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“No One Does More For Veterans”



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Comrades, Auxiliary Members and Friends, Thank You Junior Past Department Commander Buchanan, and I want to thank Ron Lattin, National Council of Administration Member for installing me.

I would like to introduce my family, Grand-daughter Elle, Daughter-in-law, Nicole, my son, Van, and my wife, Phyllis. Who, without your support, I would not be standing here today. Thank You for everything that you do, you are the best wife ever.

Several weeks ago, my family and I were eating lunch at an Asian restaurant. We all got a fortune cookie after the meal and my fortune read, “You will be recognized and honored as a Community Leader.” Well, I guess being elected State Commander is what the fortune cookie was referring to.

It is an honor and privilege to stand before you as State Commander for the 2016-2017 year. There are several goals that the Veterans of Foreign Wars needs to accomplish this year and I ask for your help and support to achieve these goals.

Trying to achieve all of the goals and priorities of the entire organization is a daunting task at best. The VFW does so many things for so many people that it can be overwhelming at times ... if we expect to be able to accomplish the VFW mission of service. It's important to not work for what's good for us as individuals, but what will be the benefit for those we assist.

That's why working together toward a common vision is important. Being part of the VFW, means being part of something larger than ourselves, means being willing to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. That's what makes each person within the organization equally important.

And why is that so important? Years ago, all of you made a commitment to our country by serving in the military. Since then, you have committed to extending your service to our nation and our fellow veterans, and to the community by making a choice to become involved in the



Veterans of Foreign Wars. That decision ... your decision ... to become an advocate, is essential to ensuring that our country lives up to its moral obligation to care for her veterans, to help guarantee that we honor those who deserve it most.

Among our elected official are those who would abandon the responsibility they have to ensure that American's veterans receive the care they have earned and deserve. Many politicians who courted veterans during their campaigns-who looked to the veteran vote to help them get elected - now want to turn their backs ... turn a blind eye ... towards the men and women who have fought to defend and protect our nation and our way of life.

Why is it important to be a part of the VFW? It should be very clear to everyone in this room by now that if we don't draw a line in the sand, countless service members and veterans will suffer as a result. Comrades, if some of the things that are being bandied about in Congress come to pass, it will be America's military and her veterans who will be forced to shoulder more of the national debt.

Comrades, millions of veterans stand to lose ... if someone isn't willing to stand up and fight for them! And it is our job to demand culpability when needed! The Veterans of Foreign Wars must and will, live up to what it has been entrusted with; guaranteeing justice and ensuring care for the nation's veterans, their widows and their children.

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Good evening and thank you for being here tonight. I would like to thank Past National President Gwen Rankin, National District 13 Councilwoman Ginny Rosa, Western Conference President Charlotte Lattin, all Past Department Presidents, Past Department Commanders, VFW, VFW Auxiliary, and Men's Auxiliary members.

I would also like to thank the families and friends for celebrating this upcoming year with us. Your efforts and support to our Officers does not go unnoticed and we appreciate it. Thank you for coming and we hope that you enjoy the ceremony and celebration.

Thank you to my family for their support and all they have done to help me through the chairs. My mother, Ellie Ford for her guidance in Auxiliary history, my husband Phil who has a tremendous amount of patience. Here tonight is my brother Larry Ford and his wife Dolores; my nephew Shawn Ford, his wife Stephanie and their two children Hunter and Hailey. Thank you for coming.

My father Perry Ford, who is no longer with us and whom I joined under, was a big influence in my life. Although he did not wish to talk much about his WWII experience, when it came to understanding patriotism and loyalty to country he instilled it into the lives of our family. Thank you, Dad!

It has been an incredible journey and time has gone quickly. Thank you to the mentors who have been there to help guide me along the way. I have enjoyed meeting so many members during my visits. Thank you for your hospitality. We are truly a VFW family and the dedication all of you have shown in time, work, service and volunteerism is something you should all be proud of!

We have many new changes in the VFW Auxiliary this year – programs, membership and now we have a Facebook page - @ColoradoVFWAuxiliary. This page, in addition to our website, www.vfwcolodept.org will help us stay in contact with each other and at the same time reach out to prospective new members. The more we know and learn together the greater the possibilities for the VFW Auxiliary to continue in our efforts to help



our veterans and their families.

In designing the President pin, I wanted it to be a composite of my strong belief in America and what all of our Veterans – past, present and those that have given their all have done to provide safety and preserve freedom to our country. It is the American Flag with the POW-MIA Flag, and a Yellow Ribbon with a Poppy.

This year there is a Veteran's Pin honoring our service men and women. It will be a fundraiser for our Colorado veterans and will be announced at the August COA. Also at that time, I will also announce the President's Special Project.

Thank you to the Installing Officers and Color Guard this evening. They did a remarkable job throughout the ceremony and deserve special recognition.

I would like to thank President Gloria and Commander Pete for the work and devotion they have given during the past year to the Department of Colorado veterans.

To Commander Allan and VFW membership, I pledge the cooperation and support of the VFW Auxiliary to the Department of Colorado to continue our service and volunteer efforts to veterans and their families.

This is a very special year for me. It is my 25th Anniversary in the VFW Auxiliary and thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you as an Officer. I pledge my support to you as your President as we work “Keeping Veterans Close to our Hearts”.

Linda K. Reinpold
VFW Auxiliary President

In Loving Memory

Darrell D. Elliott
Past Department Commander 1986 - 1987

June 9, 1920 - June 2, 2016

Rest in Peace, Your work here on earth is done.
You will be missed.

State Commander's speech
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This is a fight that is ours to fight, a battle that we must win, not for us, but for others ... for those who deserve it most!

Our number one priority is serving our nation's veterans, service members and their families first.

Our members value their membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars because of WHO we work to assist. I am convinced that we need to speak to the community about the VFW and who we advocate for and how we do it.

The truth is, too many people envision the VFW as a bunch of old guys in funny hats that sit around and tell war stories. Too many people think this is a dying organization, which, once all of the World War II Veterans have departed from the earth, so will the VFW. And this doesn't come just from outside the VFW, but also, I'm sorry to say, from within.

And why is that?

One reason is because we need to speak to the future instead of the past. It's easy to speak of the VFW tradition of accomplishment from the past, but what about achievements of today and the successes of tomorrow? If some of our own ... some of our existing members ... aren't convinced that the VFW is a strong, dynamic organization and is a force to be reckoned with, how can we expect others to have that point of view?

Membership is a concern to all of us. Without grassroots support, the VFW can't stand as a barricade to indifference or apathy towards our nations veterans.

I would ask all of you to seize any and every opportunity to speak with people about the VFW. Let them know what it is the Veterans of Foreign Wars is about ... what its members are about.

Enlighten them .. inform them about how the Veterans of Foreign Wars has the best Veterans Service Program in the

country.

Help them understand, explain that when a veteran or dependent needs the benefits or medical care they deserve, often times the only way they are able to obtain them is because the Veterans of Foreign Wars fights on their behalf to make it happen.

Describe how VFW members encourage young people ... our nation's greatest resource ... through the Voice of Democracy Program, Patriots Pen Contest, Citizen Education and our involvement with Scouting.

When confronted with "the VFW is just a bunch of old guys sitting around telling war stories", hit them with the 49.5 million dollars donated to community service projects this past year.

And naturally, you need to speak to them about what we accomplish on Capitol Hill ...

As VFW members, it's up to us to carry the message- nobody else is going to do it for us!

People need to understand the role of the VFW, and that our mandate of service to our nation's veterans and to those still serving in the military has never been more important than it is today. That the VFW has recognized that while our nation is at war, we responsibility to ensure the continued support for the men and women who are putting their lives on the line in Iraq, Afghanistan and wherever our troops are stationed in the world!

My motto is "What Have You Done for a Veteran Today?" Think about it again, "What Have You Done for a Veteran Today?" So, let's all work together to support and honor our veterans in Colorado!

Thank you and **GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!**

Allan Stone, Commander
Department of Colorado
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

Aug 7	Golden VFW #4171	Golden
14	Retired Enlisted (TREA #39)	Denver
21	Verle Huffman VFW #9644	Sheridan
28	Mile High VFW #1771	Lafayette
Sept 4	Silver Dollar PT #1	Denver
11	Skyline VFW #2797	Denver
18	Rocky Mtn. VFW #1781	Ft Collins
25	Eastern Star Oriental Ch #98	Denver
Oct 2	Verle Huffman VFW #9644	Sheridan
9	Francis Brown Lowry VFW #501	Denver
16	Joseph J Jacques VFW #7945	Thornton
23	Englewood VFW #322	Englewood
30	Golden VFW #4171	Golden
Nov 6	Aurora VFW #3631	Aurora
13	Longs Peak VFW #2601	Longmont
20	Joseph J Jacquest VFW #7945	Thornton
27	Dean K Phillips VFW #5061	Denver

Please plan to bring 3 dozen doughnuts and some sugar free goodies, like cookies, croissants or bagels with cream cheese. Bring enough for both services. Coffee will be supplied to the Hosts, and you may bring juice or fruits if you wish.

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.

Colorado VFW Foundation

Thank you to the VFW Posts, VFW Auxiliaries, family members and friends for your donations. Every donation received makes a difference in the lives of the Veterans we aim to help.

