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## “Where Do We Go From Here”



A pandemic is sweeping through our beloved United States of America. It has plagued the entire country, resulting in intense economic turmoil, riots, depressed citizens, and national disunity. With all the seemingly insurmountable troubles that have occurred in this nation lately, she seems to be breaking under the stress. However, this pandemic is not COVID-19. It is a lack of gratitude. A recent survey shows that more than 40% of American college students are not proud to be Americans. They went so far as to say that they are embarrassed by their home and that it has nothing good to offer. And in August of 2021, a Gallop Poll said that 77% of US citizens were dissatisfied with America. In the past, though, the United States struggled with all these types of trials and more: two world wars, the Great Depression, a terrorist hijacking, and numerous other hardships – and yet she emerged strong and unified. So what is the difference? When looking at our history, we see a consistent theme that has preserved America through the difficulties – gratitude. Today, ungratefulness is plaguing our nation. So where do we go from here – how do we heal our land? To make America great again, we need to make America grateful again.

Americans can find gratitude by recognizing the gifts that we have.

The ungratefulness of American citizens is in no way due to a lack of things to be grateful for. America is a strong nation founded on the promised freedoms of the constitution: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom to vote, safety, prosperity, and countless other rights. “The U.S. is a dream country,” Tani’s father says. He and his family fled Nigeria when Boko Haram terrorists have killed between 11 and 12 thousand Christians in the last five years. After coming to America, Tani got to live that “dream”, he has been able to grow up in a land of freedom and opportunity. By seeing our benefits compared to other countries and resting in the promises of freedom that we have, America can find gratitude even in the midst of struggle.

Since the very beginning, when our country was founded on these freedoms, individuals rose up to protect them, and we need to be incredibly grateful. While scouting ahead of his fellow soldiers in the Philippines, my great-grandpa was shot in the leg. He dressed his own wound and continued to defend America when he was shot again. This time, too weak and unable to dress his wounds, he was taken to an overcrowded hospital to try and recover from the terrible injuries. Within days, the hospital was bombed, killing nearly every inside. But, because my great-grandpa was on the floor, he was one of the very few people who survived the explosion. After he returned home from the war, he suffered from trauma and shell shock for many years. Yet, whenever he or my great-grandma talked about their trials, they shared their story with gratitude for the privilege of serving their country. They and many other brave men and women have given their time, energy, and many times, lives, to protect our freedoms. By learning from the gratefulness of America’s past protectors and remembering their sacri-

fice, we can restore gratitude in our nation.

In addition, we need to learn from everyday Americans and how they have persevered in past trials by finding gratitude. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, Brian Clark went to the World Trade Center for work. However, unlike the almost 3,000 others who died that day, he survived and shared his testimony with these wise words, “After going through something like we did, all you can do is try to live your best life from day to day and move forward with gratitude.” He saw the twin towers collapse and lost 61 of his coworkers. Yet, he found gratefulness even after that tragic event. America can learn from Brian’s example and choose to find gratitude instead of grumbling.

When we look at our past, we see thousands of grateful men and women, even though they lived through seemingly insurmountable struggles. Today, we face many troubles, but if we find gratitude, we can overcome our problems and America can emerge stronger. Right now, we live in an ungrateful nation, that stops here, with me. Thank you, great-grandpa, for your sacrifices, thank you veterans who have protected me and this country, and thank you active-duty military who protect America now. Thank you, America, I am truly grateful for you, land of the free and home of the brave. A pandemic is sweeping America and plaguing us, we can stop it and save our nation. To make America great again, we need to make America grateful again.

