post 5061 Multiple Positions 2009-14
- * MOC Grand Commander 2013-14
- * Gold Legacy Life Member
- * Life Member VFW National Home

"All American" District Commander 2012-13
MOC "All*Star" Seam Squirrel PT1 2012-13

MOC Knight Award 2010-11
2012 VIP Member of the "Cambridge Who's Who"
2012 Honored Member of the "Continental Who's Who"

ENDORSED BY
District 1 & Post 5061

- Dedicated & Experienced -



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

This year marks many years of coloring eggs and sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt in Antonito.

Harold (Babes) Abeyta, Anseimo (Chemo) Quintana, Joe Chavez (Commander of #4849), Ed Knecht and numerous members, along with the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and Post #899 Alamosa Jr. Girls all colored eggs on Saturday morning April 19th, and the VFW members hid all the eggs at the Antonito Football field. There were 1,920 eggs colored. It took three minutes for all the eggs to be gathered by the children.

**VFW/Auxiliary State Convention Pre-Registration
Montrose, CO June 18 - 22, 2014**

Mark Affiliation: _____ VFW _____ Ladies Aux _____ Men's Aux _____
(one form per attendee)

Name: _____

Phone# _____ Post# _____

Address: _____

2013-2014 Officer Title: _____

Check the following items you will be paying for with your pre-registration:

Convention Registration: \$15 ea before May 19, 2014
\$20 after May 18th or at the door \$ _____

(includes a ditty bag, ID holder and convention book)

Convention Pin Qty _____ x \$5.00 each \$ _____

Military Banquet & Dance _____ x \$30.00 \$ _____

Main entree: Prime Rib _____ Salmon _____

\$30 per person before May 20th - Note After 20 May 2014 Price will be \$35

Food Allergies? _____

SATURDAY JUNE 21st

Reception for New Officers + Dance Band

VFW Post is asking for a \$5.00 donation for Band or at the door \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: VFW Post 784 Total enclosed \$ _____
P O Box 1211, Montrose CO 81402

Montrose Hotels

- Holiday Inn Express - 1391 S Townsend Ave. 970-240-1800 Headquarters (Code VFW)
- Econo Lodge - 2100 E Main St. 970-240-8000
- Hampton Inn - 1980 N Townsend 970-252-3300
- Super 8 Motel - 1705 E Main Street 970-240-8200
- Canyon Creek B& B - 820 E Main St. 970-249-2886
- County Lodge - 1624 E Main St. 970-249-4567
- Black Canyon Motel - 1605 E Main St. 970-249-3495
- Days Inn - 1417 E Main St 970-249-4507
- Red Arrow Inn - 1702 E Main St 970-249-9641
- Briarwood Inns - 1225 E Main St 970-417-4926
- Affordable Inn - 1480 S. Townsend Ave 970-249-6644

RV Parks

- Cedar Creek RV Park - 126 Rose Lane 970-249-3884
- Jellystone Park - 22045 S Highway 550 970-249-6582
- Kings Riverbend RV Park - 65120 Old Chipeta Trail 970-249-8235

WORKING TOGETHER FOR VETERANS

LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT RAFFLE 2014

JUST A REMINDER LADIES,

IF YOU STILL HAVE TICKET STUBS & MONEY TO SEND IN DEADLINE FOR MAILING IS JUNE 10, 2014.

If anything is sent after this time there may be a chance I will not receive them.

ALSO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS I HAD PRINTED

THIS YEAR ARE LESS THAN LAST YEAR.

SO IF YOU HAVE UNSOLD TICKETS, I NEED THEM ALSO.

PLEASE SEND THEM TO ME OR BRING THEM TO CONVENTION.

I CAN ALWAYS SELL THEM THERE.

You may send your stubs with the money collected OR unsold tickets

TO Glenna Medina; P.O. Box 874, Platteville, CO 80651

Please make checks payable to: LA VFW DEFT. OF CO

Remember these are funds to provide awards to winners in;

Youth Scholarship Programs;

Voice of Democracy; Patriots Pen, Creative Patriotic Art

Booklets of tickets have been distributed to all

Auxiliary Presidents, District Presidents,

Department Officers and Department Chairmen to sell.

ALL Auxiliary members are encouraged to sell tickets.

I have had a tremendous response from our members.

Thank YOU ALL for the work that YOU do.

If you are coming to Convention I look forward to seeing you there.

I will be at the registration desk during convention to take your ticket stubs and money.

It would be great if we could get all the tickets sold and everything turned in

before the convention in Montrose.

With the cooperation of all of our ladies, this raffle will be a great success and

we will have all of the funds we need to support our youth programs.

So go to work ladies, sell those tickets! Time is running out!