We are now accepting and processing applications for Eligible Veterans and their Families in the State of Colorado. With the trends in employment and housing we anticipate the available funds will not last the full FY 2016-2017. All complete applications are processed in the order received.

Grant Applications should be submitted for assistance with rent, utilities, medical expenses, travel/transportation in the event of an emergency, higher/continuing education course expenses, vehicle repairs/registration/insurance as determined on a case by case bases, and other basic needs, etc.

Any eligible Veteran in need of assistance across the State of Colorado can apply for a one time Grant of \$500. We receive referrals from VA Social workers, Veterans Service Officers, and other non-profit organizations.

In the event the need is greater than the assistance that can be provided, the veteran will be referred to outside resources for: additional assistance to prevent eviction/ or loss of shelter, help with employment/interviewing/resume writing. Veterans will also be referred to our Veterans Service Officers for help with VA Claims and Benefits or, to their Local Human Services Agencies for any additional state assistance as they may qualify for.

Our goal is to be able to assist more Veterans in the State of Colorado and help prevent/remedy the homeless Veterans population.

The Grant Application is available on the Department Website to download; follow the requirements and submit the application to our office.

We are asking you our members and your family and friends to donate to the Colorado VFW Foundation. Past fundraisers have not been as successful as we had anticipated.

Make your checks payable to Colorado VFW Foundation and mail to 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214.

2016 Spring Sweepstake Winners

- 1st Place: Stephen Bernhardt, Florence
- 2nd Place: Daniel Brewster, Ft Lupton
- 3rd Place: Joy Arnold, Grand Junction
- 4th Place: Robert Hartin, Herndon, VA
- 5th Place: Leonard Vaughn, Colorado Springs
- 6th Place: Robert Dinnsen, Fort Morgan
- 7th Place: Ken Popino, Longmont
- 8th Place: Louis Richardson, Colorado Springs
- 9th Place: Jack Lamb, Grand Junction
- 10th Place: Jack Bauer, Eaton

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THANK YOU
EDITOR

Commander's Column Allan Stone



Thank you for electing me your Department Commander in June at the State Convention in Security. I will strive to maintain and uphold the high standards

established by previous Department Commanders.

The department was soooooo close on membership this year, obtaining 99.11 and only 155 members from reaching 100. We fell short and did not "Carry the Load" for Past Department Commander Buchanan. The Membership Team has already met and is working on reinstate members. Now is the time to start working on membership for the new year. Remember the 3R's - RECRUIT, RETAIN and REINSTATE.

In the last two issues of the Colorado Veteran, I enlightened you about the two national cemeteries in Colorado, Fort Logan National Cemetery and Fort Lyon National Cemetery. The Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs maintains two cemeteries in the state, The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado and Colorado State Veterans Center Homelake.

In 1978, Congress established the State Cemetery Grants Program (Public Law 95-476). Administered by the National Cemetery Administration to aid States and the U.S. territories in the establishment, expansion and improvement of veterans cemeteries, the State Cemetery Grants Program complements the National Cemetery Administration by providing grave sites for veterans in those areas not adequately served by national cemeteries.

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado was authorized by the Colorado Legislature in 1999 to honor Colorado veterans. Construction began in June, 2001 and was completed on September 4, 2002 and officially opened the following day. A total of three interments occurred on that day. The Veterans

Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado is located on 22.5 acres at 2850 Riverside Parkway, Grand Junction, just east of the Grand Junction Regional Center. It has the capacity of 3,337 units, including 1,758 units for casket remains and 1,579 units for cremated remains (of which 861 are columbarium wall niches). Eligibility for burial in the cemetery is the same as for Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) national cemeteries but includes a residency requirement.

The Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake was established in 1889 as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home and is listed on the Colorado Register of Historical Properties. The mission of the Home was to provide a peaceful and comfortable home for retiring Civil War and Spanish American War veterans. The cemetery dates to the Civil War and is the oldest veterans' cemetery in Colorado.

Homelake provides nursing and independent living care twenty-four hours, seven days a week. This fine facility is located in the San Luis Valley 14 miles west of Alamosa on US highway 160, turn right on Soldiers' Home Road/County Road 3 south for about one mile to Sherman Avenue and make a left. The entrance will be 150 yards on the right. The Veterans Cemetery is north of the Community Living Center and recently has completed an expansion to add approximately 623 grave sites, new roads, utilities site lighting, parking and walk ways. This expansion guarantees the availability of plots for years to come.

I look forward to visiting with you at the Council of Administration meeting to be held in Evans/Greeley on August 13 and 14. Let's all work together to support and honor veterans! Ask yourself, "WHAT HAVE I DONE FOR A VETERAN, TODAY!"

Allan Stone
Department Commander

Jr. Vice Column Steve Kjonaas



Comrades, thank you for your support in allowing me to move forward in the chairs! I'm here to help manage a great organization and to bring respect

and honor to you and those who came before us, as well those that will follow our lead.

Veterans, strong supporters, and people who otherwise have no Veteran connection do depend on your actions. But what are we to do to adapt to the changing world around us? People who have engaged and who depend on our efforts need every bit of our strength, knowledge, and determination that all of us can muster. My goals are simple, yet *right and just*. Student Veterans and Veteran Homelessness are my personal areas of focus.

Our mission is to serve Veterans through advocacy. Of course you know that our membership totals are important, but who we engage with in the communities to make it better is our connection and our extension of service before self. Be the connection between Veterans and the community at large. The importance of service before self and what we do with

it will help the greater Veteran community and non-Veteran community to the point that we will attract new membership and encourage those who have temporarily left for one or more reasons to come back in from the cold. In the past couple years as I have talked with Student Veterans on what a Veteran Service Organization is to them, I often get this message; "rare to see posts do anything in their community outside the holidays and funerals." Ouch, that stings when I first started hearing variations of that theme. With only so much time in a person's day, the impact a new Veteran can make is often involving activities where they see the power of synergy affect the most.

What changes could make an impact in your community? We both know that you are the expert on your community, so what has changed, what needs are there that are not being filled? Can you allow new members to offer an opinion that may affect a positive change in your VFW? After all, the diversity amongst us is what makes us strong and a powerful advocate for Veterans.

Steve Kjonaas
Department Jr. Vice Commander

Sr. Vice Column Ed Aitken



First, let me thank you for allowing me to serve as your Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Colorado it is an honor to serve you, your Post and the Department.

There are a couple of things that I need to finish from last year. First, the Junior Vice President Caroline Gelatt and I attended the Junior Vice Commanders / Presidents conference at our National Home for Children, what a fantastic facility. We attended several seminars explaining how the residents are selected and the process they go through to be selected to live in a home on the facility, we also learn the different programs that they have for the residence and their children so that they are involved in the programs that the home offers.

One of the thing that impressed me was that they have a HELP LINE, this is NOT a crises line. Some one will answer between 8am and 5pm and assist you. One of the example given was helping a lady to find a soup kitchen, first they found out where she was and the location of the kitchen, with aid of Google Earth they were able to direct her to her destination.

We also toured a few of the homes on the grounds, the Colorado House is a very nice home, it is very well kept and spacious home. You can be proud that you sponsor the Colorado House and feel good about donating to it's up keep.

Next, on Memorial Day I met Junior Vice Commander in Chief Keith Harman in Colorado Springs. Once he was settle in we went to Post 101 where he was greeted by District 5 Commander George Snyder who intern introduce him to the Post Commanders in attendance. He was also introduced to the President, Gloria Otwell and Senior Vice President, Linda Reinhold. After lunch Chief Harman was introduce to the Post 101 Warriors, who loaned him vest and join him for pictures. Commander Kevin Reinhold ask Chief Harman to tour Fountain Post 6461, there he was introduced to the members and toured the Post and Grounds.

Tuesday we traveled to the Air Force Academy were Chief Harman presented Cann an Bronze Eagle on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We attended a reception then left for the Springs. On the way back we stopped at Security Post 3917 and visited with a few in the post and took a quick tour. That evening we ate at the Airplane Restaurant Chief Harman toured the aircraft from cockpit to the refueling area in the tail section. Wednesday we return to the airport and he boarded his plane to New Mexico State Convention.

I would like to thank two individuals for making Saturday morning of the State Convention exciting, fun and an enjoyable morning. Alan Jaffe and Mark Wick thanks for that GREAT DAY!!!

Ed Aitken
State Sr. Vice Commander

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings, I hope this finds everyone well as we begin this new year. I would like to congratulate all newly elected Officers and wish you much success.

I might as well start where I left off. AUDITS. There are some items on the quarterly audit that are required when it is filled out.

Under FUNDS, Posts must have a relief fund. There is no minimum or maximum. These funds are derived from the distribution of Buddy Poppies and any contributions received for this purpose. Please see section 704 of the By-Laws for a full explanation. If you have any questions, call Department Headquarters.

The Post must have a dues reserve fund. Please see Section 717 of the By-Laws. If you ever have to file a claim with the bonding company, the Company requires all audits to be properly done. If you do not have a relief fund or dues reserve fund, your audits are not properly done. The bonding company is starting to harder at these audits.

Also, if the Posts owns property, they must carry liability insurance. If the Post has real estate, you must have property insurance.

The audit must carry the signature of the Quartermaster, the Commander, and the Trustees.