**1st Place**

**Mattea D. Traum**  
Sponsored by District 10,  
and  
Arvada VFW Post #4331  
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**2nd Place**

**Kamryn L. Holland**  
District #7 - Del Norte/So Fork #8121  
and VFW Auxiliary



**3rd Place**

**Grace C Weitzel**  
District #5 - Monument #7829 and  
VFW Auxiliary



**4th Place**

**Olivia A. Hohenstein**  
District #11 - Cedaredge #9221 and  
VFW Auxiliary



**5th Place**

**Gabriel L. Richardson**  
District #9 - Meeker #5843 and  
VFW Auxiliary



**FEBRUARY DISTRICT MEETINGS**

DISTRICT NO.	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
4	2/20/2022 Sunday	Post No. 3541 Sterling	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Lucille Chavez Steve Kjonaas
5	2/20/2022 Sunday	Post No. 101 Colorado Springs	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Heidi Bishop Barbara Green
6	2/12/2022 Saturday	Post No. 4281 Holly	11:00 am Jnt Meeting 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Shauana Merrill Barbara Green
7	2/27/2022 Sunday	Post No. 899 Alamosa	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Phil Reinbold Barbara Green
11	2/5/2022 Saturday	Post No. 3571 Delta	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Jnt Meeting Voice of Democracy & Patriot Pen/Teacher 12:00 noon Lunch Meetings to follow	Ron Boone John Keene
13	2/20/2022 Sunday	Post No. 9700 Cheyenne Wells	2:00 pm Meeting Snack after meeting	

**Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Conference, Washington DC**

**MARCH DISTRICT MEETINGS**

1	3/26/2022 Saturday	Post No. 2461 (501) Denver	10:00 am	
3	3/20/2022 Sunday	Post No. Loveland	12:00 noon Meal 1:00 Memorial Service Meeting to follow	
10	3/20/2022 Sunday	Post No. 9644 Verle Huffman	Memorial Service Lunch Meeting to follow	

**DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**VFW Roster Changes**

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Post 5485 QM: Stephen Nitz, 1230 W. Battlement Pkwy., Parachute 81635  
970-319-6537

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Post 6461 Cmdr: Charles Pryor, 567 Blossom Field Rd., Fountain 80817  
719-382-4170

**TAPS**

Post 322: Keating Thompson  
Post 3820: Cyril S. Granzella, Michael K. Becker  
Post 4051: Al Andrews, John Bossard, Charlie Chavez, Kenneth Hunt, David Jensen, Martin Kuettel, Earl Lash, Ernest Perrone, Alexander Toniatti

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**Timothy M. Borland**  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.  
National Representative  
Mid-Winter Conference  
March 12 - 13, 2022

Timothy M. Borland was elected Senior 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.

Tim served in the United States Army from 1979 to 2007, last serving with the 101st Airborne Division, earning his VFW eligibility serving in Korea and Iraq. In recognition of his service, he received four Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, eight Army Achievement Medals, nine Good Conduct Medals, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Korea Defense Service Medal, among numerous others medals and ribbons.

He became a Life member of the VFW in 2000, and currently maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership at VFW Post 9972 in Sierra Vista, Arizona. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and

Department levels, culminating with his election as the VFW Department of Arizona Commander from 2011 to 2012, in which he earned the distinction of All-American status and also received the distinguished Triple Crown Award. On the national level, Tim has served on several committees, including the National Council of Administration from 2012 to 2016, Vice Chairman of the National Legislative Committee from 2017 to 2018, Chairman of the National Programs Committee from 2018 to 2019, National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, By-Laws and Resolution Committee, Time and Place Committee, and numerous other committees.

Tim received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees from Touro University in Cypress, California. Tim is retired.

He is also a member of AMVETS, American Legion, and a life member of Disabled American Veterans.

Tim and his wife, Shannon, reside in Benson, Arizona.

**COLORADO VFW FOUNDATION**

Thank you to the VFW Posts, VFW Auxiliaries, family members and friends for your donations. We have received donations and grants from outside sources, and we are greatly appreciative of their support and dedication to helping Colorado's Veterans and their Families.

This Fiscal year has been busy at times with grant requests steadily arriving. We have had to partner with outside organizations and local VFW Posts and Auxiliary's to help with funding that is outside our scope of assistance or for some grants that are more than our funding cap.

