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**Keith E. Harman**  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the  
United States  
National Representative for Fall  
Conference Fort Morgan, CO.

Keith E. Harman was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on July 22, 2015, at the VFW's 116th National Convention, held in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Harman served in the U. S. Army from 1967-1969. He served in Vietnam as a Crew Chief and Door Gunner on Huey Helicopters. His decorations include the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze service stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citations, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Aircraft Crewmember Badge.

Mr. Harman joined the VFW in 1983 at Post 3035 in Delphos, Ohio, where he is a Gold Legacy Life Member. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department (state) levels culminating with his election as Department Commander 2004-2005 in which he achieved All American status. On the national level, he has served on several committees, including Chairman of the National Veterans Service Committee.

He is a Life Member of the VFW National Home, Military Order of the Cootie, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, and a member of American Legion and Alpha Troop Alumni Association.

Mr. Harman is retired with 22 years of service as a County Veterans Service Officer. He attended Giffin Jr. College and Kansas State Teachers College.

He and his wife Mary Lou make their home in Delphos, Ohio. They have two children, Adam and Keri, and five grandchildren.

## Council of Administration Meetings

March 12 - 13, 2016	VFW Post 3917	Security
June 15 - 18, 2016	State Convention hosted by VFW Post 3917 and Auxiliary	Security

Please make plans to attend



**THE VFW RESPECTS  
OUR NATION'S  
MOST  
SACRED SYMBOL**

## FLAG ETIQUETTE U.S. FLAG CODE U.S. FLAG HISTORY

The federal flag code says the universal custom is to display the U.S. flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaves in the open, but when a patriotic effect is desired the flag may be displayed 24-hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. Also, the U.S. flag should not be displayed when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.

### Displaying the Flag:

#### On Same Staff

U.S. flag at peak, above any other flag.

#### Grouped

U.S. flag goes to its own right. Flags of other nations are flown at same height.

#### Marching

U.S. flag to marchers right (observer's left).

#### On Speaker's Platform

When displayed with a speaker's platform, it must be above and behind the speaker. If mounted on a staff it is on the speaker's right.

#### Decoration

Never use the flag for decoration. Use bunting with the blue on top, then white, then red.

#### Salute

All persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the armed forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

**Over a Street** Union (stars) face north or east depending on the direction of the street.

#### Half Staff

On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff. On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until noon and then raised.

- Do not let the flag touch the ground.
- Do not fly flag upside down unless there is an emergency.
- Do not carry the flag flat, or carry things in it.
- Do not use the flag as clothing.
- Do not store the flag where it can get dirty.
- Do not use it as a cover.
- Do not fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.
- Do not draw on, or otherwise mark the flag.

#### Flag Disposal:

1. The flag should be folded in its customary manner.
2. It is important that the fire be fairly large and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag.
3. Place the flag on the fire.
4. The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
5. After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.
6. Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.

**Note: Please contact your local VFW Post if you'd like assistance or more information on proper flag disposal.**

## Judge Advocate Column Kirk Rosa



As the State Judge Advocate, it is my job to advise the State Commander and his staff. To assist Post in the event that they

are going to pursue Article 9 charges. To answer By Law questions to the membership of the Department of Colorado. We do not make the decisions for all those listed. The State Judge Advocate also is there to make sure the rules (By Laws, Manual of Procedure, and Rituals) are followed. So one asks why is this article being written as normally the State Judge Advocate does not have an article in the Colorado Veteran. Here is why

We have a few problems in the Department of Colorado. The Department of Colorado consists of the Cooties, the VFW Warriors, the Men's Auxiliary, the VFW Auxiliary and the VFW. Some in the Department of Colorado, when nominated to a position, accepted the nomination, and when elected, took an oath. The oath is different between the various groups within the Department but it means pretty much the same thing. When we raised our hand and took our respective oath, it meant that we would do the job we were elected or appointed to. It means that we will get the job done of our respective office. It means that we will be fair and unbiased. It means that we do what is best for the Department of Colorado.

Here is what it does and did not mean. It does not mean that we will belong to a clique of individuals that believe they are above the rules and can do as they please. It does not mean we have to treat the individuals in office with respect as

RESPECT is earned. You respect the position. It does not mean that those in office can treat others with total disregard and act as if they are above the rules.

Lately I hear, I do not have to follow that or that does not pertain to me, or the one I really like, I will not accept emails, only snail mail. Here is the bottom line. It is time to come into the 21st Century. It is time we start acting like we actually care about our organization. It is time to get with the modern era and learn that if we are to recruit the younger generation, we will have to get into the age of social media, and emails, twitter, etc. No more of I won't or I can't. The rules apply to everyone. Regardless of which sub group you belong to. There are two people who make most of the decisions in the Department of Colorado. The State Commander, and the VFW Auxiliary President.

You can bet that this State Judge Advocate knows the By Laws, Manual of Procedure and Rituals. No I am not perfect. But what I have been seeing is a total disregard for them. It is time for us to get rid of all the cliques, get rid of all the negativity that they bring, start treating each other the way you would want to be treated. Work for the common goals of the Department. Stop all the negative stuff, start finding the positive and work with it. If we can't do that, then we need to take a hard look at why we are here, why did we run for office. We should be asking what can I do to better my Post or Post Auxiliary, or pup tent, or VFW Warriors chapter or Men's Auxiliary unit. Not what will Department do to help us out.

Kirk Rosa  
Department Judge Advocate

### Department Officers and Office Staff

Wish

Everyone

**A Great Thanksgiving and Holiday Season**

**Thank You For Your Continued Support**

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## Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

Nov	1	Golden #4171	Golden
	8	Aurora #3631	Aurora
	15	Longs Peak #2601	Longmont
	22	Joseph J Jacques #7945	Thornton
	29	Dean K Phillips #5061	Denver
Dec	6	Grand MOC & MOCA	Denver
	13	Pat Hannon VFW #4666	Littleton
	20	Verle Huffman VFW #9644	Sheridan
	27	Paul A Westover VFW #3471	Morrison
Jan	3	Arvada VFW #4331	Arvada
	10	Francis Brown Lowry VFW #501	Denver
	17	So Denver VFW #2461	Denver
	24	John S Stewart VFW #1	Denver
	31	Englewood VFW #322	Englewood
Feb	7	John S Stewart VFW #1	Denver
	14	Broomfield VFW #9565	Broomfield
	21	Mile High VFW #1771	Lafayette
	28	Joseph J Jacques VFW #7945	Thornton

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.

**Protestant service begins at 9:00 AM. Please meet in the Chapel at 8:30 for assignments of volunteers to escort from the Community Living Center.**

**If you are unable to keep your assigned date, please work out a trade and then call, Betty Melsen at 303-237-6646 or Juanita Bowen 303-935-4271 IN ADVANCE so they are aware of any changes.**

**Please contact Betty Melsen if your VFW and Auxiliary would volunteer for Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour, VA Bingo Parties, or VA Birthday Parties. She is needing to fill vacancies left by VFW Posts and Auxiliaries that are unable to have enough volunteers to continue.**

#### NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

NO.	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
1	11/21/15 Saturday	Post No. 1 Denver	10:00 am Mtg No Lunch VFW Only	Ed Aitken
3	11/15/15 Sunday	Post No. 41 Loveland	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Ed Aitken
4	11/22/15 Sunday	Post No. 8064 Akron	12 :00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Allan Stone Gloria Otwell
5	11/15/15 Saturday	Post No. 3917 Security	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Memorial Srv Meeting to follow	Steve Kjonaas Gloria Otwell
6	11/22/15 Sunday	Post No. 4281 Holly	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 PM Meeting	Pete Buchanan Linda Reinpold
8	11/14/15 Saturday	Post No. 8661 Bailey	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 PM Meeting	Kirk Rosa Caroline Gelatt
10	11/15/15 Sunday	Post No. 4171 Golden	12:00 noon Meeting 1:00 PM Jt Mtg Meeting to Follow	Kirk Rosa
11	11/15/15 Sunday	Post No. 784 Montrose	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Joint 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Allan Stone Dee Haley
13	11/15/15 Sunday	Post No. 3411 Kit Carson	2:00 PM Meeting Snack to follow	Pete Buchanan Linda Reinpold