As in the past few years, if an audit is received that has any of these items missing, it will be returned to you for corrections. If they are not corrected in a half way timely manner, it will be marked as not received for the report on line.

I can honestly tell you there has been a very large improvement in the properly filled audit, so it's not that hard. I want to thank everyone who has made the effort.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement in my run for National Council Member. I will do my best to make Colorado proud of their representative on the Council.

I hope each and every one of you have a great summer but just remember, only 21 Saturdays until Christmas.

Bruce R. Dolan,
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Voice of Democracy 2016-2017 Theme

"My Responsibility to America"

Patriot's Pen 2016 - 2017 Theme

"The America I Believe In"

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

June 18, 2016 SERIES: 2016-2017
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 94th Annual Convention held June 15-18, 2016, Security, CO., and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

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1. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:

The next Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, August 14, 2016. Joint Opening will be at Greeley VFW 2121, Time: 8:30 A.M. SHARP. VFW and VFW Auxiliary will be at the Greeley VFW for Joint Opening and then the VFW will go to VFW Post #6624, 3501 State St., Evans for the VFW Council of Administration Meeting. Training Sessions will be on Saturday August 13, 2016 at VFW Post #6624 Evans. 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 5, 2016**. Failure to comply will disqualify Council Members from participation in the Council of Administration and District Commanders for reimbursement of expenses.

3. 2016 SPRING SWEEPSTAKES:

Prize winners of the Spring Sweepstakes are listed in this Colorado Veteran.

4. SUBSCRIPTION DUES

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

5. NATIONAL CONVENTION:

The 117th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. was held in Charlotte, NC July 23-27, 2016.

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

**Surgeon's Column
David Stone**



To the VFW members of the Department of Colorado, a heartfelt thank you allowing me to serve another year as your Department Surgeon. To our wonderful

Auxiliary members, I was truly amazed by your kind words of support. I look forward to fulfilling the role of Surgeon for the Department of Colorado, VFW which is to visit and assist the Veterans Homes and Community Living Centers throughout Colorado. Clearly, serving the needs of these Veterans is an important part of what we, the VFW, does.

But are we doing enough? Are we reaching out to the veterans in the nursing homes in our communities? Do we visit our community's home bound veterans?

Continued General Order #1 2016-2017

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. 2016-2017 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, 2016, 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, 2016**. 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 recommendations 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

Do we offer them assistance where we can?

Supporting organized events like Pueblo's All Patients Day or Homelake's Summerfest is easy. We are told when to be there and what to bring. Then the veterans are brought around to see us. With a few phone calls and some planning it could be just as easy to organize a visit to a community nursing home or organize a "home-bound veterans" day.

Let me know if your Post has such a program. I would be interested in learning how you run it. Also, if you are interested in developing a program at your Post or District feel free to contact me. I would be happy to help.

David Stone
State Surgeon

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, 2016. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2016-2017. Please make a copy of these forms for your Post files. Forms are available from Department Headquarters. THERE ARE NEW FORMS FOR 2016-2017 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.**

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. 2015-2016 AWARDS:

Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2015-2016 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\ Allan Stone
Allan Stone
Department Commander



VFW Post Membership by District as of June 30, 2016

Number/ City	2015	2016	%	Number/City	2015	2016	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	852	942	111*	859 Leadville	43	38	88
501 Denver	331	338	102*	1166 Buena Vista	154	140	91
2461 Denver	170	158	93	3820 Salida	95	94	99
2797 Denver	58	67	116*	8661 Bailey	144	143	99
3971 Denver	92	94	102*	10721 Minturn	93	96	103*
5061 Denver	359	325	91	11411 Lake George	44	45	102*
TOTAL	1862	1924	103%*	12009 Conifer	129	129	100*
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
61 Pueblo	86	82	95	2371 Walden	29	28	97
2788 Penrose	121	97	80	4264 Steamboat Spgs	97	97	100*
3641 Pueblo	84	87	104*	4265 Craig	138	140	101*
4061 Canon City	339	323	95	5261 Rangely	28	23	82
5812 Pueblo West	208	193	93	5843 Meeker	47	54	115*
7305 Colo. City	48	45	94	9374 Kremmling	40	36	90
8898 Boone	50	48	96	9471 Hayden	12	11	92
12063 Westcliffe	42	52	124*	TOTAL	391	389	99%
TOTAL	978	927	95%	DISTRICT #10			
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	298	284	95	322 Englewood	129	122	95
807 Boulder	47	48	102*	3471 Morrison	72	74	103*
1771 Lafayette	311	314	101*	3631 Aurora	364	350	96
1781 Ft. Collins	323	328	102*	4121 Idaho Spgs.	59	55	93
2121 Greeley	180	182	101*	4171 Golden	530	480	91
2585 Johnstown	130	218	168*	4266 Parker	68	67	99
2601 Longmont	390	397	102*	4331 Arvada	293	289	99
4334 Ault	75	73	97	4444 Cmmrc Cty	239	242	101*
6624 Evans	300	304	101*	4666 Littleton	142	139	98
9565 Broomfield	134	138	103*	7563 Black Hawk	22	23	105*
9741 Dacono	48	50	104*	7945 Thornton	415	427	103*
TOTAL	2299	2336	102%*	8449 Bennett	50	45	90
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #12			
2551 Ft. Morgan	262	235	90	784 Montrose	153	149	97
3378 Yuma	66	66	100*	1247 Grnd Jctn	327	303	93
3541 Sterling	101	97	96	3571 Delta	65	61	94
3551 Brush	38	38	100*	3981 Grnd Jctn	118	124	105*
3951 Ovid	29	26	90	4663 Clifton	97	87	90
3961 Otis	25	25	100*	5485 Parachute	44	44	100*
4191 Crook	22	20	91	9221 Cedaredge	111	114	103*
4671 Wray	63	58	92	9304 Rifle	33	33	100*
6482 Holyoke	60	58	97	9333 Hotchkiss	35	29	83
7153 Fleming	36	33	92	TOTAL	983	944	96%
8064 Akron	45	45	100*	DISTRICT #13			
TOTAL	747	701	94%	3411 Kit Carson	30	24	80
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #14			
101 Colo. Spgs.	472	540	114*	6491 Burlington	82	74	90
3917 Security	668	681	102*	6612 Hugo	46	43	93
4051 Colo. Spgs	708	710	100*	9491 Deer Trail	19	19	100*
5221 Calhan	111	112	101*	9700 Chynn Wlls	31	28	90
6051 Wldnd Park	45	47	104*	TOTAL	208	188	90%
6461 Fountain	303	328	108*	DISTRICT #15			
7829 Monument	119	122	103*	15006 MAL	2604	2592	99.5%
10649 Elizabeth	47	50	106*	TOTAL DEPT	17587	17432	99.12%
TOTAL	2473	2590	105%*	DISTRICT #6			
DISTRICT #6				DISTRICT #7			
336 Ordway	101	100	99	899 Alamosa	138	119	86
2411 LasAnimas	103	98	95	3228 Monte Vista	41	41	100*
4001 Springfield	48	46	96	4849 La Jara	61	58	95
4091 Rocky Ford	56	55	98	6101 San Luis	69	68	99
4281 Holly	27	27	100*	8121 Del Norte	58	56	97
TOTAL	335	326	97%	TOTAL	367	342	93%



Vincent "B.J." Lawrence

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

National Representative August COA

Vincent "B.J." Lawrence was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on July 27, 2016, at the VFW's 117th National Convention, held in Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. Lawrence served with the U.S. Army from 1983-86, earning his VFW eligibility in Korea. His decorations include the Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Korea Defense Service Medal, and Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Upon joining VFW at Post 7686, Alamogordo, New Mexico in 2000, Comrade Lawrence immediately began to dedicate his efforts toward moving the organization forward into the new millennium and beyond. He has proven to be a highly effectual and dynamic leader, serving in a myriad of critical leadership positions including: VFW Post, District, and Department commander, as well as on the National Appeals Committee and as Vice Chairman of the National Legislative Committee. "B.J." Lawrence was elected to a two-year term on the VFW's National

Council of Administration in 2009 representing District 15, comprised of two Departments, Arizona and New Mexico.

During the 2010 VFW National Convention, Comrade Lawrence joined the ranks of a select few when he was recognized for his distinctive membership recruiting achievements on the Department, District and Post levels by earning the coveted designation of "VFW Triple Crown Winner."

Mr. Lawrence attended the New Mexico State Law Enforcement Academy, New Mexico Firefighters Academy, and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration Narcotics Enforcement School. Mr. Lawrence served his community as a police officer for several years, including time as an undercover narcotics agent. Prior to his retirement in 2015, Mr. Lawrence was employed as a private investigator and owner of Lawrence Investigations.

In 2008 he became a Legacy Gold Life Member. He is a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children and the Military Order of the Cootie.

