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Barbara Green

**Department of Colorado VFW Commander
2021 - 2022**



A heartfelt thank you to all of the Comrades who supported me in my quest to become your state Commander. If I listed the names of everyone who helped me – this article would be too long and I would end up leaving someone out.

It is a new year and hopefully with the easing of COVID restrictions getting out into the community will be easier and membership drives will increase. I joined Post 6461 at a membership table at Colorado Springs' "Vet Fest" on 24 July.

District Commanders, it is so important that you know what is going on at your Posts and report the Posts that need special attention to me and Department headquarters. If a special

meeting is needed I would appreciate the District Commanders joining me at that meeting. Posts that go above and beyond and are doing wonderful things also need to be recognized so please keep me updated on them.

If I have to have a special program, this year it will be the United Veterans Coalition. I will do my best, with the help of Legislative Chairman Steve Kjonaas, to have the VFW's vote go towards supporting

bills in the state legislature that help Veterans and their families – hence my theme "Veterans FIRST"

Sincerely
Barbara Green
State Commander



Lucille Chavez

**Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary President
2021 - 2022**



I'M BACK!!!

I am extremely excited to be your Department of Colorado Auxiliary President for 2021-2022 term of office. My theme is "BATTING FOR VETERANS" and my Special Project is "THE VFW DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO SERVICE OFFICE FUND".

I do not want to make this a long speech, so I am going to make this as short as possible.

I would like to introduce my Grandson Dillon Eller, his girlfriend Lexy Cordova, my brother-in-law, Mike

Gilcrest and my extended Family, Rita Fama and her granddaughter Lily, and to the entire Fama family. If I were to name everyone in the Fama Family, we would be here another hour. To my Family thank you for your patience and loving support and to the Fama family for their loving support.

To Commander Barbara and the VFW Department Line Officers, I look forward to working with you all and wish you a successful year.

To the Department Line Officers, my appointed Officers, Chairman and Auxiliaries, I am looking forward to a fun and great year. Thank you for taking these important positions. We have much work to do going forward, but we will get it done with all your help and Knowledge.

A big thank you to Alan Jaffe, thank you Alan for your help in designing my President and Veterans Pin. If you have not seen them yet they are Beautiful. He did a fabulous design and I deeply appreciate your hard work in designing them.

Will Ginny Rosa and Rita Fama, please come to the Podium.

Thank you, Ginny, for being my Installing Officer and Rita for you as my Installing Secretary. Here is a gift of my appreciation. I appreciate you both and love ya both.

Thank you and I look forward to a great year, thank you all for coming and God Bless.

Lucille Chavez
Dept of Colorado President

Program Reporting 2021-2022

**Note: VFW & VFW Auxiliary Reporting Period
Covers April 1st thru March 30**

When reporting your activities on paper or using the online tools make sure you are reporting activities covering April 1st 2021 thru March 30th 2022. Do not include activities or projects from prior year(s). All reports must be received at VFW Department HQ by April 4th- Any reports received in email or mail after April 4th will not be counted or reported.

New Report Forms are on the Colorado Web Site for 2021-2022



National President's Official Visit

**National President's Official Visit is October 5th - 7th
Please keep these dates open to Visit with her.**

She would like to visit with Auxiliary and Post members.

More information will be on the Website for her visit.

IN MEMORIAM

**Past Department President
Valorie Fowler
2004 - 2005**



Until We Meet Again - Rest In Peace

Spring Sweepstakes Winners

1 st Place	Kirk B. Dalke	Aurora	\$2,500
2 nd Place	Luwanda Ford	Arvada	\$1,000
3 rd Place	Maurice C. Drake	Grand Junction	\$ 500
4 th Place	George Gruber	Deming, NM	\$ 300
5 th Place	Daryl E. Otwell	Colorado Spgs	\$ 200
6 th Place	Greg Johnson	Pueblo West	\$ 100
7 th Place	Raymond L. Hertz	Estes Park	\$ 100
8 th Place	Fredric B. Jones	Aurora	\$ 100
9 th Place	Colleen D. Brogan	Aurora	\$ 100
10 th Place	Gail Perry	Morrison	\$ 100

Uniting to Combat Hunger Targets 1 Million Meal Goal for 2021

The VFW, Humana, and Feeding America have teamed up to fight food insecurity and we need your help. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Humana Inc. announced they are teaming up with the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, Feeding America, The VFW who teamed up with Humana announced their 2021 campaign of "Uniting to Combat Hunger."

Established in 2018, the "Uniting to Combat Hunger" campaign was created to raise awareness of food insecurity, which 1 in 8 people may experience in America and 1 in 4 Iraq and Afghanistan War veterans are affected by this.

VFWCO State Commander Barbara Green is asking you to help us by raising the awareness level of food insecurity in your community, seek donations of nonperishable food, and monetary donations which when collected will help you earn up to a \$5,000 grant of unrestricted funds.

The "Uniting to Combat Hunger" campaign will run through the end of the year. Help provide meals to families facing hunger and donate today at feedingamerica.org/UTCH. To find out more about the "Uniting to Combat Hunger" campaign go to vfwco.org/UTCH as well you can contact Steve Kjonaas at steve@vfwco.org for help, encouragement, a speaker at your meetings, and direction on how to apply for that unrestricted \$5,000 grant.

While the pandemic and social-distancing guidelines have made it difficult for the VFW and Humana to host food drives or gleanings, this year's campaign goal is to help provide 1,000,000 meals

to communities in need. Every dollar donated to Feeding America helps provide at least 10 meals to people facing hunger, and all "Uniting to Combat Hunger" donations received will go directly to support local Feeding America member food banks across the nation.

"The economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact communities across America. As a result, 42 million people, including 13 million children, may face hunger in 2021," said Vice President of Corporate Partnerships at Feeding America Lauren Biedron. "We are grateful to Humana and the VFW for continuing their commitment to help provide meals for communities experiencing food insecurity through the 'Uniting to Combat Hunger' campaign."