We would like to thank VFW Post 2461, 7945, 4051 and VFW Auxiliary 4171 for partnering with the VFW Foundation and Mt. Carmel Veterans Service in helping secure funding for an Active-Duty Soldier that needed the assistance provided for her during recovery. This Soldier and her family were

greatly appreciative of the donations received.

Assistance to date: July 1, 2021, through January 24, 2022, we have expended \$52,907.91 in assistance to 57 Veterans (1 Active-Duty Soldier) and their Families with Rent, Utilities, and Vehicle Repairs etc.... We still have some funds to expend, we are anticipating being out of funds by Mid-February 2022.

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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EDITOR

## Commander's Column Barbara Green



**Attention Quartermasters**  
Recently each Post quartermaster should have received a letter from VFW National headquarters indicating the results of the

most current "scrub" of members who they believe are deceased and have been dropped from the membership listings.

Please look over this list. If you know that members on this list are still alive follow the instructions on the letter and request reinstatement. This does work as I had two members from my post reinstated.

While I understand the need for accurate membership lists, we do not want to lose members who are still alive.

### Membership Rebate initiative

Starting 1 January 2022, every VFW Post that signs up and submits full membership dues for each member will receive a rebate based on the type of mem-

bership submitted as long as funds are available.

### Categories are:

New Life member and/or any reinstated annual to Life with full life payment the Post will receive \$30 each

New Life Installment member and/or Reinstated annual to Life Installment life member the Post will receive \$20 each

New annual member the Post will receive \$20 each

Reinstated annual member the Post will receive \$10 each

Payment will go directly into the bank account on file with National VFW. This is the same account where Life per capita goes annually

The definition of a reinstated member is one whose dues have not been paid for at least two years and one day.

If you have questions please contact me at [barbaragreen241@hotmail.com](mailto:barbaragreen241@hotmail.com)

Sincerely  
Barbara Green  
State Commander

## Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings, I hope this finds all well.

Beginning the new calendar year a couple of items come to mind about staying current with the

tax and nonprofit status of our Posts and Districts.

We have 88 Posts and 13 Districts. All are required to file taxes (990) each year along with your nonprofit declaration with the Secretary of State (SOS). You can go to [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) to find the correct form and [www.sos.state.co.us](http://www.sos.state.co.us). There are also numbers on the web sites if you would want to speak with an actual person.

We have 34 Posts and/or District that have not filed an SOS filing in a year or more and 36 Posts and/or Districts that have not filed a 990.

And now for the good news, you may have filed these forms but didn't send a copy to Headquarters so we can keep it on file. This has worked well for several Posts in the past as paper work has been

misplaced or lost and Department has been able to replace it. So please keep current on these filings and send a copy to us and keep one for the Post or district. If you have a change in Officers, please file a new election report. This is especially important if there is a change in Quartermaster. When National gets the election report, they will access to the National website once a password is established. There is a lot of information for Quartermasters to work with on the website.

One last item for your quarterly audit. If you look at line 5 of the audit it notes Post Dues Reserve Fund. This is no longer required. The National Convention voted several years ago to do away with this for Posts. There is nothing to keep a Post from having one, but it may simplify your bookkeeping if you don't.

I hope to see everyone at the COA in March.

Bruce  
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

### CABA and VFW #2411 Las Animas

CABA is the Colorado Aviation Business Association who provides Christmas gifts for veterans in need all over Colorado consisting of food and toys. This was our fifth year of participating. VFW Coordinator this year was Ron Davies. Four planes landed in Las Animas on December 5, with 8 pilots and one plane, and on December 6, with two pilots. Thirteen community members (1-VFW, 6 Aux, and 6 non-affiliated) and three children were there to welcome the pilots and planes and unload the goods. Santa showed up again this year (who is also a Veteran)! The goods were taken to VFW Post #2411 and a hot meal was served to the pilots on December 5th, in appreciation of their time and effort toward this great program.