ALL STATE COMMANDER'S
2015 – 2016

Anthony Archer	101	Captain
H. Ray Christman	501	
Douglas B. Goodman	1771	
Joel E. Ploegstra	2121	
Richard Atkinson	2585	
Daryl E. Otwell	3917	
Leonard Ladue	3981	
Richard Archuleta	4051	
Andrew A. Tyler	6051	
Kevin Reinhold	6461	
Charles Mills	6624	
Leroy S. Chavez	7945	
Timothy Hutchinson	9565	
Derrick J. Riley	10649	

ALL STATE QUARTERMASTER'S
2015 – 2016

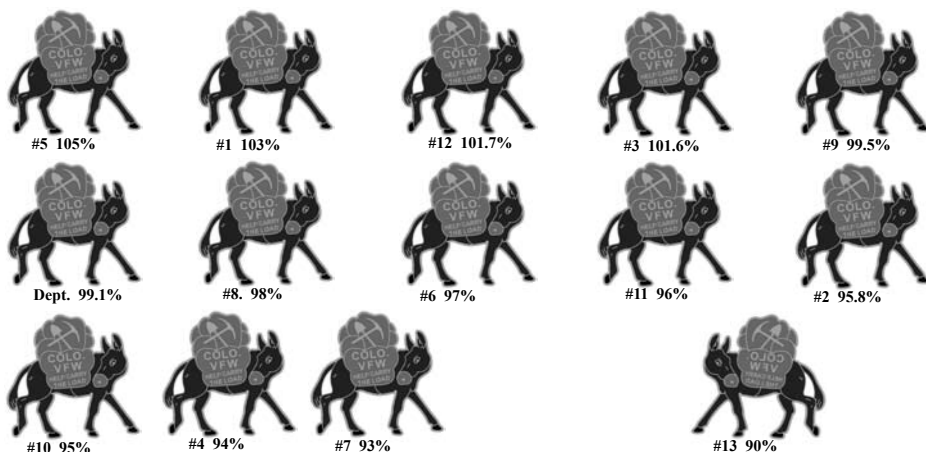
Gregory Wawrytko	101
Kenneth E. Camell	807
Edward Vigil	2797
Steven Kroh	2585
Robert M. Kidd	3917
Darold J. Stafford	3981
Joseph E. Cormier	4051
Carol M. Kenney	6051
Stephen J. Urbany	6461
Leroy P. Dentlinger	6624
Ron Schlieman	7945
E. L. Kenner	9221
George A. Knox	12063

All State District Commander
Steve Kroh District #3

All American Post Commanders
Anthony Archer #101 Colorado Springs
Richard Atkinson #2585 Johnstown

2017 dues are now DUE.
Be 100% +1 in 2016-2017

We are on Subscription Dues
Have you paid yours??
Buy a Life Membership

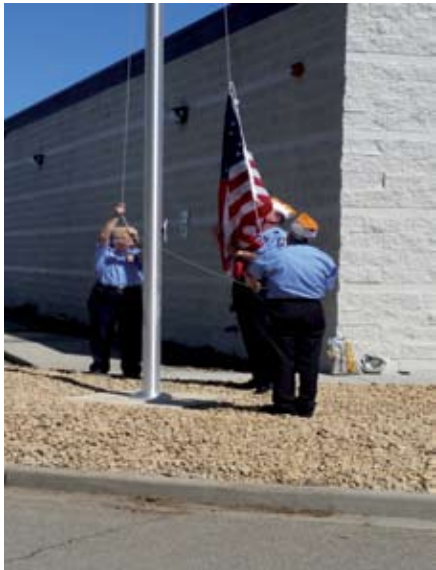


2016 Calendar Raffle
Contact your District Commander if you have not entered

\$20.00 must be returned with the stub with your name and address
Drawing is held every Friday at 9:00 AM
Help support our Department Service Office

TAPS

- Post 322: William R. McCaslin
- Post 1771: Darrell D. Elliott PDC
- Post 3917: Thomas E. Shaw, Francis McCarger, George Terry
- Post 4051: Clyde Womer, Thomas Ridenour, Benny Johnson, Lawrence Rushworth, Warren Reiter, Michael Fletcher
- Post 4191: Delbert R. Clevenger, Richard L. Clevenger, Staniel Juranek Jr., Melbourne D. Ring, Paul J. Kaiser
- Post 4281: Wallace Hartshorn
- Post 9304: George Cerise



Tri-Town VFW Post 9741 is also a member of the Carbon Valley Chamber of Commerce and April 2016 at their after-hours meeting they donated an American flag as a door prize. It was won by Swingle Lawn, tree and landscape care in Firestone. Since they had no place to fly it they asked if we could help them secure a flagpole. Not only were we able to do this but the post also installed the concrete base and when it came time, the pole itself. When we did raise the flag on Thursday May 12th members of Swingle, the community, Carbon Valley Chamber of Commerce and of course members of Post 9741 were in attendance for the occasion.



Left to Right: USN Lt John Krueger, USMC Lt Col Berne Krueger, Sarah Vaughan, & Bret Pilkington.

Two VFW Post 10721 members Lt. John Kreuger, USN and Lt Col Berne Krueger, USMC with Sarah Vaughan, mother of deceased Army infantryman Lt John Shaw. Vaughan presented a \$1000 college scholarship to Bret Pilkington at Battle Mt. High School in Edwards, CO on May 19, 2006

Lt. Vaughan, a life-time Edwards resident and 2001 graduate of Battle Mountain High School, was killed in action in Iraq in June 2006 while serving in the infantry. He graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a degree in aviation business management and was commissioned as a U.S. Army 2nd Lieutenant in 2005. VFW Post 10721 also presented five other \$1000 scholarships at four other high schools in the Vail Valley. Five previous high school VFW scholarship winners already in college will receive \$500 for follow-on studies. The Post will award \$7500 in college scholarships in 2016.

Air Force Academy Award Ceremony



Junior Vice Commander-in*Chief Keith Harman presented an Eagle Award to this year's Outstanding Cadet in English, to C1C Riley Vann. As team captain of the Track and Field team, she took on a key role of leadership in the team, inspiring her teammates to stellar performances. She currently has the fifth highest outdoor pole vault mark in USAFA history and was awarded the "Callie Calhoun Award for Drive and Determination," and the "Falcon Award for Spirit and Enthusiasm," which is in addition to multiple Mountain West Conference Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-Conference honors as well as multiple military honors to include 5 semesters on the Superintendent's List. Riley will be stationed at Vandenberg AFB with grad school in the near future where she hopes to earn an MBA and attend law school.



VFW Warriors at State Convention June 2016



VFW Warriors leaders Dave Bleau (District 10) (l) and George Snyder (District 5) (r) with Department of Colorado Senior Vice Commander Alan Stone at the May 7th Loyalty Day Parade in Calhan. Twenty-five VFW Warriors from Districts 3, 5, and 10 rode their bikes in support of the parade.



District 5 Commander Barbara Green was presented with a "Service to Mankind" Certificate from the Sertoma Club



The VFW Post 5181 of Dove Creek, Colorado hosted a free chili picnic on Saturday in Celebration of Armed Forces Day and National Police Week. Richard Buehrer Dist 12 Commander presented to their local law enforcement officers certificates of appreciation for their work protecting and serving Dolores County. Sheriff Jerry Martin was given a plaque to display in their office as a token of our gratitude for their dedication to the Dove Creek Community.



Lennie Dolan walked in the 2016 Memorial Bataan Death March which is 26.2 miles when completed. Lennie went half way on her first March. Next year she plans on completing the entire course. On March 20th, 2016, more than 6,000 U.S. active-duty military personnel from across the world converged in the desert of White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. They all had one mission: Complete a 26.2-mile March to honor those who gave to their country during World War II.



2016-2017 Department VFW Auxiliary Officers: L-R: Guard Sabrina Feagaiga; Conductress Kathy Carlson; Treasurer Cindy Anderson; Sr Vice Caroline Gelatt; President Linda Reinpold; Jr Vice Shelley Schlieman; Secretary Ginny Rosa; Chaplain Davina Chappell-Haley; Chief of Staff Rosie Mitchell.



2015-2016 Commander Buchanan passes the Colors to 2016-2017 Commander Stone.



2016-2016 Department President Linda Reinpold escorted by husband Phil at Convention Installation.



Department VFW Line Officers take their Oath of Office at State Convention Installation June 2016.



State Convention Saturday Morning Buddy Poppy Hat Parade. 37 VFW Auxiliary members paraded around the room. Awards were given for Promotion / Brigitte Dolan; Memorial - 3 ladies from Mancos; and Decorative - Bernice Esquibel.

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION
 DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO
 Veterans of Foreign Wars
 &
 VFW Auxiliary

Allan Stone, State Commander
 &
Linda Reinpold, State President

Monetary Donations will be accepted for:
 Commander Stone and President Reinpold
 "Special Project."

Saturday, August 27, 2016
 11:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Joseph J. Jacques Jr. VFW Post 7945 & Auxiliary
 10217 Quivas Street
 Thornton, CO 80260



State Commander Pete Buchanan (L) and National Adjutant General John Hamilton (R) present Service Officer Terry Jacobson with a National Citation for his service at Colorado State Service Officer. Terry retired as of June 30, 2016 after 10 years as State Service Officer and many years dedicated to helping veterans. He was also awarded a plaque from the VFW Department of Colorado and his 50 Year Membership Pin. Terry, you will be missed, but we know that you still be volunteering and helping veterans. Terry is also Past State Commander 1991-1992, Past District 10 Commander and current Commander of Morrison VFW 3471.



PDC Jim Mauck 1989-1990 was presented with his 50 Membership Pin and a plaque for his many years at State Membership Director.



