

# COLORADO VETERAN

and Auxiliary News

“No One Does More For Veterans”



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## Jim Lafferty

### Department Commander 2014 - 2015



I would like to thank everyone for being here tonight. It is great to see so many people here,

This is something I never thought would happen to me, but as it is said, if you really want something, it is possible to achieve it.

I am going to do my best to make this a very good year for the Department of Colorado.

We are having a changing of the watch between Commander (chief) Rosa and myself. It is how some things were done when I was still on active duty.

I spent a little over 20 years in the Navy and it was an enjoyable time in my life. I joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1968. I was home on leave and on my way back to Vietnam again and my dad came home and told me that some guys wanted to see me uptown. When I got there they put me into the VFW. I earned my eligibility a few years before when I was serving over off the coast of Vietnam.

I am hoping that all of the incoming officers are ready for this new year and will be working to make us one of the best departments in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US.

I am very proud to be representing the Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars.

We will have a very good year this year. I am in here to work for all veterans.

(speech given by State Commander Jim Lafferty at Installation in Montrose, CO)



Department VFW Council extend their hand to 2014-2015 State Commander Jim Lafferty and pledge their support for the coming year.

## Martine Arndt

### Department President 2014 - 2015



Good evening Comrades, Sisters, Friends and Guests, I thank you for being here. This is a very special night, as I begin the next leg of this journey. I would like to introduce my guests:

My husband Doug, friend, lover, confidant and true companion, these are the special words that our marriage is based on, I love you! Our beautiful, youngest daughter, Valerie, and our 3 year old grandson, Aaron. Our other children are unable to be here due to work obligations. Our oldest daughter, Shannon and her fiancé Bryan. Our oldest son, Eric and his wife Stefanie. Our son Alex, his wife Danielle and their daughter Brielle, our 6 month old granddaughter. All whom support me fully!

Also, not here physically, but in spirit are my parents, Ted and Paula Curtis. I have nothing but love and gratitude for my parents—they are “my why”, and the reason I stand before you tonight. Through them, I found the love for this organization and for our veterans. There are a few in this room that remember my parents during their years of service to the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary.

I attended my first department convention in Sterling in 1980. I told my mom, “Someday, I will be up there”. Thirty four years later, this prophecy has come true and my dream is being fulfilled.

I asked the ladies to have their spouses or significant others to escort

them tonight. These are the people that load, unload, haul and help care for all of the many bags and boxes we carry. They make sure that we eat and get our rest when we return from our travels. They let us vent and love and support us as we do our great work. To all of the escorts, I thank you for sharing your ladies with me this year. A few of the ladies were escorted by comrades from their posts or districts, thanks to you for stepping up and showing your support of these sisters.

I thank all of you so very much for all the love, friendship, support and the confidence you have placed in me to serve as your Ladies Auxiliary Department President. I look forward to representing the Department of Colorado with Commander Jim, and I pledge the full support of this Department Ladies Auxiliary and me.

My theme: Let It Snow a Blizzard of Love, Honor and Care for Our Heroes.

My Symbol: A snowflake.

My colors: Shades of purple and teal.

My flowers: Stargazer Lillies and Alstromeria.

My Special Project: Military Suicide Prevention and Awareness.

My song is an original composition by my husband Doug and me, and this is the world premiere.

It is called, “Gardens of Stone”, and will be sung by Department Soloist Debbie Hillis.

Once again, thank you and my love to all!

(speech given by State President Martine Arndt at Installation in Montrose, CO)



Ladies Auxiliary Department Officers and District Presidents taking their Oath of Office at State Convention in Montrose, CO., for the year 2014-2015.

### VFW Action Corps - Sign Up Now!

The VFW Action Corps is made up of members just like you that stand ready to call on Congress to do the right thing for our veterans. This kind of relentless grassroots advocacy is what gives the VFW the clout to insure that our Congressional members do the job that they were elected to do.

As a constituent, you have their undivided attention. You elected them and they work for you. Don't let them forget that-**THEY WORK FOR YOU!** Currently, there are approximated 37,000 members in the Action Corps out of 1.4 million members. We can do more. We must do more! You can help by signing up on the VFW Action Corps. In return, you will receive the VFW Weekly Newsletter with current Action Alerts, key legislative issues and votes in Congress, and other opportunities for service for veterans, their families and our Armed Forces.

By signing up, you can help us hold Congress accountable and keep them aware that...

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS** than the VFW

Warren R. Tellgren, PDC  
National Legislative Director  
Department of Colorado VFW

#### AUGUST DISTRICT MEETINGS

- |                                    |                      |                            |  |               |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------|
| 7                                  | 8/24/14<br>Sunday    | Post No. 8121<br>Del Norte | 12:00 noon Lunch<br>1:00 PM Meeting  |               |
| 8                                  | 8/23/14<br>Saturday  | Post No. 8661<br>Bailey    | 12:00 noon Lunch<br>1:00 PM Meeting  | Kirk Rosa     |
| 11                                 | 8/3/14<br>Sunday     | Post No. 784<br>Montrose   | 10:00 AM Registration<br>11:00 AM Joint Mtg<br>Lunch and Meeting to follow | Ed Aitken     |
| 13                                 | 8/24/14<br>Sunday    | Post No. 6612<br>Hugo      | 2:00 PM Meeting<br>Snack After   | Greg Wawrytko |
| <u>SEPTEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS</u> |                      |                            |  |               |
| 1                                  | 09/20/14<br>Saturday | Post No. 2461<br>Denver    | 11:00 am Jnt Meeting<br>12:00 noon Lunch<br>Meeting to follow              |               |
| 2                                  | 09/6/14<br>Saturday  | Post No. 2788<br>Penrose   | 10:00 am Jnt Meeting<br>11:00 AM Lunch<br>Meeting to follow                |               |
| 3                                  | 09/14/14<br>Sunday   | Post No. 1771<br>Lafayette | 12:00 noon Lunch<br>Meeting to follow                                      |               |
| 4                                  | 09/21/14<br>Sunday   | Post No. 3778<br>Yuma      | 12:00 noon Lunch<br>Meeting to follow                                      |               |
| 5                                  | 09/14/14<br>Sunday   | Post No. 5221<br>Calhan    | 1:00 PM Lunch<br>2:00 Meeting  |               |
| 8                                  | 09/27/14<br>Saturday | Post No. 12009<br>Conifer  | 12:00 noon Lunch<br>1:00 PM Meeting  |               |
| 10                                 | 09/21/14<br>Sunday   | Post No. 322<br>Englewood  | 1:00 PM Meeting<br>Lunch to follow   |               |
| 12                                 | 09/14/14<br>Sunday   | Post No. 5231<br>Mancos    | 11:00 AM Jnt Meeting<br>12:00 noon Lunch<br>Meeting to follow              |               |
| <u>OCTOBER DISTRICT MEETINGS</u>   |                      |                            |  |               |
| 7                                  | 10/19/14<br>Sunday   | Post No. 4849<br>Antonito  | 12:00 noon Lunch<br>Meeting to follow                                      |               |

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406 W. 34th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111

### Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

Aug	3	Francis Brown Lowry #501	Denver
	10	Golden #4171	Golden
	17	Retired Enlisted Assoc. (Trea #39)	
	24	Arvada #4331	Arvada
	31		
Sept	7	Mile High #1771	Lafayette
	14	Silver Dollar PT #1	Denver
	21	Rocky Mtn #1781	Ft Collins
	28	Eastern Star Oriental Chapter #98	
Oct	5	Verle Huffman #9644	Sheridan
	12	Francis Brown Lowry #501	Denver
	21	Joseph J Jacques #7945	Thornton
	28	Englewood #322	Englewood

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.

## 2014-2015 Council Meetings

November 1 - 2, 2014 Pueblo West

March 28 - 29, 2015 Loveland

State Convention VFW Post 9644 Sheridan  
June 17 - 20, 2015

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

### Frank Montijo retires after 15 years

My name is Frank Montijo. I just retired after 15 years as a volunteer optician at our Denver V.A. Hospital.

For these 15 years Bud Chatfield and his company at HILCO have supplied me with the materials to do my job at the V.A. Hospital at no charge. If you would like to see me at work, go to CBS the American Spirit, March 3, 2010.

I now ask if you will please send a letter or certificate of some kind to the company and individual to which this applies. I could not have done my work without his donations. He donated about \$250 of supplies each year.

Bud Chatfield  
HILCO 33 W. Bacon ST.  
P.O. Box 153  
Plainville MA 02762-0538

Thank you for you help in this matter.  
Frank Montijo

**NOTE:** If Frank helped you with your glasses while you were at the V. A. Hospital, send him a Thank You card also. He did donated all his time as a volunteer optician and HILCO donated the materials. Frank is a member of Golden VFW Post 4171.

### Subject to Change

#### 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 Jim Lafferty



We have started our new year now. We had a very good convention in Montrose and it was great seeing all of our comrades and ladies auxiliary members along with

the men's auxiliary and the warriors there.

I want to thank everyone for the support that was given me as I went on up to be Your State Commander.

I am going to do the best job that I can and will listen to any and every one that wants to talk with me.

There will not be many changes in the way we operated last year. We will still adhere to the Policy and By Laws of the Veterans of Foreign

Wars.

All posts and Districts should have the manual and they need to be sure and get the new one in September. That should be around the time that it comes out.

If a post or district needs any kind of help they can and should contact the State headquarters. We will send someone out to get you whatever help you need.

We also need to work on our membership. The state is down from what it has been over the years and we need to try and get it back up.

### Working for All Veterans

Jim Lafferty  
Department Commander

## Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings, I hope this find everyone well, and welcome to a new year in the VFW

After my first year as your Adj./QM, I've learned A LOT. There are a lot of older, longer term

Post Quartermasters who are very stubborn and set in their ways. Most of them are right on and are what I consider to be one of our organizations biggest assets. Some are not always right on and I love butting heads, because that's where I also learn. Thank all of you.