Contact me for more information

Glenna E. Medina; Games and Raffle Chairman

PO Box 874; Platteville, CO 80651

970-352-1028 work or 970-381-0137 cell

STATE CONVENTION LADIES AUXILIARY

Hosted By Montrose #784

Wednesday June 18

- 8:00 am Golf Tournament Black Canyon Golf w/lunch
- 8:00 am Fishing Tournament Uncomphrade River w/lunch
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting Friendship Hall
- 12:00 noon-4:00 pm Registration Friendship Hall
- 12:00 noon -2:00 pm Lunch &snacks Friendship Hall
- 2:00 pm State Officers Practice Friendship Hall
- 6:00pm-9:00pm Council of Administration Friendship Hall

Thursday June 19

- 7:00-8:00 am Registration Friendship Hall
- 8:00-12:00 noon Joint Opening Session Friendship Hall
- 12:30 pm---- Dept Presidents Luncheon Red-Barn
- 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Registration Friendship Hall
- 4:30 pm-5:00 pm Joint Memorial Service Friendship Hall
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Joint Memorial Service Friendship Hall
- 7:00 pm-9:30 pm Main in Motion Downtown Montrose
- 7:30 pm-9:00 pm Past Presidents Banquet Red Barn

Friday June 20

- 7:00 am-8:00 am Past District President's Breakfast Two Sisters
- 8:00am-10:00 am Registration Friendship Hall
- 8:30am----- Business Session Friendship Hall
- 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Open Houses-Caucuses Friendship Hall fairgrounds
- 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Military Banquet Montrose Pavilion

Saturday June 21

- 7:00 am-8:00am Past Auxiliary President's Breakfast Fire House
- 7:00am-8:15am Registration Friendship Hall
- 8:30 am Business session/Election Friendship Hall
- 3:00 pm Patriotic Rally
- 6:00pm Joint Installation of Officers Friendship Hall
- State President/Commander Cocktail reception to follow Holiday Inn Express
- Installation Dance (after Installation) Holiday Inn Express

Sunday June 22

- 9:00 am 2014-2015 Ladies Officers Breakfast Holiday Inn Express
- 10:00 am VFW Warrior Ride Start Holiday Inn Express

**Buddy Poppy Display and Community Activities Books Room TBA
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Service Officer Claims Warrior Resource Center
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Men's Auxiliary Friendship Hall
- 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Council of Administration Friendship Hall

Thursday June 19

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am Registration Friendship Hall
- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Joint Opening Session Friendship Hall
- 12:30 pm Dept Commanders Luncheon Holiday Inn Express
- 1:00 pm General Resolutions Friendship Hall
- 1:00 pm Service/Rehab Resolutions Friendship Hall
- 1:00 pm Time & Place Committee Friendship Hall
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm VFW Warriors meeting Warrior Resource Center
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Registration Friendship Hall
- 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm Joint Memorial Service Friendship Hall

Friday June 20

- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Joint Memorial Service Friendship Hall
- 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Main in Motion Downtown Montrose
- 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Past Commander's Banquet Holiday Inn Express

Friday June 20

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am District Commander Elect & District Sr. Vice Elect Breakfast (by invitation only) Holiday Inn Express
- And All American Breakfast
- 8:00 am - 10:00 am Registration Friendship Hall
- 8:30 am - 11:00 am Business Session Friendship Hall
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Subject to Change**

Convention Book Ad Deadline May 21st, 2014



Auxiliary News

Published by the Ladies Auxiliary
to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Colorado

Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



Presidents's Column Linda Stahly



Howdy! Sisters and fellow VFW members.

It is hard to believe that this is my last article to you as Department President of the Ladies Auxiliary. Where has the year gone? It seems like yesterday that we got

started on this journey. This has been a very busy and eventful year and I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to each of you for your support, friendship and sisterhood throughout this year.

By the time you read this article the deadlines for the programs will have come and gone and I hope that each and everyone of you reported on all the things that you have done throughout the year and we will have 100% reporting. I know that we have some great sisters as Presidents out there and I wish each and everyone of you good luck it receiving All State Presidents but I know that all of you deserve that award THANK YOU!

Remember though all the reports are sent in now our year does not end on all things, especially MEMBERSHIP, also continue to support Cancer aid and Research and Support our Veterans. Our reporting on those do not end until June 30, 2014.

As I have traveled around this beautiful State, and across the country, I am reminded everyday of why I took on this challenge. Every Day I see another Veteran and their family, and active duty and remember that 1% that have taken care of our Freedom that need our help in



one way or another. It is very important to me and I know it is too you as well that we let our legislators know that it is the Veterans that fought and gave the Freedom to all of us.

It was an honor and I want to thank each and everyone of you, to be able to represent Colorado at the Mid-Winter conference and get the medallion for our State being 91% in membership. The trip was wonderful and I didn't fall off the boat or get sick. Ha! Ha! Thank You again.

It was also a great honor to escort our Voice of Democracy Winner in Washington D.C. and hear the wonderful speeches. I know that the judges had a difficult time judging them as they were all so well done. We also had the experience of talking to all of the State Congressmen and go to the Congressional Veterans Committee meeting which was well attended and they did listen so hopefully we expressed they need to support our Veterans and Active Duty military.

To the incoming officers I pledge that I will help and support in any way that I can and I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Thank You again Colorado for your support for the last few years and I will continue to work right along with each and everyone of you for our Veterans. You will all have a very special place in my heart forever.

“Rounding up Hope Working Together
for Veterans”

Loyally Yours
Linda L. Stahly

**Pueblo West Ladies Auxiliary 5812
Proudly Endorses
Linda Reinpold
for Department Jr. Vice President
2014-2015**

Chairman for her local Auxiliary and in past years has been a District Patriot's Pen and Teacher Awards Chairman.