Chuck Ackerman was awarded The George Gangi Inspiration Award at the National Veterans Golden Age Games. Chuck has supported all team members each year and always demonstrated a positive attitude. This past year his wife Cindy passed away but he refused to miss the games in Omaha as he felt he owed it to his wife, himself and his teammates to honor his commitment and support his peers. Chuck is a member of Clifton VFW 4663

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKEND

**Saturday August 13th Workshops for VFW
Adamson Warmuth VFW Post #6624, Evans, CO**

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting**
- 10:00 - 11:00 AM Membership - Duane Johnson / Ron Lattin**
- 11:00 - 12:00 AM Quartermasters/ Trustees - Greg Wawrytko
Robert Kidd Sr.**
- 11:00 - 12:00 AM VFW Warriors Meeting**
- 12:00 noon Lunch**
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM Inspectors - Greg Wawrytko**
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM District Commanders - Ron Davies**

**2016 - 2017 District Meeting Schedules
August, September, October**

AUGUST DISTRICT MEETINGS

- | | | | |
|----|---------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 8 | 8/27/16
Saturday | Post No. 1166
Buena Vista | 12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 PM Meeting |
| 11 | 8/7/16
Sunday | Post No. 784
Montrose | 10:00 AM Registration
11:00 AM Joint Mtg
12:00 noon Lunch
Meeting to follow |
| 12 | 8/27/16
Saturday | Post No. 5231
Mancos | 11:00 AM Joint Mtg
12:00 noon Lunch
Meeting to follow |

SEPTEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 1 | 9/24/16
Saturday | Post No. 5061
Denver | 10:00 AM Meeting
11:00 AM Joint Mtg
Meeting to follow |
| 2 | (No Schedule Submitted) | | |
| 3 | 9/11/16
Sunday | Post No. 6624
Evans | 12:00 noon Lunch
Meeting to follow |
| 4 | 9/25/16
Sunday | Post No. 3378
Yuma | 12:00 noon Lunch
Meeting to follow |
| 5 | 9/11/16
Sunday | Post No. 5221
Calhan | 1:00 PM Lunch
2:00 PM Meeting |
| 6 | 9/10/16
Saturday | Post No. 4001
Springfield | 11:00 AM Lunch
Meeting to follow |
| 7 | (No Schedule Submitted) | | |
| 9 | (No Schedule Submitted) | | |
| 10 | 9/18/16
Sunday | Post No. 322
Englewood | 12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 PM Jnt Mtg
Meeting to follow |
| 13 | (No Schedule Submitted) | | |

OCTOBER DISTRICT MEETING

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 6 | 10/1/16
Saturday | Post No. 336
Ordway | 12:00 noon Lunch
Meeting to follow |
| 8 | 10/1/16
Saturday | Post No. 899
Leadville | 12:00 noon Lunch
Meeting to follow |

Many Thanks

I want to tank all of you for the many cards and best wishes. Fortunately, the doctors were able to control my pulse with pills rather than surgery. Your thoughts certainly made the time in the ER, ICU and at home much easier.

PDC Darrell Anderson

**COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKEND
August 13th & 14th, 2016**

**VFW POST 2121 & VFW POST 6624
SATURDAY August 13th, 2016**

**VFW Workshops (see agenda for details)
Auxiliary Parade of Program (see agenda for details)**

**Lunch 12:00 PM (Noon)-1:00 PM \$7.00
(@ 6624 and 2121)
Sub Sandwich & Chips**

**Steak Dinner VFW POST 6624, Evans CO
5:30 PM \$15.00/person
Steak with Baked Potato, Salad and Corn on the Cob.
Dessert Table Available by Monetary Donation
(Proceeds to benefit VFW Auxiliary 6624)**

**NOTE: This is Post 6624 Standing Dinner they will need to order
additional Steaks and would like to have plenty of food for their
patrons/members and for C of A attendees**

**RSVP Dinner to Department Headquarters
303-421-1630
By August 8, 2016**

**SUNDAY August 14th
8:30 AM Joint Opening at POST 2121
Meetings to Follow -VFW @ POST 6624
AUXILIARY @ POST 2121**

Council of Administration August 13 & 14th, 2016

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
Rooms are not blocked make reservations ASAP**

**Fairfield Inn & Suites
2401 W 29th St Greeley, CO 970-339-5030
Special rates for VFW**

**Hampton Inn & Suites
2350 W 29th St Greeley, CO 970-339-5525
(ask for VFW rates)**

**Country Inn & Suites
2501 W 29th St Greeley, CO 970.330.3404**

**Comfort Inn Greeley
2467 W 29th St Greeley, CO 970.330.6380**

**Holiday Inn Express
2563 W 29th St Greeley, CO 970.330.7495**

**Super 8
2423 W 29th St Greeley, CO 970.330.8880**

Hope to see everyone at August Council of Administration Weekend

**Saturday March 13, 2016
VFW will be at Adamson Warmuth VFW Post 6624 Evans
VFW Auxiliary will be at Pioneer VFW Post 2121 Greeley**

**Sunday March 14, 2016
Joint Opening for VFW / VFW Auxiliary will be at VFW Post 2121 Greeley**



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Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO GENERAL ORDERS #1 JUNE 19, 2016

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

1. Having been duly elected and installed into the office of President, Department of Colorado, according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary, I hereby assume command on June 19, 2016. All previously elected, appointed and committeemen's term of office is hereby declared expires and now ineffective.

The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 92nd Annual Convention held June 15 – 18, 2016, Security, CO, and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

PRESIDENT:

Linda Reinbold, (5812)
834 W El Portal Drive
Pueblo West CO 81007

SR. VICE PRESIDENT:

Caroline Gelatt (6624)
3201 Claremont Avenue
Evans CO 80620

JR. VICE PRESIDENT:

Shelley Schlieman (7945)
3537 W. 113th Avenue
Westminster CO 80031

SECRETARY:

Ginny Rosa (12009)
416 S Pine Drive
Bailey CO 80421

TREASURER:

Cindy Anderson (4331)
9134 W 93rd Avenue
Westminster CO 80032

CHAPLAIN:

Dee Chappell-Haley (2551)
1103 State Street
Fort Morgan CO 80701

CONDUCTRESS:

Kathy Carlson (7829)
19527 Kershaw Court
Monument CO 80132

GUARD:

Sabrina Feagaiga (101)
4555 Harwood Road
Colorado Springs CO 80916

2. Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents:

All communications must be answered promptly, using the proper channels as listed on page 12 of the Booklet of Instructions.

3. Following are the Program Chairs for the 2016 – 2017 year:

Program Coordinator – Charlotte Lattin (2461), 8912 W Radcliff Place, Littleton CO 80123

Achievement

Barbara Buchanan (1771), 12004 Monaco Drive, Brighton CO 80602

Josephine Najera (1771), 1520 Robin Hood Street, Lafayette, CO 80026

Sharon Stetson (1771), 11626 Glenwood Drive, Lafayette CO 80026

Sue Tartaglione (6461), 533 Calle Conejo, Fountain CO 80817

All State Treasurers

Cindy Anderson (4331), 9134 W 93rd Ave, Westminster CO 80021

Americanism

Stephane Trujillo (6624), 636 S Ursula Avenue, Milliken CO 80543

Auxiliary News – Ann Mauck (2601), 2130 Squires St, Longmont CO 80501

Buddy Poppy – Rena Cales (6461), 7461 Fortman Avenue, Fountain CO 80817

Parliamentarian – Dee Chappell-Haley (2551), 1103 State Street, Ft Morgan CO 80701

Ways & Means – Lennie Dolan (7945), 1170 Fulton Street, Aurora CO 80010

Courtesy – Dee Chappell-Haley (2551), 1103 State Street, Ft Morgan CO 80701

Chief of Staff/Extension – Rosie Mitchell (8121), P O Box 262, South Fork CO 81154

Games & Raffle

Glenna Medina (2121), P O Box 874, Platteville CO 80621

Hospital – Philip Reinbold (5812), 834 W El Portal Drive, Pueblo West CO 81007

Legislative – Colleen Rylant (41), 130 E 22nd Street, Loveland CO 80538

Membership

Shelley Schlieman (7945), 3537 W 113th Avenue, Westminster CO 80031

Program Report/Community Service

Jackie Newlander (9644), 5711 S Lowell Blvd, Littleton CO 80123

Scholarships

Beverly Archer (101), 7318 Murdoch Drive, Colorado Springs CO 80920

Social Media

Caroline Gelatt (6624), 3201 Claremont Avenue, Evans CO 80620

Veterans & Family Support

Rose Naughton (2121), P O Box 715, Galeton CO 80622

National Home for Children

Ray Moelder (6624), 1518 39th Street,

Evans CO 80620

Youth Activities

Patsy Gilmore (3917), 1719 Ascot Road, Colorado Springs CO 80906

4. Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents:

Please place the names of Linda Reinbold, Department President and Ginny Rosa, Department Secretary on your mailing list so all activities will be reported to this office.

5. All Auxiliary Presidents, District Presidents and Treasurers:

In accordance with the Bylaws must be bonded no later than September 15, 2016. All Installation reports must be received by the Department Secretary no later than June 30, 2016 and at National Headquarters by July 31, 2016.