We are waiting to hear the poundage of food and toys that were delivered and distributed as follows: Lamar: 11 veterans and 5 family members (2 kids); La Junta: 7 veterans and 7 family members (6 kids); Hasty: 8 veterans and 5 family members; Las

Animas: 34 Veterans and 31 family members (14 kids); Fort Lyon: 15 Veterans; BCHCC (nursing home and assisted living facility): 8 veterans; Totals: 83 Veterans – 48 family members (22 children) were helped this year.

Three Counties are presented for distribution. The crocheted hats and blankets and toiletries were an added gift for our nursing home and homeless Veterans. A small amount of remaining food was distributed to Las Animas Helping Hands. Thanks to all who provided and helped!  
By Pam Valdez, VFW Auxiliary 2411



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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3  
February 1, 2022 2021-2022

**Please remind all Posts that you MUST be 100% +1 to qualify for All State. Deadline is June 30, 2022. Entry forms will be e-mailed to all that qualify.**

1. As prescribed by Sec 217 & Sec 221 of the National Congressional Charter By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, Posts having two (2) meetings a month will hold nominations at the first meeting in April with elections at the second meeting in April. While Posts with only (1) one meeting a month will hold nominations in March and elections in April and that all members must be notified of such elections.

(a) The officers of each Post will consist of a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Surgeon and three (3) Trustees.

(b) The Post shall elect the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and three trustees.

(c) The Appointed officers of each Post shall consist of at least an Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day, Service Officer and Guard to be appointed as prescribed in Section 216 in the Manual of Procedure.

2. **Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers:** All Posts, Districts and Department should be reminded of the provisions of Sec. 215 (Post), 415 (District), and 515 (Department) of the National Congressional Charter By-Laws and Manual or procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until such proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Commander and Adjutant for review.

3. **Registration for the VFW National Convention:** Each Post will pay, in advance, a national registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the national convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10) delegate fee, in accordance with the requirements of Sec 222 (d) of the National Congressional By-Laws. **Delegate fees should be sent directly to the Quartermaster General at National Headquarters.**

4. **Attention is directed** to Sec. 213 of the National Congressional Charter By-Laws concerning arrearages of Posts for National, Department, or District Dues, National Convention registration, poppy money, supply money or other financial obligations, or failure to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703 of the National By-Laws, or failure to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit or Post Election Reports. Posts that are delinquent in any of the aforementioned shall be deprived of all representation in County Council meetings, District, Department and National Conventions.

5. **Attention of Post Commanders** is directed to Sec. 218 (a)(11), Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees. Trustees Report of Audit must be completed by the Trustees, in detail, at the close of each quarter, one of which ends March 31st. Commanders are reminded that all funds are to be under the custody and control of the Post Quartermaster. Persons other than the Post Quartermaster who may handle Post funds, such as club manager, bingo chairman, or committee chairmen are responsible to the Post Quartermaster to maintain accurate records and accounts and should be properly bonded. Post Trustees are to ensure that the financial records of these special funds are also audited in the same manner as the other accounts of the Post Quartermaster.

6. **Commanders on all levels** should begin organizing their 2022 Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. To qualify for Post All American, VFW Posts must increase their Post's Buddy Poppy purchase by 20% over the previous year from Department Headquarters.

7. **All-State Commanders and Quartermasters.** Entry forms for All-State Commanders and Quartermasters **will be e-mailed to all qualified persons by July 1, 2022** Posts and Districts must be 100% + 1 in membership by June 30, 2022, in order for the Commanders and/or Quartermasters to be eligible for this award. The entry form, must be submitted to State Headquarters by suspense date provided in notification letter. Post Quartermasters need only submit the entry form by the same suspense date. All State Teams will be presented at the August 2022 COA meeting at Joint Opening.