\*\*\*\*\*Training Sessions and COA Oct 31 - Nov 1 Fort Morgan

\*\*\*\*\*Stand Down Denver Nov 19

\*\*\*\*\*Western Conference Nov 06 – 08 Boise, ID

\*\*\*\*\*Denver Veterans Day Parade NOV 07

\*\*\*\*\*Thanksgiving Nov 26 (Office closed Thursday and Friday)

9	12/5/15 Saturday	Post No. 4265 Craig	12 noon Lunch Christmas Party	Ed Aitken Shelley Schlieman
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#### POST & AUXILIARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP NO. \_\_\_\_\_ VFW POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**THANK YOU  
EDITOR**



## Commander's Column Peter Buchanan



There is so much hustle and bustle this time of year with our youth programs well underway, well funded by our VFW posts and districts around

the state. I see Facebook posts of all the service we do for our veterans to make their lives just a bit better. It is the time of year when we start thinking about the holiday season just around the corner. At this time of year our thoughts turn to cold weather, homelessness, and needs that at times are almost more than bearable.

This article draws a Special Project that we as a VFW are in partnership with students from the Metro State University Flight team and CABA Collegiate Chapter. So what is CABA you ask? The Colorado Aviation Business Association has been gathering food and toys along the Front Range and Western Slope for 5 years. The donated goods were distributed by a group composed of pilots on the Precision Flying Team of Metro State University of Denver, private pilots and others who all donated their time and expenses to fly or drive the goods to VFW posts in Denver, Montrose, Delta, Alamosa, Trinidad and Burlington. Again this year they have scheduled the Christmas

Charity Airlift event for Veterans. As of this writing, we are looking to add more drop areas. 4,200 hours was spent on this project. Raised from all contributions, 4000 pounds of toys and food. Air transportation and pilots donated \$34,500.00. There were 425 people involved including VFW members. No money was spent it was all donations.

We started collecting goods and money at the State Commander's homecoming in August. Funds continue to be sent in from posts for this project. We will be purchasing additional food and toys with the cash donations. The Department will be delivering our collections on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum. The keynote speaker is Col. Mark Tillman, Air Force One Captain from 2001-2009 talking about his role flying the nation's President as the 12<sup>th</sup> Presidential Pilot working under a "zero fail mission" philosophy. He will be telling the riveting, behind-the-scenes story of September 11, 2001 from his perspective at the controls of Air Force One, the day our nation changed forever.

Please collect your donations and deliver them to Department Headquarters no later than Monday, November 30, 2015. Thank you for your support of this veterans helping veterans Special Project.

Peter Buchanan  
Department Commander

### Please support Department Commander's Special Project with a Cash donation

## Jr. Vice Column Ed Aitken



I had the pleasure of attending the Junior Vice Commander's Conference in Kansas City, Missouri in which we toured the National Headquarters. We

have an awesome building representing Veterans of Foreign War. The tour took us though the different departments and listen to the staff explain their duties and how they interact with each other. We are very fortunate to have such a facility and staff.

At the conference there were several topics presented such as, Membership, Programs, By-laws and we also heard from the Washington D.C. Office on how they operate. Several other informational topics were presented. The one that I found most interesting was, VFW and SVA (Student Veterans Association)

Synergy. Working with American Heroes, presented by David "Gunner" Wiles. Comrade Wiles is a retired Marine attending college and spoke on us working together. The presentation was on the young "Millennial" Veterans and who they are, also in the presentation was a survey asking if they had visited a VFW Post? And how were you greeted?. Out of the 6 veterans 5 were not greeted by anyone at the Post. This is disturbing for it makes me believe that as we get older we tend to mirror the generations before us. I am told the Korean Veterans were ignored, Vietnam Veterans were, well you know. I ask you to join me and when a stranger comes into your Post go up to them, introduce yourself and visit with them. If they are sitting alone ask to join

them or to join you. You and I can make a difference. I asked Comrade Wiles for his presentation and have received it. I will send it to anyone that would like to have it, send me an email, ed@Lpbroadband.net and in the subject line put Millennial.

As I travel around to the different Districts, I have given the District Commanders a packet with information on the VFW National Home for Children. I have run out and requested more supplies. Hopefully, I will have them by the Fort Morgan Council of Administration. One of the most reasonable Life Memberships is for the Home, your membership is only \$35 or \$40 with a pin which entitles you to vote for the Director of your area. The Home derives it's funds from its memberships and special programs.

One of the programs is the "Tribute Brick Program" which lets you dedicate a special tribute, share an inspiring message, or create a permanent legacy of caring. Think of the possibilities, purchasing such a memorial is an exceptional way to, remember a loved one, express gratitude to a comrade, convey appreciation to a family member or set your name in stone. The cost is \$100 and you will receive a commemorative certificate with a representation of your brick. If you would like an order form send me an email, ed@Lpbroadband.net, with Brick in the subject line and I will see that you get one.

Hope to see you all at the Council of Administration in Fort Morgan on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, and travel safe.

Ed Aitken  
Department Jr. Vice Commander

## Sr. Vice Column Allan Stone



Membership is something that drives every organization and Veterans of Foreign Wars is no exception. Without

keeping current members and recruiting new members, VFW will fail.

Remember years ago when most of us were in school, we had the three R's, Readin', 'Rritin' and 'Rithmetic. have three R's for Veterans of Foreign Wars that I want to discuss.

1. RECRUIT
2. RETAIN
3. REINSTATE

Let's explore each one of the three R's.

RECRUIT - National, Department and District are always encouraging Posts to recruit new members. Several people to consider recruiting into VFW are: neighbors, postmen, policemen, sheriffs, firemen and anyone wearing a cap or shirt with military insignia on them. Just ask them if they were in the service and where they served.

RETAIN - We need to retain the new members that we bring into the posts. Start a mentor program and have a member communicate and keep in touch with the new members through

e-mails, phone calls and text messages or any other form of communication the new member prefers. The continuous members need to be encouraged to become life members.

REI NST ATE - Members who have fallen through the cracks and have been taken off of the roster need to be contacted and encouraged to rejoin VFW. Department has a list of individuals who can be reinstated, as well as, a list of members at large that can be contacted.

This year, the Department of Colorado, needs 17,646 members to reach a goal of 100. 14,113 are life members, so 3,533 members need to be added to the membership from continuous, new and reinstated members. This is a goal that can be reached and make the Department of Colorado 100! Let's help Commander Pete "carry the load!"

There will not be a Colorado Veteran until after the first of the year, so I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Let's all work together to support and honor veterans!

Allan P. Stone  
Department Sr. Vice Commander

## Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



I hope this finds everyone well and warm.

I've noticed Post's are slowing down on updating, or finally creating by-laws. When being sent to Department for

review, we've noticed a few Post's mistake Article IV, Section 2 concerning "Admission fees". Admission fees are the fees you send to Department for each New member recruited. This amount is one dollar. These have nothing to do with your dues. If you look on the Quarterly Audit form, it is Line 2. Please read the sample By-Laws, which Department can supply, and call with any questions.

As I've gone over the Quarterly Audits for the past three years, and a very large majority are done correctly, a few have minor math problems, and some are just wrong. Not only is getting these audits

turned in on time required, doing them correctly is a must. We have several Post's in the Department who either did not do an audit, or just put some numbers on a page and turned it in. Then when a problem with funds arise, the bonding company would not cover the loss due to audit problems. Please take your time and do them correctly. Or better yet, go on line to vfwcolodept.org, the Department web site. Find the tab near the top named "Forms". Scroll down to the Quartermasters section and find the "Trustees (Fillable) Report of Audit Form." Fill in the blanks like you would on the paper form and it will automatically do the math. Print the form out, keep one for your Post, or District, and send the other to Department.