Linda has been a member of the Pueblo West Auxiliary for 13 years. During that time, she has been a dedicated member who is willing to share her knowledge and experience of the Ladies Auxiliary either every Auxiliary member. We believe she will serve proudly and her sisters at Pueblo West 5812 are honored to endorse Linda for Department Jr. Vice President and we now ask you to support for in the upcoming election of officers.

Audrey Quick, President



Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

This letter is to announce Gloria Otwell as candidate for the position of Senior Vice President for the Department of Colorado. Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917 Ladies Auxiliary is requesting your support and vote in the upcoming election to be held at this year's State Convention hosted by VFW Post 784 in Montrose, Colorado. During this past year, Gloria has had the privilege to serve as your Department Chaplain and is now looking forward to the privilege of representing you as Department Sr Vice President. She has traveled the beautiful State of Colorado getting to know many of you personally. She is humbled by the hard work and sacrifice each of you give to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, in service to our veterans and families.

Gloria has honorably served as our auxiliary Secretary, Treasurer, and President. During her tenure, she gained a tremendous amount of knowledge about our programs. She has served at the Auxiliary and District levels as Scholarship Chairman and Veterans and Family Support Chairman for several years, and as Department Voice of Democracy and



We the sisters of Adamson-Warmuth Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post #6624 proudly stand behind in support of Caroline Gelatt on her journey through the Colorado Department Office Chairs. Caroline became a member of our Auxiliary in 1999 when she joined under the eligibility of her husband, David Gelatt, who is a Vietnam Era and Persian Gulf War Veteran. She is proud of her husband who retired from the Navy in 1993 after serving 20 years.

After 9/11 Caroline realized that she had a passion deep within her heart to support our veterans past and present especially since her younger brother, by then, had made his choice to make the Army a his career. It is this passion that led to her becoming a life member in 2001 as a birthday present to herself. Over the last ten years she has held numerous elected and appointed chairmanships at local, district and department level. She has served as our Auxiliary President and as District 3 President twice. She received recognition as Outstanding District President in 2011-2012. She is currently

**Cheyenne Mountain VFW Ladies
Auxiliary 3917
Proudly endorse
GLORIA OTWELL
For
Department Senior Vice President
2014-2015**

Patriot's Pen Chairman, Department Veterans and Family Support Chairman and Courtesy Chairman. By working side by side with our Department Officers, she has witnessed their dedication and continues to be a contributing member of this team.

The Army brought the Otwell family to Colorado in 1991. Gloria retired after working for the Department of Defense and United States Air Force Academy for the more than 22 years. She is devoted to her family while continuing to serve our veterans and their families. As a proud wife of an Iraqi Freedom Veteran and after the many years spent working with officer candidates, you can be assured that her dedication to the Veterans of Foreign Wars is sincere. She will graciously represent our organization to the very best of her ability. Our auxiliary sisters at Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917 have pledged their full support of her candidacy. We now ask for your vote for Gloria Otwell for Department Senior Vice President in the upcoming election.

Respectfully,
Kathleen Boatman, President
Holly Buchwalter, Secretary

**Adamson-Warmuth Ladies
Auxiliary #6624 & District #3
proudly endorse
Caroline Gelatt
for
Department Chaplain
2014-2015**

the VAVS Associate Representative for the Cheyenne VA hospital and has held this position for seven years. She has dedicated herself to serve and support all veterans and their families through the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and as well as her community through her work with a local nonprofit agency.

Caroline has always had the unwavering support of her husband and her family. It is through their encouragement that led her to stepping up last year during our Department Convention to accept the position of Department Guard. If you ask her, she will tell you there is still much for her to learn but with your trust and support she will be able to do so. Please help support our sister and friend Caroline Gelatt, as she continues on her journey as she advances through the department chairs and elect to have her as 2014-2015 Department of Colorado Chaplain. May God Bless each of you and we thank you for your consideration.

Gayle Stockwell
Auxiliary President

**Hope to see everyone in Montrose June 18 - 21, 2014
State Convention Time**

**Have you sent in your Pre-Registration for State Convention?
Send it now and save money!!**

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Colorado

General Orders #4 May 2014

GENERAL ORDERS MUST BE
READ AT THE FIRST MEETING
FOLLOWING RECEIPT

1. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LINDA STAHLY'S SPECIAL PROJECT IS "COMBAT COWBOY UP". Send your contributions to Department Treasurer Colleen Rylant earmarked "Department President's Special Project."

2. DEPARTMENT CONVENTION will be in Montrose, Colorado on June 18-21, 2014. Linda's Blue shirt with navy pants will be the dress for council members for the COA on June 18, 2014. The dress for Counsel Members for Friday's Ladies Auxiliary opening session will be Black & White. White shirts with a red, white and blue scarf and dark pants or skirts will be the dress for the Saturday Business Meeting.