"Humana's unwavering commitment to veterans and their families includes enabling access to food in the communities where they live, said Ed Sandrick, Humana Veterans Channel Director. "We're honored to join VFW and Feeding America in fighting food insecurity and helping veterans achieve their best health."

"The past year has been increasingly difficult for our military and veteran families, and even more desperate for those already fighting to put food on the table," said VFW National Commander Hal Roesch. "It is unbearable to think our brave servicemen and women who have sacrificed so much already in service to their nation, would struggle to find their next meal. Together with Humana and Feeding America, I know we can make a tremendous difference in their lives, and others like them."

DISTRICT MEETINGS

NO.	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
1	No Schedule			
2	9/11/21 Saturday	Post No. 5812 Pueblo West	11:30 Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Meal Meeting to Follow	
3	9/19/21 Sunday	Post No. 2585 Johnstown	12:00 noon Meal 1:00 pm Meeting	
4	9/26/21 Sunday	Post No. 3378 Yuma	12:00 noon Meal Joint Meeting Meeting to follow	
5	9/12/21 Sunday	Post No. 5221 Calhan	12:00 noon Meal Joint Meeting Meeting to follow	
6	11/13/21 Saturday	Post No. 336 Ordway	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Meal Meeting to follow	
7	No Schedule			
8	No Schedule			
9	7/24/2021 Saturday	Post No. 5843 Meeker	12:00 Joint Mtg Meeting to Follow	
10	9/19/21 Sunday	Post No. 3631 Aurora	1:00 pm Joint Mtg Meeting to follow	
11	8/07/21 Saturday	Post No. 3981 Grand Junction	11:30 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Meal Meeting to follow	Kirk Rosa
12	No Schedule			
13	8/22/21 Sunday	Post No. 6491 Burlington	2:30 pm Meeting Snack to follow	John Keene

COLORADO VFW FOUNDATION

We are off to a new start for 2021-2022. First and as always THANK YOU to the VFW Posts, Auxiliaries, members and family members for your donations. Your continued support and contributions are greatly appreciated not only from us but from the Veterans and their families we are able to assist.

We are accepting and processing applications for Eligible Veterans and their Families in the State of Colorado. All complete applications are processed in the order received.

Grants processed FY 7/2020-6/2021 Total Grant funds expended \$34,014.78 helping 47 Veterans and their families.

This is a decline from previous years. The decline we have figured is because of the additional unemployment benefits payments, eviction moratorium, additional funding given to the bigger non-profits.

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.

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POST & AUXILIARY CHANGE OF E-MAIL FORM

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

NAME: _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ VFW POST NO. _____

CURRENT E-MAIL: _____

MAIL TO: DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO VFW,
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EDITOR

VFW Post Membership by District as of June 30, 2021

Number/ City	2020	2021	%	Number/City	2020	2021	%
DISTRICT #1							
1 Denver	921	945	103*	859 Leadville	34	32	94
501 Denver	328	280	85	1166 Buena Vista	126	125	99
2461 Denver	114	113	99	3820 Salida	74	71	96
5061 Denver	263	255	97	8661 Bailey	119	118	99
TOTAL	1626	1593	98%	10721 Minturn	136	138	101*
DISTRICT #2							
2788 Penrose	90	97	108*	11411 Lake George	45	40	89
3641 Pueblo	106	103	97	12009 Conifer	127	119	94
4061 Canon City	260	263	101*	TOTAL	621	643	97%
5812 Pueblo West	208	201	97	DISTRICT #9			
7305 Colo. City	46	45	98	4264 Steamt Spgs	93	93	100*
8898 Boone	37	40	108*	4265 Craig	113	113	100*
12063 Westcliffe	52	48	92	5261 Rangely	22	27	123*
TOTAL	799	797	99.7%	5843 Meeker	46	46	100*
DISTRICT #3				9374 Kremmling	33	30	91
41 Loveland	290	295	102*	TOTAL	307	309	101%*
807 Boulder	38	39	103*	DISTRICT #10			
1771 Lafayette	253	246	97	322 Englewood	97	104	107*
1781 Ft. Collins	314	309	98	3471 Morrison	66	67	102*
2121 Greeley	183	186	102*	3631 Aurora	294	293	99.7
2585 Johnstown	182	185	102*	4171 Golden	399	410	103*
2601 Longmont	317	320	101*	4266 Parker	75	74	99
4334 Ault	58	64	110*	4331 Arvada	257	257	100*
6624 Evans	225	229	102*	4444 Cmmrc Cty	182	165	91
9565 Broomfield	100	107	107*	4666 Littleton	122	117	96
12174 Brighton	35	33	94	7563 Black Hawk	22	28	127*
12189 Berthoud	39	40	103*	7945 Thornton	320	312	98
TOTAL	2034	2053	101%*	8449 Bennett	55	52	95
DISTRICT #4				9644 Fort Logan	412	403	98
2551 Ft. Morgan	231	166	72	TOTAL	2301	2282	99%
3378 Yuma	61	57	93	DISTRICT #11			
3541 Sterling	94	90	96	784 Montrose	123	125	102*
3551 Brush	37	33	89	1247 Grnd Jcnctn	248	249	100*
3961 Otis	18	14	78	3571 Delta	57	54	95
4671 Wray	53	52	98	3981 Grnd Jcnctn	147	176	120*
6482 Holyoke	50	42	84	4663 Clifton	61	59	97
7153 Fleming	25	18	72	5485 Parachute	39	37	95
8064 Akron	46	44	96	9221 Cedaredge	98	95	97
TOTAL	615	516	84%	9304 Rifle	30	31	102*
DISTRICT #5				9333 Hotchkiss	19	20	105*
101 Colo. Spgs.	469	474	101*	TOTAL	826	846	103%*
3917 Security	605	574	95	DISTRICT #12			
4051 Colo. Spgs	577	556	96	4031 Durango	221	221	100*
5221 Calhan	103	98	95	4181 Dove Creek	49	46	94
6051 Wldnd Park	50	51	102*	5231 Mancos	133	143	108*
6461 Fountain	317	317	100*	9058 Nucla	32	32	100*
7829 Monument	158	149	94	TOTAL	435	442	102%*
10649 Elizabeth	45	41	91	DISTRICT #13			
TOTAL	2324	2260	97 %	3411 Kit Carson	19	19	100*
DISTRICT #6				6491 Burlington	61	59	97
336 Ordway	84	81	96	6612 Hugo	33	31	94
2411 LasAnimas	78	71	91	9700 Chynn Wlls	24	24	100*
4001 Springfield	33	32	97	TOTAL	155	133	97%
4281 Holly	24	23	96	15006 MAL	2734	2767	101%*
TOTAL	219	207	95%	TOTAL DEPT	15264	15071	99%
DISTRICT #7				2022 dues are now DUE			
899 Alamosa	88	85	97	Be 100% +1 in 2021-2022			
4849 La Jara	45	44	98				
6101 San Luis	56	55	98				
8121 Del Norte	43	39	91				
TOTAL	232	223	96%				