I hope everyone has great Holidays.

Bruce R. Dolan  
State Adj/QM

## Surgeon's Column David Stone



Greetings comrades,

As we celebrate Veterans' day and the approaching holiday season, we all should reflect on our blessings of family, health

and home. This is also a good time to consider the needs of those whose life has taken them on a different path than most of us. I am talking about the veterans who are in the VA and State nursing homes and those in our communities who are homeless.

I was surprised to learn that fewer than 10 % of the Veterans in our homes receive visitors, including those with families nearby. As our Past Department Commander Larry Mitchell frequently

reminds us, Christmas is all too often a lonely time for these honored veterans. Far too many will go through the season without receiving a single card or visitor. And I agree with Larry that a simple card with a small amount of cash would be a heartfelt gift.

And what about the homeless? Clearly we have should consider sharing our blessing with those in our communities that are in need. I would like to encourage VFW Posts throughout the state to help by donating time, supplies, or funds to your community organizations that help the less fortunate.

David Stone  
Department State Surgeon



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General Orders No. 2 November 1, 2015  
Series: 2015-2016

1. Post & District Inspections should be completed by December 31, 2015. Send all three (3) copies to Department Headquarters for the Department Inspector to review. If he finds any irregularities he will confer with the State Commander and a letter of recommendation will be written to the Post Commander.

2. Section 709 of the VFW National By-Laws concerns Disposition of Real Property, i.e. Post Homes. Written notice of such proposal has first to be given to each member of said unit and the Department Commander ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and then only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those present and voting at such regular or special meeting.

3. It is the obligation of every member to GET OUT AND VOTE for the candidates of their choice. Take a friend or friends with you to the voting place. Election day is November 3rd and you must be registered to exercise your right to vote.

4. Post Quartermaster and District Quartermaster Bonds expired August 31, 2015. Applications have been mailed to ALL Quartermasters for renewal. Please see that your Quartermaster is bonded in an amount equal to your Post liquid assets. This means ALL funds, Post, Club, Bingo, CD's, etc. Cost is \$4.50 per thousand.

5. Section 218, paragraph (11), Duty of Trustees, Trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers whose books, records and accounts are audited by the Trustees. Among the duties of the three (3) elected Post Trustees, they shall: (duties are listed a - d).

Post Commanders and Post Trustees are reminded that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Post Trustee Report of Audit was due to be at Department Headquarters on October 25, 2015 to meet All State requirements. Please see your Post Quartermaster for forms and records.

6. Please be informed that any Post or District requesting a Department Officer to attend a VFW function should make such request in writing to the State Commander. Please allow sufficient time, at least three (3) weeks, for Department to make arrangements.

7. All VFW Posts are required to purchase the revised By-Laws and Ritual books from the VFW National Emblem and Supply Department. Please see your Post Quartermaster and ask him to order for you. All members should be informed that the Post Quartermaster has a current sup-

ply catalog and he is instructed to assist you with your order.

8. An annual income tax return (Form 990) is required of each Post, District and Men's Auxiliary exempt from tax under section 501 (c) 19 of the Federal Code. Starting in 2008 ALL VFW POSTS, DISTRICTS and MEN'S AUXILIARIES with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less have to E-FILE, EVERY YEAR. All Posts exceeding \$50,000 in gross receipts must file on Form 990 or Form 990EZ. Forms and instructions are available from www.irs.gov.

Gross receipts include income from all sources, including membership dues, bar or restaurant receipts, etc. Some of this may be unrelated business income, in which case filing of Form 990-T may be required.

**For 2014-2015, exempt organizations that are under section 501(c) and have gross receipts greater than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 and assets less than \$500,000, may file Form 990-EZ instead of Form 990.** If an organization eligible to submit the Form 990N or file the Form 990 EZ chooses to file the Form 990, it must file a complete return.

This return must be filed on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the fifth month after the end of the accounting year (November 15 for June 30 year end or May 15 for calendar year end).

Request for extension of time to file may be made by submitting form 8868, Application for Extension of Time to File. If a Post, District or Men's Auxiliary fails to file the return on or before the due date, or the extended date, a penalty of \$20 for each day the return is late (not to exceed the smaller of \$10,000 or 5% of the gross receipts of the organization for the year) may be imposed, unless the organization can show that the late filing was due to reasonable cause.

**If you do not file for three (3) consecutive years your Post, District or Men's Auxiliary will lose their non-profit standing with IRS and have to re-apply for non-profit standing and pay to file the application.**

9. All Posts are reminded that they are responsible for filing of State Compensation Insurance, State and Federal Unemployment, State and Federal Withholding Tax and any local employee/employer tax, if you have one or more employees.

**All units of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Colorado are NOT exempt from State Sales and Use Tax.**

Attested By:  
Bruce R. Dolan  
State Adjutant

By Command Of:  
Peter Buchanan  
State Commander

**MOC and MOCA 2015 - 2016 Schedule**

December 11th	Supreme Reception	Silver Dollar #1	Denver
December 12th	Silver Dollar Omelette Bar 8:30 AM		Denver
	Past Grand Cmdr Meeting		
	Past Grand President Meeting		
	MOC & MOCA Meetings 10:00 AM		
December 13th	Denver VA Chapel & Visitation		
February 27, 2016	Pikes Peak VFW #4051		Colorado Springs
April 30, 2016	Grand Convention VFW Post #322		Englewood

**Chaplain's Column  
Steve Kjonaas**



The legacy that we leave to our newest Veterans and our communities is impacted by your own values and moralities. We

have the opportunity to help fellow Veterans raise from the despair they live today; a chance to promote the height of emotional and spiritual support for all those around. Let's agree on this; *Veteran Homelessness* is a phrase we should never need to utter. For a multitude of reasons, some Veterans have become endangered of losing their permanent housing or have lost it all together. Once that final step has happened, the Veteran enters a spiral that is almost impossible to recover from without outside support and help.

The VFW is just one of forty-nine other agencies who partnered with the Mayors Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness. Ending Veteran Homelessness is quite a lofty goal indeed! However, this goal is attainable through the resources provided by the VA, HUD,

local governments, plus the hard work of community service nonprofits just like the VFW. From the beginning of this year, the Mayors Challenge has housed a little more than 140 Homeless Veterans in Colorado.

There are two ways you can help end Veteran homelessness.

- 1. Volunteer to help find home less Veterans in parks and camps under the supervision of your local Police Homeless Outreach team. Call the Volunteer Coordinator 719-722-4585 for further information and to volunteer.

- 2. Help build a *Home Starter Kit* from your Post's resources for a newly housed Veteran. The Home Starter Kit suggested item list is found at [www.goo.gl/VwE4xF](http://www.goo.gl/VwE4xF)

This is your call, your faith in others can be one of the most rewarding projects you have taken part in as a VFW member!

Steve Kjonaas  
Department Chaplain

**VFW Band on Department Facebook Page**

We have been asked if the Band has a CD so that people who don't have the opportunity to hear us in person, could have a recording. We're not there yet, but we have posted a YouTube video on the "VFW Department of Colorado" Facebook page. The video is from our 2014 concert at the Eagle Flight Days festival in Eagle, Co. It's our VFW message followed by the "Armed Forces Salute". Once you have viewed the video, you can find other videos from the Band that are on YouTube. You can also click on Littleton Community Music Association link below the video title, which will take you to their page to find all the videos we have posted. It's our intent to use the Department Facebook page to post more videos and photos of the Band.

Once again, thanks to the VFW Community for your continued support. VFW Band of Colorado.

