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John W. Stroud Commander-in-Chief 2014-2015

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

National Representative
Fall Conference
Fort Morgan, CO
October 19 - 20th 2019

John W. Stroud was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on July 23, 2014, at the VFW's 15th National Convention, held in St. Louis, Mo.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1976-1997, including a tour in Korea in 1992-1993 with the 5th Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base as a Flight Operations Superintendent. His decorations include four Meritorious Service Medals, three Air Force Commendation Medals, three Air Force Achievement Medals, the Korea Defense Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

John joined the VFW in 1996 at Post 10047 in Las Vegas, Nev. He maintains his Gold Legacy Life Membership at Post 2313 in Hawthorne, Nev. Mr. Stroud has served the VFW in many leadership positions, including Nevada Department Commander in

2006-2007. He has also served on numerous National Committees, including Chairman of the National Veterans Service Committee. He is a Triple Crown All American Commander Award recipient.

He graduated with honors from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Aeronautics. He worked as the Mineral County Building Official and is now retired.

He is a member of the Elks, and is a Life member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Military Order of the Cooties and the VFW National Home for Children.

John and his wife Mary, have five children and 11 grandchildren, with another arriving in July 2019; they reside in Hawthorne, Nev.



VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11th

THANK A VETERAN FOR YOUR FREEDOM

Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

9th annual Veteran's Christmas Food and Toy Airlift Project

Now is the time of year for family, friends, and parties. It is the season of giving and remembering.

The Colorado Aviation Business Association, Metro State University Aviation and Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsors the ninth (9th) annual Christmas Food/Toy airlift to VFW Posts in Colorado, now one month away.

Last year's airlift stats: 1071 veterans and family members were recipients; 34 air aircraft flew product to 13 VFW posts for distribution of 7,028 lbs. \$12,873.00 was received in donations for the project.

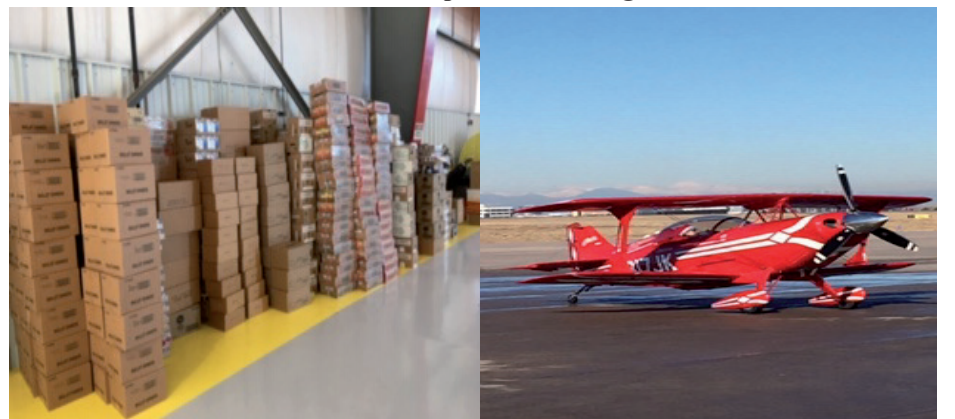
We are asking for your personal and or Post donation of cash, food/toys to be delivered to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, Co 80214 by December 1st. Please make the checks out to Department VFW and add in the memo section of your check "CABA". We will be staging these items at Centennial Airport for the Airlift tentatively at the time of this writing on Sunday December 15th.

If your post or auxiliary would like to have planes deliver these items to an airport in your post area to help Veterans and their families who might find themselves in need this holiday season, please contact the Chairman to make these arrangements or any question you might have about this project.

Peter Buchanan, PDC: Chairman, Veteran's Christmas Airlift Project
peterbuchanan@comcast.net 303-981-1606

Digital Colorado Veteran Delivery

Register at <https://vfwco.org>



NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT NO.	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
3	11/17/19 Sunday	Post No. 2585 Johnstown	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Dave Stone Patsy Gilmore
4	11/24/19 Sunday	Post No. 4671 Wray	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Dave Stone
5	11/03/19 Sunday	Post No. 3917 Security	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Memorial Srv Meeting to follow	Barbara Green Lucille Chavez
6	11/16/19 Saturday	Post No. 336 Ordway	11:00 am Lunch Meeting to follow	
8	11/02/19 Saturday	Post No. 11411 Florissant	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Barbara Green Dee Haley
10	11/17/19 Sunday	Post No. 4171 Golden	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Jt Mtg Meeting to follow	Bruce Dolan Shauana Merrill
11	11/03/19 Sunday	Post No. 9221 Cedaredge	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Joint 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	John Loring Shauana Merrill
12	11/16/19 Saturday	Post No. 4031 Durango	11:00 AM Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Robert Kidd Patsy Gilmore
13	11/17/19 Sunday	Post No. 6491 Burlington	2:00 PM Meeting Snacks to follow	Barbara Green Dee Haley

*****Western Conference Oct 31 – Nov 03 Anchorage AK
 *****Stand Down Denver – (done by the VA)
 *****Denver Veterans Day Parade NOV 09
 *****Thanksgiving Nov 28 (Office closed Thursday and Friday)

An Appeal for the Colorado VFW Band

In response to an invitation from the Department of Colorado and host Post #4061 Royal Gorge VFW Post, the VFW Band of Colorado is working on plans to attend the 2020 State Convention in Canyon City. Because of the relative proximity to Monte Vista, we would like to extend our travels to include the State home at Homelake, to perform for, and visit our veterans there. If the schedule would work, we could also include the home at Florence, but Homelake is our goal for this trip.

If you would be willing to donate to our fund raising efforts to cover the expenses of this trip, you can send a check made out to "VFW Department of Colorado" with a memo notation of Band", to Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, CO 80214, The Department will in turn will keep track of the donations and when it comes time to travel forward a check to the Band.

Thank You,
Cliff Payme

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM
VFW DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
AND OFFICE STAFF**

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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 Colorado's Veterans and their families.

Now that we have had our first snow fall this year. The request for assistance has increased. Assistance to date: July 1, 2019 through October 15, 2019, we have expended \$12,109.56 in assistance to 22 Veterans and their Families with Rent, Utilities, and Vehicle Repairs etc.....

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

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

Some of our members have wondered the impact the financial assistance makes on the lives of the veterans we serve. The cost of living in Colorado is

greatly impacting the lives of Veterans and their families. We have a lot of focus into the homeless veteran population that we sometimes forget about the Veteran that is one emergency away from being homeless- when it's a matter of having a vehicle to drive children to school or Dr. appointments, purchase a prescription (because they don't have VA medical benefits) or put food on the table. Rent is paid 1 day late and the late fees are astronomical, or they have turned to all other organizations just to be told- you don't qualify for our programs- your income is too high, you're not homeless.

Colorado VFW Foundation has been able to help a female veteran with vehicle repairs so she could transport her disabled child to appointments, helped Veteran and his family to keep their apartment because a small miscalculation means the difference between paying rent and being homeless. Helped with vehicle registration and emissions test because that is the Veterans Shelter while they await for affordable housing to open up.

We thank you for your Donations and yes every penny counts and helps. THANK YOU!!!!

Colorado VFW Foundation Board of Directors

Band Director Sought For VFW Band

The VFW Band of Colorado is seeking a principal conductor and music director to begin in January 2020. It would be preferable for a candidate to be a veteran of any U.S. Military Band, but not required.

The VFW Band plays 8-10 performances every year, the two most notable being Memorial Day at Fort Logan National Cemetery and Founder's Day at the Brown Palace Hotel in early December.

Founded in 1888, by former Leadville mayor and later U.S. Congressman, George W. Cook, a veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic, we are the oldest organized ensemble of our kind in the state of Colorado. Known first as Cook's Drum Corps., verbal history has it, that in 1931, as the number of Civil War veterans diminished, the Veterans of Foreign Wars sought our services and the name was changed to Cooks VFW Band and Drum Corps. In 1948, when the Department of Colorado designat-

ed us as their official band, our name became The VFW Band of Colorado.

While keeping with our military band heritage, the group has a two part mission of providing a place for a veteran musician to play in a band of our type, and as time permits, to represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars by providing performances at VFW functions, local and regional parades, civic ceremonies, neighborhood activities and the like. While our repertoire includes marches, standard patriotic and armed forces pieces, we also perform other types of music that fit a concert band play list.

The Band rehearses most Monday nights from 7:15 to 8:45 at VFW Post 9644 at 2680 W Hampden Ave. A stipend is available.

For more information, please contact our President, Grant Cooley, at 1984gman@gmail.com.

VFW Department Headquarters Officers and Staff would appreciate it, if you get an email from VFW Headquarters or a VFW Officer, that you acknowledge that you have received that email and any action that is required. The same goes for mail you receive from VFW Headquarters. Do not lay it aside thinking you will open it later and later never comes.