One minor thing I've seen happen this year is a Post logging into the wrong page of the National web site to find your Post percentage for membership. When the QM logs on to the web site, DO NOT go to Department Query. This will give you your membership total going back 3 years and includes unpaid members. Unpaid members DO NOT count toward you current years membership until they pay their dues. You need to go to MEM-STATS. Then click on the Department tab,

find Colorado on the drop down, click on Posts, and enter. The table you see is divided up into Districts in numeric order. I think you can figure out the rest.

I also want to thank the Posts Quartermaster and Commanders for working hard to get the Quarterly audits right. From the first audit to the last, there has been approximately a 60% increase in correct audits. Doing the audit on line is almost a no brainer. Again, thank you.

We have about 15+ Post who have not turned in an Election Report for 2014-2015. This is something the QM need to do, and the Commander is responsible to ensure this. We should have had this done six weeks ago. If you need help, call the office.

I am looking forward to the coming year. We all need to work hard on membership to help our Commander do what he needs to.

Please pray for our Veterans and troops in harms way.

Bruce R. Dolan  
Adj./ QM, Department of Colorado

### Notify IRS of Quartermaster Change

In January 2014, the IRS began requiring entities with an Employer Identification Number to file IRS Form 8822-B to report the latest change of address or responsible party. Form 8822-B must be filed within 60 days of the change.

The purpose of the Form is to notify the IRS if you changed your business mailing address, your business location or the identity of your responsible party.

A responsible party is the person who has a level of control over the funds or assets of the organization. For VFW purposes, that would be the quartermaster. So when the Department, District or Post has a change in quartermaster leadership, this form must be filed within the 60-day time frame.

IRS Form 8822-B and its instructions can be found at the [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

The form will require the following information from the organization:

- Legal name of the organization
- Old Mailing Address
- Employer Identification Number
- New Mailing Address
- New Business location, if different from mailing address
- Old name of the responsible party (2013-2014 quartermaster)
- New name of the responsible party (2014-2015 quartermaster)

Since Post election reports must be completed and filed with VFW National Headquarters immediately following your annual election, it would be a good time to complete the IRS form and forward directly to IRS.

**State Commander Jim Lafferty's Homecoming  
August 23, 2014  
VFW Post #3917 Security, CO  
2 - 4 PM**

## Sr. Vice Column Peter Buchanan



We have come to the time of year once again to face a new challenge of a new year with new officers in our VFW and Auxiliaries. It can be a year of exciting times for Colorado and it is

so easy to have that happen. We all know there is a driving purpose for what we do. That purpose is to "focus on Veterans". We all should take a moment to re-dedicate ourselves and remember not only all the new veterans joining our elite organization, but take a look at your own Post to see if you might just find in your heart to forgive the past and look forward to renew your friendships so that we can focus our time on our service to Veterans. This past year has revealed many posts who have failed and their Post Charter revoked, some over 70 years of service now gone. In most all of these, the common thread was failure to keep the required records up to date, lack of volunteers to do the work needed, and leadership that lost the

vision to do our work.

We all need to hold our posts to task by insuring all required reports are submitted timely as well as audits that are thoroughly examined before you put *your* signature certifying those financial records match the bank balance.

Give us good hours of community service this year, do the youth programs in your areas so when we talk to your elected representatives from Colorado next March at the Washington Conference, we can proudly stand for you when we show them what the VFW of Colorado does for their communities and the hours we volunteer. This is converted into a cash value we do for our community. Thank you all for your confidence in me and I look forward to serving each of you this coming year.

### "Focusing on Veterans"

Peter Buchanan  
Department Sr. Vice Commander

## Jr. Vice Column Allan Stone



Thank you for electing me your Department Junior Vice Commander at the State Conven-

tion in June. I will strive to maintain and uphold the high standards established by previous Junior Vice Commanders.

In May, as your Department Surgeon, I visited the Grand Junction Veterans Administration Medical Center and the veterans nursing home. Chuck Ackerman, Clifton Post #4663, accompanied me on my visit to these facilities. The Western Slope is fortunate to have such an outstanding hospital and nursing home in Grand Junction.

On my return trip from Grand Junction, I visited the Colorado State Veterans Nursing Home in Rifle. This facility opened in June 1987. It has a total of 89 operating beds, including a 12-bed special care unit. The staff at the Colorado State Veterans Home in Rifle

is known for showing love and compassion to their residents. Are you interested in being a voice for veterans? The Colorado State Veterans Home in Rifle is seeking volunteer members to serve on its Citizens Advisory Board. The Citizens Advisory Board acts as liaisons between the community and Administration of the Home for residents and advises Administration of any matters of residents' concern.

By the time you receive The Colorado Veteran, I will have attended the Council of Administration meetings in Craig, The Veterans of Foreign Wars 115th National Convention in St. Louis and the Cooties 95th Supreme Scratch in St. Louis.

I look forward to working with all comrades and sisters to make this an excellent year for veterans in Colorado. Let's all work together to support and honor veterans!

Allan P. Stone  
Department Junior Vice Commander

### Fundraiser for the Service Office

**Henry .30-.30 Lever Action Rifle  
TICKETS: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00  
Only 3,000 tickets available**

**Drawing December 12, 2014  
Department Headquarters  
1400 Carr Street, Lakewood CO 80214**

**You must be 18 or older to purchase  
Winner must be able to pass background check  
Winner need not be present to win**

**Contact Department Headquarters to purchase tickets  
Tickets will be available at State Commander Homecoming  
and at Pueblo West Council Meeting**

### 2014-2015 Essay Themes

Voice of Democracy Theme - "Why Veterans are Important to our Nation's History and Future"  
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. 1  
June 21, 2014 SERIES: 2014-2015  
1. Having been duly elected and installed into the office of Commander, Department of Colorado, according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby assume command of the Department of Colorado. All previously appointed officers and committeemen's term of office is hereby declared expired and now ineffective.  
The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 93rd Annual Convention held June 18-21, 2014, Montrose, CO., and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:  
COMMANDER:  
James Lafferty, #3411  
P O Box 207  
Wild Horse, 80862  
719-688-5490  
SR. VICE COMMANDER:  
Peter Buchanan, #1771  
12004 Monaco Dr.  
Brighton 80602  
303-255-3984  
303-981-1606 (cell)  
JR. VICE COMMANDER:  
Allan Stone, #4666  
9947 E Ida Ave.  
Greenwood Village 80111  
303-770-4005  
QUARTERMASTER/ADJUTANT:  
Bruce Dolan, #7945  
1400 Carr St.  
Lakewood 80214  
303-421-1630  
CHAPLAIN:  
Ronald Johnson #2461  
3043 S Depew  
Denver 80227  
303-478-0497  
JUDGE ADVOCATE:  
Kirk Rosa, #12009  
1400 Carr St.  
Lakewood 80214  
720-226-1902  
SURGEON:  
Edward Aitken, #41  
5000 Norwood Ave.  
Loveland 80538  
970-669-6327  
CHIEF OF STAFF:  
Robert Kidd, Sr., #3917  
4114 Morley Cr.  
Colo Spgs. 80916  
719-390-1170  
INSPECTOR:  
Kenney Vegoren, #3917  
1662 Keaton Lane  
Colorado Springs 80909  
719-573-8805  
SERVICE OFFICER:  
Anthony Archer, #101  
155 Van Gordon, Rm 360  
Lakewood 80228  
303-914-5597  
PAST DEPT. COMMANDER:  
Kirk Rosa, #12009  
1400 Carr St.  
Lakewood 80214  
720-226-1902  
DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER:  
Melissa Dawson, #2461  
2800 W Archer Place  
Denver 80219  
720-296-5807  
DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER:  
Bruce Tjosvold, #5812  
1193 E Sapinero Drive  
Pueblo West 81007  
719-647-2041

DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER:  
Steve Kroh, #2585  
P O Box 773  
Johnstown 80534  
970-587-4500  
DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER:  
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Fort Morgan 80701  
970-370-3149  
DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER:  
Steve Kjonas, #3917  
639 Blue Ridge Pt  
Colorado Springs 80921  
719-574-2130  
DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER:  
Thomas Torres, #3621  
28000 US Hwy 287  
Lamar 81052  
719-688-5771  
DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER:  
Christopher Martinez, #899  
309 West Ave.  
Alamosa 81101  
719-588-1531  
DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER:  
Randy Ford, #11411  
32 Roger Cir  
Florissant 80816  
719-748-5344  
DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER:  
Raymond Otero, #4265  
855 Villa View Dr  
Craig 81625  
970-824-8657  
DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER:  
Warren Tellgren, #9644  
P O Box 176  
Conifer 80433  
303-697-0353  
DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER:  
Richard Ball, #4663  
529 N Cherry NBO 20  
Fruita 81521  
970-562-6496  
DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER:  
Richard Buehrer, #5181  
P O Box 433  
Dove Creek 81324  
970-562-6496  
DISTRICT 13 COMMANDER:  
Samuel Wickham, #6612  
Box 22  
Hugo 80821  
719-743-2847  
1. **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:** The next Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, November 2, 2014. Joint Opening will be at Pueblo West VFW #5812, 127 E Spaulding., Pueblo West, Time: 8:30 A.M. SHARP. Training Sessions will be on Saturday November 1, 2014 at VFW Post #5812 Pueblo West. ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS OR THEIR PROPER REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT. Any and all District and Post Officers and members are invited to attend. Uniform of the day will be black and white. All attending Officers must sign the roster with the Department Adjutant to record your presence at Council of Administration meeting  
2. **PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:** All Department Officers are instructed to comply with Sec. 515, Paragraph (c) "Proof of Eligibility". Such proof must be on file at Department Headquarters prior to August 11, 2014. Failure to comply will disqualify Council Members from participation in the Council of Administration and District Commanders for reimbursement of expenses.  
3. **2014 SPRING SWEEPSTAKES:** Prize winners of the Spring Sweepstakes are listed in this Colorado Veteran.

Surgeon's Column  
Ed Aitken



Having been elected the Departments Surgeon it is my pleasure and obligation to visit and assist the Veterans Homes in our state. I also believe it is my duty to inform you about the Veter-

ans Homes as I learn about them, so lets start with the oldest first.