Thanks,  
Cliff Payne

**VFW DEPARTMENT ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS CONTEST**

*VFW Post & Auxiliary Newsletter Contest 2015 - 2016*

*VFW District & Auxiliary Newsletter Contest 2015 - 2016*

Please select your three (3) best Publications and mail or bring them to  
VFW Department Headquarters  
1400 Carr Street  
Lakewood CO 80214

BY March 23, 2016  
Entry form available January 1, 2016

Judging will be based on News' content, layout and graphics and general excellence

All issues published between  
January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015 are eligible

**Coming Soon**

**VFW, Auxiliary, and Men's Auxiliary  
Convention Schedules**

**Complete Listing of Hotels  
Events Schedule / Golf / Breakfasts / Lunches / Dinners**

**All Information Will Be Posted On Page 8 of  
February 2016 and May 2016 Colorado Veterans  
(Also Posted on [www.vfwcolodept.org](http://www.vfwcolodept.org))**

**We Will See Everyone At Convention 2016**

**VFW Post Membership by District as of October 22, 2015**

Number/ City	2015	2016	%	Number/City	2015	2016	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>				<b>DISTRICT #8</b>			
1 Denver	852	777	91	859 Leadville	43	33	77
501 Denver	331	278	84	1166 Buena Vista	154	136	88
2461 Denver	170	135	79	3820 Salida	95	81	85
2797 Denver	58	31	53	8661 Bailey	144	133	92
3971 Denver	92	82	89	10721 Minturn	93	79	85
5061 Denver	359	282	78	11411 Lake George	44	42	95
TOTAL	1862	1585	85%	12009 Conifer	129	88	68
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>				<b>DISTRICT #9</b>			
61 Pueblo	86	78	91	2371 Walden	29	28	97
2788 Penrose	121	81	67	4264 Steamt Spgs	97	83	86
3641 Pueblo	84	69	82	4265 Craig	138	123	89
4061 Canon City	339	301	89	5261 Rangely	28	17	61
5812 Pueblo West	208	163	78	5843 Meeker	47	37	79
7305 Colo. City	48	41	85	9374 Kremmling	40	33	83
8898 Boone	50	40	80	9471 Hayden	12	8	67
12063 Westcliffe	42	41	98	TOTAL	391	329	84%
TOTAL	978	814	83%	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>				<b>DISTRICT #11</b>			
41 Loveland	298	245	82	322 Englewood	129	111	86
807 Boulder	47	40	85	3471 Morrison	72	64	89
1771 Lafayette	311	277	89	3631 Aurora	364	305	84
1781 Ft. Collins	323	284	88	4121 Idaho Spgs.	59	51	86
2121 Greeley	180	159	88	4171 Golden	530	431	81
2585 Johnstown	130	108	83	4266 Parker	68	60	88
2601 Longmont	390	336	86	4331 Arvada	293	257	88
4334 Ault	75	64	85	4444 Cmmrc Cty	239	215	90
6011 Platteville	63	57	90	4666 Littleton	142	130	92
6624 Evans	300	261	87	7563 Black Hawk	22	19	86
9565 Broomfield	134	109	81	7945 Thornton	415	354	85
9741 Dacono	48	37	77	8449 Bennett	50	30	60
TOTAL	2299	1977	86%	9644 Fort Logan	782	416	53
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>				<b>DISTRICT #12</b>			
2551 Ft. Morgan	262	215	82	4031 Durango	228	201	88
3378 Yuma	66	61	92	5181 Dove Creek	54	44	81
3541 Sterling	101	86	85	5231 Mancos	160	140	88
3551 Brush	38	36	95	9058 Nucla	31	28	90
3951 Ovid	29	23	79	TOTAL	473	413	87%
3961 Otis	25	24	96	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>			
4191 Crook	22	19	86	3411 Kit Carson	30	23	76
4671 Wray	63	57	90	6491 Burlington	82	71	87
6482 Holyoke	60	53	88	6612 Hugo	46	37	80
7153 Fleming	36	32	89	9491 Deer Trail	19	18	95
8064 Akron	45	34	76	9700 Chynn Wills	31	27	87
TOTAL	747	640	86%	TOTAL	208	176	85%
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>				<b>DISTRICT #6</b>			
101 Colo. Spgs.	472	433	92	336 Ordway	101	93	92
3917 Security	668	590	88	2411 LasAnimas	103	96	93
4051 Colo. Spgs	708	631	89	4001 Springfield	48	43	90
5221 Calhan	111	86	77	4091 Rocky Ford	56	54	96
6051 Wdln Park	45	39	87	4281 Holly	27	25	93
6461 Fountain	303	260	86	TOTAL	335	311	93%
7829 Monument	119	85	71	<b>DISTRICT #7</b>			
10649 Elizabeth	47	43	91	899 Alamosa	138	110	80
TOTAL	2473	2167	88%	3228 Monte Vista	41	37	90
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>				<b>DISTRICT #7</b>			
336 Ordway	101	93	92	4849 La Jara	61	56	92
2411 LasAnimas	103	96	93	6101 San Luis	69	50	72
4001 Springfield	48	43	90	8121 Del Norte	58	47	81
4091 Rocky Ford	56	54	96	TOTAL	367	300	82%
4281 Holly	27	25	93	2016 dues are now DUE.			
TOTAL	335	311	93%	Be 100% +1 in 2015-2016			
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>				<b>DISTRICT #7</b>			
899 Alamosa	138	110	80	<b>We are on Subscription Dues</b>			
3228 Monte Vista	41	37	90	<b>Have you paid yours??</b>			
4849 La Jara	61	56	92	<b>Buy a Life Membership</b>			
6101 San Luis	69	50	72				
8121 Del Norte	58	47	81				
TOTAL	367	300	82%				

**Membership News From the Colorado Donkey**

We are running behind on membership, we need everyone to round up your "Donkey to Help Carry the Load" from your Post and your District.

Please set up a membership team to help contact ALL of your unpaid members. Have a membership dinner with ALL paid up members eating free if they have a 2016 membership card. Everyone else will need to pay their dues to be able to eat and any guest will pay for their dinner at an advertised cost.

Have a contest for your members that sign up the most Life, new, continuous, and reinstate members. Have them bring a treat for your donkey to the dinner and donate any non-perishable food collected to a local food bank. And make sure you report the donation.

One of the best ways to promote membership is to have them purchase a Life

membership. A new member can purchase a Life membership when they join and your continuous and reinstate members can also purchase Life memberships and never have to pay dues again. Every year your VFW Post will receive a check from National VFW for your Life members. It is not the same amount as your Annual Dues amount, but it is money in the bank.

State Commander Buchanan appointed a Membership Team that can help you with membership. But they do need some advance notice, so call Department and give them at least two weeks to set up a member or two to help. We also are always available by phone or email for assistance.

Jim Mauck and the best "Donkey" in Colorado  
303-588-7518 colofatalbert@outlook.com

**Vander Clute Memorial Motorcycle Ride 2016**

You are the key to success for a Department of Colorado wide effort led by the VFW Warriors to raise resources for **Veterans & Military Support Programs** via a contribution to the Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Howard E. Vander Clute Jr. Memorial Motorcycle Ride at the VFW National Convention in Charlotte, NC. This motorcycle ride honors Veterans of Foreign Wars advocate and motorcycle enthusiast Howard E. Vander Clute Jr, VFW Commander-in-Chief (1979-80) and Adjutant General (1981-95), who passed away in 2000.

This request is simple, **The Department of Colorado needs your support to make a significant contribution to Veterans & Military Support Programs at the 2016 Howard E. Vander Clute Jr. Memorial Motorcycle Ride.**

Please help your Department of Colorado be #1 in the Nation in raising funds for **Veterans and**

**Military Support Programs** by making a contribution to this Memorial Ride. It's easy. Make your check out to the Department of Colorado (annotate your check - Vander Clute) and send the check to the Department of Colorado, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214-6102.

The VFW Warriors will personally deliver the Department of Colorado's contribution to the National Commander-in-Chief John A. Biedrzycki Jr. on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Note - Your contribution counts as a contribution to Veterans & Military Support Programs.**

We need your help to make the Department of Colorado the Nation's leader in support of **Veterans & Military Support Programs.** Thank you in advance for your generous contribution.