Voice of Democracy Theme for 2021-2022 “America: Where do we go from Here?”

Patriot’s Pen Theme for 2021-2022 “How can I be a good American?”

Jr. Vice Column John Keene



Let me start this year by thanking Commander Barbara Green for a wonderful installation ceremony and Past Commander Robert Kidd Sr for putting on an outstanding Convention, celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the Department of Colorado. It was a pleasure to be among so many comrades after a year of Zoom meetings.

Likewise, I am looking forward to an in-person National Convention and all the knowledge we will bring back before the first COA in Golden. I’m also very excited, as the Junior Vice Commander, to get to visit the VFW National Home for Children, and I will be traveling the State as much as I can to attend various District meetings this year.

Although we are not out of the woods yet, I believe this year is a chance to

make up for lost opportunities that were the result of the pandemic. I will work with the Membership Chairman and Commander Green to help any Post or District not only recruit but retain members this year. I will work with Quartermaster Dolan and the Colorado VFW Foundation to spread the word about grant money that is available for our fellow veterans in-need, and how to go about [applying](#) for assistance. I plan to keep a close watch, with the help of our Legislative Chairman, on the bills before Congress related to toxic exposure, and offer my assistance when it is appropriate.

Here’s to a great year for our organization and our members!

Cheers,
John Keene
Junior Vice Commander

Sr. Vice Column Geraldine Rimpley



Greetings Comrades.

What a great Convention we had. It was so great to see all of my old friend’s and make new ones. I feel we accomplished a lot and

still had fun along the way. But now it’s time to get back to work to make this next year even better. As we overcome COVID-19, many Posts met or exceeded standards and goals that were set.

Imagine what we will be able to do this year. Use the new tools and skills you learned to communicate with your members and broaden your horizons. As always, stay in touch, text, email or call. If I don’t have the answer, I’ll find it and learn something along the way with you. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next gathering!

Geraldine Rimpley
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Quartermaster’s Column Bruce Dolan



I hope this finds everyone well.

As we begin the new VFW year, I want to thank all the Posts that turned a valid Election Report. This

is the first year in a while all Post in the Department have turned in Election reports before the July first deadline. The National Organization was very adamant about suspending any Post or District that was tardy sending in their Report by July first. Thank all of you.

Bond applications have been sent out and are due by September 1, 2021. All Posts and Districts are required to have a surety bond for all liquid assets. When you receive your application and have questions, please notify us here at Department at 303-421-1630.

The Trustees Report of Audit is due 30 days after the date of the Quarter which is being filed, i.e. January 1 to March 31 is due by the 30th of April. Also, Line 4 denotes a Relief Fund. This is required by National By-Laws, Section 704. It doesn’t matter where the funds come from, but there are guide lines as to where it goes. Please refer to National By-Laws for further guidance.

Also, in reference to the Audits, Line 5 references Dues Reserve. This is no longer required, so it can be ignored.

Finally, Congratulations to the Posts and Districts that made All American this year. I wish everyone luck in the coming year.

Bruce Dolan
Department Adj./Quartermaster

Chaplain Column Kevin Reinhold



Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter a new VFW year lets continue to pray for each other, take care of our veterans and their families, and continue to connect with our communities.

We pray for each other in times of need, in times of hurt, in times of grief, in times of joy, and in all seasons. We care for the needs of all veterans. As we were in the military, let us not leave anyone behind. Reach out to all veterans, even if it is to just listen to their story. They want to tell their story they just need someone to listen. Be there for family members when they ask for help, be sure to

let them know you care. Work with the community you live in. They are waiting for you to be present at community activities and your city counsel would like to see you at their meeting representing the VFW. So, as you focus on how you will help others this year think about the above.

For information on how to receive Bibles with the VFW logo or the Bible sticks please contact me. And if you are interested in the GriefShare Ministry, I can talk to you about the ministry.

May the Lord Bless you as you go forward to serve His people. God Bless,

Kevin Reinhold
Department Chaplain

Surgeon Column Christopher Linski



Welcome to another wonderful year. It is my pleasure to assume the role of State Surgeon for the Department of Colorado. We have a lot of work to

do this year to ensure that we continue to care for those veterans and their families that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic over the past year and a half. As many veterans were unable to be visited while in local nursing homes, hospitals, and Community Living Centers, it is important to spend this year getting out as much as possible

to let those veterans know they have not been forgotten. This is my priority for the upcoming year. I will also share with the members of our Posts, Districts, and the Department any events, activities, or requests for assistance that occur throughout our various veterans’ homes and hospitals so that all members are aware of how they can be involved in reaching out to our ill, wounded, and aged veterans in their local areas and across the state. Let’s leave no veteran behind.