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 STREET, LAKEWOOD, CO 80214**

EDITOR

Commander's Column David Stone



Greetings comrades,

It's that time of year again. We are in that period of our VFW year where we have the crush of activity for our scholarship programs and all our fall events around Veteran's day. As for me it has already been a busy fall. In September I had the distinct privilege in being the keynote speaker at the Annual Tri-State 9-11 Tribute in Lamar Colorado. Wow! What a humbling honor that was.

Then there was an interesting bit of business concerning the Denver Regional Transportation District (RTD) and the proposed National Medal of Honor Museum. Several members of the RTD board shot down a proposal to lease a vacant land at its downtown Civic Center Station transit hub for the museum to use should it select Denver as the site for its proposed museum. Due to public outcry and a lot of activity from members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other VSO's, the RTD board decided to look at the proposal again and on September voted to support it. Our voices were heard.

Today we know that Denver was not selected but I think that there may be an opportunity to write more on this sto-

ry. One of the reasons why Denver was selected as a finalist is because of the perceived ability to fundraise. You see, the Museum would have to raise \$150 Million to build the building, money it expected to raise largely through private philanthropy. Imagine if we were able to raise just 1 percent of that sum to help the veterans in our communities. In the meantime, we will just have to make do with Colorado being known as "America's Home of Heroes", thank you Pueblo.

We are continuing our efforts to change how the Department HQ provides information to our Members. Department Council Members which include District Commanders now have a login to the department website that allows them to download staff and council documents such as the budget and meeting minutes. Key committee chairmen also have a login to the website so that they develop and store materials about their program for the following year. And starting this month we have opened registration for the Digital Veteran. And finally, the on-line community / program reporting went live at the October COA. See our website <https://vfwco.org> for details.

See you on the trail.
David Stone
Department Commander

Digital Colorado Veteran Delivery Register at <https://vfwco.org>

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings,

I hope this finds everyone well.

In the VFW National By-Laws, (yellow pages) Section 704 clearly states "A relief fund SHALL be established and maintained by the Posts." This means you must have a Relief Fund. There is no dollar amount stated, but you must maintain one. The funds for the relief fund come from poppy distribution and other means of solicitations or donations. These are to be used for the relief of Veterans. If you go to Section 704 of the Manual of Procedure, it states what the relief fund may be used for.

I have received 97 Post Audits this year. Out of those 20 had no relief fund. Please refer to the above reference and create

a relief fund. You don't need a separate bank account but MUST have a fund.

Speaking of Audits; and I always speak of Audits, when the Audits are properly completed, they must be received by Department by the end of the following month. ie. July Audit must be at 1400 Carr Street in Lakewood by August 31. Speaking of July Audits, I still don't have a July Audit from 15 Posts: 322, 2461, 3571, 3951, 4121, 4281, 4331, 4663, 5261, 9304, 9491, 9565, 9741, 10649, 12174, please send me your July audit. If you feel you have, let me know. We have a very easy filing system and I will check.

Overall, the Audits are getting better compared to just 2 years ago. If you need help finding out QM information, please call the office at 303-421-1630.

Bruce R Dolan

Surgeon's Column Geraldine Rimpley



With this edition of The Veteran, I want to wish you all happy holidays for the upcoming months. Many celebrations to be had, please be safe with each and every and enjoy!

With the colder months moving in comes the flu season. Flu Shots + Free = Walgreens. There may be more facilities offering this service but my sincere hope is you take advantage of one of them to keep yourself healthy.

District Commanders will have updated information sheets concerning VA Priority Groups which will entail who is eligible for what services. Please look at the information sheet to ensure you are receiving the best care you are eligible for within the VA system. And please, share this useful information with all Veterans as no one takes care of us better than we do!

Geraldine Rimpley
Department Surgeon

Sr. Vice Column Robert Kidd, Sr.



It was nice to see everyone that came out for the State Commander's and President's home coming held at Post 3917. They also hosted the Council of

Administration. I believe that everyone that came out had a good time.

As I travel throughout the state doing visitations it is coming to light that there are a lot of Posts & Auxiliaries doing great things within their communities. The problem that I am finding is they are not submitting their community service reports so that everybody can see what a great job they are doing. As I was explaining at a District meeting that we need to do a better job of selling the Veterans of Foreign Wars & the Auxiliary and ourselves. That means putting what we do on paper.

Please use the Department web site. The Department Staff is working hard to keep it up to date with the information that everyone sends to them.

I want to reach out to all of the Line officers in all the Posts and Districts within Colorado VFW. I know that we are doing great things. But we all need to work within the By-Laws, Manual of Procedures. Here are a couple of the rules that everyone needs to brush up on.

Post Commanders: Manual of Procedure Under Sec. 218 (a) (1) (k) Assure that the Commander or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings.

District Commanders: Manual of Procedure under Sec. 418 (a)(1)(o) Serve as a member of the Department Council of Administration.

By-Laws Sec 522 Council of Administration (a) Composition the District Commanders are part of the Council. With that being said, there needs to be a representative from all of the Districts at all Department Convention meetings per Sec 522 (f).

Robert Kidd, Sr.
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Jr. Vice Column Barbara Green



Now is the time to solicit nominations for Public Servant Award. Every post has a firefighter, law enforcement officer and EMT personnel in their

neighborhood deserving of recognition. This program has been greatly ignored by a majority of Colorado VFW posts. It's time to change and recognized these deserving individuals. The post officer responsible is the Post Safety Chairman. The chairman needs only to establish a contact within the local law enforcement agency, fire department, and emergency services (don't forget the military installations in your area, active, guard or reserve). Complete the top part of the "VFW Public Servant Award Citation Post Entry Form" and provide it to the contacts via either email or in hard copy along with the award criteria. Both of these can be found at VFW.org on the "Community Service, Scholarships &

Awards" page after logging in and clicking on "Public Servant and Safety." The instructions and forms are listed there. Nominations are due to department headquarters by 1 January 2020.

Of little notice are the Life Saving Awards. These awards are given throughout the year. The application is also under the "Public Servant and Safety" menu. The criteria are in the Chairman's Manual on the right side of the page. If anyone in the post knows of someone deserving of one of the life saving awards don't hesitate to complete the application.

If you have any questions on these programs contact Comrade Bob Green, Department Safety Chairman, at gbobgreen@gmail.com or by phone at 719-244-5578 (if no answer leave a message and call back number).

Barbara Green
Department Jr. Vice Commander

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1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214**

General Orders No. 2
November 1, 2019 Series: 2019-2020

1. **Post & District Inspections** should be completed by December 31, 2019. 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 5th and you must be registered to exercise your right to vote.

4. **Post Quartermaster and District Quartermaster Bonds** expired August 31, 2019. 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. All Accountable Officers that are responsible for Post and District funds must be bonded. Bond applications and instructions are available on vfwco.org VFW Forms.

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 2nd Post Trustee Report of Audit was due to be at Department Headquarters on October 25, 2019 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 supply catalog and he is instructed to assist you with your order.

8. **An annual income tax return** (Form 990) is required of each Post, or District exempt from tax under section 501 (c) 19 of the Federal Code. Starting in 2008 ALL VFW POSTS, and DISTRICTS 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 2018-2019, 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 15th 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, or District 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, or District 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 Tax and State and Federal Withholding Tax and any local employee/employer tax, if you have one or more employees.

Attest:
Bruce R. Dolan
State Adjutant

By Command Of:
David Stone
State Commander

National VFW Foundation Grant

No one understands military and veteran support quite like we do. To help VFW Departments, Posts and Auxiliaries, as well as qualifying non-profits provide the vital support America's heroes and their families deserve, the VFW Foundation has established the VFW Foundation Grant.

Grants ranging from \$1,000 - \$15,000, will be awarded for activities that directly benefit veterans, active duty military personnel and their families. Requests displaying innovation in service delivery, unique program design that addresses an under-served need and the likelihood of sustainability after the grant period ends will be given special consideration.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019-20 VFW Foundation Grant. Download the application and apply today.
<https://www.vfw.org/community/community-initiatives/post-grants>

**Chaplain's Column
Kevin Reinhold**



Brother's and Sister's,

Thank you all for your help and service to our veterans. Without our loving members, where would our

veterans go to for the help they need? We see a lot of people on social media and in person saying, "I will pray for you", "Prayers" and other comments such as these. How many of us really do take the time to pray after we state that we will? Why can't we pray at that moment?

Why Pray?

There are several reasons why we should pray. We are instructed to pray in the Bible. This is the primary reason we are to pray. Matthew 6:5, Romans 12:12, 1 Thessalonians.

Prayer gives us power over evil. Physical strength and power are of no use in the spiritual realm. Even the physically weak can be strong in prayer. Mark 9:29, 1 Timothy 4:8.