8. **Council of Administration** meeting will be March 13, 2022 at VFW Post 9644, Sheridan, 8:30 am for Joint Meeting. **Workshops** will begin March 12, 2022.

9. **State Convention** is scheduled for June 08 through June 11, 2022, hosted by VFW 4061 Canon City. **Information will be posted on the Colorado Web Page.**

10. **The Department of Colorado** Veterans of Foreign Wars Loyalty Day Parade will be in Penrose, CO., Saturday May 7, 2022 10:00 am line-up time. Please contact Geraldine Rimpley 719-372-3719 for further information.

11. **Applications for the Department State Convention Site for 2023** can be obtained by contacting State Qm. Bruce Dolan, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, CO. 80214, (303) 421-1630. A check for \$300.00 deposit must accompany the bid application.

ATTEST BY:  
Bruce Dolan, State Adjutant

BY COMMAND:  
Barbara Green, State Commander

## Sr. Vice Column Geraldine Rimpley



Greetings fellow Comrades,  
Here's hoping all had a safe and memorable holiday season. Now that the celebrations are over, it's time to start the spring clean-

ing process. By that I don't mean get out your bucket and mop, but rather look around your posts to see what should be updated, cleaned out and/or restored to new.

One way to start would be reviewing your membership roster. Are there some members you haven't heard from in quite a while? Contact them via email, telephone or mail a postcard to reinvigorate their interest in your organization. Sound upbeat! Brag about your accomplishments and you may find they will pick up on your excitement and become involved again.

When was the last time you reviewed policies and procedures. Are they up to date with current National and Department bylaws? Does it include a policy regarding sexual harassment and discrimination as prescribed in the Department Sexual Harassment and Other Unlawful Harassment Policy? Are you familiar with the Ralph Emerson Jack Gulden Memorial Blood/Cancer Fund Policy that covers out of pocket expenses concerning coverable conditions (blood disorder treatments or cancer treatments) and have your applicable members taken advantage of this as-

sistance? Not familiar with them? Then go on the Department website and print them up as it's a post requirement anyway.

Speaking of the Department website, how familiar are you with the content contained within? There is a myriad of information available that surprisingly answers many of the questions posed to Department officers. Did you know there are differences in the All State requirements versus the All-American requirements? Our insightful Department Commander has alleviated some of the more difficult eligibility obligations for state level recognition which enables more Commanders/Quartermasters at post level to be recognized for their hard work.

These are just some suggestions to help you bolster your post to a new level during the upcoming winter months. By spring you should be ready to get back out in the public and continue to talk up your organization and bring in the new members you need to freshen up your post even more. Listen to new ideas as "it's always been that way" is the worse reason not to excel!

Katy and I are looking forward to seeing all at the COA held on 13 March at Verle Huffman Post 9644. Details for this weekend will be available on the Department website. Until then .....

Geraldine Rimpley  
State Jr. Vice Commander

## Jr. Vice Column John Keene



Happy New Year Comrades. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season.

But I am ready to get back to work and already

looking forward to the March COA, where I will present information on the three #StillServing Grants offered by the National Headquarters and how to leverage those funds. Did you know up to four Posts or Auxiliaries can team up and pool their grants together for a single event? Come to the Verle Huffman Post #9644 on March 12<sup>th</sup> to learn more.

Also on that Saturday, I will present some ideas about member retention. For example, I will share my experience with Department's autodialing software which I used to reach out to 75 members in District 3 after the Marshall Fire. It only took 90-minutes to make these buddy checks, and the technology is available to any Post that wants to use it to more easily stay in touch with their members.

If you are looking for leadership training, the Post 1 Foundation has extended the application period for their *Leadership Veteran* program, which is hosted by the University of Denver. Sessions are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month, from March through October. The program is designed to provide current and emerging leaders serving within VSOs the opportunity to enhance their non-profit management, leadership, communication and collaborative skills.