6. Auxiliary Presidents and Treasurers:

In accordance with the change to Department Standing Rules as approved at the November 2, 2015 Council of Administration, dues notices may be sent out in August to all unpaid members and the Auxiliaries will be charged for the postage unless the Auxiliary Treasurer has notified the Department Treasurer in advance that they have sent out their own Auxiliary Dues notices.

7. Auxiliary Secretary and District Secretary:

Please send names and addresses of the Auxiliary and District Chairmen to the corresponding Department Chairman and Department Secretary.

8. District Presidents:

Please send a complete schedule of your District meetings including dates, time and location to Department Secretary, Ginny Rosa, 416 S Pine Drive, Bailey CO 80421 or email to humming657@gmail.com. Please do this promptly so representatives may be scheduled. We ask that you do not schedule any District Meetings during Western Conference to be held November 3 – 6, 2016 in O'ahu, Hawaii.

9. District Presidents:

A reminder that Annual Inspections are very important and must be conducted. The Inspecting Official should sign the Secretary's and Treasurer's books only if they are kept according to procedures outlined in the Booklet of Instructions. Every question on the Inspection Form should be answered. Copies of your W-9 that has been sent to National and a copy of your filed 990-N should be provided to the Inspecting Of-

ficial.

10. Auxiliary Treasurers: Please send your 2016 – 2017 dues for new membership as received. The Department goal is to reach 100% plus by June 30, 2017.

11. Auxiliary Trustees and District Trustees: Audits for the quarter ends of June, September, December, and March must be set to the Department Treasurer 30 days after the end of the quarter.

12. Hospital Reporting: When filling out the Hospital Section of the Program Report forms, you must indicate if volunteer hours are provided by a VFW or Auxiliary member.

13. Minutes of the 92nd Department Convention held in Security Colorado, June 15 – 18, 2016 will be mailed or emailed to the members of the Convention Composition, with the exception of the Delegates. See Section 812D.

14. Important Information: Fall Council of Administration Meeting and Parade of Programs will be held August 13 – 14 at the Pioneer VFW Post #2121 in Greeley. The Parade of Programs will begin at 1:30 pm on Saturday, August 13 at Post 2121 in Greeley. The Joint Opening of the Council with the VFW will begin at 8:30 on Sunday, August 14 at Post 2121 with the Auxiliary remaining at Post 2121 for their meeting and the VFW moving to 6624 Evans for their meeting. Noon Lunch will be served at both Posts. Complete itinerary for meals in this Colorado Veterans and on the Colorado Web Site www.vfwcolodept.org. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS.**

15. Joint Homecoming will be held August 27, 2016 in Thornton, Colorado at Post 7945 beginning at 11:00 am. Everyone is invited to attend.

16. To Department Commander Allan Stone, Department Officers, VFW Members and VFW Men's Auxiliary: I hereby pledge the continued support of all the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary, Department of Colorado.

BY ORDER OF:
Linda Reinbold, President

ATTEST:
Ginny Rosa, Secretary

Scholarship Program

A big thank you to everyone for working so hard to make the Voice of Democracy Patriot's Pen and Creative Patriotic Art programs so successful. The Patriotic Art entries will be on display at Convention.

Even though the 2016-16 Scholarship program has come to an end, I hope you will continue to get the word out about these wonderful scholarship opportunities.

The 2016-17 themes are:

Voice of Democracy - "My Responsibility to America"

Patriotic Pen - "The America I Believe In"

Thank you for all that you do!

Beverly Archer
Department Scholarship Chairman

Thank You Colorado

I wish to Thank all of you for the cards and prayers.

I am on the mend and feel good

Again Thank You

Diane Aitken

Youth Activities

Greetings all Auxiliary members! My name is Patsy Gilmore and I am very honored to be Madame President Linda Reinbold's Youth Activities Chairman. Margaret Reinhold will be assisting me during the 2016-2017 year. I would like to thank Madame President Linda for asking me to be her Youth Activities Chairman this year.

The Youth Activities Program incorporates both working with the youth and also rewarding them for doing the "right thing" in order to help form a strong bond between our Auxiliaries and the youth. The youth are our future and I believe it is our responsibility to guide and mentor them.

The Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award. All entries are due to the Auxiliary by February 1, 2017 and to Department Youth Activities Chairman by February 15, 2017. Department winner will receive \$200.00 and will be awarded at the State Convention in June 2017.

The Outstanding Youth Group of the Year Award. This year I am happy to announce a new award. It will be available for any organized youth group. A few examples are, but not limited to: Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Frontier Girls, church youth groups, VFW youth groups, Young Marines and JROTC. All entries are due to VFW Auxiliaries by May 15, 2017 and due to Department

Youth Activities Chairman by May 31, 2017. Department youth group winner will receive \$300.00 and will be awarded at the State Convention in June 2017.

The Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation. This citation is from National and available to any youth group. All entries will be due to The Department Youth Activities Chairman by April 7, 2017.

The Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.). The R.A.P. coins or the R.A.P. cards can be given out when Auxiliary members see a youth "caught" doing a Random Act of Patriotism. Coins can be purchased at www.vfwstore.org.

For my year-end report, some of the information I will be reporting is:

- * number of Auxiliaries who submitted a Youth Group Supporting Our Veterans Citation
- * number of youth groups each Auxiliary worked with during the year
- * number of Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.) cards and coins given
- * number of youth recognized in your community for academic, athletic, scouting or other accomplishments

My goal for this year is to have at least one citation and four program reports from every Auxiliary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Patsy Gilmore
Department Youth Activities Chairman

Chief of Staff / Extension

Is your Auxiliary HEALTHY? We will again be using the Healthy Auxiliary "Tool Kit". Please look over all the information in the Department Program Book as there are a few changes, especially the Questionnaire. Auxiliary Presidents, please share this information with all the members.

I will be contacting the Bachelor Posts to see if there is a possibility we can start an auxiliary. VFW Posts are usually stronger when there is an Auxiliary to help with the programs.

Please reach out to those members who have let their membership drop and ask them why they did. Encourage them to re-join and always be kind and courteous.

If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me. By "Keeping Our Veterans Close to Our Heart" we will continue to have "Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes".

Rosie Mitchell
Department Chief of Staff / Extension

Social Media

VFW Department Auxiliary is now on Facebook

<https://m.facebook.com/ColoradoVFWAuxiliary/>

Please visit often and let us know what you think.

Caroline Gelatt, Beverly Archer, Sherry Netteland

Hospital

I would like to thank Linda Reinbold, Department President and Colette Bishop, National Auxiliary President for giving me the opportunity to be Department Hospital Chairman. Ellie Ford is the Co-Chair and we are very much looking forward to working with all of the Deputies, VAVS Representatives, Hospital representatives and volunteers during this upcoming year.

There have been many positive changes within the Auxiliary this year and I hope to utilize these changes for the benefit of this program. As Veteran Care Facilities become ever more critical in assuring the health and well-being of our troops, this program becomes even more vital. With a growing patient population occurring at the same time that funding levels and sources are increasingly stretched, the contribution of Hospital Support volunteers becomes increasingly important.

Some items have become very clear—completely documenting the many areas in which we volunteer is more crucial than ever. Funding and additional support of these facilities is directly tied not only to every hour that Hospital volunteers serve, but also tied to *accurately documenting* that service. It will be one of my goals to help increase the number of hours that are really served and support the recording of that time.

Hospital volunteers so generously give of themselves in this effort and often do not take the time to record their time or contributions or gladly just chalk this up as doing their job. We all need to understand how important it is to keep track of all that we do. Many volunteers are not recognized for their valuable efforts because of this.

Also, expanding the pool of volunteers will become a vital and exciting part of this program this year. The growth of the Auxiliary with the addition of new male members can provide new perspective, new support and new talent to this pro-

gram. Emphasis on expanding the volunteer base to include persons who have not volunteered before, friends, family, business associates, retired individuals, church or social groups, and others, can expand the number and type of services that we can support. In your Auxiliaries, be sure to send in \$.50 per member by Oct 31 to assist all VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes for special parties and Christmas. There are so many ways that we can give back in a small way to those who have given us so much—Our Veterans!

I would like to give special emphasis to the Veterans Voices Writing Project a therapeutic writing program that helps veterans express themselves. Members can help assist veterans in writing, recording or typing their memories. To learn more about the program, go to www.veteransvoices.org.

Another important part of the program is Military Suicide Awareness. Pass on information on the Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 to connect to a specially trained and experienced person, text 838255 to connect to a VA responder or go on-line to www.veteranscrisisline.net.

Everyone has a special talent or ability—working together, we can discover skills, talents and abilities that we did not know were possible. I look forward to visiting and working with the VAVS representatives in the VA Medical Centers and representatives at the Colorado State Veterans Nursing Homes.

With your support and assistance, we can all make this a year to remember! More important than that, however, we can make this a time where we expand our service to those that need us and value our time and contributions the most, our veterans, by "Keeping Veterans Close to Our Hearts".

Phil Reinbold
Department Hospital Chairman

Homelake's 15th Annual Summerfest

Saturday, September 10, 2016

8:00 - 9:00 AM Set Up then 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

11:00 - 12:30 PM Lunch will be served to all residents and Summerfest volunteers by Homelake staff

Awards/Certificate Ceremony (presented during lunch)

There are approximately 20 tables/booths available for sponsorship. If your Post or Auxiliary would like to sponsor a booth, please call Pam Self or Melanie Squire at 719-852-5118 or 888-838-2687.