3. DEPT CONVENTION CREDENTIALS for Department Officers, District Presidents and Past Department Presidents will be mailed directly to them. CREDENTIALS for Ladies Auxiliary Presidents and Delegates will be mailed to the Ladies Auxiliary President by the Department Secretary. There are no credentials for Alternate Delegates. It will be necessary for the Ladies Auxiliary PRESIDENT and SECRETARY to sign the credentials and affix the Ladies Auxiliary Seal BEFORE the credentials are given to Delegates.

4. DIXIE HILD, Past National President, will be the National Representative for Convention.

5. FOURTH QUARTER AUDITS covering the months of April, May and June shall be conducted during the month of July with both the outgoing and incoming Treasurers and Trustees present. A copy of this Audit must be mailed to the Department Treasurer no later than July 30. The Audit Report is called for under Reports of Committees (page 16 of the Ritual)

and is the ONLY REPORT accepted by a motion.

6. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN need to have their type-written convention book reports to the Department Secretary, JoAnne Jacobs no later than May 28, 2014.

7. NATIONAL CONVENTION will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, July 19-23, 2014. Schedule and additional information may be found on the National Website (www.ladiesauxvfw.org) or the May issue of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Magazine. Delegates and Alternates shall have been elected at the APRIL meeting. One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Ladies Auxiliary on the date of election of Delegates. The Ladies Auxiliary Secretary shall enter the names of the Delegates and Alternates online prior to June 1, 2014. If the Secretary is unable to do this, please send your delegates to Department Secretary JoAnne Jacobs. Ladies Auxiliary election reports MAY also be entered online by the Ladies Auxiliary Secretary or submitted to the Department Secretary for online entry. A Delegate's or Alternate's credential will be printed on the member's convention name badge at the Registration Kiosks. Every member attending the National Convention will need to have her current membership card in her possession for registration.

8. 2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP YEAR does not end until June 30, 2014. All Ladies Auxiliaries are urged to collect New Member Dues, 2014 continuous dues and reinstates to meet our 100% Membership Goal for 2013-2014 and submit them immediately to the Department Treasurer.

BY ORDER OF:
Linda Stahly, President

ATTEST:
JoAnne Jacobs, Secretary

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Spring has arrived! As the flowers are pushing up, I am encouraging you to keep pushing to make CO a 100% state for the Veterans and Family Support Program. Because of all your hard work, CO is so close....

National has established the following "Golden Goals": 1) Aid to Veterans and Their Families 2) Buddy Poppy 3) VFW National Military Services and 4) VFW National Home for Children.

How can the 100% goal be reached? EACH auxiliary needs to submit a Community Service Report ASAP showing support (small as it may be) for each of the following Golden Goals:

1) National Military Services (NMS) – which has 3 options:

a. Operation Up-Link – Your \$5.00 donation will provide 12 deployed service members a 10-minute phone call home to connect with their loved ones during the Free Call Days.

b. Unmet Needs – Donations here assist service members who have been affected by natural disasters and transitioning troops who recently returned home from deployment.

c. Military Assistance Program (MAP) – provides financial assistance to VFW Posts and Auxiliaries who actively participate in and support events with their local military community; OR Adopt-A-Unit which provides care packages to deployed service personnel; OR Memorial Commendations OIF/OEF; OR your auxiliary can send a donation to NMS to use where National feels most needed in the NMS Program.

2) Buddy Poppy – Give a BIG cheer!! CO is first with 96.04% in Division 5 Buddy Poppy Competition as of March 20, 2014. CO does not fare as well in the Western Conference Competition raking #13 of 17 states at 75.85%. We can "push" to change that figure.

3) VFW National Home for Children. 61 of the 64 auxiliaries which have donated to the Health & Happiness Fund as of February 28, 2013 have met their goal of 25 cents per member based on their June 30, 2013 membership. There are 3 of the

reported auxiliaries who are each 10 cents short. Be sure to check your membership/donation. Sad news – there are 83 auxiliaries – push to assist this fund.

4) Aid to Veterans & Their Families. A broad "Golden Goal" and #1 on the National list to care, aid and support:

- a. Homeless Veterans
- b. The NMS Adopt-A-Unit
- c. Education on Veteran & Family Entitlements.

There is still time to provide support to these "Golden Goals".

President Linda's Special Project – Combat Veterans Cowboy Up Horse Therapy Program in Elizabeth, CO. MANY THANKS to the 31 auxiliaries who have supported this effort as per the March 9, 2014 report from the State Auxiliary Treasurer, Colleen Rylant. SPECIAL KUDOS to Auxiliaries #2411, 322, 3541, 3571, 4331, 4663, 7945, 8121, 9644 who have contributed \$100.00 or more. Hats off to #4171 Golden Jr. Girls for their \$100.00 donation and to Districts 3, 10 and the VFW Auxiliary Department support from the their Christmas and 50/50. A total of \$3,127.00 has been collected. This will really help, given a bale of grass hay costs \$17.00. Please help keep this worthwhile program going.

FYI – Some of you were notified about a variation in the auxiliary donation to NMS. National sets the \$200.00 goal for each auxiliary. Auxiliaries donating \$200.00 receive a citation from National. It is not a National requirement for all auxiliaries to meet the National Goal for CO to be recognized as a 100% State, ONLY that each auxiliary donate something to NMS. Please help CO reach its 100%.

Do know how much your hard work is appreciated. Keep your reports coming. Looking forward to seeing at the State Convention.