Answered prayer has the potential to be an incredible witness to unbelievers. Skeptics will always have criticisms and doubts regarding answered prayer, but some will see the power of God at work. James 5:16, Colossians 4:2.

What if God is Silent?

Why is it when we pray hard for things, we feel as though God has ignored us? It seems like our requests go unanswered, like the Lord is avoiding us or we are missing something.

Our Lord always hears our prayers. Even when He is silent, keep praying.

There are times when the lesson we need to learn is persistence. More than anything, the Lord desires a personal relationship with His people and prayer is a significant part of this. Psalm 23:4, Psalm 119:76, 2 Corinthians 1:3-6.

God may answer our prayer, but it may not happen immediately. The Lord works in His way and His time. Isaiah 55:8-9.

Our prayer may not be in line with God's will. He knows what is best for us and will not always give us what we ask for. We may be praying for something that is completely out of the will of the Lord.

This is just a little part of prayer. Know that if you truly have a relationship with our Lord and it is in His will and plan, your prayers will be answered in His way. So, when you tell someone you will pray for them, say a little prayer while you are with them or when you make the statement on social media that you will pray for them. Pray from the heart as soon as you post.

May our Lord Bless each of you as we continue our journey this year. If you or someone you know needs prayer, let us know; we will pray with you. Reinholdvfw@yahoo.com.

"Doing our Lord's work for all
Veteran's."

Kevin Reinhold
Department Chaplain

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VFW Post Membership by District as of October 24, 2019

Number/ City	2019	2020	%	Number/City	2019	2020	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	897	767	86	859 Leadville	31	27	87
501 Denver	320	224	70	1166 Buena Vista	131	121	92
2461 Denver	142	102	72	3820 Salida	81	66	81
2797 Denver	70	33	47	8661 Bailey	123	111	90
5061 Denver	270	224	83	10721 Minturn	128	93	73
TOTAL	1699	1350	79%	11411 Lake George	44	41	93
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
2788 Penrose	89	73	82	12009 Conifer	135	98	73
3641 Pueblo	121	92	76	TOTAL	673	557	83%
4061 Canon City	256	229	89	DISTRICT #10			
5812 Pueblo West	188	163	87	322 Englewood	107	92	86
7305 Colo. City	49	42	86	3471 Morrison	67	57	85
8898 Boone	36	29	81	3631 Aurora	302	270	89
12063 Westcliffe	47	41	87	4121 Idaho Spgs.	48	43	90
TOTAL	786	669	85%	4171 Golden	421	363	86
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	289	245	85	4266 Parker	74	72	97
807 Boulder	43	33	77	4331 Arvada	270	231	86
1771 Lafayette	252	229	91	4444 Cmmrc Cty	194	165	85
1781 Ft. Collins	338	252	75	4666 Littleton	129	115	89
2121 Greeley	181	146	81	7563 Black Hawk	25	16	64
2585 Johnstown	182	158	87	7945 Thornton	334	297	89
2601 Longmont	343	277	81	8449 Bennett	68	41	60
4334 Ault	62	55	89	9644 Fort Logan	440	376	85
6624 Evans	240	206	86	TOTAL	2479	2138	86%
9565 Broomfield	102	87	85	DISTRICT #12			
9741 Dacono	59	43	73	4031 Durango	217	187	86
12174 Brighton	35	26	74	4181 Dove Creek	53	41	77
12189 Berthoud	46	14	30	5231 Mancos	135	122	90
TOTAL	2172	1771	82%	9058 Nucla	34	28	82
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	189	164	97	3411 Kit Carson	21	19	90
3378 Yuma	60	57	95	6491 Burlington	63	59	94
3541 Sterling	92	75	82	6612 Hugo	32	28	88
3551 Brush	37	31	84	9491 Deer Trail	19	17	89
3951 Ovid	19	15	79	9700 Chynn Wlls	24	22	92
3961 Otis	18	15	83	TOTAL	159	145	91%
4671 Wray	51	49	96	15006 MAL	2569	2072	81%
6482 Holyoke	50	42	84	TOTAL DEPT	15498	13048	84%
7153 Fleming	25	23	92	DISTRICT #14			
8064 Akron	46	32	70	4031 Durango	217	187	86
TOTAL	587	503	86%	4181 Dove Creek	53	41	77
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #15			
101 Colo. Spgs.	475	431	91	5231 Mancos	135	122	90
3917 Security	591	514	87	9058 Nucla	34	28	82
4051 Colo. Spgs	571	538	94	TOTAL	439	378	86%
5221 Calhan	102	85	83	DISTRICT #16			
6051 Wldnd Park	50	47	94	3411 Kit Carson	21	19	90
6461 Fountain	313	273	87	6491 Burlington	63	59	94
7829 Monument	156	120	77	6612 Hugo	32	28	88
10649 Elizabeth	49	40	82	9491 Deer Trail	19	17	89
TOTAL	2307	2048	89%	9700 Chynn Wlls	24	22	92
DISTRICT #6				DISTRICT #17			
336 Ordway	89	78	88	15006 MAL	2569	2072	81%
2411 LasAnimas	84	76	90	TOTAL DEPT	15498	13048	84%
4001 Springfield	39	30	77	DISTRICT #18			
4281 Holly	24	23	96	899 Alamosa	95	80	84
TOTAL	236	207	88%	4849 La Jara	52	42	81
DISTRICT #7				DISTRICT #19			
899 Alamosa	95	80	84	6101 San Luis	62	49	79
4849 La Jara	52	42	81	8121 Del Norte	43	39	91
6101 San Luis	62	49	79	TOTAL	252	210	83%
8121 Del Norte	43	39	91	DISTRICT #20			
TOTAL	252	210	83%	899 Alamosa	95	80	84

Legacy Life membership enables VFW Life members to leave a lasting impression on our great organization.

When you become a Legacy Life member, you are helping us strengthen the VFW – where NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Three prestigious levels of Legacy Life membership are available: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Each level offers generous benefits reserved exclusively for Legacy Life members.

Once your Legacy Life membership begins, an annual endowment in your name will be made to your Post, Department and the organization. You will feel confident knowing your contributions to our organization are not only helping today's veterans but the veterans of tomorrow.

You may also purchase a Memorial Legacy in the name of a deceased VFW Life Member to help future generations know and remember their sacrifice and contributions.

Simply fill out the attached acceptance form and return it to the address provided. For any questions regarding Legacy Life membership, please contact the VFW Member Service Center at 1.833.VFW.VETS. We will gladly provide you with more information on this prestigious and rewarding membership.

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Membership 2019 - 2020

Comrades,

We have been off to a great start with membership! As we end the first quarter of our fiscal year, the Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars is above 84%. There are over 80 Posts that are over 75% with their memberships, with one Post already reaching 100%. All Districts are over 80%, which shows that we are making progress with recruiting and retention. We have over 167 new members and 13 reinstated members; of which, there are 80 recruiters. I am happy to see that more members are recruiting this year which greatly helps our membership programs.

Retaining members is vital, especially when it comes to officers at the Post and District levels. Unfortunately, multiple officers have already expired this year and have been removed from their positions. When an officer expires, they are unable to fill a position until the next fiscal year; this can be detrimental to Posts and Districts. If you are a Commander or Quartermaster, please ensure that officer dues are paid for the fiscal year. If you are a member, please ensure your dues are being paid. Every member we have makes the VFW's voice much stronger to Congress when advocating for Veterans, their families, and their orphans and widows.

Recruiting members is crucial to the sustainability of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Without growth, we cannot continue to advance our organization or full

fill our motto, "No one does more for Veterans." If you were to look into the Veteran demographics in your community, you would see that we are not doing all that we can to recruit. Spread the word of our organization, promote your Post, and help new members feel welcome. We constantly come across Veterans in our daily lives; whether at the grocery store, hospital, or community events, there are eligible Veterans that are not with the VFW. Carrying membership applications on the go can be problematic, but if you have a smart phone, recruiting on the go is much easier. You can go to VFW.org to set up your account (you will need an email address and your membership number) and view MEMSTATS (membership statistics). Once you have an account, you can download the VFW app and sign in. In the bottom of the screen, it has an option for recruiting. All you need to do is get the potential member's information and it is then forwarded to your Quartermaster for follow-up.

Please continue to do your part—help with recruiting, aid in retention, mentor new members, and make sure that members feel wanted and needed in your Post. Our Department finished well over 100% last year and I would like to see us do even better this year. Let's do this!