At the end of the program, participants will have enhanced skills, resources and network to better respond to the current and future challenges of the veteran community. Thanks to a grant received by the Post 1 Foundation, participation for VFW members is free of charge. To learn more and apply visit <https://post-1foundation.org/programs/ldvet/>

I'm also trying to spread the word about a free PTSD study offered by the Rocky Mountain MIRECC. They are seeking Veterans experiencing PTSD and social difficulties to participate in a research study. All study procedures will occur via telehealth, the Veteran does not need to come into the VA, and they can accept Veterans nationally. Veterans will either receive Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Social Support in PTSD or Present Centered Therapy. Both interventions are individual formats and sessions occur weekly. One major advantage of these therapies for some is that they do not require discussion of traumatic events during therapy, only during initial assessment and follow-up assessment. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the study coordinator Taylor Phillips at 720-338-6326. As this is being conducted as a clinical trial, the intervention is free, and the Veteran will receive compensation for some aspects of the study.

Semper Fi,  
John Keene  
State Jr. Vice Commander

**"Happy Valentine's Day"**

### VFW Post Membership by District as of January 26, 2022

Number/ City	2021	2022	%	Number/City	2021	2022	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>				<b>DISTRICT #8</b>			
1 Denver	945	825	87	859 Leadville	32	31	97
501 Denver	280	257	92	1166 Buena Vista	125	121	97
2461 Denver	113	112	99	3820 Salida	71	66	93
5061 Denver	255	237	93	8661 Bailey	118	113	96
TOTAL	1593	1431	90%	10721 Minturn	138	105	76
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>				<b>DISTRICT #9</b>			
2788 Penrose	97	91	94	11411 Lake George	40	41	103*
3641 Pueblo	103	92	89	12009 Conifer	119	102	86
4061 Canon City	263	232	88	TOTAL	643	579	90%
5812 Pueblo West	201	198	99	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>			
7305 Colo. City	45	48	107*	322 Englewood	104	103	99
8898 Boone	40	35	88	3471 Morrison	67	67	100*
12063 Westcliffe	48	48	100*	3631 Aurora	293	275	94
TOTAL	797	744	93%	4171 Golden	410	363	89
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>				<b>DISTRICT #11</b>			
41 Loveland	295	273	93	4264 Steamboat Spgs	93	89	96
807 Boulder	39	33	85	4265 Craig	113	101	89
1771 Lafayette	246	232	94	5261 Rangely	27	17	63
1781 Ft. Collins	309	287	93	5843 Meeker	46	42	91
2121 Greeley	186	149	80	9374 Kremmling	30	28	93
2585 Johnstown	185	167	90	TOTAL	309	277	90%
2601 Longmont	320	273	85	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>			
4334 Ault	64	63	98	4031 Durango	221	214	97
6624 Evans	229	203	89	4181 Dove Creek	46	43	93
9565 Broomfield	107	89	83	5231 Mancos	143	151	106*
12174 Brighton	33	31	94	9058 Nucla	32	29	91
12189 Berthoud	40	34	85	TOTAL	442	437	99%
TOTAL	2053	1834	89%	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>				<b>DISTRICT #14</b>			
2551 Ft. Morgan	166	154	93	3411 Kit Carson	19	19	100*
3378 Yuma	57	55	96	6491 Burlington	59	57	97
3541 Sterling	90	85	94	6612 Hugo	31	28	90
3551 Brush	33	35	106*	9700 Chynn Wills	24	22	92
3961 Otis	14	14	100*	TOTAL	133	126	95%
4671 Wray	52	48	92	<b>DISTRICT #15</b>			
6482 Holyoke	42	41	98	15006 MAL	2767	2469	89%
7153 Fleming	18	16	89	<b>TOTAL DEPT 15071 13787 91%</b>			
8064 Akron	44	33	75	<b>2022 dues are now DUE</b>			
TOTAL	516	481	93%	<b>Be 100% +1 in 2021-2022</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>				<b>DISTRICT #16</b>			
101 Colo. Spgs.	474	459	97	<b>DISTRICT #17</b>			
3917 Security	574	528	92	<b>DISTRICT #18</b>			
4051 Colo. Spgs	556	517	93	<b>DISTRICT #19</b>			
5221 Calhan	98	86	88	<b>DISTRICT #20</b>			
6051 Wldnd Park	51	44	86	<b>DISTRICT #21</b>			
6461 Fountain	317	324	102*	<b>DISTRICT #22</b>			
7829 Monument	149	138	93	<b>DISTRICT #23</b>			
10649 Elizabeth	41	35	85	<b>DISTRICT #24</b>			
TOTAL	2260	2131	94 %	<b>DISTRICT #25</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>				<b>DISTRICT #26</b>			
336 Ordway	81	79	98	<b>DISTRICT #27</b>			
2411 LasAnimas	71	68	96	<b>DISTRICT #28</b>			
4001 Springfield	32	31	97	<b>DISTRICT #29</b>			
4281 Holly	23	20	87	<b>DISTRICT #30</b>			
TOTAL	207	198	96%	<b>DISTRICT #31</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>				<b>DISTRICT #32</b>			
899 Alamosa	85	74	87	<b>DISTRICT #33</b>			
4849 La Jara	44	46	105*	<b>DISTRICT #34</b>			
6101 San Luis	55	52	95	<b>DISTRICT #35</b>			
8121 Del Norte	39	39	100*	<b>DISTRICT #36</b>			
TOTAL	223	211	95%	<b>DISTRICT #37</b>			