Loyally,
Carol Anderson, Chair- Veterans & Family Support Program

Ladies Auxiliary VFW #41
and
District #3
endorse
Colleen Rylant
for Department Treasurer
2014-2015



We the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post #41 proudly endorse Sister Colleen Rylant for the office of Department Treasurer. Colleen has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary since 1972, joining under the eligibility of her husband Steve Rylant. She has held various offices including Auxiliary President, District President and Department President 2008-2009, Colleen currently holds the office of Auxiliary Secretary and Department Treasurer. We find Colleen to

be dedicated, dependable and approachable. Colleen is willing to answer questions and work with all people. We find her longevity in the organization to be a true asset to everyone. Sister Colleen has the full support of our Auxiliary and her family in seeking re-election to the office of Department Treasurer for 2014-2015.

Thank You
Loyally
Karen Magrum, President

Thank You Colorado

Thank You Ladies Auxiliary and VFW members for all the cards, phone calls and show of concern shown our family when our Grandson had a tractor accident and passed away. His future was cut short by this unfortunate happening. We love all of you and send Thanks from our Family to Yours.

Mike and Linda Stahly & family, Delta, CO

Please make sure you have mailed ALL your deceased Ladies Auxiliary names to Ann Mauck
VFW Department Headquarters
1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214
for the Convention Memorial Books



District #5 Jr Girls Unit

We are honored and excited to announce that District #5 Junior Girls Unit sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary #3917 was instituted and installed on 15 March 2014 at Post 3917 Security. They will meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM.



- Aux 501: Rita Roseman
- Aux 1771: Viola Lutes, Llani Quimby
- Aux 2121: Carmen Munez, Shirley Gregory, Marjorie Park, Dorothe Grant
- Aux 2411: Irene Candelaria, Elsie Howland, Alma Schart, Lois Kenworthy, Patsy Hopper, W. June Gonzales
- Aux 2601: Golda Backoweis, Corva "Corky" McKillip, Maxine Calmette
- Aux 3541: Irene Garrison, Dixie Kingsbury, Gwendolyn Fetzer
- Aux 4001: Ruth Moore
- Aux 4061: Helen Mother
- Aux 4444: Janice Anderson
- Aux 9333: Carol Burdick, Marjorie Nelsson
- correction Aux 1771: Adeline Casillas is not deceased

Membership 2013-2014

OUR FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS

Thank you for teaming up racing that extra mile for membership, the Department accomplishes 96.63 by the April Parade of Programs. Congratulation to the 36 Auxiliaries at 100 and the Department is 1st place in our membership group. All the District & Auxiliary Presidents are working very hard, District #13 leads the way at 102% with #8 at 99.22% only needs 2 members to be 100%. We have several auxiliaries that are very close to this exceptional goal. **NOW is when we need the extra push for 100 by June 30th.** Three more months to go! Time is seldom kind. And when it comes to collecting membership it seems that it is NEVER kind. The deadlines always seem to approach much faster than the membership transmitted. Now is when every member of our organization becomes imperative to help "Spread the Word" about how beneficial it can be to be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

How do we begin? First and foremost, we must work as a team; do ALL members carry an Application Card or Membership Brochure? Has every member taken the time to invite one new member or former member to consider membership in the Auxiliary? If you ask individuals if they were willing to help a veteran, most will answer they would. Make them aware of the many programs for our members and their families, how we support legislation that is vital to our veterans. Tell them about the Military Assistance program that assists soldiers and helps with Unmet Needs. We provide free calling for deployed military and hospitalized

veterans, let them know the numerous hours we volunteer in VA hospitals and nursing homes. The hundreds of thousands of dollars the auxiliaries have given to Cancer Aid & Research and our wonderful youth programs. Every member is essential even if they cannot be active at this time. **We must continue recruiting** with Memorial Day just around the corner this is a great time to recruit as we distribute poppies let the community know about all we do. They say a picture is worth a thousand words; why not make a poster with pictures of the many activities your auxiliary supported this year. Several members have earned the great Team Racing Pins; you still have time to receive one as well. Complete and send me the special forms to receive these awards.

I have added a NEW very special reward **A beautiful "100 Years of Service" TOTE BAG! For any member that recruits 1 new member or collects 2 continuous dues from April 1- June 30, 2014.**

The form will be at the bottom of my article; you can call me or e-mail me also for more information.

I still have faith that we can accomplish our ultimate GOAL we only need 264 more ladies the Department has already collected dues for 2,419 ladies and recruited 250 new & reinstated members. **WE CAN ACHIEVE 100 for our 100th Anniversary OUR FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS!!!**

Loyally,
Charlotte Lattin
State Membership Chairman

100 YEARS TOTE BAG

Membership Recruiting Award / Continuous Dues

Recruiter Name _____
New Members Name _____
Continuous Members Names _____

Send to: Charlotte Lattin email: ronlattin@att.net
8912 W. Radcliffe Pl.
Littleton, CO 80123

Extension

100th YEAR TEAM: It has been a pleasure working with everyone, you have all worked hard for our veterans and our organization!!! We still have more to do!!!!