The Colorado State Veterans Center at Homelake was established in 1889 as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, providing a peaceful home for aging and disabled Civil War veterans. Homelake, which believes in honoring its residents with compassionate, dignified care, has been preserving memories and honoring veterans from every major war in U.S. History.

Homelake is the only Colorado State Veterans Home offering two levels of care: a skilled nursing home and domiciliary cottages (similar to assisted living).

4. **SUBSCRIPTION DUES** notices will be mailed to the membership by National Headquarters. Call Department Headquarters with any questions.

5. **NATIONAL CONVENTION:** The 115<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. was held in St Louis, MO July 19-23, 2014.

6. **NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE:** All Posts are reminded of the provision of the National By-Laws, which requires at least one registration from each Post. The registration fee of \$25.00 for the first Delegate and \$10.00 for the rest of the Delegates and a completed registration form must be sent to the Quartermaster General, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

7. **2014-2015 POST OFFICERS:** Posts that have not submitted Report of Election forms will do so immediately. Posts that have not submitted their Election Report to Department will not be listed in the Department roster.

Posts who did not properly reported elected officers by July 15, 2014, were suspended for a period of ninety (90) days by the Department Commander. This suspension will automatically terminate when a properly completed Report of Election of officers is received at National Headquarters. At the end of ninety (90) days, the Commander-in-Chief may cancel the charter of any Post not properly submitting a list of officers to National Headquarters.

*Please also send a copy of the Report of Election of officers to Department Headquarters.*

8. **QUARTERMASTER BONDS - AUDITS:** It is the duty of Commander to see that the office of the Quartermaster is bonded and that Trustees Reports of Audits are completed, signed by the Commander, Trustees, and Quartermaster and mailed to Department Headquarters no later than 25 days following the close of each quarter. All Quartermaster bonds carried through Department expire **August 31, 2014. The foregoing is a requirement of the National By-Laws.** Bond Applications have been mailed to the Post and District Quartermaster.

9. **DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD:** All requests for the State Color Guard Units or Ritual Teams will be directed by the State Commander to Chuck Cooper and will be handled in order of priority established by the Commander and rec-

ommendations from the District being considered. All requests will be submitted in writing to the State Commander, and it is requested that a copy be sent to Captain Chuck Cooper.

10. **COMMUNITY SERVICE and OTHER REPORTS:** Post Commanders are advised to send an **ORIGINAL report form - Community Service, Youth Activity, Americanism, Loyalty Day, Hospital and others pertaining to the Department Program report - DIRECTLY** to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO, 80214. Department Headquarters will duplicate same and send copies to the various VFW State Chairmen. The reporting year commences May 1, 2014. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2014-2015. Please make a copy of these forms for your Post files. Forms are available from Department Headquarters. **THERE ARE NEW FORMS FOR 2014-2015 REPORTING.**

11. **VFW CAPS, OFFICIAL:** All personnel are advised that there is only one official cap of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, namely, a cap of the overseas type, lettered with VFW initials, Post numerals, State, rank of office (when applicable), and bearing the Cross of Malta emblem. The color shall be regulation Army Shade 51 or Suntan, tropical worsted. Organizational echelons will be designated by the appropriate color of the braid and lettering on the cap. **Caps will not be worn while eating or seated during meals.**

Edward T. Aitken  
Department Surgeon

All other types of headgear, i.e., baseball types, western types, sporting types, are not official headgear and will not be worn at meetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

12. **2013-2014 AWARDS:** Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2013-2014 year, please notify Department, in writing, within Thirty (30) Days by applying for the appropriate awards.

13. **MEMBERSHIP:** The new membership year has started. Sign up a new and/or reinstated members and earn awards from Department.

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

BY COMMAND OF:  
/s/ Jim Lafferty  
Jim Lafferty  
Department Commander

**VFW Post Membership by District as of June 30, 2014**

Number/ City	2013	2014	%	Number/City	2013	2014	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>				<b>DISTRICT #8</b>			
1 Denver	925	868	94	859 Leadville	44	44	100*
501 Denver	378	381	101*	1166 Buena Vista	170	155	91
2461 Denver	178	216	121*	3820 Salida	110	103	94
2797 Denver	65	74	114*	8661 Bailey	160	162	101*
3971 Denver	100	100	100*	10721 Minturn	97	92	95
5061 Denver	414	446	108*	11411 Lake George	46	46	100*
TOTAL	2060	2085	101%*	12009 Conifer	117	128	109*
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>				<b>DISTRICT #9</b>			
61 Pueblo	96	94	98	2371 Walden	32	32	100*
984 Trinidad	72	63	88	4264 Steamt Spgs	92	100	109*
2788 Penrose	86	103	120*	4265 Craig	142	139	98
3641 Ft. Collins	104	89	86	5261 Rangely	20	17	85
4061 Canon City	411	370	90	5843 Meeker	49	49	100*
5812 Pueblo West	204	232	114*	9374 Kremmling	44	41	93
7305 Colo. City	50	48	96	9471 Hayden	9	12	133*
8898 Boone	50	46	92	TOTAL	388	390	101%*
12063 Westcliffe	44	44	100*	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>			
TOTAL	1117	1089	98%	322 Englewood	124	132	106*
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>				<b>DISTRICT #11</b>			
41 Loveland	322	315	98	3471 Morrison	85	77	91
807 Boulder	61	54	89	3631 Aurora	415	382	92
1771 Lafayette	346	346	100*	4121 Idaho Spgs.	62	59	95
1781 Ft. Collins	323	324	100*	4171 Golden	563	538	96
2121 Greeley	203	191	94	4266 Parker	73	85	116*
2585 Johnstown	110	119	108*	4331 Arvada	279	285	102*
2601 Longmont	473	447	95	4444 Cmmrc Cty	257	258	100*
4334 Ault	79	82	104*	4666 Littleton	155	147	95
6011 Platteville	76	70	92	7563 Black Hawk	26	17	65
6624 Evans	326	328	101*	7945 Thornton	456	447	98
7206 Louisville	33	25	76	8449 Bennett	33	38	115*
9565 Broomfield	137	132	96	9644 Fort Logan	702	709	101*
9741 Dacono	51	51	100*	TOTAL	3230	3174	98%
TOTAL	2540	2484	98%	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>				<b>DISTRICT #13</b>			
2551 Ft. Morgan	291	280	96	784 Montrose	150	154	103*
3378 Yuma	69	70	101*	1247 Grnd Jctn	331	314	95
3541 Sterling	121	115	95	3571 Delta	70	72	103*
3551 Brush	40	40	100*	3981 Grnd Jctn	137	119	87
3951 Ovid	29	29	100*	4663 Clifton	89	94	106*
3961 Otis	26	26	100*	5485 Parachute	52	50	96
4191 Crook	23	24	104*	9221 Cedaredge	130	118	91
4671 Wray	67	65	97	9304 Rifle	32	35	109*
6482 Holyoke	65	61	94	9333 Hotchkiss	34	32	94
7153 Fleming	42	39	93	TOTAL	1025	988	96%
8064 Akron	48	45	94	<b>DISTRICT #14</b>			
TOTAL	821	794	97%	4031 Durango	252	241	96
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>				<b>DISTRICT #15</b>			
101 Colo. Spgs.	471	504	107*	5181 Dove Creek	57	57	100*
3917 Security	731	692	95	5231 Mancos	190	185	97
4051 Colo. Spgs	770	781	93	9058 Nucla	28	28	100*
5221 Calhan	100	105	105*	TOTAL	527	511	97%
6051 Wldnd Park	44	44	100*	<b>DISTRICT #16</b>			
6461 Fountain	293	302	103*	15006 MAL	2624	2646	101%*
7829 Monument	164	116	71	TOTAL DEPT	18803	18495	98%
10649 Elizabeth	49	43	88	2015 dues are now DUE. Be 100% +1 in 2015			
TOTAL	2688	2587	96%	<b>Have You Paid Yours??</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>				<b>Spring Sweepstake Winners</b>			
336 Ordway	117	107	91	1st Place	Barry Phlug	Colorado Springs	\$2500
2411 LasAnimas	111	108	97	2nd Place	Michelle Hedgecoke	Dillonvale OH	\$1000
3621 Lamar	59	63	107*	3rd Place	Norma Heany	Englewood	\$ 500
4001 Springfield	48	48	100*	4th Place	Hollis Martin	Colorado Springs	\$ 300
4091 Rocky Ford	64	62	97	5th Place	Joe Lujan	Pagosa Springs	\$ 200
4281 Holly	30	30	100*	6th Place	Robert Olson	Pueblo	\$ 100
TOTAL	429	418	97%	7th Place	Larry Gates	Colorado Springs	\$ 100
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>				8th Place	John Bacon	Thornton	\$ 100
899 Alamosa	146	132	90	9th Place	Delbert Kirby	Johnstown	\$ 100
3228 Monte Vista	39	39	100*	10th Place	Robert Stoll	Greeley	\$ 100
4849 La Jara	69	67	97				
6101 San Luis	75	79	105*				
8121 Del Norte	61	62	102*				
TOTAL	390	379	97%				

**COLORADO MEMBERSHIP PLAN 2014 - 2015**

If you start on getting membership in NOW, by asking our continuous members to pay early, ask them to bring a friend to join the largest combat organization in the world. The VFW Does More for the Veterans than Anyone.

Reminder that if you pay today, your dues are good for one (1) year from today. This is the NEW Subscription Dues for annual members.

Set up a membership team to call your unpaid members. Make it a contest and have a prize for the winner.

Department Membership will have contests during the year. You will need to come to Council of Administration meeting to hear all about them. We will also have them in the Colorado Veteran.

We have help if needed! Good Luck - You Can Do It!

Jim Mauck  
aka Dr Fat Albert  
303-588-7518

**Veterans Day 2014**

As Veterans Day approaches, we remind you that Veterans Day is the celebration and remembrance of those who have sacrificed for our liberty and for the security of our nation. From the beaches of Normandy and the snow of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam and the mountains of Afghanistan, to the deserts of Iraq, our courageous veterans have sacrificed so that Americans and others could live in freedom.

Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. Our collective consciousness demand that all citizens honor those who have guarded, and even now guard, the gates of freedom. To far too many, Veterans Day is simply another day off from work. The take for granted the freedoms that they now enjoy. The freedom that is a monument to those hove have sacrifice for it.

Memorial Day is the time to remember the loss of loved one, a sense of loss that commemorated those

who made the greatest sacrifice - giving one's own life on behalf of another.

On Veterans Day, we honor those who were and are willing to die for freedom but are still with us ..

So take a moment to thank a veterans for his or her service. Take the message that freedom is not free into the schools to instill patriotism in our youth. Stand up and speak out to those in the halls of Congress who are attempting to balance the nation's massive debt on the backs of veterans, their families and our military services. Only then will Veterans Day achieve its true purpose, honoring those who came together for all walks of life with one common bond, love of and loyalty to their country. Remember, NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS THAN THE VFW.

Warren Tellgren, PDC  
National Legislative Director  
Department of Colorado VFW

**2014 - 2015 Roster Changes**

Post #2121 Cmdr: William Esch, 4311 W 22nd St., Greeley 80634 970-330-9138

Post 2601 Ser. Off: Jim Mauck, 2130 Squires St., Longmont 80501 303-588-7518

Post 4061 Cmdr: Ernesto Solano, 219 Indian Hills Rd., Florence 81226 719-429-2437  
Qm: Samuel Hash, 1122 N 15th St Apt 310, Canon City 81212 719-275-4988  
Ser. Off: Albert Augustine, 33 Ptarmigan Trl., Canon City 81212 719-275-4267

State Convention Date: June 17 - 20, 2015



Post 1247: Harold A. Darrah  
Post 5485: Jack E. Blankenship  
Post 7305: Thomas W. Taylor  
Post 7829: Joe B. Ritter

**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.

**Department Service Office Fundraiser**

2014 Calendar Raffle is still in process

Contact your District Commander

Every day is a winner!!

Winners list is updated on the Colorado Web Page

Last winning day is December 31, 2014



State Commander Kirk Rosa, center called the Joint Opening Session to Order at State Convention, Montrose, CO. L-R: Ron Lattin, Jim Lafferty, Bob Green, Bruce Dolan, Linda Stahly.



VFW Officers and Members dressed in their Service Uniform for the Military Banquet at State Convention, Montrose, CO. Service Officer Anthony Archer also had his service dog Sapper at the Banquet and State Convention.



PNP Dixie Hild and State President Linda Stahly visited the VFW meeting at State Convention, Montrose, CO



Ladies Auxiliary Color Bearers did an excellent job of presenting the Colors at and Ladies Auxiliary Business Sessions at State Convention, Montrose, CO



VFW and Ladies Auxiliary State Color Guard escort in a Flag draped coffin at the Joint Memorial Service at State Convention, Montrose, CO. Chuck Ackerman and Maggie Phillips stood guard during the service.



State Commander Kirk Rosa presented a tribute flower in remembrance at the Joint Memorial Service at State Convention in Montrose, CO. Chuck Ackerman, Western Slope Color Guard, saluted in remembrance.



Department Convention Public Promotion 1st Place Buddy Poppy Display Winner, Montrose, CO. Eagle with over 1,000 Buddy Poppies. Pueblo West #5812 and Auxiliaries. Display was taken to National Convention in St. Louis, MO and took 1st Place in Category I Public Promotion.



Department Convention Memorial 1st Place Buddy Poppy Display Winner, Montrose, CO. Flag draped coffin in a field of Buddy Poppies. Assembled by VFW Post #2551 Fort Morgan and Ladies Auxiliary. Display was taken to National Convention in St. Louis, MO



Retired Air Force General Jack Chain, left, led the group of military veterans who for the past 25 years have led the Vail America Days parade on the Fourth of July. With Chain is Pete Thompson, a Vail resident and U.S. Army Veteran. Buddy Sims, VFW # 10721, rode in a military-surplus Jeep. The Vail Parade - followed by a Post-Parade barbecue- is also a chance for the local VFW chapter to recruit new members.



L-R: VFW Post 10721 staff meets "Lt Dan" - Buddy Sims, QM, Larry Trotter, Chaplain Gary Sinise, Jim Kleckner, Trustee, Pete Thompson, Commander at a non-profit benefit at the 4 Eagle Ranch in Wolcott, CO on 17 July 2014 for the Steve Amerson Ministries and Gary Sinise Foundation. Gary Sinise is best know for his portrayal of Lt Dan Taylor in the Forrest Gump film.



L-R: Captain Robert Baron, Firefighter Kevin Rindy, Firefighter Mike Friel, Larry Trotter, Buddy Sims, Sammy Davis, and wife, Dixie Davis. In November of 1967, Sammy Davis and his unit were west of Cai Lay when they fell under heavy mortar attack by the North Vietnamese Army. Davis manned a machine gun to give his comrades covering fire so they could fire artillery in response. Davis was wounded but continued firing, Davis crossed a river on an air mattress to help rescue three wounded comrades and continued fighting. He received the Medal of Honor the following year from President Johnson.



Sammy Davis and Wife, Dixie, arrive at Eagle Airport 16 July 2014 with VFW Post #10721 and Airport Fire Department to a Welcoming Committee. Sammy Davis joined the United States Army in 1965 right out of high school. After completing his training, he asked to be sent to Vietnam where he served with the Army's 9th Infantry Division. Forrest Gump's fictional Medal of Honor citation was loosely based on Sammy's. Sammy Davis has received the Medal of Honor, a Silver Star and two Purple Hearts.



L-R: George Cerise, WWII Army Veteran and Sr Vice Cmdr. of Rifle VFW Post #9304, State Surgeon Allan Stone, Joe Goldman, WWII Air Force B-17 Tail Gunner Veteran. Surgeon Stone presented Rifle Colorado State Veterans Home with a check. He also presented checks to Grand Junction VA, Denver VA Nursing Home, Fitzsimons, Florence, Homelake, Pueblo, and Walsenburg from the Colorado VFW Foundation.



Kit Carson Ladies Auxiliary #3411 did a project of Buddy Poppy wreaths for Memorial Day. Some were made with coat hangers, padded with plastic bags and covered with ribbon and then the poppies. After taking the picture there were some that they made changes too. They also had requests for red, white and blue ones so made more to honor those requests. Left over ones were placed on veterans graves that had nothing.

**First Time VFW Attendees to State Convention that was held in Montrose, CO.**

Steven Davidson VFW Post 12009 Conifer  
 Ron Grider VFW Post 6461 Fountain  
 Kevin Reinhold VFW Post 6461 Fountain  
 Jose Romero VFW Post 6101 San Luis  
 Mike McClure VFW Post 6624 Evans  
 Dave Eff VFW Post 5812 Pueblo West

Antonio Read VFW Post 6101 San Luis  
 Gary Peterson VFW Post 3631 Aurora  
 David Erickson VFW Post 1771 Lafayette  
 David Cook VFW Post 3631 Aurora  
 Gary Hansl Men's Auxiliary 6624 Evans

**Next year if you know of a first time attendee, have them tell VFW registration.**

## Colorado State Veterans Center Homelake's 13 Annual Summerfest!

### Saturday, September 6, 2014

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM Cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee, served in the Homelake Theatre to all "Homelake Summerfest" participants
- 9:00 AM Flag Raising Ceremony
- 9:15 - 11:00 AM Tables/Booths will be open to the residents for the 13th Annual Homelake Summerfest
- 11:00 - 12:30 PM Lunch will be served to all residents and Summerfest volunteers by Homelake staff  
Awards/Certificate Ceremony (presented during lunch)

### Facts about Homelake that are important for hosting the SUMMERFEST:

- Nursing home residents with electric wheelchairs can maneuver around the entire campus with little effort.
- Weather in September is beautiful!
- 50 nursing home residents can ambulate or be taken to the event.
- 40 DOM residents are physically able to participate in the event.
- Homelake will provide cinnamon rolls and a veteran appreciation barbecue during "HOMELAKE SUMMERFEST."
- Monte Vista and Alamosa have several motels and other accommodations to meet the demands of housing for this event.

There are approximately 20 tables/booths available for sponsorship. If you Post or Auxiliary would like to sponsor a booth, please call Pam Self or Melanie Squire at (719) 852-5118 or (888) 838-2687. The DAV has graciously provided Homelake with the booths. Please call to reserve your booth prior to August 28th, 2014.

## All Activities Day Pueblo, Colorado - 2600 Oakshire Lane September 13, 2014

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Beginning at 7:00 a.m. Volunteers Assemble Carnival Booths
- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteer Registration
- 11:00 a.m. Patients Go Through The Lunch Line
- 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Entertainment
- 11:45 a.m. Volunteers Go Through The Lunch Line
- 12:45 p.m. Gift Presentations by Organizations
- 1:25 p.m. Balloon Release - Volunteers Report to Game Booths
- 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Carnival Booths Open For Business
- 3:00 p.m. Volunteers Disassemble Carnival Booths

## RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Turn in your evaluation sheets and list of booth prizes when you register. Note the pink roster designated for this purpose, please!
  2. Have donations clearly marked with donor's name, address, and items. Turn in when you register and deliver donations.
  3. Pictures of patients are prohibited. Our number 1 concern is our veterans' privacy. Please do not take their pictures. If you have any questions, contact a staff member.
  4. Volunteers do not eat until all patients are fed, at approximately 11:45 a.m.
  5. Volunteers who wish to escort, please sign up at the announcers/music area at 1:15 p.m.
  6. Restrooms are available in the facility in the hallway. They are marked.
  7. Please keep your booth prizes locked in your vehicle until you have someone available to sit with them in the booth. Each booth will be furnished with two chairs. If more chairs are needed, volunteers are asked to bring their own lawn chairs from home.
  8. Late registration (after 11:00 a.m.) will be accomplished at the registration/information table.
  9. Tours will be available during the morning hours. Staff and volunteers will be available to conduct these tours.
  10. Be sure to sign the register for your free meal and please ... only sign one register.
  11. Deposit leftover booth prizes in the prize carts or give them to Recreation or Voluntary Service staff and help secure games and booths after the carnival. We use the left over prizes for various activities throughout the year such as birthday presents, bingo prizes, etc.
- Please plan on 60-75 Patients to participate at each booth. Plan your prizes accordingly.
12. Positively no alcohol, drugs, or firearms allowed!!!!