Joe Carlson aka Deer Slayer  
Post Commander VFW Post 7829  
Chairman Colorado VFW Warriors

**Salute to Service Awards Banquet**

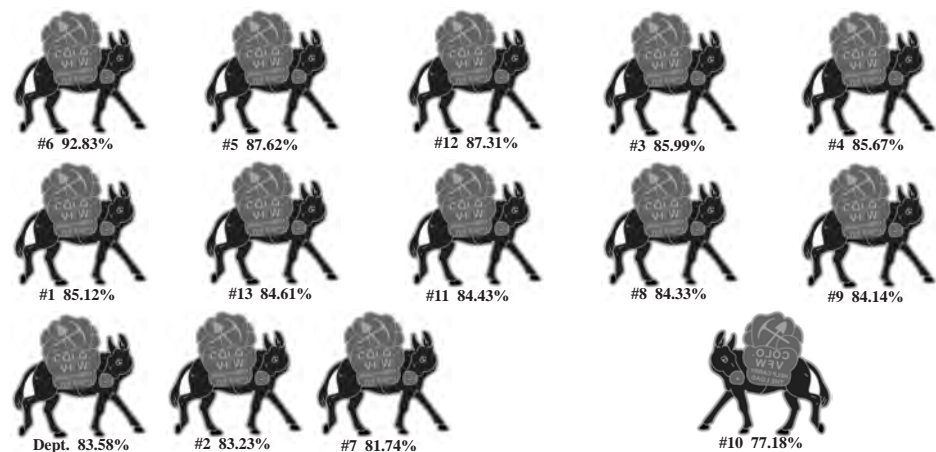
**April 23, 2016**

**Pioneer VFW Post #2121 Greeley, CO.**

**Nomination Forms available: [www:vfwcolodept.org](http://www.vfwcolodept.org)**  
**deadline is March 31, 2016**



- Post 322: Maynard Ostby
- Post 807: Donald W. Burton
- Post 899: Ernesto "Ernie" Roybal
- Post 1781: Harry Campbell
- Post 2121: Bobbie Martin, Erwin Vorderstrass
- Post 3631: Lawrence Trenn
- Post 3820: Michael E. Tomaselli, John B. Peeples
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- Post 9565: Robert B. Greeno, John H. Jacobson
- Post 11411: Phillip L. Griswold







Department President Gloria Otwell, Department Commander Peter Buchanan and the “Help Carry The Load” Donkey at Alamosa COA.



Past CIC Tom Pouliot, Mayor of Alamosa, and Department Commander Peter Buchanan. The Mayor was presented with an appreciation certificate at Alamosa COA.



As tradition goes, Department Commander Peter Buchanan was presented with a Jacket at his Homecoming by the State Color Guard.



L-R: Barbara Buchanan, Department Commander and PDC Ron Lattin. Pete was presented with his very own gavel at his homecoming at Lafayette 1771 VFW Post.



Department President Gloria Otwell’s Homecoming was held at Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917. Helping with gifts is Sr Vice Linda Reinbold and Jr Vice Caroline Gelatt.



Everyone relaxed and enjoyed good food and beverages at Department President Otwell’s Homecoming.



Paul A. Westover VFW Auxiliary 3471, Morrison held their District Inspection at the Morrison Jail Squad Room Saturday 10/10/15. Town Hall key would not work.



National VFW Auxiliary President Francisca Guilford made her official visit to Colorado October 8-11. State President Gloria Otwell and members were there to greet her.



Brandi, Bruce and Brigitte Dolan relaxing after walking and walking in the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure, September 20th. (Wonder where Lennie was?) Oh she was walking in Hawaii with her Grandson.



Michael Mitchell, Commander, gets a Flu shot at the Health Fair VFW Post #1, in September. Did you get your Flu shot???





Adamson Warmuth VFW Auxiliary 6624, Evans initiated their first male member, Ray Moelder on September 8th. L-R: District 3 President Gayle Stockwell, Ray Moelder, President 6624 Alicia Lozoya, Department Jr. Vice President Caroline Gelatt. Ray and Caroline are brother and sister, do you see the resemblance?



Adamson Warmuth VFW Auxiliary 6624 Evans, conducted a school supply drive in August. Three elementary schools that benefited were: Centennial Elementary, Dos Rios Elementary and Ann Heiman Elementary. L-R: President Alicia Lozoya, Treasurer Janet Mills and center is Heiman Elementary School Office Manager.



VFW Post 10721 Minturn was inspected by District 8 and Department Judge Advocate Kirk Rosa (red shirt). L-R: Steve Davidson, District 8 Commander, Pete Thompson, Post 10721 Commander & Buddy Sims, Post 10721 Qm/Adjutant. All smiles as they passed the inspection for the 2015-2016 year.



MOCA Clowns entertained at All Patients Day, Pueblo Veterans Center: L-R Rosie Mitchell, Rena Cales, Cindy Anderson, Judy McNeely, Carolyn Simon, Maggie Phillips, Elle Ford, Colleen Rylant. Not sure who has the most fun, the clowns, veterans, VFW members or Auxiliary members.



Colorado Department President Gloria Otwell greets everyone that attended the dinner at VFW Post 3917 Security, October 10, in honor of National President Francisca Guilford, (left). R: Daryl Otwell. National President is from the State of Alaska and was installed at National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA.



**Aisle of Honor was formed at the Colorado Springs Airport upon the arrival of National President Francisca Guilford.**

**Officers and members formed the Aisle of Honor with flags and she proceeded thru the Aisle alone.**

**Then officers and members greeted her and welcomed her to Colorado.**

*Please join us for the  
116th Post 1 Annual Founders Banquet  
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**This annual event began in 1899, and celebrates the founding of Post 1 and the VFW**

*Keynote Speaker:*

**Lt. Col (Ret) Barry Bridger, 6 year POW, Hanoi Hilton, Vietnam**

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**Capt. (Ret) Christopher Cassidy, USN, NASA, Chief of the Astronaut Office**

*Veterans Organization of the Year:*

**11th Hour**

*Citizen of the Year:*

**Donald Sturm**

*Sunday  
December 6, 2015*

*5:00 p.m.  
Cocktail Reception  
6:30 p.m.  
Dinner*

*Brown Palace  
Hotel, Denver*



*\$60 Service Member Level (individual ticket)  
\$120 per Battle Buddy\* (buy for self and a Veteran)  
\$250 Battle Buddy Couple\* (buy for a couple and a veteran)  
\$500 Patriot Level\* (2 tickets to event and VIP reception, name in program )  
\*Tax deductible*

**Purchase tickets online at: <https://vfwpost1.org/foundersdinner>  
Meter parking is free on Sunday, optional valet parking**

**Deadline for tickets December 1, 2015**



**VFW Roster Changes 2015 - 2016**

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**A disconnect on membership???**

Colorado VFW Members statistics for New and Reinstated members mirrors the national trends very closely. **Without** a change in the VFW Posts, the membership population will increasingly decline to the point where the VFW will have lost all its gains.

**What's the trend?**

Is the American Veteran population following the greater American trends? Are Veterans increasingly disconnecting themselves from family and friends; therefore not keeping up the community connections they have between, church, gyms, softball, bowling, et cetera, and Veterans Service Organizations? We believe so.

A recent discovery on membership we want you to know regards the new 40 year old Veteran you recruited this week. In his or her lifetime the Colorado Department will have a net membership gain of **Zero**; this means the VFW will lose effectiveness if we continue with business as usual. *The Same Thing, Different Day Approach* is not the answer.

**Reversing Trends**

What can we do to reverse these trends? Undoubtedly changes in the DNA of the Posts are needed. A growing number of Posts have already begun listening to potential member's needs and desires, while retaining the current members by keeping the Posts active.

- The often referred to management law; the *80/20 rule* is true in all large organizations. Are we asking the 20% for too much while not finding the right people for the job out of the 80%?
- Can the declining VFW membership be attributed to the activities and the value given by the VFW?
- Have the leadership and members given creative thought to the Veterans who are eligible but not yet member's needs and desires?
- Is the Post engaged in community events?
- Could a *market analysis* of the community served help find out what the potential member's desires and needs are missing and assist you in changing the DNA?