Alexandria Faulkner
Department Membership Director

VFW Roster Changes

Page 4 & 27 Jerry Sallee 435-459-3075

Page 12 & 20 Eric Veed, 2765 Hamermesh Dr

Page 30 Post 807 Boulder 3rd Sat. 9:00 am
QM: Donald Eldhart, 91 Camino Bosque, Boulder, 80302 303-444-6032

Page 31 Post 1247 Grand Junction
Cmdr: Stephen Young, 516 31 1/2 Rd Lot 63, Grand Junction 81504 970-327-2274
QM: Julius "Jay" Hoefling, 994 Crown Ct., Grand Junction 81505 970-245-7362
SO: Clinton Preston, 190 Sunlight Dr., Grand Junction 81503 970-243-4439

Page 33 Post 2551 Fort Morgan
SO: Dale O'Connor, 4159 S Liverpool Way, Aurora 80013 719-740-0525

Page 35 Post 3541 Sterling
Cmdr: Taylor Amburgey, 1415 Platte St. Apt E36, Sterling 80751

Page 39 Post 4266 Parker
QM: Gerard Brushaber, 18668 E Prentice Pl., Centennial 80015 303-956-2534

Page 40 Post 4331 Arvada
QM: Leonard Radel, 6984 W 71st Pl. Arvada 80003 303-975-6716

Page 44 Post 6051 Woodland Park
QM: Tami Donaldson-Barry, 1067 W U S Hwy 24 #220, Woodland Park 80863 719-330-8895

Page 45 Post 6624 Evans
Cmdr: Jesse Lowance, 167 50th Ave. Pl., Greeley 80634

Page 46 Post 7563 Blackhawk
Cmdr: Russell Coshow, P O Box 260, Blackhawk 80422

Page 50 Post 9644 Verle Huffman
Cmdr: Paul Gremes 720-726-4135
QM: Vacant



Post 1166: Glen Kettelhut
Post 3471: Cornelius R. Gomes, Kenneth J. Hammers, Wallace W. Jorgensen, Norman A. Konnerup
Post 5061: Andrew Fenner
Post 11411: Billy H. Teel

Send Deceased members to Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214. They will be in Taps and State Convention Joint Memorial Services.



VFW Post 7829 Monument Commander Joe Carlson (L) at the “Taste of Country” event held for the Pueblo VA Community Living Center. Post members Mike Abair, Don Spano, Steve Dupont with Molly, Jesse Cooper, and Bill Byers help serve a special treat to the resident Veterans.



Homelake Summerfest, 9/14. State President Patsy Gilmore, Conductor Phil Reinpold, PDP Linda Reinpold; Auxiliaries 101, 899, 5812, 4031, 8121, 4031, 4849; Posts 4031, 899; MOCA and MOC Members.



Monument VFW Post and Auxiliary 7829 “Family Freedom Festival”. Everyone is waving and saying “Hello” and if you need information on how to do one next year, contact them. Every Auxiliary in Colorado can do this. A very rewarding day for every member. This one was held September 14, 2019.



Minturn VFW Post 10721 visited the SoldierStone Memorial August 6th, set atop the Continental Divide on Sargent’s Mesa. This Memorial is located on Rio Grande National Forest Lands & is protected by the Saguache Ranger Station.



VFW Department Safety Chairman Bob Green (L) and Past Department Commander Steve Kjonas (R) presented Robert Fildes at Station 17 in Colorado Springs his Fireman/Paramedic award. Robert was unable to attend VFW State Convention June 2019.



All Activities Day in Pueblo, 9/21. Department President Patsy Gilmore, Jr Vice Lucille Chavez, Conductor Phil Reinpold, and PDP Linda Reinpold. Goodies and a Game were available for resident Veterans.



Elizabeth VFW Post 10649 presents Melissa Blair-O'Shaughnessy, Recreational Therapy Director, and Willie Roy, a Vietnam Veteran that resides at the Center with a \$3,650 check to the Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Fitzsimons. The funds donated were from 4th annual Veterans Fun Shoot.



National Convention in Orlando, FL, is exhausting. Hospitality Chairman Kirk Rosa found a corner and took a short snooze. From what was reported, it was well deserved. Good Job Kirk!



Past National President Helen Surprise 90th Birthday Party hosted by her Johnstown Church. L/R: Char and Doug Raymond, Helen, Marsha Harrison, Past CIC Paul Spera and wife Joanne, John Holland.



National President Peggy Haake and State President Patsy Gilmore passing through the Aisle of Honor during her official visit to Colorado. Peggy was in Colorado October 13 - 15, 2019.



VFW Auxiliary Department Past Presidents and National President Peggy Haake. L/R: Ginny Rosa, Shelley Schlieman, Charlotte Lattin, Linda Reinbold, Martine Arndt, Sue Tartaglione and National President Peggy Haake.



National President Peggy Haake, State President Patsy Gilmore and State Commander Dave Stone enjoyed dinner at Cheyenne Mountain VFW 3917 during her official visit to Colorado.



VFW Post 3917 provided and served dinner for 25 Homeless Veterans and their family members. The goal is for Homeless Veterans and their family members to become self sufficient within their community.



VFW Post 9644 Verle Huffman entered a float in a local parade. VFW and Auxiliary members rode on the float and Auxiliary Buddy Poppy Chairman Shelly Hall wore her Poppy hat and the dogs have Poppy Bow-Ties.



VFW District 8 Commander Kirk Rosa visited the Freedom Park Memorial in Edwards, CO. Kirk is pictured in front of the only piece of original Limestone located in Colorado from the 911 American Airlines Flight 77 attack on the Pentagon.



VFW 7829 Auxiliary Chaplain and Hospital Chairman Linda Lyons, dressed up as a nurse for the Freedom Festival. She made the full sheet cake celebrating the Auxiliary's 105th anniversary.



National President Peggy Haake and Colorado State President Patsy Gilmore visited the Garden of the Gods Park during her official visit to Colorado and say "Aloha" to everyone. Thank you for the many courtesies during her visit.

VFW Convention Pre-Registration – June 10th thru 13th, 2020
Quality Inn & Suites- 3075 E. US 50, Canon City, CO 81212



Name _____ Post # _____

Address _____

2019-2020 Officer Title _____

Pre- Registration is \$15.00 and will include a ditty bag and convention book
(registration at convention will be \$20.00)

Make Checks payable to: **Royal Gorge VFW Post 4061.**

Mail to: VFW Post 4061, Attn: Convention Registration, 215 N Cottonwood, Canon City, CO 81212

	Registration	\$ _____
Entertainment \$5.00 Pre-paid	Entertainment	\$ _____
or Friday \$5.00 at door & Saturday \$5.00 at door		

Must Purchase before 5/8/2020 Banquet tickets: Cost will be \$30.00 each

Convention: HOTEL RESERVATIONS Choice Hotel: Phone 719-275-8676 VFW Room Rate \$104 and up +Tax Cutoff Date May 8, 2020	Beef _____	x 30.00 =	\$ _____	
	Chicken _____	x 30.00 =	\$ _____	
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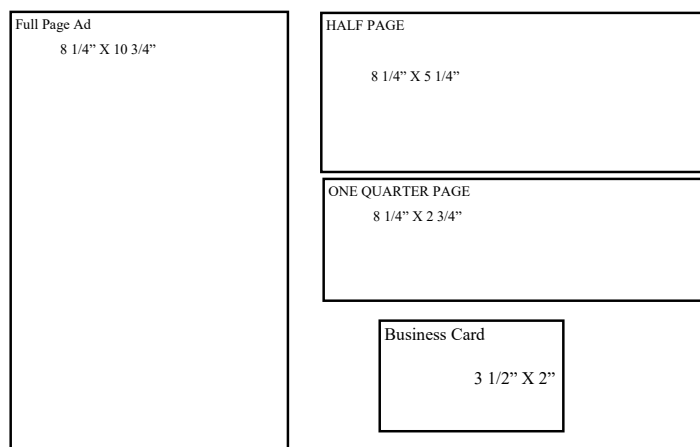
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9/18/2019

2020 VFW State Convention Ad Sheet

FULL PAGE \$100.00	8 1/4" X 10 3/4"
HALF PAGE \$75.00	8 1/4" X 5 1/4"
FOURTH PAGE \$50.00	8 1/4" X 2 3/4"
BUSINESS CARD AD \$25.00	3 1/2" X 2"



Business name: _____
 Phone number: _____
 Webpage URL: _____
 POC: _____ Phone: _____
 Select Ad size: Full Half Quarter Business Card

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Submit : Copy this form along with your Ad (JPEG FILE OR PDF FILE) to:
vfw4061@gmail.com by 8 May 2020.
 Payment must be received by May 1, 2020

(Ad will not be printed if payment is not received)

Make Checks Payable to: Royal Gorge VFW Post 4061
 Mail Form & Payment to: Convention Book Chairman
 215 N Cottonwood
 Canon City, CO 81212