**MOST OF ALL ... HAVE A GOOD TIME.  
THANKS FOR COMING! HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!**

## Legislative

Dear Sisters - When Martine asked me to be her legislative chairman, I said yes with no hesitation. I have always been interested in the legislative process and those who seek to represent me in governmental offices. The first year that I was eligible to vote was 1963 and I was proud to step up to the responsibility. I had already learned to pay attention to what politicians and legislators say and to weigh their views and ideas against the Constitution and the Bill of Rights - I knew those were the only protections we have against abusive government.

There have been more and more infringements on the rights of Americans these past few years, especially those of our military veterans. Specific promises were made to our military forces for benefits and entitlements earned by their services to our country. How any part of a veterans' retirement, benefits, care, or family assistance can fall under "discretionary spending" is a disgrace. How the promise of a new and vastly improved VA facility can have two "ground breaking" ceremonies five years apart and the only shovels to hit the ground were those of politicians and VA representatives is a disgrace. We are not the only ones that are appalled at the lack of care that our heroes are getting. They have complained for years and nothing substantial was ever done - until now. Our VFW and its auxiliaries are out every day bringing the broken promises to the gen-

eral public's attention only to have so many distracted by the newest "social" or "politically correct" issue to come along.

This is the year to make our legislative programs personal - because they are! Otherwise we wouldn't belong to the VFWLA. There are several websites that keep track of proposed legislation effecting veterans and they cost nothing to use. Here are just two to get you started on your own. You don't have to wait to get information at your monthly auxiliary meeting. You can be informed every day! Go online and enter "VFW.ORG to subscribe to the Washington Weekly and the Checkpoint newsletters; from this same website you can click on the "VFW IN DC" tab and find legislative alerts; also from this website, you can add forward slashes ( / ) to go directly to such topics as: VFW.ORG/news-and-events to get testimonials and transcripts. Use "CAPWIZ.COM" to receive legislative alerts - you can also use the forward slash here such as /vfw/issues/bills/ etc. or vfw/dbq/officials/ for contact information including state office locations and D.C. phone numbers. Talk to your auxiliary chairman. Tell her that you are interested in becoming involved, and ask if you can help her to get others involved.

In It For Our Veterans  
Susan Griffith  
Department Legislative Chairman

## All State President And Achievement

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers of the Colorado Auxiliaries and to the Members who have the confidence that you will lead their Auxiliary to greatness.

As of now, all Presidents and Auxiliaries are on the same level to earn the prestigious honor of Outstanding President and Outstanding Achieving Auxiliaries. The committee wants to have a very difficult time when it comes to judging, so, we are depending on all of you to keep good records, submit Program Reports throughout the year and mail your Year End Reports to be received no later than May 1, 2015.

How is the Colorado Year End Report information compiled? The Auxiliary Achievement Report is based on the National Programs. One criteria for our Department is the participation in the programs as outlined by the National Ambassadors. Each of our Department Chairmen must complete a report to their Ambassador at the end

of the year and of course Department President Martine must also submit a report. To keep us all on the same track, the information we are asking you to provide is tailored to the National Program. Auxiliary Presidents, please familiarize yourself with the Auxiliary Achievement Report so you can better guide your Auxiliary and yourself to greatness. Your leadership, program participation and meetings are your tools for a successful year.

We wish all Presidents and Auxiliaries the very best for a wonderful 2014-2015. No matter how small or big the Auxiliary, let's all make the commitment to

**"LET IT SNOW A BLIZZARD OF  
LOVE HONOR AND CARE FOR  
OUR HEROES"**

Loyally,  
Sue Tartaglione, Jane Ledesma,  
Rosie Mitchell, Ruth Gulden Chairman

## Change of Address

If your Post or Ladies Auxiliary or Men's Auxiliary has a change of address for their members, you also need to advise your Post Quartermaster, or Auxiliary Treasurer's, so they can correct their records.

Department Headquarters can change addresses only for VFW Post members and Men's Auxiliary members. We do not have permission to change an address for Ladies Auxiliary members. Your Auxiliary Treasurer has to notify the State Treasurer and she can change the address for Ladies Auxiliary members.

The same is true for notification of deceased members. Department Headquarters can decrease VFW Post members and Men's Auxiliary members, but we cannot decrease a Ladies Auxiliary member.

Please help Department, your VFW Post, Ladies and Men's Auxiliary Postage expense out by notifying when a member moves or is deceased.





# Auxiliary News

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Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



## Presidents's Column Martine Arndt



### Gardens of Stone

Words and Music  
by  
Martine and  
Douglas Arndt

Many soldiers fought various wars;  
More in conflicts not even ours.  
In Vietnam they gave their all;  
So many names on a granite wall!  
They were heroes,  
American heroes.

Many heroes on a September day;  
When the evil came our way.  
Firefighters, police and men of God  
Lost their lives here and not abroad.  
They were heroes,  
American heroes.

Our troops fought in lands made of sand;  
Fighting forces that attacked our land.  
At home missing limbs and  
pain you can't see,  
Some took their lives to end the misery.  
They were heroes,  
American heroes.

American Heroes,  
We honor their service.  
They fought in the air, on land and sea,  
They fought for us and the land of the free!  
Away from their families and homes,  
Now they sleep in gardens of stone,  
In gardens of stone.

Western Conference - Colorado Springs  
October 16,17,18 2014

The Department Ladies Auxiliary is hosting the Western Conference with the assistance of our Department VFW. We need all of the posts and auxiliaries help to make this weekend a success. Consider placing an ad in the conference book welcoming all 17 VFW departments and Ladies auxiliaries to our beautiful state.

We need volunteers to assist in several areas. Airport & Hotel Greeters, Hospitality Suite Helpers, tour Escorts, Golf Tournament assistants, Transportation, help to contact & setup Vendors, help to acquire items for the silent auction and ladies to watch over the items during the conference.

The committee is requesting donations of the following items Cases of bottled water, Beer, Wine, Soda, Snack and food items. Possibly your post & auxiliary can put together a basket with items from your area like special wines

At the table, but they're not here,  
For P.O.W.'s we shed our tears.  
We will search and daily pray,  
Until they all return someday.  
They are heroes,  
American heroes.

Call them comrades, they're my sisters too.  
Actions make words, "she serves" ring true.  
Brave women who have served our land,  
Someday one will take command.  
They are heroes,  
American heroes.

You are heroes, we honor you too.  
Other vets can count on you.  
The day will come when you are gone,  
To take your place in gardens of stone.  
You are heroes,  
American heroes.

American Heroes,  
We honor their service.  
They fought in the air, on land and sea,  
They fought for us and the land of the free!  
Away from their families and homes,  
Now they sleep in gardens of stone,  
In gardens of stone.

Gardens of Stone was sung by Ladies  
Auxiliary Department Soliost  
Debbie Hillis at State Convention,  
in Montrose, CO  
after State President  
Martine Arndt was installed  
for the year 2014 - 2015

and, etc. Also we need items for the welcome bags for the 200 to 250 people attending this enjoyable weekend.

All Ladies within the department are invited to attend; this fun weekend and a chance to meet other members from the Western States to exchange ideas and learn more about the national programs.

The VFW will not be having meeting at this conference as their conference is in the Philippines. All the comrades are invited to attend the great activities we have planned especially for them; tours of the Colorado Spring's area, bus trip to Cripple Creek & Casinos, a golf tournament, a poker tournament, a trip to the Air Force vs New Mexico football game, and lots of great fun and camaraderie.

All of the forms and information is on the Colorado VFW web site.

Further information call Charlotte Lattin Chairman 303-909-6303, Martine Arndt President 719-487-9225.

## Scholarships

Thank you to our Department President Martine Arndt for asking me to be her chairman for this year's Scholarships Program. The Scholarship Program encompasses all programs that provide scholarships through a competitive process. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with each of these programs and submit your entries to the appropriate person by each of the different deadlines. We have always concentrated on the Voice of Democracy and the Patriots Pen Programs, which all of our auxiliaries have done an exceptional job in participating but we are doing an injustice to our other scholarship programs. We have many young men and women in our communities who could use this scholarship money and should promote them all. In 2013-2014 we had a young lady receive the Continuing Education Scholarship in our Western Conference.

### OUR GOALS

1. To publicize each of these programs in schools, local newspapers, on cable television, at local churches, on radio broadcasts, by using the internet and any other resources that may be available for publicity.
2. To be prepared and informed by providing all the necessary rules and deadlines for participants when asked.
3. To work together with the VFW to ensure the success of each of these programs.
4. To remember to acknowledge all who have participated in these programs including but not limited to all entrants, judges, volunteers and businesses and individuals outside of our organization who helped promote our program.

### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

**Theme:** "Why Veterans Are Important to Our Nation's History and Future"  
**Eligibility:** The Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Contest is open to all students in grades 9-12, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over and previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners are not eligible.

**Entry:** Student will record a 3-5 minute essay on a cassette or CD on this year's theme, which they will submit along with a typed copy of the essay and a completed entry form. All recordings must be in their own voice with our music, special effects or background sounds. The recording and essay must not include anything that will identify the students in anyway. A completed entry form should be submitted with their materials to any post or auxiliary.

### PATRIOT'S PEN

**Theme:** "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans."  
**Eligibility:** The Patriot's Pen Contest is open to all students in grades 6-8 enrolled in public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school. Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in National finals are excluded for the contest.

**Entry:** A typed essay on this year's theme may be submitted which is written by the student and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words. All words count within the essay, even those with single letters. This does not include the essay title or added footnotes. Graphics or color is not allowed.