Keep adding members; contact all those members who have not been coming to meetings. Offer to give them a ride, let them know that they are missed!!! We need to show concern and appreciation for our members; they are what make this organization strong!!

We need to be recruiting new members, mentoring them so that we can retain them in our auxiliaries.

We have lost so many members out the back door, each auxiliary needs to evaluate what is happening in their auxiliary, both in the meetings and socially. Find out why these members are not happy with

us and what can we do to change for the better????

I have had the honor to hand out "The Good Job Certificates" to many of our members who have gone above and beyond this year. Please, if you know of anyone else deserving of this recognition e-mail me their name, auxiliary # and city donna@rosewaterconstruction.com.

Also, as each Auxiliary reaches 100% in membership and completes reporting in ALL programs, fulfills all of their monetary obligations they will receive a "Healthy Auxiliary" certificate. Let's all work together and finish our 100th year celebration off in grand style!!!
"Rounding up Hope - Working Together for Veterans"

Donna Tellgren
Department Chief of Staff/Extension

Message from the Jr Vice President

Dear Sisters and Friends: It is with a heavy heart that I must decline nomination for Sr. Vice this year at convention. My health seems to be going downhill and between the stress at work and the stress of trying to be everything to everyone something has to give. I promised every year at my nomination that I would do the job to the best of my ability. This year I don't feel I was able to accomplish that and as I rise to the eventual chair of President I just don't think my health can take it. This was a very sad

decision for me to have to make. I have discussed it with my family as well as my Auxiliary friends. Everyone just wants what will be best for me. I will still do all I can to support the Auxiliary and Veterans are very dear to my heart. I just don't believe having an important position in the Department is where I need to be.

Thank you all for your support and friendship through the years.

June Spencer
Dept. Jr Vice President 2013-2014

Auxiliary Membership by District 2013 - 2014 May 1, 2014

Number	City	2013	2014	%	Number	City	2013	2014	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #7				
1	Denver	186	175	94	899	Alamosa	85	75	88
501	Denver	155	152	98	3228	Monte Vista	40	40	100*
2461	Denver	120	118	98	4849	La Jara	47	48	102*
2797	Denver	35	37	106*	6101	San Luis	45	46	102*
3971	Denver	48	43	90	8121	So Fork	93	93	100*
5061	Denver	129	120	93	TOTAL		310	302	97%
TOTAL 673 645 96%					DISTRICT #8				
DISTRICT #2					DISTRICT #9				
984	Trinidad	25	23	92	859	Leadville	31	31	100*
2643	Walsenburg	8	0	0	1166	Buena Vista	92	86	93
2788	Penrose	40	43	108*	8661	Bailey	63	63	100*
3641	Pueblo	84	84	100*	11411	Lake George	41	42	102*
4061	Canon City	188	171	91	12009	Conifer	32	35	109*
5812	Pueblo West	27	38	141*	TOTAL		259	257	99%
7305	Colo. City	33	27	82	DISTRICT #10				
TOTAL 405 386 95%					DISTRICT #11				
DISTRICT #3					DISTRICT #12				
41	Loveland	146	140	97	322	Englewood	123	113	92
1771	Lafayette	364	345	95	3471	Morrison	51	52	102*
1781	Ft. Collins	78	73	94	3631	Aurora	114	104	91
2121	Greeley	104	105	101*	4171	Golden	355	337	95
2585	Johnstown	40	43	108*	4331	Arvada	125	134	107*
2601	Longmont	270	256	95	4444	Cmmrc City	175	176	101*
2841	Brighton	76	55	72	6331	Aurora	65	49	75
4334	Ault	36	37	103*	7945	Thornton	245	247	101*
6011	Platteville	40	38	95	9644	Fort Logan	384	370	96
6624	Evans	199	207	104*	TOTAL		1637	1582	97%
9565	Broomfield	42	37	88	DISTRICT #13				
TOTAL 1395 1336 96%					DISTRICT #14				
DISTRICT #4					DISTRICT #15				
2551	Ft. Morgan	144	144	100*	784	Montrose	35	56	160*
3541	Sterling	93	86	92	1247	Grnd Jctn	99	101	102*
4671	Wray	28	28	100*	3571	Delta	74	79	107*
8064	Akron	41	38	93	3981	Grnd Jctn	25	21	84
TOTAL 306 296 97%					4267 Gunnison 32 0 0				
DISTRICT #5					4663 Clifton 64 74 116*				
101	Colo. Spgs.	62	64	103*	9221	Cedaredge	71	66	93
3917	Security	231	234	101*	9304	Silt	22	22	105*
4051	Colo. Spgs	338	322	95	9333	Hotchkiss	28	25	89
5221	Calhan	33	32	97	TOTAL		450	445	99%
6461	Fountain	106	114	108*	DISTRICT #16				
7829	Monument	27	17	63	4031	Durango	75	75	100*
TOTAL 797 783 98%					5181 Dove Creek 45 43 96				
DISTRICT #6					5231 Mancos 85 67 79				
336	Ordway	95	92	97	9058	Nucla	21	20	95
2411	Las Animas	94	96	101*	TOTAL		226	205	91%
3621	Lamar	16	17	106*	DISTRICT #17				
4001	Springfield	32	33	103*	3411	Kit Carson	32	32	100*
4091	Rocky Ford	22	15	68	6491	Burlington	5	11	220*
4281	Holly	11	13	118*	6612	Hugo	63	59	94
TOTAL 270 265 98%					TOTAL 100 102 102%*				
"100 Years of Serving Veterans"					15006 At Large 177 187 106%*				
Department of Colorado					TOTAL DEPT. 7,155 6,938 97%				
Ladies Auxiliary VFW									