Very respectfully,
Christopher Linski, D.Mgt.
Department Surgeon

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
1400 CARR STREET
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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1
June 12, 2021 SERIES: 2021-2022

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 101st Annual Convention held June 09-12, 2021, Denver, CO., and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

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9025 Tuscany Way
Colorado Springs 80921

719-244-5576

SR. VICE COMMANDER:

Geraldine Rimpley, #2788
1220 Q Street
Penrose 81240

719-930-3930

JR. VICE COMMANDER:

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719-660-2935

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4114 Morley Cr. Colo Spgs. 80916

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Lakewood 80227

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Pueblo 81004

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110 Juneberry
Milliken 80543

970-580-5117

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Hillrose 80733

720-768-9257

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Rangely 81648

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Terry Jacobson, #3471
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Golden 80401

303-523-1078

DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER:

Leonard Ladue, #3981
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Grand Jct 81506

970-778-8242

DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER:

Jerry Sallee, #5181
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Monticello, UT 84535

435-459-3074

DISTRICT 13 COMMANDER:

Rod Houser, #3411
P O Box 11
Kit Carson 80825

970-580-55101.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:

The next Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, August 29, 2021. Joint Opening will be at 8:30 A.M. SHARP. VFW and VFW Auxiliary will be at Golden VFW Post #4171, Training Sessions will be on Saturday August 28, 2021 at VFW Post #4171 Golden.

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 and workshops.

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 23, 2021. Failure to comply will disqualify Council Members from participation in the Council of Administration and District Commanders for reimbursement of expenses.

3. **2021 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 122nd National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. was held in Kansas City, MO.

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

7. **2021-2022 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 1, 2021, 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, 2021. The foregoing is a requirement of the National By-Laws.** Bond Applications have been mailed to the Post Quartermaster and District Commander.

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 and others pertaining to the Department Program report - DIRECTLY** to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO, 80214. Department Headquarters will scan same and send to the various VFW State Chairmen. The reporting year commences April 1, 2021. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2021-2022. Please make a copy of these forms for your Post files. **THERE WILL BE NEW FORMS FOR 2021-2022 REPORTING ON THE VFW WEB SITE.**

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. **2020-2021 AWARDS:** Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2020-2021 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:

ls\ Bruce R. Dolan

Bruce R. Dolan

Department Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:

ls\ Barbara Green

Barbara Green

Department Commander

2020 - 2021 All State Commanders and Quartermasters will be honored at Council of Administration Meeting in Golden, CO

2020 - 2021 All-American Districts and Posts will be announced at Council of Administration in Golden, CO

Congratulations to All that achieved this Honored Recognition

VFW National Representative

**Mid Summer Conference
Golden, CO**

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



Duane Sarmiento was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on Aug. 3, 2021, at the 122nd VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

He served in the United States Navy from 1988 to 1997, and the United States Naval Reserve from 2002 to 2006, earning his VFW eligibility by serving in Operations Desert Shield/Storm. In recognition of his service, he received the Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three campaign stars, the Saudi Arabian Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait, Kuwait Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait and numerous other medals and ribbons. In 2003, he earned the title of the Naval Reserve Center Sailor of the Year at Fort Dix.

Duane joined the VFW in 1990 at Post 5579 in Gibbstown, New Jersey, where he

maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as the VFW Department of New Jersey Commander from 2018 to 2019. On the national level, he has served on the National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, General Resolutions Committee, as Special Aide-De-Camp, and as Inspector General from 2019 to 2020.

He retired as a police officer with the Greenwich Township Police Department and Gloucester County Sheriff's Department in New Jersey. Duane was the director of Veterans Affairs in Gloucester County, New Jersey, retiring after 10 years of services.

He is also a member of the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 57.

Duane and his wife, Ellen, reside in Gibbstown, New Jersey



On Saturday June 12, 2021, VFW Post 322, Quilts of Valor and 60 friends and family thanked 13 Veterans and front-line responders for their service, sacrifice, and valor by presenting them with their own personal Quilt of Valor. Those honored included 5 Englewood Police Officers, an Arapahoe County 911 Dispatcher and 7 VFW Post Veterans. Quilts of Valor is a foundation dedicated to creating and presenting handmade quilts to military service members and veterans touched by war, regardless of the conflict. VFW Post 322 was honored to host this incredible ceremony for our veterans and first responders.

Presenting these quilts was Colorado State Coordinator, Alycia Carmin, who explained these quilts are made specifically for each recipient. She shared

that some of these quilts had help from 4th graders, law enforcement spouses and high school students. The network of folks who put in the time and effort creating these quilts is quite expansive and is spread throughout the United States. These quilts are made with love, prayers and healing thoughts to help provide comfort to those who may still be dealing with the effects of their conflict. After sharing the recipient's stories Alycia presented them with their quilts and wrapped the quilts around them.

It was truly a wonderful ceremony that touched the hearts of many and even produced some tears. For more information on or to donate to VFW Post 322 please visit www.vfw322.org and for more information on or to donate to the Quilts of Valor Foundation, please visit www.QOVF.org.

Salute To Service Awards 2020 - 2021
13 VFW and 23 VFW Auxiliary Members
Were Awarded Plaques



VFW Auxiliary 2411 President Kathleen Tomlin presented Dianna Robinson with the Salute to Service Award.



VFW Auxiliary 1 President Marsha Harrison presented Ruth Gulden with the Salute to Service Award.



VFW Auxiliary 5061 President Michael Casagranda presented Kathy Kurtenbach with the Salute to Service Award.



VFW Post 4171 Quartermaster Gail Perry presented John Spauer with the Salute to Service Award.