**DEADLINES for Both Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen**  
November 1, 2014 - Student entries to the Post/Auxiliary will not be accepted after this date  
November 15, 2014 - Post/Auxiliary

judging should be completed by this date  
December 6, 2014 - District judging should be completed by this date  
December 10, 2014 - District entries should be submitted by this date to Department  
**DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

January 2015 Voice of Democracy Awards Banquet (date and location yet to be determined)  
**Please watch for these announcements and others in the Colorado Veteran.**

### CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Eligibility:** Any Ladies Auxiliary member, her spouse, daughter or son is eligible to apply; 18 years or older.

**Entry:** This contest requires applicants to complete the application and submit a typed essay of 300 words or fewer. One \$1,000 scholarship will be presented in each of the four Ladies Auxiliary VFW Conferences. Additional information and rules may be reviewed at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org/programs/scholarships.html](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/programs/scholarships.html).  
**Deadline:** All entries must be mailed to Director of Programs Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Kansas City, MO 6411 and received by February 15, 2015. (If you know of someone who submits an entry to national ask for copy and send one to me for reporting purposes only.)

### YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART

**Eligibility:** Open to all students in grades 9-12 enrolled in public, private or parochial high school or home study program in Colorado. Foreign exchange students are NOT eligible. Former National winners are excluded from future contests.

**Entry:** Students are required to submit their art on paper or canvas. Digital art is not accepted. Judging is based on the originality of concept, presentation and patriotism expressed; the content or how it relates to patriotism and clarity of ideas; the design technique, total impact of work and uniqueness. Additional information and rules may be reviewed at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org/programs/scholarships.html](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/programs/scholarships.html).

### DEADLINE:

March 31, 2015 - Student entries to local Ladies Auxiliary will not be accepted after this date. (After judging at the local level the one first-place winner will be submitted to the Department Chair for judging. **DO NOT SEND TO NATIONAL**)  
April 15, 2015 - All entries should be submitted by this date to Department (The one first-place winner at the Department level will then advance to the national competition)

### JUNIOR GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP

**Eligibility:** Any girl, 13-16 years of age, participating in a Junior Girls Program.  
**Entry:** Junior Girls are required to complete the specified application procedures. A \$7,500 scholarship will be awarded to one outstanding young lady and will be held in escrow until she enrolls in college. Judging is based on Junior Girls unit activities (40%), school activities (30%) and scholastic achievement (30%). Additional information and rules may be reviewed at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org/programs/scholarships.html](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/programs/scholarships.html).

### DEADLINE:

March 11, 2015 - Student entries to local Ladies Auxiliary will not be accepted after this date. (After judging at the local level the one first-place winner will be submitted to the Department Chair for judging. **DO NOT SEND TO NATIONAL**)  
March 25, 2015 - All entries should be submitted by this date to Department (The one first-place winner at the Department level will then advance to the national competition)

Caroline Gelatt, Dept. Scholarship Chairman

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Department of Colorado

General Orders #1 July 2014

**1. All General Orders from the Department President are official and must be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference.**

2. Having been elected and installed as the Department President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Colorado, for the ensuing year, I assume command on June 21, 2014.

3. All previous elections and appointments expired as of June 21, 2014, and are hereby null and void.

4. The following officers were elected or appointed and installed at the Department Convention in Montrose, Colorado, on June 21, 2014, and will be recognized accordingly.

**President:** Martine Arndt, 445 Palm Springs Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80921

**Sr. Vice President:** Gloria Otwell, 7350 Treasure Trl Cir., Colorado Springs, CO 80911

**Jr. Vice President:** Linda Reinpold, 834 W. El Portal Drive, Pueblo West, CO 81007

**Treasurer:** Colleen Rylant, P O Box 2499, Loveland CO 80539

**Secretary:** Ginny Burris, 28260 Hwy 160, Space 21, Cortez, CO 81321

**Chaplain:** Caroline Gelatt, 3201 Claremont Ave, Evans, CO 80620

**Conductress:** Corena Hampton, P O Box 873, Mancos, CO 81328

**Guard:** Shelley Schlieman, 3537 W. 113<sup>th</sup> Ave., Westminster, CO 80031

**5. Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents:** All communications must be answered promptly, using proper channels as listed on page 12 of the Booklet of Instructions.

**6. Department Officers, Department Chairmen and Auxiliary Secretaries:** Please place the names of the Department President (Martine Arndt) and Department Secretary (Ginny Burris) on your mailing list so all activities will be reported to this office.

**7. Auxiliary Secretaries:** Please send names and addresses of your Auxiliary Chairmen to the corresponding Department Chairmen and to the Department Secretary.

**8. District Presidents:** Send a complete schedule of your District Meetings including dates, time and location to Department Secretary, Ginny Burris, 28260 Hwy 160, Space 21, Cortez, CO 81321 or e-mail to humming657@gmail.com if you have not

already done so. Please do this promptly so representatives may be scheduled.

**9. District Presidents:** Please make sure you do not schedule any District Meetings during the dates for Western Conference, October 17-19, 2014.

**10. Department Chairmen:** Funds or donations are not to be solicited except by prior vote and with the consent of the Council of Administration.

11. All communications, including correspondence and telephone calls regarding the Department of Colorado **must be placed through channels**, i.e. through President Martine Arndt and **not directly to National Headquarters** unless a specific order is issued in GENERAL ORDERS requesting you to do so or unless the National President or National Secretary asks for a direct reply.

12. Minutes of the 90th Department Convention held in Montrose, Colorado, June 19 through June 21, 2014, will be mailed to the members of the Convention Composition, with the exception of the Delegates. See Section 812D.

13. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted during Auxiliary meetings and there shall be no smoking in the Auxiliary room while the meeting is in progress. Pg. 36, Items #8 and #9 in Booklet of Instructions (yellow pages), National Bylaws.

**14. IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Council of Administration and the Parade of Programs will be held in Craig, VFW Post #4265, 719 E. Victory Way on Saturday, July 12, 2014, beginning at 1:30 p.m. with the Parade of Programs and closing at 4:00 p.m. A dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Post (make your reservations through Department Headquarters). On Sunday, July 13, 2014, there will be a joint meeting at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Council of Administration meeting at 9:00 a.m. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS.**

15. Continuous, new, reinstates, and life membership dues for 2015 can now be paid. Let's get them in early.

**16. To Department Commander James (Jim) Lafferty,** Department Officers and Members: I hereby pledge the continued support of all the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Colorado.

BY ORDER OF:  
Martine Arndt, President  
ATTEST:  
Ginny Burris, Secretary

Membership 2013-2014

Thank You to everyone that worked so hard to help the department reach our membership goals. The department came so close to the 100% goal this year. The auxiliary achieved 98.25% total number members 7,030 we needed 124 more for 100%. Well done to the 42 Auxiliaries and 3 Districts that attained 100% membership and many others were so close. Congratulations to all the ladies that earn our team racing pins and the 57 ladies that received the 100 year of service tote bag

for recruiting. Colorado did finish with the highest percentage in our membership group for department awards. We had a great year as we "Teamed Up Racing for Membership" and embarked on the challenge to "Keep America's Veterans and their Families Strong"

Loyally  
Charlotte Lattin  
Department Membership Chairman  
2013-2014

Veterans And Family Support

Can there be a blizzard in July? Definitely, and the 'Premier Program', Veterans and Family Support can be the "blizzard of Love, Honor, and Care for our Heroes."

The 2014-15 National and Colorado Veterans and Family Support Program Goals are:

- . National Veterans Services (NVS)
- . National Military Services
- . Buddy Poppy
- . VFW National Home for Children

All avenues to bring a 'blizzard' in July and last for the program year!!

The Veterans and Family Support Program should begin at home and involve the entire family. Here are some examples of how families can be involved:

Spread the word about the two (2) Colorado NVS Offices. Many veterans are not aware of the offices or their services. These offices assist all veterans whether they are VFW members or not in filing claims for multiple services and VA health care. The contact phone numbers for the CO NVS offices are: Denver – 303-914-5595 and Grand Junction – 970-245-4156. It is the 2014-15 National goal to raise \$1 million for 276 NVS Officers through "Operation Changing Lives".

Soldiers still need care packages, cards, and coupons. Cards and letters to the

overseas troops are also welcomed.

Say "thank you" to a veteran or active-duty soldier by giving them a commemorative coin.

Support your Post's Buddy Poppy drive. Funds donated are used solely for the welfare of veterans and their dependents. Remember, EVERY DAY can/should be a Buddy Poppy Day.

Collect Campbell's Labels for Education for the VFW National Home for Children.

Continue to remember and assist our homeless veterans. Support your local Stand Down.

District and Local Presidents – please share the 2014-15 Program Book Veterans and Family Support Information Sheet at your meetings.

We can bridge the gap between our knowledge of the resources and the needs of veterans if we make ourselves aware of what the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary can offer and who we might know who desperately needs that assistance.

Do contact me for program assistance.

Carol Anderson,  
Department Chairman  
Veterans and Family Support Program

Recruiter Training Program

I would like to thank Department President Martine Arndt, National President Ann Panteleakos and National Secretary-Treasurer Jan Owens for giving me the opportunity to be the National Certified Recruiter Trainer for the Department of Colorado throughout the 2014-2015 year.

This year National is implementing a national pilot program for the Ladies Auxiliary. The purpose is to encourage Auxiliaries to recruit and retain members at the state and local level. The training program will help increase membership through outreach strategies and to improve the retention rate. Their goal is to increase National membership by one million and a retention rate of 85% over the next three years.

Our mission is to help develop a recruitment plan that can be effective through better communication, increase knowledge about the benefits of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliaries, provide understanding about the important work that is being done for veterans, and our community involvement. The National Certified Trainer will work closely with the Sr. Vice President and Department Membership Chairman, Gloria Otwell and with her team to help complement building increased Auxiliary awareness and membership.

The primary purpose of the training is "How To" increase membership, retain members and reinstate past members. There will be classes throughout the state at the Department, District and local levels providing instruction on recruiting, working membership as a team effort, talking and listening techniques, some do's and don'ts, developing a plan, outside resources available and setting realistic goals. There will be material

available and how you can order materials to help promote membership.