Department of Colorado to Host Ladies Auxiliary Western Conference

The Department of Colorado is very proud to be hosting the Western Conference meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary on October 17 & 18, in Colorado Springs at the Hotel Elegante (I-25 and Circle Drive). Our comrades are having their Western Conference in the Philippines in early November. We are extending an invitation to the comrades to come to Colorado Springs to enjoy our area.

The committee is planning multiple events starting on Thursday that will include tours of the area, a golf tournament, a poker tournament, a trip to the Air Force vs. the University of New Mexico football game and many others. Post and Auxiliary 3917 will host a dinner and entertainment on Friday evening.

We will have a beautiful hospitality suite, luncheon with entertainment and dinner with entertainment. There will be a silent auction, and a vendor area will also be set up with helpful information.

The committee is requesting donations of the following items:

Items for the ditty bags (we would like something from each District and/or Auxiliary): Cases of bottled water, Beer, wine, alcohol and soda;/o, Snack and food items, Silent Auction Items

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available if you would like to help:

Conference Book Ad Sales, Airport Greeters, Hospitality Suite Helpers, Tour Escorts, Football Game Escorts, Golf Tournament, Wheelchair Assistance, Transportation (Handicap Accessible Vehicles)

Further information and registration forms will be available soon on the Department of Colorado website. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance.

Charlotte Lattin, Chairman
303-973-7864

Martine Arndt, Sr. Vice President
719-487-9225

Youth Activities / Jr. Girls Unit

Thank you everyone for all of your reporting this past year. Summer is approaching and the our young people will need things to do, this is a perfect time to get them involved with the activities we continue to work on. Some things to think about for the smaller children, some libraries have a reading program for the children and may need volunteers to help with it, or the kids need help starting a neighborhood/community garden. Now is the time to get them involved. As always keep reporting.

JR. GIRLS It has been a pleasure

working with the Units this past year you all are doing a great job. Keep up the good work. Have a fun summer break. Advisors please remember to send in your installation reports. We still need to recruit eligible new members and remember even if your friends are not eligible they are always welcome to participate with all activities you do. I am looking forward to seeing you at the State Convention in June.

Rita Fama
Youth Activities/Jr Girls Unit

Scholarships

Greetings Sisters! By the time this newspaper reaches your mailbox, all scholarship items will be finished or at least on its way to National.

I want to thank all of you so much for your hard work and dedication to this program. You can see the success in all you've done when we see these young people winning their awards and receiving the scholarship money. They are overwhelmingly talented and certainly deserve every dollar they receive.

Thanks again, and be thinking about the schools you want to reach out to next year.

June Spencer
State Scholarship Chairman

Hospital

The year is coming to an end and I would like to thank all Auxiliary members, VAVS Representatives and Deputies who have volunteered their time and given donations. Everyone has contributed hundreds of volunteer hours supporting our veterans, birthday and holiday parties, special events, bingo and helping the veterans in many other ways.

I have received reports from many of the auxiliaries but there are still some that need to send in their activities. The information is summarized at the Department level and then forwarded to National. National uses this information to show Congress the importance and strength of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary. You are appreciated for all the projects that are making a difference in veterans' lives and your reporting is important to help determine awards you have earned. All activity is from April 15, 2013 to April 15, 2014 and needs to be reported at the latest by May 1 to Department.

Also, if you have not yet sent your check for the \$.50 per member for the Hospital Fund please forward to Colleen Rylant, Treasurer and mark it for hospital fund on the memo line. It is your membership total as of June 30, 2013. If you need your member count, please contact me or Colleen.

If you need hospital pins, please order them so your volunteers can be recognized for all of their hard work. Forms may be found at www.ladiesauxvfw.org. Click on Programs and then click

on "Hospital Pin Order Form" and a pin is shown just below the form. Click on the pin to see what to order based on the volunteer hours. Also, be sure to send in the form found in the Program Book for any new volunteers you recruited this year. Both forms will be available at the meetings in Ft. Morgan April 5-6.

The nomination to "Salute to Service" deadline was April 4, 2014. You can have the opportunity to say Thank You to your hard-working volunteers across the state who care for and help veterans in VA Medical Centers, outpatient clinics, nursing homes and hospices at the Awards Banquet April 26 in Security Post #3917.

Women comprise 15% of US Active Duty military and 18% of Guard/Reserves. We need to look at alternative ways to help them and to ensure that their needs are being met. This is another way we can help all of our veterans to get the benefits and care that they deserve.

Please remember that our veterans have many needs and they need volunteers to continue to help and encourage them. We continue this through our volunteer efforts and also in paying attention to the legislative activities throughout the year to advocate for and to protect veteran's benefits.

Thank you again for all of your efforts over the past year!