VFW Auxiliary 336 presented Genevieve Osburn with the Salute to Service Award.

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Auxiliary News

Published by Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of Colorado

Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman

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Hospital Program

This 'Reporting Year' started on April 1st. Some of you have started sending in your Reports! Thank you for this as it is easier for you and me to remember all of the info after you do it than try to remember much later on. I am asking that when you submit your reports, please put their names in the "Other" section.

We are in high hopes that restrictions will be coming off soon so we can start visiting and doing more activities in person.

National has again made some changes and additions. Have you heard of "The Honors Escort Program"? It is a way to honor each veteran in a respectful and open manner plus it provides an opportunity for a veteran's family and friends, other veterans and medical facility staff to participate in a display of high regard and reverence for the individual at the time. I will have info at the Aug COA/Parade of Programs and you can also google it.

Women Veterans Health Care is still a big issue that we need to address. Over the years we have more and more women veterans! The VA is providing com-

prehensive health services and tailoring to the unique needs of women veterans. We need to get the information out about this to these veterans.

Valentines for Veterans, is still highlighted by National. Even with all of the restrictions this last year, many still sent cards and goodies bags to our veterans in the hospitals and CLCs.

Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition and Support. We can never have too many volunteers and we should always show that we appreciate each one. If you recruited a new volunteer then go to vfwauxiliary.org/resources to get the form and send them to me (email/snail mail).

Remember, Hospital work is for both VA and non-VA Hospitals and CLCs.

My contact info: RLCALES88@yahoo.com 719-290-0164 7461 Fortman Ave Fountain, CO 80817

Lucille, thank you for selecting me for your Hospital Chairman. We are working towards a Grand Slam year as we keep "Batting for Veterans"

Rena Cales
Dept of CO Hospital Chairman

Contact the VA Hospitals and Community Living Centers before visiting to see if they have any restrictions due to COVID. Help Keep Our Veterans Safe.

Community Outreach Program

Community Outreach is when you, the member, volunteer with another organization. It is a donation of your time only. Participation in other groups include helping youth, senior citizens, animals, and the environment.

These projects must not benefit the VFW or VFW Auxiliary programs. Projects must be approved by the Auxiliary and recorded in the meeting minutes.

It is not about spending money, but rather showing your concern for your community. Be proud of your time and

wear VFW attire, badges, shirts, hats, and jacket.

It is important that at the beginning of the program year a motion is made on the floor that when members volunteer their time, they should turn in their hours served to be reported for Auxiliary Community Outreach.

Let's all get out there and show our pride in our communities. Have fun and get the job done.

Pat Garcia
Department Community Outreach

Chaplain's Corner

Greetings Department of Colorado Members!

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Shauana Merrill, your new Chaplain for the Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary for 2021-2022. Thank you all for allowing me to serve you as your Department Chaplain. It is my honor and privilege to serve you and our Veterans.

After this most difficult year, I give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the strength, perseverance, and determination of each our Members and our leadership team. Our VFW is so very special because of our members - who are so very strong, resilient, and willing to go the distance.

I extend you the best wishes for this year. I ask for your support of our entire VFW and Auxiliary leadership teams, your Districts, and your local

Auxiliaries. I pray for your continued success! We can face hardships together and overcome adversities - no matter the challenge - together. I pray that you can connect with your Veterans and community and communicate. Communication is key!

I hope our purpose fills our soul.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any notices to send out or if you have any prayer requests. You can email me at: shauanamerrill@yahoo.com.

May you have a blessed year! Thank you for the honor to serve you.

Shauana Merrill, Chaplain
Department of Colorado - VFW
Auxiliary

"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer." Author Unknown

Scholarship Program

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I would like to thank Department President Lucille for appointing me as the Scholarship Chairman for the 2021-2022 program year. I am honored and so excited to see what this year brings in the Scholarship Program. Some of the information I will be tracking for the year-end report is promoting, supporting and participating by submitting applications for the Continuing Education Scholarship and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests. I will also be tracking the Auxiliaries that are assisting their Posts in the Patriot's Pen & Voice of Democracy contests, hosting/co-hosting awards ceremonies and using social media to promote the contests. Thanks for all your hard work in these programs. I will be announcing the promotions that I will be doing for the different Scholarship programs at the Council of Administrations weekend on August 28-29, 2021, in Golden, CO, hosted by VFW Post & Auxiliary 4171. Below is a list of the contests, including their deadlines, that will be more successful with your help. I would also like to encourage all Auxiliaries to REPORT activities that are done for the Scholarship programs, including the support, promotions and participation by your Auxiliary.

Continuing Education Scholarship Contest

Open to any Auxiliary member (who has been a member for at least a year), their spouse, son or daughter with a financial need. Entrant must be at least 18 years old, complete the application and submit an essay of 300 words or less.

Deadline:

Due to National Headquarters by February 15, 2022:

Program Awards Administrator
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

Or email it to: info@vfwauxiliary.org

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

This contest is open to all students, including home - schooled students, in grades 9-12. Student must be a resident of the state where entered. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

Deadlines:

Entries to Local Auxiliary – March 31, 2022

Entries to Department – April 15, 2022
Department Winner to National Headquarters – May 5, 2022

2021-2022 Patriot's Pen Essay Contest Theme: "How Can I Be A Good American?"

This contest is open to all students, including home -schooled students, in grades 6-8. Student must be a resident of the state where entered. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

Deadlines:

Entries to VFW Post – Midnight, October 31, 2021

Post Judging Complete – November 15, 2021

District Judging Complete – December 15, 2021

Department Judging Complete – January 10, 2022

Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – January 15, 2022

2021-2022 Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest Theme: "America: Where Do We Go From Here?"