CANON CITY HOTELS / MOTELS / CAMPGROUNDS

Quality Inn & Suites (Headquarters)	3075 E Royal Gorge Blvd	719-275-0624	VFW Rate
Best Western	110 Latigo Lane	719-275-2400	
Budget Host Inn	217 Raynolds	719-268-1100	
Econo Lodge	311 Royal Gorge Blvd	866-925-7881	<i>Call for Hotel and campground rates</i>
Hampton Inn	102 McCormick Pkwy	719-269-1112	
Parkview Inn	231 Royal Gorge Blvd	719-275-0624	
Super 8	209 N 19th	719-275-8676	

Royal View Campground	43590 US Hwy 50 West	719-275-1900
Royal Gorge KOA	559 Co Rd 3A	800-562-5689
Mountain View Campground	45606 US Hwy 50 West	719-275-0900

State Convention - VFW
Hosted by Canon City VFW Post #4061

Wednesday June 10

8:00 am
 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 4:00 pm
 7:00 pm

Thursday June 11

7:00 am - 8:00 am
 8:00 am
 12:30 pm
 1:00 pm
 1:00 pm
 1:00 pm
 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
 3:00 pm
 6:00 pm
 8:00 pm

Friday June 12

7:00 – 8:00 am

8:00 am - 10:00 am
 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
 3:00 pm
 6:00 pm
 8:00 pm

Saturday June 13

7:00 am
 8:00 am - 9:00 am
 8:30 am – 11:00 am
 11:00 am
 2:00 pm
 5:00 pm
 6:00 pm
 8:00 pm

Sunday June 14

8:00 – 10:30 am
 10:00 am
 10:30 am

Golf Tournament
 Lunch (RSVP)
 Registration
 Service Officer Claims
 Memorial Service Practice
 Council of Administration

4 Mile Golf Course
 VFW Post 4061
 VFW Post 4061
 VFW Post 4061
 Grandview Church
 VFW Post 4061

Registration
 Joint Opening Session
 Dept Commanders Luncheon
(by invitation only)
 General Resolutions
 Service/Rehab Resolutions
 Time & Place Committee
 Registration
 Joint Memorial Service
 Past Commanders Banquet
 Karaoke

Quality Inn Lobby
 Quality Inn Ball Room
 Quality Inn Hotel
 VFW Post 4061
 VFW Post 4061
 VFW Post 4061
 VFW Post 4061
 Grandview Church
 VFW Post 4061
 VFW Post 4061

All American Cap & VFW
 Line Officers & Staff Breakfast
 Registration
 Business Session
 Caucuses
 Patriotic Rally
 Military Banquet
 Rock & Roll Dance

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 VFW Post 4061
 Quality Inn Hotel
 VFW Post 4061

Past State Cmdrs Breakfast
 Registration
 Business Session /Election
 VFW Warriors Meeting
 Installation Practice
 Joint Installation of Officers
 State Cmdr/President Reception
 Country & Western Dance

VFW Post 4061
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 VFW Post 4061
 Quality Inn Ballroom
 Quality Inn Ballroom
 VFW Post 4061
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Breakfast
 Send-Off Ceremony
 VFW Warriors Ride=====

VFW Post 4061
 VFW Post 4061

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State Convention – Department Auxiliary
Hosted by Canon City #4061

Wednesday June 10

8:00 am
 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm
 9:00 am
 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
 2:00 pm
 4:00 pm
 7:00 pm

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7:00 am - 8:00 am
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 12:30 pm

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 Memorial Service Practice
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 Joint Opening Session
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 Registration
 Joint Memorial Service
 Past Dept. Presidents Banquet
 Karaoke

Quality Inn Lobby
 Quality Inn Ball Room
 Quality Inn Hotel
 Quality Inn Lobby
 Grandview Church
 TBA
 VFW Post 4061

Past District President's Breakfast
 Registration
 Business Session
 Caucuses
 Patriotic Rally
 Military Banquet
 Rock & Roll Dance

TBA
 Quality Inn Lobby
 Quality Inn Hotel
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Past Auxiliary President's Breakfast
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BUDDY POPPY / SCRAPBOOK ROOM AT QUALITY INN

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President's Column Patsy Gilmore



Greetings Auxiliary Members,

As the holidays are quickly approaching, please remember the Veterans that are in the VA hospitals and nursing homes. Finding extra time

to volunteer might be difficult during the holidays, but the Veterans in these facilities always seem to enjoy the extra attention they are given. I would also like to give you all a big THANK YOU for all you do for our Veterans all year long, not just during the holiday season. Your commitment to the VFW Auxiliary is what makes us a great organization.

Thank you for all the hard work on the Scholarship program. Your continued support is greatly appreciated as the students start the next levels of competition. Remember, today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. Let's not forget the Smart/Maher Teacher of the Year competition either, as they are also starting the next levels. We have so many awesome teachers today that don't receive the recognition they deserve.

Our Department's Chaplain sends out emails for prayer and card re-

quests, if you would like to register to receive those emails, please get in touch with our Chaplain, Ron Boone.

Let's get our ASK in gear and renew and recruit members. For each Auxiliary that reaches 95% by November 30, 2019, National will send \$50.

It's never too early to start thinking about the Buddy Poppy display, hat parade and the scrapbook for the 2020 State Convention. I encourage all Auxiliaries to submit an entry to these contests to be admired by our members.

I would like to take this time to thank the Districts that I have visited, you have made me feel very welcome and a part of your Auxiliary. To those Districts that I haven't visited, I'm so excited and looking forward to the scheduled visit. Thanks again for all you do to support our programs, our Veterans and their families.

I'm very thankful for your support for my special project, the VFW Colorado Foundation, through the purchase of my Veteran pin, the Army boot print. Please keep on "Climbing Mountains for Veterans" and "Serving our Veterans with Aloha".

Patsy Gilmore
Department President



Department Treasurer

Fall Deadlines

This time of the year finds the Auxiliaries and members with many duties to be completed. Auxiliary Treasurers and Membership Chairman are hard at work getting dues notices out to their members and this is a perfect time for membership drives to recruit new members. County fairs and fall festivals are great locations for a membership booth or table. Many Auxiliaries offer incentives for annual members to renew early. Check with your Auxiliary to see if they offer an Early Bird dinner where renewed members eat free or maybe even a discount on your annual membership for paying early.

Auxiliary officers and chairman who are annual members need to remember that they must have their dues paid by December 31, 2019 in order to remain a member in good standing and maintain their office or chairmanship. Any officer who is not in good standing with a current membership card for 2020 will need to be removed from office. Also, members who have not renewed their membership by December 31, 2019 will not be able to attend meetings starting in January and are no longer eligible for a cancer grant until dues are paid.

Audits for the quarter ended September 30 are due now. In a resolution passed at the last national convention, the

Auxiliaries need to have their audits completed within 30 days after the end of the quarter but now have 60 days to get the audit read on the floor of their meeting and accepted by a vote of the members before sending it to the Department Treasurer. This will help to eliminate the need for an extension of time if your Auxiliary meets early in the month. November 15 is also the deadline for the Auxiliaries to file their 990 tax return. For most of the Auxiliaries this means a 990N return. It is filed online through the IRS website. This is a simple return with only a few questions but the importance of doing the filing is great. Failure to file for three consecutive years will cause the Auxiliary to automatically lose their nonprofit standing with the IRS. The process to be reinstated is expensive and takes quite a long time. Don't let this happen to your Auxiliary! Now that these duties are done it will be time to start preparing for the holidays. Don't forget that a life membership can be a great gift for the person who has everything.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans.

Cindy Anderson
Auxiliary Dept. Treasurer

VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

Fall is in the air and poppies are on my mind. Hopefully they have been on yours too and poppies for veterans day have been ordered. They can take 8-12 weeks to arrive so time needs to be accounted for there. I recently had an inquiry as to where to find the order form and will repeat that info here.

Log into Dept. Of Colorado VFW first. Press the info bar and go to VFW first. Scroll down through the articles and at the end is a list where you'll see Department forms. Click that and another list will have buddy poppy order form you can download.

At the COA October 19th in Fort Morgan we had the parade of homes where we paraded all the mini poppy/National Home displays around the room. There were 7 entries out of the 25 little houses I handed out. Auxiliaries #2551, #1 and #2411 took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in that order. And we raised \$256.29 for National Home. If you

didn't get you display done or couldn't attend we will have a rematch at the March COA in Grand Junction. Get your creative hats on and bring a display with your house then.

Please keep reporting anytime you use or display poppies in conjunction with any function or activity. I recently pulled out my poppy hat to go for a ride in our local parade in a community service event. Along with the hat, we donned poppies and even had poppy bow tie collars on the dogs.

Continue to use poppies year round in any event you are hosting. Send me pics of your poppy creations to: mh966323@gmail.com. Poppy pumpkins, poppy Christmas trees and wreaths, poppy valentines, anything goes. Get your creative thinking caps on and think poppies!