Please call to reserve prior to August 31, 2016.

All-Activities Day 2600 Oakshire Lane Pueblo, CO

Saturday, September 17, 2016

7:00 - 7:30 AM Volunteer Registration

7:30 - 10:00 AM Volunteers Assemble Carnival Booths

10:00 AM Opening Ceremony/Color Guard Flag Raising/
Volunteers Report to Game Booths

10:15 - 1:30 PM Carnival Booths Open for Business

11:00 - 1:00 PM Entertainment (various times during event)

11:00 AM Veterans go through the Lunch Line

12:00 noon Volunteers go through the Lunch Line

1:30 PM Gift Presentations by Organizations

2:00 PM Volunteers disassemble Carnival Booths

Booth Sponsorship Confirmation deadline is August 1, 2016

Buddy Poppy Program

"May I give you a "Buddy" Poppy?" Order early as it can take 6 weeks to receive and if at a "busy" time it can take longer. Have you set and planned "when", and "where" your Buddy Poppy drives are to be? What kind of ideas and plans do you have for "using" and showing them off? Please, remember to "Report" everything. Hope to see you at the Parade of Programs Aug. 13-14 Greeley 2121

Rena Cales
Department Buddy Poppy Chairman



Aux 336: Ruth Watkins, Eleanor Collins
Aux 2411: Lois M Tiedt
Aux 3471: Margie Odiorne
Aux 3631: Nancy Peterson, Christine Deeter
Aux 4281: Maurine Anson

Membership 2016-2017

“Keeping Veterans Close to our Heart”

I would like to thank Department President Linda for asking me to be your membership chairman for the coming year. With the help of Senior Vice President, Caroline Gelatt and our National Recruiter, Linda Reinpold, I look forward to an exciting year of spreading the word about this great organization.

Who and what are members of the VFW Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars?

Who are we: we are the wives, husbands, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, grandmothers, grandfathers, grandsons, granddaughters, and widowers, widows of someone near and dear to our hearts, who chose to put country before self and place themselves in harm’s way to protect all of us. We are 16 to 90 +, from every race, color, religious and national origin.

What are we: we are the members of this organization, the backbone of our national programs. We are the members who support our Veterans, Active duty and their families, who go to our hospitals and nursing homes, who teach and promote Americanism in our schools and communities, who provide a means for youth, through Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Young American Creative Patriotic Art, to share their dreams and hopes for our country, who support Youth Activities, who interact with our legislative bodies to speak out on issues vital to our Veterans. We stand tall and we speak proudly of who and what we are. We are the backbone.

Now that we know who and what we are, we look to our duties to promote membership.

Our first duty is to retain our loyal members who saw our spirit and pride

National Certified Recruiter Training Program

I would like to thank National President Colette Bishop 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 2016-2017 year.

The purpose of the program is to help Auxiliary members recruit new members and retain our current members at the state and local level. It is also meant to help grow membership through outreach strategies such as member training, special public events, Auxiliary and VFW joint activities and membership events. I will be working closely with the Department Membership Chairman, Shelley Schlieman and her team as together.

Our mission together is to help develop a recruitment plan that can be effective by providing better knowledge about the benefits received when you belong to the VFW Auxiliary. We also need to improve public understanding about the important work that is being done to maintain and improve the lives for veterans and their families through our programs. We can encourage those who are eligible to join us. Remember – it is about getting one member at a time--some will join and some will not.

We need to get out the word and raise public awareness about who the VFW Auxiliary is, what we do and how it

and joined. We retain by reaching out and letting them know they are important, we want their talents, we need their input, and we respect and value them. July 1st begins our 2016-17 membership year. Treasurers should be sending out dues notices as soon as possible and each of us can help with a call, an email, a letter, and visit – the way isn’t important, the message is.

Our second duty is to recruit new members. National put out this statistic: if just half of our members recruited one new member we would increase our membership by more than 230,000. Imagine what 230,000 new voices, talents, ideas, (and 460,000 hands) could mean! Hold recruiting events at your Auxiliaries, ask each new Post member if they have family qualified to join, sponsor activities such as holiday parties, picnics, 10 K runs, yard sales, ect. and invite your communities to attend and ask them to join. An idea tried may fail, but an idea not tried will always fail.

Our third duty is to “Keep Veterans Close to Our Hearts”. We can do this best if we keep each Sister and Brother close to our hearts. We listen to each other, we speak kindly, we open ourselves to new ideas, we share, we debate, we learn, we smile and we respect.

At the August COA you will learn all about membership and awards for this year. I will have membership packets available for you. Because we now have both Sisters and Brothers working on membership, we will be giving monetary awards. The National goals and awards follow for you to look over. I look forward to a great year – a 100% year.

Shelley Schlieman
Department Membership Chairman

helps our veterans and their families. One way to do this is through advertising our events in newspapers, in the free section of the local paper and through community flyers. After the event, an article can be published thanking everyone for attending and a brief overview of the activity.

All Auxiliary members are working so diligently to keep our Department a healthy and active one. Each one of you has provided so much to veterans through hard work, hours and hours of volunteerism, participation in fundraisers and activities and hospital work and support to veterans and their families. THANK YOU!!

I look forward to working with Shelley, her membership team and all Auxiliaries throughout the upcoming year and am very excited about this recruiting program to grow our membership this year! Please call me with any ideas you may have to share, questions you might have or to schedule a training session for you, the Auxiliary or District.

Thank you to all Auxiliary members working together to “Keeping Veterans Close to Our Hearts” and watch our membership increase!

Linda Reinpold
National Certified Recruiter Trainer
Department of Colorado

Auxiliary Membership by District as of June 30, 2016

Number	City	2015	2016	%	Number	City	2015	2016	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #7				
1	Denver	171	175	102*	899	Alamosa	82	82	100*
501	Denver	150	140	93	3228	Monte Vista	42	49	117*
2461	Denver	119	126	106*	4849	La Jara	49	49	100*
2797	Denver	36	37	103*	6101	San Luis	46	32	70
3971	Denver	41	36	88	8121	So Fork	95	96	101*
5061	Denver	113	106	94		TOTAL	314	308	98%
	TOTAL	630	620	98%	DISTRICT #8				
DISTRICT #2					DISTRICT #9				
2788	Penrose	46	38	83	4264	Stmbt Spgs	34	32	94
3641	Pueblo	79	81	103*	4265	Craig	51	52	102*
4061	Canon City	162	153	94	5843	Meeker	32	32	100*
5812	Pueblo West	50	53	106	9374	Kremmling	18	19	106*
7305	Colo. City	30	27	90		TOTAL	135	135	100%*
	TOTAL	367	352	96%	DISTRICT #10				
DISTRICT #3					DISTRICT #11				
41	Loveland	127	121	95	784	Montrose	53	50	94
1771	Lafayette	324	316	98	1247	Grnd Jnctn	96	95	99
1781	Ft. Collins	82	97	118*	3571	Delta	74	60	81
2121	Greeley	95	98	103*	3981	Grnd Jnctn	20	6	30
2585	Johnstown	44	80	182*	4663	Clifton	57	57	100*
2601	Longmont	244	234	96	9221	Cedaredge	67	58	87
2841	Brighton	36	0	0	9304	Silt	23	13	57
4334	Ault	36	34	94	9333	Hotchkiss	24	21	88
6011	Platteville	33	0	0		TOTAL	414	360	87%
6624	Evans	201	218	108*	DISTRICT #12				
9565	Broomfield	39	49	126*	4031	Durango	73	75	103*
	TOTAL	1261	1247	99%	5181	Dove Creek	41	39	95
DISTRICT #4					DISTRICT #13				
2551	Ft. Morgan	141	129	91	3411	Kit Carson	29	27	93
3541	Sterling	86	81	94	6491	Burlington	17	18	106*
4671	Wray	31	30	97	6612	Hugo	54	51	94
8064	Akron	32	30	94		TOTAL	100	96	96%
	TOTAL	290	270	93%	DISTRICT #14				
DISTRICT #5					DISTRICT #15				
101	Colo. Spgs.	68	80	118*	15006	At Large	258	318	123%*
3917	Security	244	214	88		TOTAL DEPT.	6,751	6,633	98%
4051	Colo. Spgs	320	309	97	DISTRICT #16				
5221	Calhan	27	27	100*	DISTRICT #17				
6461	Fountain	119	120	101*	DISTRICT #18				
7829	Monument	22	31	141*	DISTRICT #19				
	TOTAL	800	781	98%	DISTRICT #20				
DISTRICT #6					DISTRICT #21				
336	Ordway	87	79	91	DISTRICT #22				
2411	LasAnimas	108	110	102*	DISTRICT #23				
3621	Lamar	16	17	106*	DISTRICT #24				
4001	Springfield	29	28	97	DISTRICT #25				
4281	Holly	10	8	80	DISTRICT #26				
	TOTAL	250	242	97%	DISTRICT #27				

“100 Years of Serving Veterans” VFW Auxiliary Department of Colorado

Legislative Program

What an exciting time to become involved in the Legislative program of the VFW Auxiliary!

By the time of the next Colorado Veteran publication, our Nation will have elected a new President.