This contest is open to all students, including home - schooled students, in grades 9-12. Student must be a resident of the state where entered. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

Deadlines:

Entries to VFW Post – Midnight, October 31, 2021

Post Judging Complete – November 15, 2021

District Judging Complete – December 15, 2021

Department Judging Complete – January 10, 2022

Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – January 15, 2022

Applications and brochures with more information/ requirements for each contest are also available at: vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships. For more information or questions about each contest's rules/regulations, please feel free to contact me.

So, please join me in promoting our Scholarship programs and supporting our youth as they compete in the different contests. Remember....today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. I would like to encourage all Auxiliaries to share what they are doing by sending in program reports. So come on Colorado, let's start "Batting for Veterans" as we also continue "Soaring Above & Beyond".

Hugs,
Patsy Gilmore
Department Scholarship Chairman

**Voice of Democracy Theme for 2021-2022
"America: Where do we go from Here?"**

**Patriot's Pen Theme for 2021-2022
"How can I be a good American?"**

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

GENERAL ORDERS #1

June 12, 2021

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. 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 12, 2021. All previously elected, appointed and committeemen's term of office is hereby declared expired and now ineffective.

The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 95th Annual Convention held in Denver on June 9 - 12, 2021, and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

PRESIDENT:

Lucille Chavez (4171)
1710 Pierce St, Apt 206.

Lakewood CO 80214

SR. VICE PRESIDENT:

Ron Boone (2121)

2906 57th Ave, Greeley CO 80634

JR. VICE PRESIDENT:

Phil Reinbold (5812)

834 W El Portal Dr,

Pueblo West CO 81007

SECRETARY:

Ginny Rosa (12009)

416 S Pine Drive, Bailey CO 80421

TREASURER:

Cindy Anderson (7945)

8281 Clay Street, Unit A,

Westminster CO 80031

CHAPLAIN:

Shauana Merrill (4265)

1272 Barclay St, Craig CO 81625

CONDUCTRESS:

Holly Buchwalter (3917)

8776 Sparrow Hawk Way,

Colorado Springs CO 80916

GUARD:

Heidi Bishop (101)

4321 CR 114 S, Alamosa CO 81101

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

All communications must be answered promptly, using the proper channels as listed on page 13 of the Booklet of Instructions.

3. Following are the Program Chairs for the 2021 – 2022 year:

Program Coordinator –

Shelley Schlieman (7945),

3537 W 113th Ave,

Westminster CO 80031

Achievement – Donna Tellgren (12009),

P O Box 176, Conifer CO 80433

Americanism – Brandi Dolan (7945),

16439 E Center Dr, Aurora CO 80017

Auxiliary News – Ann Mauck (2601),

2583 W 82nd Way Unit A,

Westminster CO 80031

Auxiliary Web Site – Rita Fama (4171),

1415 S Newton St, Denver CO 80219

Buddy Poppy/Nat'l Home –

Patricia Rowley-Wilson (2601),

406 S Francis St, Longmont CO 80501

Chief of Staff/Mentoring for Leadership

Linda Reinbold (5812) 834 W El Portal

Dr, Pueblo West CO 81007

Community Outreach – Pat Garcia

(7945), 11299 E 159th Pl,

Brighton CO 80602

Courtesy – Shauana Merrill (4265),

1272 Barclay St, Craig CO 81625

Games & Raffle – Glenna Medina

(2121), P O Box 874,

Platteville CO 80621

Hospital – Rena Cales (6461) 7461

Fortman Ave, Fountain CO 80817

Legislative – Nadia Flores (899),

19928 County Road 17,

La Jara CO 81140

Membership – Judy Ladue (3981),

648 Grand View Dr,

Grand Junction CO 81506

President's Special Project

Stephane Trujillo (6624)

636 S Ursula Ave, Milliken CO 80543

Scholarships – Patsy Gilmore (3917),

1719 Ascot Rd,

Colorado Springs CO 80906

Social Media – Mathew Gallegos (3571),

1749 Cedar Creek Ave, Apt H102,

Montrose CO 81401

Veterans & Family Support

Brigitte Dolan (7945), 2314 S Fundy

Way, Aurora CO 80013

Youth Activities – Queenie Barz (5231),

P O Box 533, Mancos CO 81328

4. Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents: Please place the names of Lucille Chavez, 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, all Presidents and Treasurers must be bonded no later than August 31, 2021.

6. Auxiliary Presidents and Treasurers: In accordance with the change to Department Standing Rules dues notices will be sent by the Department Treasurer to all unpaid annual members and the cost of postage billed to the Auxiliary 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 the names and addresses of the Auxiliary and District Chairmen to the corresponding Department Chairman and Department Secretary using the 2021 – 2022 Form provided on the VFW Department website.

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 not schedule any District Meetings during Western Conference to be held November 4 – 7, 2021 in Sparks Nevada.

9. District Presidents: Annual Official Visits are very important and must be conducted. The Visiting 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 Official Visit Report should be answered. A copy of the W-9 sent to National Headquarters and a copy of the filed 990 or 990-N should be provided to the Visiting Official. Inspections should be completed by December 31, 2021.

10. Auxiliary Treasurers: Membership dues should be processed promptly through Malta or sent to the Department Treasurer for processing. Do not hold dues, a copy of the application for all new and rejoined members should be sent to the Department Treasurer for processing.

11. Auxiliary and District Trustees: Audits for the quarter ends of June, September, December, and March must be set to the Department Treasurer. Audits must be accepted by vote of the Auxiliary before being placed on file

VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

This is the first article for the year 2021-2022 Colorado Veteran-Auxiliary News for Buddy Poppy-National Home. With many of the restrictions lifted from the Covid-19 pandemic, I am excited to see what this year will be like.

BUDDY POPPY

As most of you know, the Buddy Poppy came about because of the great loss of life in the great war (WWI) 1914-1918, in the battlefields of Belgium, France, and Gallipoli. It was there in the torn up dirt of the battlefields where the brilliant red flowers grew, that inspired a Canadian soldier by the name of John McCrae to write his famous poem "In Flanders Field."