Throughout the next year, additional recruiter/trainers will become available from each District in our Department. Their responsibility will also be to help Auxiliaries learn how to successfully recruit, retain, reinstate and mentor members. We need to get out the word about who the VFW Ladies Auxiliary is, what we do and how it helps our veterans and their families. We will be contacting Districts and Auxiliaries about training.

National Auxiliary membership has been declining over the past 13 years at an average of 15,562. Department of Colorado is at 97.97% thanks to Auxiliary members working so diligently. However, there are many Auxiliaries that are declining throughout the state even though they are working very hard.

As a National Certified Trainer and with the help of the District Department Trainers, it will be our goal to help Auxiliaries increase, recruit and retain future membership through training and mentoring to keep our Department as a healthy and active one. We need to raise public awareness about our organization and encourage them to join us. We need not get discouraged along the way. Remember – it is getting one member one at a time and – "some will join, some will not, but there is always someone waiting".

I look forward to working with all Auxiliaries throughout the upcoming year and am very excited about this new recruiting for membership program! Please call me with any questions and to schedule a training session.

Linda Reinpold, National Certified  
Recruiter Trainer  
Department of Colorado

Historian

Ladies we are embarking on a new year and I would like to have your help as I will be doing your Presidents scrapbook. When you have a special program at your Post, I would like a few pictures so Martine can enjoy her book for years to come. Many have a phone that would take pictures and they could be sent to me via e-mail barbarabuchanan@comcast.net

Thanks for your support, Barbara Buchanan, Historian



Aux 336: Zella Wilder, Ruth Watkins, Aurora Tapia  
Aux 1771: Liani Quimby, Viola Lutes, Lucille Schaefer, Donna Ilene Serrano  
**Please send your deceased Auxiliary members to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214 for TAPS**

## Membership 2014-2015

Ladies, I am so excited that President Martine Arndt has ask me to be your Department of Colorado Membership Chairman. I'm looking forward to working with you to help grow our organization into a strong organization for our Veterans. The approach to membership this year will be a little different than it has been in the past. Membership will be approached as a **team effort**. For the first time we will have a Ladies Auxiliary National Recruiter Trainer. Junior Vice President Linda Reinpold has been chosen to fill this important position. I will be working closely with Linda to make sure that we are meeting our goals and building our organization. I have also asked our Patriotic Instructor Kathleen Boatman to assist me with the membership chairmanship. As a team we are going to work to meet our National goals. Your team should be made up of your Auxiliary Membership Chairman, Auxiliary President, and each of your Ladies Auxiliary members. Go Team!

Our goals this year are the same as those that have been set by the National Membership Ambassador.

- 1) To recruit new members
- 2) Retain current members
- 3) Reinstate former members

4) **Grow our organization;** we are the greatest advocate our veterans have and we need to stay strong for them. We need to be able to continue to make a loud voice in Congress to maintain their benefits.

I am asking that each Auxiliary this year contact their own members to request Annual Dues. Please contact the Department Treasurer Colleen Rylant to let her know that you will be making these contacts. Use this opportunity to also let your members know what's going on in your own Auxiliary and how important they are to you. Many times our members are unable to come to our regular scheduled meetings and may feel disconnected from our auxiliaries. This personal contact is sometimes all it takes to get a member back into the fold; to become an active member again.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars started a century ago with a few dedicated women who wanted to help our nations veterans. Our organization in combination with the Veterans of Foreign Wars has become

the most influential veterans organizations in the country. If we wish to maintain this strength we must continue to work at it. There is only one way to add new members: **ask someone to join**; and once they do **ask them to participate**. Remember, they may not say "yes" on the first invitation; ask again later, once they become more familiar with the important programs of the Ladies Auxiliary. Always carry information about the Ladies Auxiliary and our programs with you.

Every Auxiliary should create a **Membership Plan**. That plan should include

- *Contact current members*
- *Outreach to former members*
- *Recruiting events to make contact with new potential members*
- *Know the importance of Family Events, if someone still has children they will be less likely to join: or participate if they cannot bring their children and spouse to some of the events. Plan a family event at least once a quarter.*
- *Wear identifying clothing or accessories that prompt questions from new potential members*

These are only a few ways to attract membership. I'm sure you have even more ideas!

Staying with Department President Martine's theme of **"Let it snow a blizzard of Love, Honor, and Care for our Heroes"** this year's membership awards will be a variety of snowflakes dangling from a beautiful teardrop pin or pendant. Membership Awards will consist of **1 Snowflake for recruiting a New Member; 1 Snowflake for recruiting a Life Member; 1 Snowflake for recruiting a New Family Member; 1 Snowflake for recruiting a New Member who's eligibility is from the War on Terror; and 1 Anchor for recruiting a VFW Post or Men's Auxiliary Member**

Once more I would like to thank President Martine for the opportunity to be her Membership Chairman. I would like to also thank Linda Reinpold and Kathleen Boatman for offering to help this year. If I can be of help to any of you please contact me.

GLORIA M. OTWELL  
Department Membership Chairman  
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## Extension

With acts of Love, Honor and Care for our Heroes, we will further the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and strengthen our organization by increasing the numbers of Auxiliaries and the numbers of members. The Extension Program is in the Program Book. There you will find Five Essential Requirements to Maintain status as an Auxiliary, a Health Check Up for Your Ladies Auxiliary, R U Healthy? Ladies Auxiliary Check List and a Meeting Clinic. The Goal this year is to have all of the Auxiliaries Healthy.

Mentoring is part of our duties as members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Why are our continuous members declining? Why are our new members not interested in coming to meetings?

1. Are meetings productive and informative?
2. Are the meetings well organized and lengthy?
3. Do you keep all members informed on projects and meetings?
4. Do you mentor a new member so she feels welcome.

5. Do you hold School of Instructions on Ritual procedures, explain the programs and answer questions they have?
6. Do you keep in touch with those who do not attend meetings?
7. Do your past officers help train the new officers in performing their duties and assist them? We have many members taking offices and by aiding them saves from embarrassing situations.
8. Are new ideas accepted or so we just do it the way we always have? Sometimes tried and true is good. What may not have worked several years ago may be just the right idea now. TAYGA.
9. Is there a bachelor Post in your area that you can get interest for starting an Auxiliary?
10. Is your Auxiliary Healthy? I am asking that the Auxiliary Members fill out the Health Check Up. Presidents, it will be your responsibility to provide the Questionnaire to your members. Then in turn, give them to the District Deputy Chief of Staff, who will then give to me. At the end of the year, a report will be given by the Deputies and Certificates will be handed out.  
Sue Johnson-Tartaglione,  
Department Chief of Staff

## Auxiliary Membership by District 2013 - 2014 June 30, 2014

Number	City	2013	2014	%	Number	City	2013	2014	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>					<b>DISTRICT #7</b>				
1	Denver	186	175	94	899	Alamosa	85	77	91
501	Denver	155	153	99	3228	Monte Vista	40	40	100*
2461	Denver	120	120	100*	4849	La Jara	47	48	102*
2797	Denver	35	37	106*	6101	San Luis	45	46	102*
3971	Denver	48	44	92	8121	So Fork	93	93	100*
5061	Denver	129	139	108*	TOTAL		310	304	98%
	TOTAL	673	668	99%	<b>DISTRICT #8</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>					<b>DISTRICT #9</b>				
984	Trinidad	25	23	92	859	Leadville	31	31	100*
2643	Walsenburg	8	0	0	1166	Buena Vista	92	89	97
2788	Penrose	40	44	110*	8661	Bailey	63	63	100*
3641	Pueblo	84	89	106*	11411	Lake George	41	42	102*
4061	Canon City	188	171	91	12009	Conifer	32	35	109*
5812	Pueblo West	27	40	148*	TOTAL		259	260	100%*
7305	Colo. City	33	30	91	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>				
	TOTAL	405	397	98%	4264	Stmbt Spgs	33	33	100*
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>					4265	Craig	62	59	95
41	Loveland	146	140	96	5843	Meeker	40	38	95
1771	Lafayette	364	346	95	9374	Kremmling	15	17	113*
1781	Ft. Collins	78	75	96	TOTAL		150	147	98%
2121	Greeley	104	106	102*	<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				
2585	Johnstown	40	43	108*	322	Englewood	123	113	92
2601	Longmont	270	260	96	3471	Morrison	51	52	102*
2841	Brighton	76	55	72	3631	Aurora	114	108	95
4334	Ault	36	37	103*	4171	Golden	355	338	95
6011	Platteville	40	38	95	4331	Arvada	125	136	109*
6624	Evans	199	207	104*	4444	Cmmrc City	175	177	101*
9565	Broomfield	42	37	88	6331	Aurora	65	49	75
	TOTAL	1395	1344	96%	7945	Thornton	245	254	104*
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>					9644	Fort Logan	384	372	97
2551	Ft. Morgan	144	144	100*	TOTAL		1637	1599	98%
3541	Sterling	93	91	98	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>				
4671	Wray	28	30	107*	784	Montrose	35	58	166*
8064	Akron	41	38	93	1247	Grnd Jctn	99	102	103*
	TOTAL	306	303	99%	3571	Delta	74	79	107*
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>					3981	Grnd Jctn	25	24	96
101	Colo. Spgs.	62	64	103*	4267	Gunnison	32	0	0
3917	Security	231	238	103*	4663	Clifton	64	74	116*
4051	Colo. Spgs	338	323	96	9221	Cedaredge	71	67	94
5221	Calhan	33	37	112*	9304	Silt	22	23	105*
6461	Fountain	106	114	108*	9333	Hotchkiss	28	25	89
7829	Monument	27	17	63	TOTAL		450	452	100%*
	TOTAL	797	793	99%	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>					4031	Durango	75	75	100*
336	Ordway	95	92	97	5181	Dove Creek	45	43	96
2411	Las Animas	94	98	104*	5231	Mancos	85	68	80
3621	Lamar	16	17	106*	9058	Nucla	21	20	95
4001	Springfield	32	33	103*	TOTAL		226	206	91%
4091	Rocky Ford	22	15	68	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
4281	Holly	11	13	118*	3411	Kit Carson	32	32	100*
	TOTAL	270	268	99%	6491	Burlington	5	11	220*
<b>"100 Years of Serving Veterans"</b>					6612	Hugo	63	59	94
<b>Department of Colorado</b>					TOTAL		100	102	102%*
<b>Ladies Auxiliary VFW</b>					15006	At Large	177	187	106%*
					TOTAL DEPT.		7,155	7,030	98%

## Americanism

What an honor to serve as the Americanism chairman for this incredible organization! Thank you, President Martine. Thank you for this opportunity, challenge, and your confidence in me.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Meade, Anthropologist  
This quote so relates to the Ladies Auxiliary ... we can make a difference, we are thoughtful, committed ladies .. working to improve the lives of our veterans!