Linda Reinbold
Department Hospital Chairman

Americanism Article

I would to take this opportunity to thank each of our Auxiliary Sisters for their individual help in making our Americanism Program, as always, a huge success. From displays our American Flag, reciting our Pledge of Allegiance, being advocates to promote suicide prevention awareness, making sure we get out the vote and remembering our POW/MIA's. These are all things that we each take very personally, as Americanism is something we incorporate in to our everyday lives. It is our duty as Auxiliary Sisters to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to convey the meaning of "Americanism" and "Patriotism" to anyone who will listen. Our organization would not exist if it were not for the veterans we serve, the sacrifices they have made and the lives they have lost to make

our country what it is today. I know that I am preaching to the choir, our organization knows these truths but we need to continue to spread the word. We need Congress to listen to what we have to say, we need to stand up and fight for our liberties, as they are slowly being taken away. Let your neighbor, co-workers and anyone else you talk to know how proud we are of our country and our veterans. Let everyone know that we will stand strong and support each of our veterans and their families past, present and future. Thank you again for your continued support and GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Loyally yours, Caroline Gelatt
State Americanism Chairman

Buddy Poppy

Ready...Set...Go!! It's time to CREATE those inventive Poppy Hats and your auxiliary's Poppy Display for the State Convention!! This is definitely your time to shine!!

The Poppy Hat competition will be judged in four categories: Most Creative, Most Patriotic, Most Poppies Used, and President's Theme (Rounding Up Hope-Working Together for Veterans).

The Buddy Poppy Display contest will be judged on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of Poppies used. Your Buddy Poppy display must fit one of the following categories: Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign, Memorial or Inspirational Display, Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies. Jr. Units may enter the display contest for the State Convention in one category: Memorial or Inspirational. Please remember to keep

track of the number of poppies you used in your display. At least one of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with the label attached. Your poppy display may be entered and set up at any time from 7:30 Thursday, June 19. Do not identify your Auxiliary name, number, or location anywhere on your display. Complete contest rules were in the February, 2014 Colorado Veteran.

This is our time to have fun and BE JOYFUL!!! I'm so excited to see your creative poppy hats and displays. The VFW Buddy Poppy has served as a symbol of HOPE for over 90 Years. Thank You, Ladies, for ALL of your efforts in "Rounding up Hope" to help our Veterans!!

See you at the Convention.

Rosie Naughton
State Buddy Poppy Chair
970-454-3681, lennierose@gmail.com.

Thank You, Thank You

Thank You to all my Auxiliary Sisters and VFW members for all the Thinking of You cards, Get Well Cards, and telephone calls concerning my recent surgery and health problems. I have good days and not so good days and getting adjusted to the defiberator is a day by day process. A special Thanks to my husband Terry, who helps out every day and keeps me on schedule and I could not do it without him.

Love to all of you,
Anna Jacobson, PDP

Cancer Aid and Research

Hello Ladies,

I just got home from our COA meeting in Ft. Morgan. We had a GOOD weekend, GOOD meetings, but missed those of you that were not there.

I am so glad Spring has arrived. I love all the new life and beautiful flowers that are around. Just because we can get outside and do things in our yards does not mean we stop "Rounding up Hope Working together for Veterans"

Along with working together for Veterans we want to continue working to "KICK CANCER" I still have plenty of pins you can purchase and sell.. We need to continue our fundraisers so that we can meet our State Goal of \$46,000.00. WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM, we CAN and WILL DO THIS.

I appreciated so very much all of the positive feed back I got on my new project "Donations for Ribbons" We got a good start in getting the ribbons on the pictures. This will also be at State Convention so we will be able to continue this venture in covering the pictures with ribbons. With the Donations for Ribbons, Raffle and Parade of Programs we received \$1920.00 for Cancer Aid and Research at our COA meeting in Ft. Morgan. THANK YOU LADIES.

We all need to continue working toward the Platinum, Gold, or Silver level awards. You

know June will be here before we are ready so we want to have these goals met soon.

District Presidents it is not too early to go to your auxiliaries and get them started on the baskets for raffling at State Convention. I know, that as always, there will be some great baskets with a lot of great contents. All those purchasing tickets will be very happy to win one of them.

I want to THANK all of you for your support this year as I have worked along side you as your CANCER AID & RESEARCH CHAIRMAN. I have enjoyed the ride and have really enjoyed getting to know some of you better. Also a great big THANK YOU to Dorothy, my faithful side kick at each council meeting.

Some minds are like concrete
Thoroughly mixed up and
permanently set

Lets ALL continue getting out there and work toward "KICKING CANCER" to "KEEP OUR VETERANS AND FAMILIES STRONG."

See you in June for State Convention in Montrose.

Gracie Trast
State Cancer Aid & Research Chairman

2013 - 2014 Cancer Pins Order Form



Auxiliary No. _____ Date _____



Send to: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: CO Zip: _____

Quantity: _____ Pins for \$3.00 each = \$ _____ enclosed

Ordered by: _____ Phone #: _____

Make check payable to Department of Colorado Ladies Auxiliary
Main Cancer Pin order to:

Gracie Trast
779 S. Swadley St.
Lakewood, CO 80228