In Nov. 1918 while reading an article about a poem called "We Shall Never Sleep", which is another name for "In Flanders Field", "The Poppy Lady", Moina Michael promised to always keep the faith and wrote her own poem called "We Shall Keep The Faith." She also vowed to always wear a red poppy in remembrance.

The money raised from the Buddy Poppies by the Posts and the Auxiliaries goes to help many programs throughout the state. Every dollar you make is broken down as follows:

1.5 cents goes to the Departments

Veterans Service Fund

1 cent goes to the VFW National

Headquarters

1 cent goes to the VFW National

Home for Children

These funds also provide money to the disabled and need veteran workers who assemble the Buddy Poppies, either in

their homes or in the VA hospitals/senior facilities. Other money raised goes to support veterans programs across the nation.

NATIONAL HOME

Founded in 1925, it was a place where the families left behind by war could be kept together when their servicemen didn't come home from war. The idea for the National Home was first planted in 1923 when the Military Order of the Cooties presented the concept to the VFW National Convention. They embraced the Idea of a home for children and families of veterans, and the National Home for Children was born as a non-profit corporation separate from the VFW. Throughout the years the VFW National Home has grown from one old farm house, to a sprawling campus with playgrounds, park areas, single family homes, gymnasium, childcare facilities, guest lodge, chapel, and administrative offices.

So this year my goal is to educate and promote our Buddy Poppy and VFW National Home for Children, to those who do not know about the programs or what they actually support. Let's make this year a fun and profitable year for our organization and for the veterans that we are here to support.

Hope to see you at the next COA in Golden in August.

God Bless,

Patty Rowley-Wilson

Department Buddy Poppy-National

Home Chairman



General Orders #1 (continued)

with the Department Treasurer within 60 days after the end of the quarter.

12. Auxiliary Presidents and District Presidents: A copy of the audit for the period ending June 30 must be provided to your corresponding Commander along with your yearend membership totals as soon as it has been accepted by the membership.

13. 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.

14. Minutes of the 97th Department Convention held in Denver, Colorado, June 9 - 12, 2021 will be mailed or emailed to the members of the Convention Composition, except for the Delegates. See Section 812D.

15. Fall Council of Administration Meeting and Parade of Programs: Are Scheduled for August 28 - 29 at Golden Post 4171. The full schedule will be posted on the Colorado Department website. Workshops will be held on August 28 beginning at 10:00 am. The Parade of Programs will begin at 1:30 pm on Saturday, August 28. Joint meeting will be held on Sunday, August 29 starting at 8:30 at Post 4171. Separate meetings to

follow. Meals will not be served at the Post. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS.**

16. Council of Administration members please try to attend the Council of Administration meeting. We must have a majority of the Council present to have a quorum and be able to conduct any business.

17. Joint Homecoming will be held August 28, 2021 at VFW Post 4171, 15625 W 10th Ave, Golden CO 80401. Festivities begin at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

18. To Department Commander, Barbara Green, Department Officers, and VFW, 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:

Lucille Chavez

Department President

ATTESTED

Ginny Rosa

Department Secretary

Membership 2021-2022

Let's all strive for HOME RUNS (100% Membership) while "BATTING FOR VETERANS" in 2021-2022!

Increasing our Auxiliary Membership can have a positive impact on our ability to improve the services we provide to our Veterans. New Members can also help to re-energize an Auxiliary.

I will provide more information concerning Membership retention and recruiting awards at our August COA Meeting. But why Wait? Let's get everyone out to the BALLPARK, dust off the BASES and start recruiting those new

members now!

Let's start this year with some really BIG SCORES! We can all be WINNERS!

Judy Ladue
Department Membership Chairperson



Chief of Staff

Thank you to Department President Lucille for giving me the opportunity to be your Chief of Staff and Mentoring for Leadership Chairman. The National Chief of Staff and Mentoring programs are now under one Ambassador as they are closely intertwined. National Ambassador Leona McDermott states "Both Programs share one common goal: Ensure the legacy of our great Organization continues through strong, healthy Auxiliaries with members who are prepared to take over leadership roles when needed."

Several important components to a healthy Auxiliary also include Respect, Listening, Planning, Open to Ideas and Positive Encouragement and Support to each other. As your Department Chief of Staff and Mentor for Leadership Chairman, National Ambassador Leona has asked us to practice the 3 C's of mentoring. You need to be a 1) Consultant, 2) Counselor, and 3) Cheerleader. By respecting each other, sharing our knowledge, mentoring, providing encouragement to each other in a positive manner, and providing proper guidance, our Auxiliaries can stay healthy.

The Chief of Staff provides guidance to help District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents and members to: 1) Maintain Current Auxiliaries – Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit to identify issues before they happen and solve them; and Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundations – provides Guidebooks of Officer Duties, Programs, Membership and more; 2) 5 Essentials of Auxiliary – required items; 3) Establishing New Auxiliaries - requirements; and 4) Suspension, Cancellations and Consolidations. These resources are available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year to continue keeping our Auxiliaries healthy and strong and mentoring our members into the future. I am available at any time if you have questions, concerns or you have something on your mind you would like to talk about. Also, please refer to the Mentoring for Leadership article for further mentoring ideas. Together by "Batting for Veterans" we can "Soar Above and Beyond"!

Linda Reinpold
Department Chief of Staff

Mentoring For Leadership

Thank you to Department President Lucille for giving me the opportunity to be your Chief of Staff and Mentoring for Leadership Chairman. These two programs are now under one Ambassador. National Ambassador Leona McDermott states "Both Programs share one common goal: Ensure the legacy of our great Organization continues through strong, healthy Auxiliaries with members who are prepared to take over leadership roles when needed."