Yes, an analysis of your Post's potential members can help you find and gain Veterans who want to become active in the VFW.

Review this simple model to build your own analysis.

1. Determine what is the area you want to focus upon and its demographics,
2. Describe the population growth or decline of potential members,
3. Discover where Veterans are going to find help and Comradeship,
4. Compare your finding of where Veterans are going to the capabilities of your Post, the Colorado Department, and the National organization,
5. Honestly compare how your Post performs a better job than the other organizations or if its deficient, brainstorm for ways to improve your operation, and
6. As you compare your Post to other similar organizations, write down your greatest Strengths and Weaknesses.

Use the knowledge you gained about the potential members and your Posts strengths and weaknesses as opportunities to change the DNA.

**Unpaid members? They will come back**

Chase after the potential reinstate members. You have a short window of opportunity to regain the trust they have lost and reverse the member's decision of non-participation in membership. Other membership driven organizations often report there is a short window of six to eight weeks before the member loses all interest and has cemented their decision of not returning as an active member. Hence if they have a need to become a member of a Veteran Service Organization, they will seek out one who fills their needs.

**Such as in Military Life, change is inevitable in the VFW**

The VFW has made significant changes in its lifetime. The culture of the VFW is to serve Veteran's needs. We must keep up with those needs and adapt to the needs of new Veterans, future Veterans, and our current Comrades. Reconnecting with these groups will help the VFW continue its mission and create greater strength as we advocate for all Veterans.

Steve Kjonas  
 Department Membership Committee

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## Presidents's Column Gloria Otwell



Good Morning Auxiliary Members

The Auxiliary has dawned on a new century; we have now added some of our first ever male members to our roles. This really is the time to **“Cultivate our Caring for our Veterans and their Families”**. I want to remind everyone that we welcome all our new members with open arms. Our new members will have new ideas and we need to be willing to try them. I always get upset when I hear the words; “We’ve done that before and it didn’t work”; we live in an evolving world and things are different from day to day as we have so recently experienced.

My Line Officers and I are on the road visiting many of your districts. I have had the pleasure to visit District 13; District 12; and District 7. What a wonderful experience! It’s so great to hear all the work that is being done in our smaller communities for our veterans. Commander Pete Buchanan and I are working so hard to keep these areas strong. Please work on recruiting efforts in your areas as well. If you need a special visit for Membership or Recruitment please let me know; Linda or Caroline will be happy to assist. Please encourage your new members to join in the District Meetings and to

come to the Council of Administration Meetings. District Meetings should be devoted to Schools of Instruction and the Parade of Programs at the Council of Administration offers all the information on our programs. This is a total learning experience.

I hope many of you were able to be available for National President Francisca Guilford’s visit. We planned many great events to showcase the Colorado region. I hope you didn’t miss it!

November is a very busy month. Please remember to plan or attend something special to honor our Veterans. Take a few minutes to remember why you are a part of our wonderful organization; we wouldn’t be here without our special relationship with our special veteran.

November is also the time for Thank-giving. Give thanks for all your blessings and give to those who are in need. Give to a food pantry; church; or homeless shelter. The Commander and I would like to see that all homelessness among our Veterans is eliminated.

Please pray for all those who will not be spending time with families or loved ones this holiday season.

Yours in sincere appreciation for all you do!

Gloria M. Otwell  
Department President

**Happy Holidays  
from  
VFW Auxiliary Department of Colorado  
Officers and Chairman**

## Legislative Program

We have had some great successes this year helping our Military, our Veterans and their families, but now is not the time to forget to continue the race.

Legislative action is needed now on some very important issues for Veterans and our Military families. There are a few bills that have been waiting for the legislative action on them for a long time and now there some changes that they have recently passed that will effect Veterans and their families for years if we don’t take action now and get our legislative officials to listen and take action on them.

The VFW is asking legislative action on all of VFW Priority Goals: Expedite VA benefits and compensation claims; Seamless transition for veterans transferring from DOD to VA when deployment ends; Address the high unemployment rate among veterans and homeless Veterans under Veterans Employment; Providing the highest quality VA health care and Also on rural Veterans to know the benefits that they have, will still be there and with adequate care.

Contact your legislators by e-mail or through their legislative aide via a telephone call. Stress the fact that Priority Goals are the issues we will be fighting for always. Also invite them to come and discuss issues with your veterans and families at a meeting. Remember there is strength in numbers and together we can make a difference. We all know there is a budget problem, but the Veterans are always the first it seems to be cut, if we don’t act now, When!

I want each and everyone of you to remember to watch the Debates that are going on among all the candidates that are running for President and Congress this next year and see which one of them is more for our Veterans and Families and also our Nation.

**“Remember it is time to Cultivate the Caring for our Veterans and Families.”**

Loyally Yours,  
Linda L. Stahly  
Department Legislative Chairman

## Hospital

I had a great visit at Homelake Living Care Center in addition to delivering clothing, new underwear & snacks. The center has just completed a beautiful addition to their cemetery that dates back to the Civil War with grants and assistance from the veterans service groups. The grounds will have 150 more spaces available and is much needed in this committee. Homelake is asking for donation to purchase mini iPads for the Alzheimer residents and funds for special activities.

In September I had an outstanding time at Pueblo all Patients Day, the carnival like atmosphere was enjoyed by all. Several VFW and Auxiliaries setup booths with superb gifts to all veterans plus many gave donations for needed items at the center.

I attended Birthday parties and Bingo at the Denver VA Living Care Center as well as a great Bar B Q that was sponsored by the MOCA. I plan to visit many other Colorado State Living Care Centers this fall and during the holidays.

All auxiliaries are encouraged to donate .50 per member as of 6/30/15 to the hospital program, send to the Department Treasurer. This money helps all the VA Centers and Colorado State Living Care Centers.

Join the **“Power of 1 Movement”** **Suicide Awareness** learning the warning signs, understand the challenges the veterans and their families face. You can receive information on the Veterans Crisis web site. The holidays can be a very difficult time for many veterans and their families --support line 24 hours a day **Veterans Crisis Line is 800-273-8255, text to 838255, one small act can save a life.**

As we start into the holiday season, make plans for your auxiliary to visit Denver or Grand Junction VA Centers or one of our seven Colorado State Living Care Centers or nursing homes in your community. This is a great time to get new members to help plan something special for the patients. Maybe your auxiliary can get a scout or other youth

## Military Order of the Cootie Silver Dollar Auxiliary

Silver Dollar MOCA Auxiliary this year will be making holiday wreaths for sale, price \$14 each. These beautiful wreaths are assembled by auxiliary members as a fund raiser for the MOCA programs that support the VA hospitals and National Home for Children.

The wreaths will be for sale from MOCA members and at the “Cootie Club”. We will be taking special orders for wreaths to be delivered to Ft Logan National Cemetery. Members will deliver the wreath and place on graves at Ft Logan. The order form is also on the VFW Web site. Thank You for your support of the MOCA as we celebrate this holiday season.

Charlotte Lattin President

group to help make decorations or tray favors. The patients appreciate the special parties & activities, you plan at the facilities. Your time is one of the greatest gifts an Auxiliary member can give. Even something as simple as tray favors with their meal would be a special treat for the residents.

There are many opportunities to volunteer throughout the VA system. **The Denver VA holiday party** will be early this year on **December 5, 2015 1:00pm – 3:00pm**. Thanks to all the auxiliaries that sponsor a ward for the holidays. All members are welcome to attend the party and visit with our veterans. All volunteers get much more then you contribute--every time you visit one of our facilities and see the smile on a veterans face.

Another facility in need of help is **Valor Point Homeless Domiciliary** always needs clothing, household goods, underwear and personal care items. They are looking for an auxiliary to help with special parties and gifts during the holidays. Give me a call for more information.