Shelly Hall, State Buddy Poppy
National Home chairman

Legislative

Happy Autumn to all, it is time for pumpkins, spice and everything Legislative. Now that we have made it through the hot summer, kids back to school and have settled into our routines what comes next? Yes Legislative! There are a lot of things going on with our dear ole president Trump. Does not matter if we like or dislike him, we need to pay attention to what is going on with him. We need to pay attention to those close to him and those coming up behind him. We need to be informed about the issues for our veterans and who will have their backs.

Make sure you are signed up for the

VFW Action Corps weekly newsletter. If you do not have computer access please feel free to contact me (720-394-5474), I can print it and mail you a copy so you are informed.

Lastly, please remember our Priority Goals. I went over them at the August COA and if you attended the October COA, we had a little fun with them. Reach out to our legislators and urge them to #AxeWidowsTax. H.R. Bill 553. Happy Legislative Days to everyone and do not forget to report!

Brigitte Dolan
State Legislative Chairman

Thank You Colorado

Thank You for all the cards and flowers I received for my 90th Birthday Party Surprise. My Son held it at my church in Johnstown and sent out the invitations and told them to tell others.

I cannot believe I am 90 "God is Good". You really made my day and I greatly appreciate your kindness. Past National Commander-in-Chief Paul Spera and his wife also were in attendance. We served together, and my State Commander Doug Raymond and his wife were also there. Thank you to everyone that attended and to those that could not.

PNP Helen Lenehan

Historian/Media Relations

There are a couple of Patriotic Days coming up in the next two months. You might want to plan some special activity or recognition for these days. Please take lots of pictures that you can share with me.

**November 11 – Veterans Day
December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day**

Colorado had a few Auxiliaries last year that did a **Community Outreach Project**. It would be fabulous if there were more than a few Auxiliaries that would take this project on this year. There is a **Community Outreach Tool**

Kit on the National website: www.vf-wauxiliary.org/resources to help you get started on this project. This is the time to educate not only our own members, but the community at large about our organization.

Also, **"Thank You"** to those Auxiliary members who have sent me pictures of your activities, they are very much appreciated.

Lennie Dolan
Department Historian/Media Relations

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Be sure to share your pictures with Historian, Lennie Dolan

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO**

GENERAL ORDERS #2

November 1, 2019

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

1. **Presidents on all levels** are reminded that their duties in accordance with Section 810 of the National Bylaws are to preside and maintain order and enforce a strict observance of the Bylaws and ritual of the organization, appoint all officers and chairman not otherwise provided for, see that there are no disruptions during the meeting and has the right to have the member causing the disruption removed from the meeting.

2. **Members** should address all remarks to the President, not to other members in attendance. Members should stand and be recognized by the President and, if two stand at the same time, the President will decide who is recognized first.

3. **No member** will disrespect or embarrass any member of this organization at any time.

4. **Department President Patsy Gilmore's Special Project** is the VFW Colorado Foundation. Proceeds from the sale of the Veteran Pin and donations will go to support this fund.

5. **Suggested donations** to Health and Happiness should be processed through MALTA or mailed directly to National Auxiliary Headquarters in Kansas City. Department Hospital donations should be mailed to Department Treasurer Cindy Anderson. The Department Hospital donation has changed to .75 per member. Both donations are based on your June 30, 2019 membership number.

6. **District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents:** Please be sure that all Districts and Auxiliaries have filed their 990N or other appropriate 990 return by November 15, 2019. A copy of the acceptance confirmation for the 990N should be sent to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.

7. **Standing Rules:** In accordance with Section 211 of the National Bylaws Auxiliaries and Districts may establish Standing Rules to provide for specified operations, activities, events, expenses and disbursements between meetings provided such rules do not conflict with the National or Department Bylaws. Standing Rules should be reviewed annually.

8. **VOD and Patriot Pen Entries** are due to the Post/Auxiliaries by October 31, 2019. Judging of these entries at the Post/Auxiliary level should be completed by November 15 and the results forwarded to the District. Judging at the District level should be completed, and winners forwarded to Department by December 15.

9. **Change in Officers:** Using the

Officer Change Form, please notify National Headquarters and Department Secretary Ginny Rosa of any changes in Auxiliary or District Officers. National Headquarters must be notified of a change of the Treasurer. The above should also be notified of any changes of meeting dates, places, times and dues amounts. This form is available on the Colorado Department website at vfwco.org

10. District and Auxiliary Officers: All officers must hold a 2020 dues card or life dues card by December 31, 2019. Any officer or chairman who has not renewed their membership ceases to be a member in good standing on January 1, 2020 and cannot hold an office or chairmanship unless dues are paid.

11. Buddy Poppy Orders: Please place your orders for poppies with the Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood CO 80214. Auxiliaries are required to purchase a minimum of 250 poppies. If the Auxiliary and Post order together, be sure to note on the order form the amount purchased by each. Order forms can be found on the Department website at vfwco.org.

12. Special Events: Please notify Department Secretary Ginny Rosa of an upcoming special event or celebration so that Department and District Officers may attend if available.

13. Auxiliary Treasurers: Membership Chairmen, Jackie Newlander and Queenie Barz ask that you please process 2020 dues for continuous members at least weekly. Send all new, re-join and transfer applications to the Department Treasurer as soon as they have been accepted. Be sure that all applications are filled out and include the signatures of the investigating committee and the date elected.

14. District and Auxiliary Treasurers and Trustees: The second quarter audit for the period July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 is due by October 31. The audit should be completed and accepted by motion within 30 days after the end of the quarter. If this is not possible due to meeting schedules, an extension of 30 days can be requested from the Department Treasurer.

15. A Special Thank You: To all of those who have attended the Parade of Programs at Security and Fort Morgan. The Program Chairmen did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that you were able to take something back to your Auxiliaries.

BY ORDER OF:
Patsy Gilmore
Department President

ATTEST:
Ginny Rosa
Department Secretary

MOCA Silver Dollar Auxiliary

Silver Dollar Auxiliary this year will be making holiday wreaths for sale, \$18 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. 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. Thank You for your support of the MOCA as we celebrate this holiday season.

Charlotte Lattin, President

Name _____
Phone # _____ Ft Logan Info: site # _____
Full Name on Stone _____
Orders must be received December 6, 2019
Contact Charlotte Lattin, 303-909-6303, 8912 W. Radcliffe Pl., Littleton 80123
ronlattin@att.net

VFW Auxiliary Roster Changes

Charlotte Lattin email charlartin2797@att.net Denver VAVS Representative page 11	presidents special project page 9 "Deputy Chief of Staff Dist 1, page 14"
Kathy Avery email kbavery47@gmail.com "District 8 President, page 18"	"All State President, page 6" "Aux 11411 Secretary, page 52"
Cynthia Heater address Scholarship chairman page 9	"617 N 3rd Avenue, Sterling CO 80751"
Queenie Barz Auxiliary number "Membership - West, page 8"	5231
Freda Moore address "Aux 3541 Sec/Treasurer, Page 33"	"1519 Evans Street, Apt G, Sterling CO 80751"
April Huskey email royape@centurytel.net	District 12 Treasurer page
Cindy Anderson Auxiliary # from 4331 to 7945 "Treasurer, page 1"	"All State Treasurer, page 6"
Jennifer Avery email "Grand Junction VAVS Deputy, page 12"	jennryनावery@gmail.com "District 11 Treasurer, page 20"
Barb Debruyne email "District 3 President, page 15"	bedruvfwdist3pres@gmail.com
Tami Veed email "District 5 President, page 16"	tami.veed-vfw.aux@outlook.com
Jackie Newlander Auxiliary # from 3631 to 7945 "Dep Chief of Staff, Page 19"	
"Mary Thompson, page 24"	Remove the number 6 after name
Mathew Gallegos email "District 11 President, page 19"	chefmatcr@gmail.com "Aux 3571 President, page 33"
Sandra Lampshire email "Aux 1247 Sec/Treasurer, page 26"	sandbag.1@juno.com
"Aux 1247 meeting time, page 26"	2nd Sunday at 2pm
Cheri Martenson phone number "Aux 2411 Treasurer, page 28"	719-469-4926
"Aux 3631 meeting time, page 33"	change to 12:00 noon
"Aux 3641 meeting time, page 34"	"change to 2nd Monday, 1 pm"
"Aux 3917 telephone number, page 35"	remove parenthesis from around number
"Aux 4265 telephone number, page 38"	remove parenthesis from around number
Brenda Rau email bmrau09@gmail.com "Aux 4334 Treasurer, page 39"	
"Aux 4444 telephone number, page 40" "Aux 4444 meeting time, page 40"	remove parenthesis from around number "2nd Saturday, 11 am"
Jeannie McKay zip code "Aux 4444 Secretary, page 40"	80241
Juliana Mancuso email/phone number "Aux 5061 Treasurer, page 42"	julianambird@gmail.com 303-548-3929
"Aux 5181 telephone number, page 42"	remove parenthesis from around number
Barbara Saunders email "Aux 5181 President, page 42"	bsaunders@dc2j.org
Alicia Lozoya address "Aux 6624 Secretary, page 46"	"4366 W 14th Street Drive, Greeley CO 80634"
Vice President PDP Club "Past Department President Club, page 60"	Caroline Gelatt 3201 Claremont Avenue, Evans CO 80620 caroline.gelatt@comcast.net
Important Dates Correction "Important Dates, page 67"	please delete November 18 COA Post 4051

Please notify Ginny Rosa at 970-560-0639 or humming657@gmail.com for corrections

Thank You Colorado

Thank You for all the expressions of sympathy shown us in the loss of our daughter/granddaughter. You are never to outlive your children. Your sympathy has really helped us thru this very sad time.
Thank You!!!
The members of the this Department are the best. Thank You.