We have so many opportunities to share our belief in our country. So, it is time to start planning and organizing to educate our youth on the etiquette of the flag, teaching the Pledge of Allegiance, promoting patriotism, holding POW/MIA ceremonies, building awareness for the struggles of Veterans and Military Families through wearing of the Suicide Awareness teardrop, and selecting outstanding educators who teach citizenship education in their classrooms for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award, and educating our members on understanding Auxiliary traditions.

The following dates will help you plan

activities to promote patriotism: July 27-Korean War ended (1953)  
July 28-World War I began (1914)  
August 7-Vietnam War began (1964)  
August 14- WWII ended, Japan surrendered (1945)  
August 14-National Navajo Code Talkers Day  
Sept. 11-Patriot Day  
Sept. 17-U.S. Constitution Approved (1787)  
Sept. 17-Ladies Auxiliary VFW organized (1914)  
Sept. 19-POW/MIA Recognition Day

In the next Colorado Veteran, I'll list more dates to assist you in your planning. Please remember to spend some time browsing through the VFW store magazine. Showing a business that they are appreciated for flying the flag by presenting them with a certificate can make a world of difference. Certificates can be purchased through the VFW store. I look forward to working with all of you. We, the Ladies Auxiliary, will create a blizzard of Love, Honor, and Care for our heroes by working together!!!  
Rose Naughton, Dept. Americanism Chrm.

Youth Activities / Jr. Girls Unit

Greetings to all you beautiful Colorado Ladies!!

The 2014-2015 year has officially begun in Colorado. I will be your Ladies Auxiliary Department Chairman for Youth Activities & Jr. Girls Units. I am excited and nervous as this is my first year as a Department Chair, so if any of you are first year chairman—We will learn together! It was a pleasure seeing and meeting those who attended at the first COA in Craig. I hope all of you are excited to start working with the youth within your Post & Auxiliaries as well as the youth within your community. If you were unable to attend the COA, please make sure you get a copy of the information provided in this year's program books. I provided an outline with ideas for activities throughout the year that can be done with all youth including a Jr. Girls Unit. There is also information for the Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award and Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations. I am asking all Auxiliaries to try (really hard) and submit at least ONE entry for the Outstanding Young

Volunteer of the Year Award and Youth Group Citations. This year National has three goals—Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations, Supporting and Working with Youth Groups, and Jr. Girls Units. Please remember to report all your activities and funds that are used towards Youth Activities and Jr. Girls Units.

**Jr. Girls Units**—I'm excited to work with all units and their advisors this year. I hope that I can meet as many of you as possible. Please keep up the dedication and hard work you have put forth over the years. The future of our organization starts with all of you, so don't be afraid to get to know Auxiliary members, your local Auxiliary traditions, or to ask questions. I am here for anyone who has questions or needs help. I can be reached on my cell phone (970)396-4197 or by email stephane.trujillo@gmail.com. I hope to meet more of you throughout this year and I am excited to be working with all you. See you all in Pueblo West in October (if not sooner).  
Stephane Trujillo  
Department Youth Activities and Jr. Girls Chairman

Hospital

Welcome to "Let it snow a Blizzard of Love, Honor and Care for our Veterans" - is President Martine's slogan. To Honor, Care and Help the veterans is what the hospital program is all about.

It will be my privilege to serve as Department Hospital Chairman this year.

This will be a very important year for the Veterans Health Administration's and the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service. The VFW held two separate town hall meetings; one in Kansas City and the other in Baltimore in an effort to gain more insight into the issues veterans are facing at local VA medical centers. The VFW leaderships are hearing directly from veterans that rely on the VA centers for their care. It's no surprise that wait times for appointments were a concern. The most prevalent criticism of the VA facilities was that of customer service "Curt, Rude and very unfriendly" were just a few words used to describe VA representatives. Access to medication was also a concern and for more than five hours veterans relayed their stories. The VA system is broken, but not beyond repair, and the VFW has vowed to be a part of the fix. VFW will deliver our veterans message directly to congress. Veterans can talk to service officers or go to the VFW web site to interact with feedback or call 1-800-VFW-1899. National Adjutant General John Hamilton stated "The nations veterans deserve the very best, and we won't settle for anything less."

As auxiliary members, we may see many changes in the VA Medical Care system, as volunteers we need to be aware of how we can support the veterans. It may be to volunteer in some new areas within the facilities or to take a few minutes to listen to the concerns of

our veterans and their families. Volunteers are essential to the VA Medical Centers; the many special events and activities would not be possible without volunteers. **Our number one priority this year is to recruit new volunteers.** Auxiliary members do not have to volunteer each week or every month, just a few hours a month can make a big difference. The Veteran's Health Administration has opened several new clinics throughout the state to help provide better and more accessible care to veterans. Most of the clinics are asking for volunteers to assist in various ways; contact the volunteer service representative for more information on how to get started. Each member has a special talent, for ladies that cannot commit to a weekly schedule ask them to take part in special parties or activities. Some ladies may help to make lap robes, or other comfort items, baked goods & special tray favors that are so appreciated in the medical centers and nursing homes. Colorado State Veterans Nursing Homes, Local Hospitals & Nursing Homes and Domiciliary also have many opportunities to volunteer in your committees. Your hours, etc. can be counted toward ladies auxiliary hospital awards. WHO can serve? Members, Non-members, Youth and families can volunteer. The auxiliaries can interact with other organizations to help recruit volunteers to assist our veterans and their families. I will be presenting a special award to any member that recruits a new volunteer this year, check the program book for the form.

Let me know if I can be of assistance in any way.  
Charlotte Lattin  
Department Hospital Chairman

Buddy Poppy

The most frequently asked questions at our Buddy Poppy Drive on Memorial Day weekend really surprised me! Perhaps it was because it was right before Memorial Day, a holiday not used for remembering so much anymore...as it is for the start of summer, picnicking, boating, camping and grilling. The question we were asked the most - 'What kind of a flower is that and what is it for?' The other questions included 'What is the VFW?', 'Who is the VFW?', and 'What does VFW stand for?' The most understandable questions... 'Where does the money go from here?', and 'How much of this money will the veterans actually get?' I guess we know what we need to do! Educate, educate, educate.

Education is something we are all good at; we've been doing it for years. We've educated our children, we've taught people how to make a recipe, or accomplish a task...the list goes on. Well now let's take on our wonderful memorial flower of remembrance. There are so many ways to accomplish this task. Next time you have a Poppy Drive, put an article in your local newspaper. Make a display about the history of the Buddy Poppy and put it in the local library. And don't forget your Posts...have a basket with poppies available year round. The power of the poppy is ours to share.

Pam Tjosvold  
Department Buddy Poppy Chairman

Thank You Colorado

I would like to Thank All of my Auxiliary Sisters who sent cards, calls, and visits when I had my accident in April. I am slowly getting better. It will take some more time to heal. Thanks Again for your Prayers.

Thank You  
Love  
Rhonda Renz, Ladies Auxiliary #859

Cancer Aid and Research

Hello, my name is Lennie Dolan and I am very happy and excited to be your Cancer Aid and Research Chairman. I will have very BIG shoes to fill after Gracie Trast very impressive job as chairman this past year but she has agreed to assist me so I know that together we can make this a wonderful year of reporting and donating to this cause!

This year our Cancer pin is a Snow Flake surrounded by Cancer ribbons. Our theme this year is "Let it Snow A Blizzard of Love, Honor, and Care for our Heroes". Please purchase Cancer pins at \$3.00 each, using the form included in this book. Cancer donations will be accepted at each Parade of Programs and Council of Administration meetings. Checks should be made payable to: VFW Ladies Auxiliary Department of Colorado, and earmarked Cancer Aid and Research on the note line.

Once again our goal is to achieve 100% of our \$2.00 per member obligation. A Cancer bead bracelet will be awarded to the President and Treasurer of each Auxiliary that completes this obligation by October 31, 2014. This \$2.00 per member funds the National Cancer Grants. These funds provide Cancer Grants to a member who has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW for one (1) full year and current dues must be paid before applying for a Cancer Grant. There is a limit of two (2) grants per lifetime, but must be 12 months apart. (This is **not** related to Specified Disease Insurance, commonly referred to as Cancer Insurance offered by

some Auxiliaries.) You may obtain Cancer Grant application forms from your Auxiliary or Department Treasurer, National Headquarters at: **816-561-8655**, e-mail info@ladiesauxvfw.org or printed from the website. Junior Girls as of March 18, 2004 are eligible to receive one (1) grant during her continuous membership in the Unit.

Each year the national organization awards a two-year \$100,000 Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship. Contact Universities, hospitals and other institutions that are accredited cancer research facilities. You may contact your doctor, or search the internet for a listing in Colorado.

ONLY \$2 per member is being requested. That's right - no levels or citations for different amounts. The deadline for Departments to have the money to National Headquarters is June 30, 2015.

You can give a memorial to Cancer Aid & Research in lieu of flowers. "In Memoriam" cards can be purchased through the VFW Store at www.vfwstore.org or 1-800-821-2606.

This year, let's honor our members and even non-members who have survived cancer. Plan a Cancer Free party or celebration. Invite a speaker, have a dinner or dance, give a small gift or certificate and just show them we care.

Lennie Dolan  
Department Cancer Aid & Research Chairman

2013 - 2014 Colorado Program Reporting

No. of volunteer hours donated	186,771 hrs.	\$4,896,527
Amount of money spent/donated to complete activities		\$684,841

2014 - 2015 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: Lennie Dolan  
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