As our 2021-22 year begins, it is a good time to look at the mentoring process by reviewing the resources available on www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. The VFW Auxiliary Guide: "Relationship Building for the Future" is a good place to start. It is a great way to have members understand a mentoring program, how to become involved through your past experiences and the "CARE" principle. C=catch member when first join; A=ask them to participate; R=Remember what it felt like to be new; E=Engage them in a program that

fits them. As members we often mentor each other, usually informally, and we share our knowledge and skills. This Guide gives focus on creating a program.

Mentoring Tips: Be respectful and kind, create a positive learning atmosphere, give compliments, listen, and give encouragement. Through mentoring, educating and training we can strengthen our Auxiliaries to bring new, qualified and experienced leaders. Leadership is a key to growth that can ultimately strengthen our organization to serve our veterans.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year to keeping our Auxiliaries strong and mentoring our members. I am available at any time if you have questions, concerns or something on your mind you would like to talk about. Also, please refer to the Chief of Staff article on keeping our Auxiliaries healthy. Together by "Batting for Veterans" we can "Soar Above and Beyond"!

Linda Reinpold
Department Mentoring for Leadership



Aux 1771: Janet Buchholz
Aux 2461: Valorie Fowler PDP

Please send Deceased Member Names for the Convention Joint Memorial Book to VFW Department Headquarters, vfw@vfwco.org by May 20, 2022

Auxiliary Membership by District as of June 30, 2021

Number	City	2020	2021	%	Number	City	2020	2021	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #8				
1	Denver	191	185	97	859	Leadville	25	21	84
501	Denver	143	143	100*	11411	Lake George	47	47	100*
2461	Denver	105	103	98	12009	Conifer	32	32	100*
2797	Denver	40	0	0		TOTAL	104	100	96%
5061	Denver	142	151	106*	DISTRICT #9				
	TOTAL	621	582	94%	4264	Stmbt Spgs	29	28	97
DISTRICT #2					4265	Craig	45	42	93
2788	Penrose	40	36	88	5843	Meeker	33	32	97
3641	Pueblo	78	78	100*	9374	Kremmling	22	22	100*
4061	Canon City	128	127	99		TOTAL	129	124	96%
5812	Pueblo West	53	45	85	DISTRICT #10				
7305	Colo. City	23	20	87	322	Englewood	81	80	99
	TOTAL	322	305	95%	3471	Morrison	46	46	100*
DISTRICT #3					3631	Aurora	100	98	98
41	Loveland	120	125	104*	4171	Golden	310	298	96
1771	Lafayette	284	267	94	4331	Arvada	133	133	100*
1781	Ft. Collins	118	113	96	4444	Cmmrc City	174	173	99
2121	Greeley	101	101	100*	7945	Thornton	271	270	99.6
2585	Johnstown	68	69	101*	9644	Fort Logan	329	326	99.1
2601	Longmont	204	198	97		TOTAL	1444	1424	99%
4334	Ault	39	39	100*	DISTRICT #11				
6624	Evans	208	208	100*	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	82	79	96
12189	Berthoud	21	23	110*	3571	Delta	56	54	96
	TOTAL	1163	1143	98%	3981	Grnd Jcnctn	37	43	116*
DISTRICT #4					9221	Cedaredge	57	53	93
2551	Ft. Morgan	122	124	102*	9333	Hotchkiss	22	18	82
3541	Sterling	56	56	100*		TOTAL	254	247	97%
4671	Wray	26	26	100*	DISTRICT #12				
	TOTAL	204	206	101%*	4031	Durango	107	110	103*
DISTRICT #5					5181	Dove Creek	36	36	100*
101	Colo. Spgs.	80	77	96	5231	Mancos	60	62	103*
3917	Security	192	193	101*		TOTAL	203	208	102%*
4051	Colo. Spgs	249	234	94	DISTRICT #13				
5221	Calhan	26	26	100*	3411	Kit Carson	22	22	100*
6461	Fountain	139	140	101*	6491	Burlington	16	0	0
7829	Monument	63	68	108*	6612	Hugo	39	39	100*
	TOTAL	749	738	99%		TOTAL	77	61	79%
DISTRICT #6					15006	At Large	603	614	102%*
336	Ordway	73	72	98		TOTAL DEPT.	6,262	6,130	98%
2411	LasAnimas	113	111	98	It is time to send in your 2022 Dues!				
	TOTAL	186	183	98%	Be 100% in 2021 - 2022				
DISTRICT #7					"You Can Do It"				
899	Alamosa	51	47	92	Veteran and Family Support				
4849	La Jara	41	41	100*	Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,				
8121	So Fork	111	107	96	It is me again; it is so good to be able to see everyone face to face. It was great getting and giving those much-needed hugs during the state convention in June. I am excited to have been asked by our Department President Lucille to be your Veteran and Family Support chairman for this year.				
	TOTAL	203	195	96%	There is a lot to do this year so let us start with two areas we will focus on:				

Veteran and Family Support

Homeless Veterans: They account for approximately 10.6% of our homeless population, on average, 1 in 10 homeless is a veteran.

Veteran and Family Caregivers: These are our heroes who are not always given the thanks they deserve, whether it is taking on the important roll of caring for those left at home or caring for our veterans when they return home.

We also have our program goals of:

- National Veterans Service (NVS)
- VFW Veterans & Military Support Program
- Military Assistance Program (MAP)
- Unmet Needs
- VFW "Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship" program
- Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness
- Mental Wellness Support and Resources, and our Women veterans

We can all support our veterans with these numerous programs. I will bring plenty of information to the C.O.A. in August and you never know what I have up my sleeve so be prepared.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions or need anything. bmdolan@live.com Happy Veteran and Family Supporting!

Hugs,
Brigitte Dolan
Department Veteran and Family Support Chairman