Virginia Lee and Arlee Lee

Membership 2019-2020

Make Calls:

REJOIN REJOIN REJOIN REJOIN

So many Auxiliaries are so close to 95%. If you make 95% by November 30th your Auxiliary will receive \$50.00. If you get to **100%** plus you will receive another \$50.00. **Membership Chairman** get those dues letters out, make phone calls. Be Proactive use your relief funds for elderly and members who might need help.

Don't forget the (4) I's

INVITE, INCLUDE, INVEST AND IMAGINE.

WE ARE CLIMBING MOUNTAINS FOR OUR VETERANS

National Awards (5) New or Rejoined Red Plumeria, (10) New or Rejoined White Plumeria, (20) New or Rejoined Blue Plumeria Flower Pin. Special VFW Auxiliary Member Drawing for each New or Rejoined member your name will be entered in a drawing for **\$300.00 cash.**
Department Awards (1) New or Rejoined a USA Pin, (3) New or Rejoined Proud Volunteer Pin, Auxiliaries that reach 100% will receive a certificate. Make sure you fill your Awards Form out and send into National so your members get their pins

Mentoring For Leadership *New Program*

Mentoring Tips: Be respectful, create a positive working atmosphere; be kind and honest; give praise and compliments on accomplishments; listen and encourage; ask others what they think and allow them to give their opinions or suggestions; learn how to work effectively with different personalities; learn as much as you can about traditions, bylaws and rituals to answer questions; and have faith in others abilities.

Mentoring brings new, qualified and experienced leaders to the next level to provide vision, inspiration and the continued direction in the future of the Auxiliary. Leadership is a key to strong growth that will ultimately reflect in making our organization stronger to serve our veterans.

Chief of Staff and Extension

At our Council Meeting in August, I handed out information about the Extension Program, mentoring our members and the importance of keeping our Auxiliaries healthy. I hope everyone has had a chance to look at the information. If you have not yet sent in your "Guidelines for Keeping an Auxiliary" report, please do so.

Thank you to the District Presidents for working to get the Auxiliary inspections completed. I am beginning to receive them. These inspections are very important to ensure that an Auxiliary is in good working order and, if help is needed, steps can be taken to assist them before a crisis occurs.

Thank you to the Auxiliaries presenting members a Good Job Award. We have so many who are working hard and volunteering their energy, talents and many hours to help our veterans and their

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

- **Develop committee goals to achieve Auxiliary membership committee:**
- **Educate and train Auxiliary members about the importance of recruitment and retention of members**
- **Develop a plan to improve member satisfaction that involves surveying members and initiation changes in response to their feedback.**
- **Work with members to create a positive Auxiliary image that is attractive to prospective and current members**

Congratulations to the Auxiliaries that have reached 100% and 95%

COME ON COLORADO WE CAN DO THIS 100%, we are SO CLOSE

If there is anything you need just call either one of us and we will help you

Thank you for all that you do
 State Membership Chairman
 Jackie Newlander
 Queenie Barz

By providing mentorship, leadership training and guidance to our members, everyone will be able to contribute in their own unique ways to make a difference in the lives of our veterans and their families. Remember – "None of us is as smart as all of us". (Ken Blanchard, author) and "Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much." (Helen Keller).

Through mentoring, educating and training we can make a difference by "Climbing Mountains for Our Veterans" and "Serving Our Veterans with Aloha" into the future for all they have done for our country.

Linda Reinpold, Department Chairman
 Ginny Rosa, Department Co-Chair

families. Thank you for giving them the recognition and acknowledgment they deserve.

We also need to work with our bachelor posts to show them the benefits of having an Auxiliary. The vote of a VFW Post is required to have an Auxiliary and the Department President then assigns an organizer to assist the Post in getting the 15 eligible applicants to become an Auxiliary.

Working together to keep our Auxiliaries healthy, energetic, and respecting each other's contributions, we can further help our veterans by "Climbing Mountains for Our Veterans" and continue "Serving Our Veterans with Aloha".

Linda Reinpold
 Department Chief of Staff/Extension

Auxiliary Membership by District as of October 24, 2019

Number	City	2019	2020	%	Number	City	2019	2020	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #8				
1	Denver	186	178	96	859	Leadville	26	26	100*
501	Denver	141	120	85	11411	Lake George	48	48	100*
2461	Denver	109	97	89	12009	Conifer	32	26	81
2797	Denver	44	35	80	TOTAL		106	100	94%
5061	Denver	141	112	79	DISTRICT #9				
TOTAL		621	542	87%	4264	Stmbt Spgs	30	29	97
DISTRICT #2					4265	Craig	47	43	91
2788	Penrose	45	18	40	5843	Meeker	33	27	82
3641	Pueblo	80	41	51	9374	Kremmling	22	19	86
4061	Canon City	127	128	101*	TOTAL		132	118	89%
5812	Pueblo West	46	41	89	DISTRICT #10				
7305	Colo. City	25	20	80	322	Englewood	81	52	64
TOTAL		323	248	77%	3471	Morrison	47	43	91
DISTRICT #3					3631	Aurora	101	96	95
41	Loveland	112	85	76	4171	Golden	321	282	88
1771	Lafayette	296	266	90	4331	Arvada	142	120	85
1781	Ft. Collins	122	91	75	4444	Cmmrc City	185	152	82
2121	Greeley	96	86	90	7945	Thornton	269	263	98
2585	Johnstown	74	61	82	9644	Fort Logan	331	319	96
2601	Longmont	206	186	90	TOTAL		1477	1327	90%
4334	Ault	38	38	100*	DISTRICT #11				
6624	Evans	209	180	86	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	82	63	77
9565	Broomfield	33	19	58	3571	Delta	61	48	79
9741	Dacono	23	8	35	3981	Grnd Jcnctn	32	20	63
TOTAL		1209	1020	84%	4663	Clifton	50	33	66
DISTRICT #4					9221	Cedaredge	56	54	96
2551	Ft. Morgan	122	59	48	9333	Hotchkiss	24	8	33
3541	Sterling	64	25	39	TOTAL		305	226	74%
4671	Wray	26	24	92	DISTRICT #12				
TOTAL		212	108	51%	4031	Durango	106	78	74
DISTRICT #5					5181	Dove Creek	38	20	53
101	Colo. Spgs.	80	74	93	5231	Mancos	61	46	75
3917	Security	172	154	90	TOTAL		205	144	70%
4051	Colo. Spgs	251	235	94	DISTRICT #13				
5221	Calhan	26	26	100*	3411	Kit Carson	24	16	67
6461	Fountain	151	131	87	6491	Burlington	16	15	94
7829	Monument	60	51	85	6612	Hugo	39	35	90
TOTAL		740	671	91%	TOTAL		79	66	84%
DISTRICT #6					15006	At Large	526	499	95%
336	Ordway	74	63	85	TOTAL DEPT. 6,325 5,403 85%				
2411	LasAnimas	103	103	100*	Please send in your 2020 Dues!				
TOTAL		177	166	94%	Be 100% in 2019 - 2020				
DISTRICT #7					"We Can Do It"				
899	Alamosa	56	31	55					
4849	La Jara	42	38	90					
8121	So Fork	115	99	86					
TOTAL		213	168	79%					

2020 Podium Edition: Bylaws and Ritual can now be ordered from the VFW Store

\$7.25 - 1-24 books
\$6.75 - 25-99 books

VFW Auxiliary Membership Moment How to Treat People with Respect

The key to treating people with respect is to treat them as you would like to be treated – also commonly known as the Golden Rule. When dealing with difficult members in your local Auxiliary, seek to understand the root of their problems toward you. Then, you will be able to rise above the situation, and treat them well.