With cold weather fast approaching the Denver VA & Homeless Veterans are in need of warm clothing such as coats, gloves, hats, jeans, shirts and always new underwear for men and women. In the VA system female veterans are on the rise and the Women’s Health Care units are very significant remember them with personal items. Your Auxiliary can collect items at the post and deliver them to the VA or a Veteran’s Stand-down in your area.

**The VFW Auxiliary is making many changes; be sure to visit the Auxiliary Web site** all of the programs have lots of great information and many ideas that are shared by the members. With more links to assist with new concepts to help the auxiliaries achieve their goals. Let’s all make an lasting impact along with our National President Francisca Guilford **“Our Veterans - Now and Forever!”**

Happy Holidays  
Charlotte Lattin  
Department Hospital Chairman

**Holiday Wreath to be delivered to Fort Logan National Cemetery**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
Ft Logan: site # \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name on Stone: \_\_\_\_\_

Orders must be received by 12/5/2015

Wreath \$14.00 each  
Check payable to:  
Silver Dollar MOCA

Mail to: Charlotte Lattin  
8912 W Radcliffe Pl  
Littleton, CO 80123

contact Charlotte at 303-909-6303  
ronlattin@att.net with questions



## VFW National Home for Children

This is a check, notice and action article:

**CHECK** – Are the donations for your Auxiliary Health & Happiness paid? If not, please submit.

**CHECK** – Military and Veterans Family Helpline 800-313-4200. Have/Are you sharing this number/information with your community? Tell folks they can call for any reason; ALL calls are answered; and NO caller is turned away.

### NOTICES:

The National Home turned 90 on January 7, 2015. A bit of history. The current museum was developed by someone who grew up at the Home. He wanted a place to share the rich history and where alumni could come back and reconnect.

To celebrate the museum and its history, the Home is conducting a fundraiser to renovate and update the museum. The renovation will add new, modern exhibits that fill the gap of missing memories. To accomplish this goal, the Home needs to raise \$100,000. It is hoped this sum will be raised by the end of the Home's 90<sup>th</sup> year. Donors giving \$1,000 or more will have their name(s) placed on a plaque in the museum. Pictures or artifacts you would like to share are most welcomed.

Pond Restoration Project – From the beginning, the founders of the Home understood the benefits of outdoor rec-

reational activity in helping military and veteran families recover from the wounds of war and generationally reconnect their families.

Generations of military and veteran families have enjoyed the healing power of family fishing at the Home's 2.5 acre fishing pond know as Lake Romanis. The fishing pond was originally developed in 1957 by dredging the area and damming a farm drain that runs across the Home's property and connects to the Grand River.

The NEED – This pond was originally 10-12 feet deep in the middle, but is now about 6 feet deep from years of silt accumulation. In order to keep the pond's fish population healthy and useable as a fishing activity, it needs to be dredged. More importantly, the silt is similar to quicksand in that if anyone jumps into the pond and goes to the bottom, they will find it difficult to pull themselves out.

**ACTION:** Please consider making a donation to these worthy causes. All donations are to be sent directly to the VFW National Home for Children. 3573 S. Waverly Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. DO earmark your donation for Museum Renovation and/or Pond Restoration.

Lucille Chavez  
Department Program Chair

## Achievement / All State Presidents

**“Our Auxiliary Garden”**  
Make a plan to plant your garden for a maximum yield  
Use your energy to dig deeply to lay a solid foundation for activity  
First, plant 2 rows of Peas  
Presence  
Preparation  
Next to these plant 3 rows of Squash  
Squash Gossip  
Squash Indifference  
Squash Criticism  
Next plant 4 rows of Lettuce  
Lettuce be true to our Obligation  
Lettuce be faithful to Duty  
Lettuce share Information  
Lettuce Care for our Veterans & their Families  
No Garden should be without Turnips  
Turnip for Meetings  
Turnip with New Ideas

Turnip with a Smile  
Turnip for Events...help is always needed  
Plant your seeds early to grow during the year  
Weed out Negative conversations  
“Cultivate the Caring for Our Veterans & Their Families”  
Reap the rewards at the State Convention  
The original author is unknown and words have been changed. Plant a garden in your Auxiliary, be faithful to Duty, keep a record of Activity, do the Achievement and All State President year end reports to Lettuce know you Care about our Veterans.  
Loyally,  
Sue Tartaglione, Colleen Rylant, Phyllis Stone, Ruth Gulden Chairman

## Youth Activities

Greetings to all Auxiliary members!  
As the holiday season approaches, we seem to run short of time to do everything on our “to do lists”. Thank you to all those Auxiliaries that have been submitting their reports. Keep up the great work you are doing!

I am impressed with all the different youth groups that you all work with and the projects you are doing that have been reported.

Please remember to submit Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations for those youth groups who deserve the recognition.

Another way to recognize the youth is to have Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.) cards and coins available to give out. The coins can be purchased from the VFW Store at 1-800-821-2606. If you need to download a copy of the nomination form or the card template, please go to <http://www.auxvfw.org/programs-page/youth-activities>.

It seems like some people talk about only the negative actions of the youth, rather than spotlighting what positive

actions they are accomplishing today. Recognizing these young citizens for the positive things they do might encourage them to do more and more positive actions in the future.

I challenge each Auxiliary to attain our Program Goals:  
\* Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations (at least 1 citation)  
\* Sponsoring and working with youth groups  
\* Random Acts of Patriotism (giving out cards and coins)

How many citations have you given out? How many R.A.P. cards and coins have you given out? How many hours, dollars, miles and projects have you done? I would really like to know all that your Auxiliaries are doing in your communities.

PLEASE report, report, report!  
Have a great holiday season!

Patsy Gilmore  
Department Youth Activities Chairman

## Auxiliary Roster Changes

**Department Treasurer / All State Treasurer / Calendars** 80021

**Color Bearer #1** 719-680-2069

**Color Bearer #3** 719-648-6819

**Asst Treasurer** 130 E 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Loveland 80538 970-669-1832

**Asst Guard** 1767 1300 Road., Delta 81416 970-874-8172

**Achievement & All State Presidents** - Remove Josephine Najera  
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**District 5** President 719-648-6819

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**Auxiliary 322** President DougandShar@comcast.net

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**Auxiliary 3571** President Jennifer Wright, 12449 Wagon Wheel Rd., Eckert 81418  
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**Auxiliary 3917** President 719-648-6819

**Auxiliary 3981** No Officers elected

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**Please send ALL Roster changes to Department Auxiliary Secretary Ginny Rosa humming657@gmail.com**

## Historian

If you have any pictures you would like to share for President Gloria's book, please email them to me at bevarcher@me.com. This is the link to the Photobucket account where I upload all the Department VFW photos that I take throughout the year. <http://s1373.photobucket.com/user/covfw/library/?sort=3&page=0>

I try to send an email whenever I upload new photos, but sometimes the life of a

librarian is crazier than you might think and I get a bit behind. If you click on the above link it will show you all the photos uploaded. They are sorted by album/event. You should be able to download any that you would like. However, if you have problems, let me know.

Beverly Archer  
Department Historian



Aux 784: Cecilia Spinhirne

Aux 101: Ruth Ikawchenio, Iris Taylor

Aux 1771: Mary Lois Childs

Aux 2797: Anna Romero

Aux 2601: Doris Felton, Susan Palmer

Aux 2411: Janice Jones

Aux 9644: Lorraine Doubek, Mary Lou Venrick, Myra Dawson



## Membership 2015-2016

**NO EXCUSE, JUST RECRUIT**  
**Membership is not just about you or me, momentary awards or goals; it's about us, as members. Without our voice and the strength of our membership who will advocate for our veterans and their families now and in the future?**

**WELCOME** all new eligible members both male and female to the VFW Auxiliary. We are so excited to have each of you as a part of this wonderful organization. I know your journey with the newly re-named VFW Auxiliary will be an experience you each will carry with you for generations to come. This new opportunity, to recruit male family members, to our organization will allow us to create many more opportunities for those who truly want to help veterans and their families.