This is an election year and as always, it is important to listen and study the candidates and their stand on Veterans issues. You can familiarize yourself with these issues by reading the VFW Priority Goals and also subscribing to the VFW Action Corps.

Now you might ask, how do I get a subscription to this and how much does it cost? The price of this is absolutely FREE! How? Log onto the VFW Auxiliary website at www.vfwauxiliary.org, click on the programs tab, and then scroll down to the Legislative tab under resources. At this wonderful place you can find much information including how to subscribe (FREE) to the VFW Action Corps, read and or print off the 2016 VFW Priority Goals brochure, Get out the Vote, how to contact the VFW Washington D.C. office

and contact your legislators. Being informed on issues that will appear on the ballot are one way to insure that our Veterans are not left behind and that the budget does not get balanced by cutting out benefits that they have fought to receive. What else? VOTE! Encourage others to get to the polls or to send in their ballots. Do you know of anyone that might need transportation? What about someone who has sight problems. Offer to help out.

Educate yourself, then educate others. Attend town hall meetings. Be visually present and respectful. Talk to your elected officials and ask them if they are aware of the Priority Goals written by the VFW. Be sure to have the brochure on hand.

If anyone needs help in getting to the right place to get the above mentioned information, please contact me and we can walk through this together.

Colleen Rylant
Department Legislative Chairperson

**2017 VFW Auxiliary Dues
can now be transmitted
to your Department Treasurer
Be 100% by June 30, 2017**

Americanism

Greetings to all my Patriotic Brothers and Sisters!!!

I ammm baaackkk! Before I forget, like I sometimes do, I wish to say THANK YOU to President Elect Linda Reinpold for asking me to be her Americanism Chairman this year. I have missed all of you and can't wait to see you throughout the year. I defiantly hope to see a lot of you at the Council of Administration August 13-14 in the Greeley & Evans area. I will be giving out very important information at this COA; if you can't attend please make sure someone is there gather and notate the important information that will help you later in the year.

As we begin this year I encourage all chairmen to fully embrace your chairmanship for your Auxiliary and/or District with open arms. I challenge each of you to take your local Post and/or Auxiliary traditions, add some of your flare and incorporate your own ideas to them. Don't be afraid to branch out and try one of those ideas you've had tucked away. My wish this year is for all Chairmen, Auxiliaries, and members to have fun—especially while you're showing your Americanism off to the world!!

Colorado Department is looking to have 100% participation within each program—since we, Posts and Auxiliaries, are a **VERY** patriotic family here in Colorado; there is no reason we can't hit 200% on the Americanism scale this year. Yeah, you can say I'm a big dreamer and over achiever—so who's with me??

Now that I got you to join me on my Patriotic quest—here are the goals National has set for us as well as my expectations for **every** Auxiliary here in Colorado. The first item on the list is Flag

Education—time to contact your local schools to schedule time for us to go in their class rooms to help educate our next generation in the Pledge of Allegiance, what to do when the National Anthem is played, how to respect our nations flag but most import what each crease, fold and the triangle symbol means when the flag is folded. Next we are to Promote Patriotism—what better way to say we are Patriots then to hand out history for our Patriotic days? Make posters to hang at your local Post to remind your members, wear Red, White and Blue, participate in parades, and maybe you could hold an Americanism Program at your Post to honor first responders, youth clubs, local businesses, and your volunteers. We are also to promote and show POW/MIA Recognition—this is not just a one day a year recognition as it should be done year round. I would like to suggest that we teach high schoolers the meaning behind the Missing Man Table. The last goal and the most critical is the Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. This year we need to have at least one entry from each Auxiliary—so time to start talking to your local school administrators and principals about which teacher they feel would be a perfect nominee.

The 2016-2017 reporting year is in full-swing with summer temperatures, mild showers, and endless possibilities for you to show your Americanism off to the world!! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions, need a pep-talk, or need ideas on Americanism. Hugs to you all!!

Stephane Trujillo
Department Americanism Chairman

Veterans And Family Support

I am honored to serve as your Veterans and Family Support Chair. I am very appreciative of the organization and planning that our newly elected President, Linda Reinpold, and all of her line officers have been working on. I am anticipating a huge learning curve for all of us this year!!!

The Veterans and Family Support is huge and somewhat overwhelming. Think of it this way: "Support A Veteran". The program is multifaceted... Participation in ALL areas is commendable! My goal for all of our Auxiliaries this year is to fully understand the depth of this program... and commit to doing more for our Veterans... through education, involvement, and donations.

National Veterans Service - NVS: On a National level there are 276 VFW Service Officers to help Veterans navigate the Veterans Affairs System. Please spread the word about the Colorado NVS Offices and services. Donations will help to support this much needed program. Send your donations to VFW Headquarters, Attn. NVS.

VFW's Veterans and Military Support Programs – NMS

NMS is all about helping Veterans with their education, financial problems, family connections, and morale boosting.

How can we help our veterans with all of these areas?

1. Help-A-Hero Scholarships are available to Veterans and Service members to help them complete their educational goals. Please go to www.vfw.org/scholarship.

2. Unmet needs – assists America's Service members and their families who find themselves in an unexpected financial crisis. Grants are available of up to

\$2500 paid directly to the creditor.

3. Operation Uplink provides 3 unlimited free call days for our troops stationed overseas, as well as hospitalized veterans.

4. Military Assistance Program – MAP helps our Auxiliaries and Posts to help others. We want all Auxiliaries and Posts to sponsor morale-boosting activities, but often lack adequate funds. The desire is there...some of our auxiliaries want to be involved in putting together care packages, handing out commemorative coins(which are very pricey), hosting send offs and homecomings, but, have limited resources. Please consider applying for MAP funds. Contact the NMS Office: 816-756-3390.

5. Homeless Veterans may be helped by donating items for local stand downs, crocheting sleeping mats, assisting at a Stand down to fully understand the impact we can all make.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT VETERANS?

HOW CAN YOUR PROGRAM IMPACT VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, &/or their FAMILIES?

Please show that "Your heart belongs to Veterans" by throwing your whole heart and soul into this program!!!

I would love to hear from you. Please share your ideas and thoughts with others. Please promote what you do!!!

Rosie Naughton
Department Veterans and Family Support Chairman

VFW National Home for Children Program

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to apply my creative efforts toward this worthy cause. I have been a part of the VFW community for many years. In 2006 at Adamson-Warmuth VFW Post #6624 in Evans I started out as frequently signed in visitor and volunteer, in 2008 the Charter President of our Men's Auxiliary, and in 2016 the first male member to our VFW Auxiliary. As a Life Member I am looking forward to a lifetime of service to veterans and their families. My gregarious personality and fun loving nature will help inspire our auxiliaries to put the "fun" in "fun"draising.

The National Home's community is open to families of active-duty military personnel, veterans and – recognizing that the effects of war can last for generations - descendants of members of the VFW and it's Auxiliary. The family can be one or both parents with one or more children.

This small-town community is located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Qualified families can live there up to 4 years and find a stable environment to recover from a crisis. The VFW National Home for Children provides housing, daycare, education, recreation & basic needs.

This is all done and maintained by donations. There is no government funding for this worthy program. I

believe when more of our auxiliaries familiarize themselves with their great work in Eaton Rapids, Michigan for veterans and their families, that they will be inspired to raise more money than their annual commitment of 10 cents per member.

Other ways to donate include but are not limited to Life Membership's, Tribute Bricks & Tribute Park and many more listed on the website. This will be tracked under "Health & Happiness" in your auxiliary's reporting. The chairman will recognize at the 2017 Department of Colorado VFW Convention the auxiliary with the greatest amount contributed (less your minimum requirement) to the VFW National Home for Children.

More Information can be obtained at: vfwnationalhome.org

I will share with you at our Parade of Programs the details of this contest to help raise funds to "Preserve Our VFW National Home". Until then please get a few mason jars together so that you'll be ready to go on August 14th after COA.

Any questions, ideas or comments for the Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary National Home for Children Chairmen can be e-mailed to raymond.moelder@gmail.com

Raymond Moelder
Department VFW National Home for Children Chairman

Council of Administration Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of Colorado AGENDA

(Times and Locations Subject to Change)

VFW Post 2121, 2514 7th Avenue, Greeley, CO

Friday August 12th

5:30 PM Audit & Staff Meeting Department Line Officers

Saturday August 13th

(VFW Auxiliary activities @ VFW Post 2121, 2514 7th Avenue, Greeley, CO)

8:00 AM District Presidents Join Sue Tartaglione District Presidents

9:00 AM Program Chairmen Join Charlotte Lattin Program Chairmen

9:30 AM Treasurer Workshop with Cindy Anderson Treasurers

10:00 AM Recruiter Training with Linda Reinpold Members

11:00 AM Secretary Work Shop Ginny Rosa Aux & Dist. Secretaries & members interested

12:00 PM (Noon) Lunch at VFW Post 6624 & VFW Post 2121

1:00 PM Parade of Programs/Workshop Open to Everyone

Steak Dinner VFW Post 6624, Evans
Dinner on your own

Sunday August 14th

Council of Administration

8:30 AM Joint Opening (VFW 2121) VFW & Auxiliary Members

9:00 AM VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting Auxiliary Members (VFW Post 2121)

"Keeping Veterans at the Center of Our Hearts"

(Times and Locations Subject to Change)