Here are several tips for treating members with respect within your Auxiliary:

1. Practice self-respect. Because you want to respect others as you would hope to be respected, it is incredibly important that you extend to yourself the same respect and courtesy that you would extend to another person. If someone says something cruel or demeaning, speak up. Tell them what you found to be disrespectful and why.

2. Really listen. A lot of people don't listen very well, because they're distracted, checking their phone, or thinking about the next thing that they are going to say. Learn to really listen when other people speak.

3. Treat other people's ideas with due consideration. This means listening to another person's ideas, opinions, and advice with an open mind. Even if you don't necessarily agree with them, give them the benefit of thinking about what they have said.

4. Be mindful of your words. Words are very powerful and they can be incredibly disrespectful if used improperly. Think carefully about what you're going to say, and to whom, otherwise you might hurt someone.

5. Cultivate good manners. This is as simple as saying "thank you" and "please" when you're requesting something from another person. It shows that you respect the time and effort that it will take for them to help you, and it will allow them to feel respected.



Aux 1771: Shirley Woods, Andrea Maybon

Send Deceased members to Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214. They will be in Taps and State Convention Joint Memorial Services.

Americanism

Now that Summer is gone and Fall is here and Winter is right around the corner. What can we do for Americanism? There's a lot we can do. We still have Veteran's Day, which is on Nov. 11. Talk to the school's and see if you can do a Flag Presentation. See, if any Veteran's could go and talk with the Students. If, a school is doing a Veteran's Day Program or if there is Veteran's Day Memorial going on in your city. You can still attend and hand out Flags and Buddy Poppies. See, if any members want to set up a table at the local grocery store. Hand out Flags, Buddy Poppies, and Membership Applications.

There's still many things you can do. Always show your Patriotism where ever you go. If on Friday's, wear your Red Shirt. Go to High School Football and Basketball games and support the school's Honor Guard. Remember to still take picture's or video's of what your Auxiliary is doing to Promote Americanism. And always report, report, report !!!

We are still "Climbing Mountains For Our Veterans"

Gayle Stockwell
State Americanism Chairperson

Veterans And Military Support

Wow!! We are in November which means all Auxiliaries are about to be in the thick of our Veterans and Family Support program. I bet some of your Auxiliaries have already planned or will be planning a stand down for local homeless veterans. Maybe your Auxiliary has been planning to host or co-host activities for *all* of our National Goals. Whatever it is, I know and trust that all of our 61 Auxiliaries in Colorado are climbing mountains for veterans.

Attention All Auxiliary Presidents and/or Secretaries: If you missed the Council of Administration in August, don't worry you should have received an email from me in September about what goals need to be met this year. I did a recap of these goals and set the ultimate goal at the October Council of Administration. Now, if you missed

both Council of Administrations *and* did not receive the email from me then you need to contact me A.S.A.P. Why? Because there is critical information your Auxiliary needs to be fully successful in the Veterans and Family Support program this year. But ultimately, the goals that I am asking each Auxiliary to meet helps the Department of Colorado climb the national awards mountain.

As your chairman, I am always here for you. If you need anything please do not hesitate to contact me. My wish is to have all 61 Auxiliaries be 100% successful in this program this year and more than anything, climb as many mountains as possible for our veterans.

Until I see you again tight hugs, stay warm, and keeping climbing!

Stephane Trujillo
State Veterans & Family Support

**Digital Colorado Veteran Delivery
Register at <https://vfwco.org>**

Scholarships

Hello! Hope your enjoying this Fall and all the beautiful changes in the trees. This time of year reminds me of all the school programs and classes our youth are involved in.

It's time we reached out if you haven't done so already to the schools with our Scholarship programs that we are offering. Remember the dates that we need the information back to each Auxiliary and to the Department.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest is due to the Auxiliary by April 10...To Department by April 15... Department will judge and send the winner to National by May 5. National Winners will be announced in July. 9th thru 12 grade are eligible for this program.

Our other scholarship Continuing Education Scholarship will be sent

directly to National by applicant by February 15, 2020. This is only for spouse, son or daughter only of auxiliary member.

I will be sending letters or emails out to Auxiliary President with this information. I have received 4 Scholarship chairman names, address and emails. Thank you to those who have sent them and if you haven't sent your chairman list please email me at heatercindy@yahoo.com or mail it to me at 617 N. 3rd Ave. Sterling, Co 80751. Any questions you may have you can reach me at 970-522-1445.

Don't forget to ask if you can help the post with the Voice Democracy and Patriotic Pen Program.

Have a great Fall!
Cindy Heater Scholarship Chairman

MOCA News from Rena Cales

- December 14, 2019** VFW Post 322 3800 S Windermere, Englewood
Post opens at 10:30 am
Auxiliary Audit 11:00 am
Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Joint opening 1:00 pm
Meeting to follow
- December 15, 2019** Hospital Visit
- February 8, 2020** VFW Post 501 4747 W Colfax, Denver
Post opens at 8:30 am
Omelet/Waffle Bar 8:30 - 11:30 am
Auxiliary Audit 11:30 am
Joint Opening 12:30 pm
Meeting to follow

Hospital Program

Time goes by way to fast. We are in the 8th month of our reporting year.

Don't forget our Veterans that are in the hospitals, nursing homes or house bound, especially on: Veterans Day 11/11/19, Thanksgiving 11/28/19, Christmas 12/25/19, New Years Day 1/1/20 as well as Any Day of the Year.

What & how have you been 'Recruiting New Hospital Volunteers'? How does your Aux. keep track of all of your members 'Hospital Hours'? Let me know how you are doing all of this. Send or e-mail a blank copy of the forms or whatever you use to do this and we can share it at the

COA on March 21, 2020. I know some are not keeping track of the yearly hours at all, as they might not have an idea of how to do so. Let's SWAP our info!!!

National Volunteer Week (during the third week in April), was established by Presidential Proclamation in 1974 to highlight the various opportunities available for those interested in volunteering. That puts it on next years reporting, but nothing states you can't do it any time you want. Jan., Feb. or March is a great time to recognize them for the entire Year!

Rena Cales
Department Hospital Chairman

Youth Program

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Fall! I don't know about you but I'm excited for the cooler days and everything pumpkin. Something else that I associate with cooler weather is curling up on the couch with a nice blanket and reading a book or magazine - anything. One of the initiatives under Youth Activities this year is Patriotism through Literacy. This is very simply promoting and supporting reading among youth. It is something that can be very simple to participate in. On one of these chilly afternoons or evenings, set up a time at your local library to read a historical book to the children. Books teaching children about an important event, person, or place in histo-

ry are perfect for this. Do you have historical books around the house that you have been meaning to clean out? Donate them to a local library, school or other youth group. This is another great way to participate in this initiative. There are so many ways you can participate! Be creative and think outside of the box. I can't wait to hear what you come up with. Please also remember to visit the National VFW Auxiliary website and look at the Youth Activities information. They have provided a list of suggested books. And as always, please never hesitate to call or email me with questions.

Loyally,
Brandi Dolan
Department Youth Activities

President Special Project Pins


This year Department Auxiliary President Patsy Gilmore has selected for her special project the "Colorado VFW Foundation". The Colorado Foundation aide's veterans and their families with one time grant of \$500 to assist with assistance for 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.

Auxiliaries let's think of the countless fun ways we can collect for this special program. With the holidays fast approaching, have a fundraiser as well as purchase pins to have at your post activities, give a pin to members that go above-beyond for the Post or Auxiliary, have special awards program for veterans to give this wonderful pin, have a fun game night and give pins as prizes. Have a jar at the canteen to collect penalties for swearing or other fines. For the Auxiliary have a fine for the members that say Ladies when referring to the Auxiliary. A donation for a Deceased member would be a special tribute.

Use your imagination to support our veteran's Special project. Purchase the innovative pin Patsy designed with the slogan "Climbing Mountains for Veterans". Let's get creative and have lots of exciting fundraisers with our boots climbing mountains to new heights for Veterans. The pins are \$3.00 ea; order form below.

Auxiliary can also send a donation "marked President Special Project to: Department Auxiliary Treasurer Cindy Anderson, 8281 Clay St. Unit A, Westminster, CO. 80031.

Lets get our Boots Climbing Mountains
Charlotte Lattin
Special Project Chairman

CLIMBING MOUNTAINS FOR VETERANS	
PRESIDENT SPECIAL	PROJECT PIN
	
\$3.00 EACH	
Auxiliary Name _____	No. _____
Number of Pins _____	Amount Enclosed \$ _____
Send pins to: _____	
Mailing Address _____	
Make checks to Dept. CO. VFW Auxiliary	
Send order form to: Charlotte Lattin 8912 W Radcliffe Pl. Littleton, CO 80123-1130 questions --e-mail to: charlattin2797@att.net	