### Membership 2021 - 2022

After explaining to the prospective members that they will become a member of your post. Explain about the things your post take part in The National Programs and the programs in your community that you are involved in. Be sure to inform them that your post assists Veterans in your community.

Commander Green authorized me to show you a system they will help your post in maintaining your membership.

So here we go. Once you received the application, method of payment (dues) and their DD-214 explain to them that their paper work will be turned in and that they will be receiving a letter from the post explaining the next step.

After election to memberships the Adjutant sends a letter saying that they are invited to an orientation meeting.

Many posts receive their application vote on them and then forget they exist and then they fall off the membership rolls.

We have to stop losing members so we have a stable membership, there by every new member will add to your numbers.

More to come.

Ed Aitken

Membership Director

**THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR 2022 VFW DUES!**

**YOUR VFW POST NEEDS YOU!**

**COLORADO NEEDS YOU!**

**KEEP COLORADO STRONG!!**

### Surgeon Column Christopher Linski



I hope your 2022 is going great! We know that the pandemic is still creating havoc throughout the nation. However, it is important that we do not forget

On a personal note: I want to notify the membership that while I am enjoying serving in my role as State Surgeon, life has chosen a different path for me in the coming year. As such, I will not be returning to the role of State Surgeon next year, nor will I be running for the office of State Junior Vice Commander. Please reach out to the Department Staff if you are interested in learning more about these positions. One thing I have learned in my time at the VFW is that we must put family first, and that is why I have made this decision. I look forward to serving you and the veterans of Colorado for the remainder of this fraternal year.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Christopher Linski, D.Mgt.  
State Surgeon, Department of Colorado

about those who may be restricted due to their health or their environment. We must still take the time to connect with veterans who are in nursing homes, hospitals, and Community Living Centers. If they are unable to receive visitors, ask how else you may be able to provide assistance. Phone calls, video chats, providing donated items, or donating money can all be helpful to veterans who are missing out on connecting with the rest of the world. Let's leave no veteran behind.

### HOMESHARE FOR CARE

#### WHAT IS HOMESHARE FOR CARE?

- Homeshare For Care is a VA homesharing program that matches those seeking affordable rent with others who have a home to share. VA works in conjunction with community homesharing agencies to help you find the right match.