By now all VFW Auxiliaries should have the new applications and are recruiting new members. You can download a single-page application from the National Organization's website or order the brochure using the fillable Brochure Order Form. Remember a couple of things regarding eligibility:

- **If a person is eligible to join the VFW, then they are NOT eligible to join the Auxiliary.** If you currently have a female VFW member who is also a VFW Auxiliary member she does **NOT** have to quit the Auxiliary. However, as of now you cannot sign up folks for dual membership into the VFW and VFW Auxiliary.

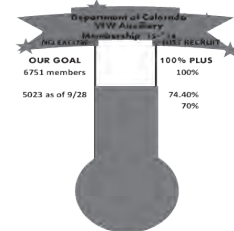
- If a Men's Auxiliary member wants to join your VFW Auxiliary they must fill out an application, be investigated, voted on and accepted just as you had to.

An individual who is eligible for both the Men's Auxiliary and the VFW Auxiliary may have memberships in both; they must also pay membership dues in both since they are separate organizations.

- While signing up males into the VFW Auxiliary DO NOT forget to sign up new female eligible members. We do not want to leave any Brother or Sister behind.

Now that we have the opportunity to recruit twice as many new members to our organization are you willing to make the pledge to recruit **Just 1 One** new member. By building the biggest and best Auxiliary ever, we will be working together as one team to make the lives of our veterans and their families better. Our programs are important but our **MEMBERS** are our future!

Congratulations to all our auxiliaries who have already reach 100% in membership and received their plaques at the COA in Fort Morgan. Auxiliary treasurers please remember to recognize individuals in your own post who recruit new members buy sending in your completed awards form not only to me but also national. Please refer to our department and national program books and or website for all additional goals and awards.



Caroline Gelatt  
 Department Membership Chairman

## National Certified Recruiter Program

We need to get out the word about who the VFW Auxiliary is, what we do and how it helps our veterans and their families. We need to raise more public awareness about our organization and encourage those who are eligible to join us. The purpose of this program is to help Auxiliary members recruit new members and to retain our current members.

There are several training programs that can be provided to the Auxiliaries at the local or District level. These training sessions can be as short as 30 minutes such as a School of Instruction or more in-depth training for up to two hours. Some of the topics are "Why Membership Matters", "Handling and Overcoming Objectives", or "Engaging Your Auxiliary's Existing Members". In addition, there is a training book, information handouts and other resources included.

A recruiting tip: A DD214 is not the only document that can be used as proof

of eligibility. Performance reports, medicals report, returning orders, letters from officers the Veteran served with, letters from a war zone and pre-1946 report of discharge are just a few other types of eligibility proof.

Thank you to all Auxiliary members working so diligently to keep our Department a healthy and active one. We can all work together to "Cultivate the Caring for Veterans and Their Families" and watch our membership grow! We need not get discouraged along the way. Remember - it is about getting one member one at a time - some will join and some will not. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Linda Reinpold, National Certified Recruiter Trainer  
 Department of Colorado  
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 719-320-1394

## What am I

You can cut me and color me, paste me or glue me. I like the hot glue gun best. I travel all over the world and people wear me on their hats, coats, and even their purses.

I was born in 1921 and got my name in 1924. I'm proud to represent all the veterans in the USA.

They have a contest in June during the State Convention where they parade around with me on their head. A bigger contest is held at the National Convention in July.

I can be ordered from the VFW Department and I sure hope you get me before I'm all gone.

By now you know, I'm your friend, the Buddy Poppy.



Barbara Buchanan  
 Buddy Poppy Chairman

## Auxiliary Membership by District as of October 22, 2015

Number	City	2015	2016	%	Number	City	2015	2016	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>					<b>DISTRICT #7</b>				
1	Denver	171	146	85	899	Alamosa	82	55	67
501	Denver	150	94	63	3228	Monte Vista	42	41	98
2461	Denver	119	84	71	4849	La Jara	49	44	90
2797	Denver	36	37	103*	6101	San Luis	46	29	63
3971	Denver	41	24	59	8121	So Fork	95	92	97
5061	Denver	113	80	71	TOTAL		314	261	83%
TOTAL 630 465 74%					<b>DISTRICT #8</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>					<b>DISTRICT #9</b>				
2788	Penrose	46	20	43	4264	Stmbt Spgs	34	25	74
3641	Pueblo	79	52	66	4265	Craig	51	50	98
4061	Canon City	162	131	81	5843	Meeker	32	25	78
5812	Pueblo West	50	49	98	9374	Kremmling	18	18	100*
7305	Colo. City	30	7	23	TOTAL		135	118	87%
TOTAL 367 259 71%					<b>DISTRICT #10</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>					<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				
41	Loveland	127	80	63	784	Montrose	53	37	70
1771	Lafayette	324	267	82	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	96	83	86
1781	Ft. Collins	82	65	79	3571	Delta	74	55	74
2121	Greeley	95	80	84	3981	Grnd Jcnctn	20	6	30
2585	Johnstown	44	30	68	4663	Clifton	57	34	60
2601	Longmont	244	210	86	9221	Cedaredge	67	53	79
2841	Brighton	36	0	0	9304	Silt	23	9	39
4334	Ault	36	32	89	9333	Hotchkiss	24	8	33
6011	Platteville	33	22	67	TOTAL		414	285	69%
6624	Evans	201	148	74	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>				
9565	Broomfield	39	31	79	4031	Durango	73	45	62
TOTAL 1261 965 77%					5181	Dove Creek	41	18	44
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>					5231	Mancos	61	55	90
2551	Ft. Morgan	141	104	74	9058	Nucla	19	19	100*
3541	Sterling	86	81	94	TOTAL		194	137	71%
4671	Wray	31	24	77	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
8064	Akron	32	9	28	3411	Kit Carson	32	23	79
TOTAL 290 218 75%					6491	Burlington	11	17	100*
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>					6612	Hugo	59	27	50
101	Colo. Spgs.	68	43	63	TOTAL		102	67	67%
3917	Security	244	142	58	<b>DISTRICT #14</b>				
4051	Colo. Spgs	320	291	91	15006	At Large	258	299	116%*
5221	Calhan	27	25	93	TOTAL DEPT.		6,751	5,326	79%
6461	Fountain	119	90	76	<b>Extension</b>				
7829	Monument	22	27	123*	HAVE YOU HEARD ?? Men can join the VFW Auxiliary.				
TOTAL 800 618 77%					They must meet the same eligibility requirements as the ladies. This is great news for our membership program. This also means it would be easier to recruit 15 new members to form a new auxiliary. If you hear of a post that would like to have an auxiliary, please contact me. I have sent letters to all Bachelor posts and will also give them a call.				
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>					Has your auxiliary used the RU Healthy VFW Auxiliary checklist? This checklist provides dates when certain items need to be completed. I would like for each auxiliary to fill out this form and send it back to me by March 1, 2016. Each Auxiliary that appears to be healthy will receive a certificate. More information can be found in the Program Book.				
336	Ordway	87	64	74	I would like to thank the District Presidents and Deputy Chiefs of Staff that have returned the postcards I handed out. This information will help when we know there is an auxiliary having difficulties, perhaps we can help them before it is too late.				
2411	LasAnimas	108	98	91	I would like to mention a few things that are "unwritten" duties of members:				
3621	Lamar	16	17	106*	1. Respect one another and each other's opinion - we are not always going to agree.				
4001	Springfield	29	26	90	2. Be willing to accept ideas from the new members - they just might work.				
4281	Holly	10	8	80	3. What takes place in a meeting stays in the meeting.				
TOTAL 139 213 85%					4. Work together to promote the programs of the VFW Auxiliary and support our Veterans and active duty personnel and their families in the communities which surround us.				
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>					5. Enjoy the fellowship of your VFW Auxiliary members.				

## "100 Years of Serving Veterans" VFW Auxiliary Department of Colorado

### Extension

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Loyally,  
 Rosie Mitchell  
 Chief of Staff / Extension Chairman