#### WHY IS HOMESHARE FOR CARE RIGHT FOR ME?

- To honor a Veteran's preference to age in place with increased independence and safety
- To provide affordable housing options
- If you are a Veteran who lives alone, would like to stay in your home, but may need a little help around the house with chores
- If you are a Veteran who is looking for affordable rent, possibly reduced rent rates, to help with household chores around the home

#### HOW WOULD I QUALIFY FOR HOMESHARE FOR CARE?

- Homeowner:
  - Functionally independent, or safe in your home with home care
  - Has room to share in the home
  - May need or provide non-skilled household assistance
- Veteran looking for affordable housing:
  - Needs housing
  - Functionally independent
  - May need or provide non-skilled household assistance

\*\*\*NOTE: Homeshare matches do not assist with personal care and may only assist with household chores.

#### REASONS WHY HOMESHARE FOR CARE CAN HELP:

- Provides affordable housing
- Increases income for the homeowner
- Allows Veterans to stay in their homes longer
- May provide assistance with household chores
- Decreases social isolation
- Offers peace of mind for caregiver, family, and friends
- Allows for you, the Veteran, to have a choice

#### IS HOMESHARE FOR CARE SAFE?

- All candidates participate in a thorough intake and screening process
- Background checks are encouraged on all candidates
- Community agency matches based on compatibility

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT HOMESHARE FOR CARE AT 303-283-5426 or

[VHAECHHomeShareforCare@va.gov](mailto:VHAECHHomeShareforCare@va.gov).

### “Military Order of the Cooties”

Hello Comrades, this is Carol Thomas and I am the 2021-2022 Colorado Grand Commander for the Military Order of the Cooties. I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful and happy holiday.

Since becoming Grand Commander, I have visited and spoke to several veterans within the VFW and foremost they either do not or have not heard about the Cooties. Military Order of the Cooties is an auxiliary unit with the VFW. We are known as “The Honor Degree of the VFW” and our members are comprised of the officers and leadership of the VFW. Membership in the MOC/MOCA is recognition of outstanding service to the VFW and its programs.

Founded in New York City on September 17, 1920, the MOC is based on the principles of good humor and fun. Over the past hundred years, the Cooties have provided social and entertainment programs to members of the VFW.

Since 1923, the Cooties have worked hard to further the aims of the VFW while adding to it the frivolity known as Military Humor to the serious work of our parent organization. What would ultimately become known as the VFW National Home for Children, a sprawling campus of homes located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, started out as the brainchild of the MOC. We firmly believe in caring for the widows and children of our Armed Services.

If you are looking for more information regarding this organization or interested in becoming a member please visit [lotcs.org](http://lotcs.org) on the website. You may also contact Colorado VFW HQ, myself, or any member. Stay tuned in for more conversations with the Cooties in future newsletters.

Carol Thomas  
Colorado Grand MOC Commander



Voice of Democracy Students that attended Banquet: Gabriel Richardson, Grace Weitzel, Mattea Traum. Olivia Hohenstein and Kamryn Holland were unable to attend due to scheduled home events. Congratulations to all 5 Students.



Patriot's Pen 1st Place Student Anna Bardeau, center. State President Lucille Chavez, left; State Commander Barbara Green, right. Anna was sponsored by District 10 & VFW Post 7945 and VFW Auxiliary.



L-R: State President Lucille Chavez; VOD Students Gabriel Richardson 5th Place, Grace Weitzel 3rd Place, Mattea Traum 1st Place, Anna Bardeau Patriots Pen 1st Place, State Commander Barbara Green. Voice of Democracy Banquet hosted by Francis Brown Lowry VFW Post #501 and VFW Auxiliary.



State Auxiliary President Lucille Chavez and VFW State Commander Barbara Green enjoy a quiet moment before the Voice of Democracy Banquet started and winners were announced by VFW Chairman Tony Archer. Banquet was served and then Students read their essays.



Annual Voice of Democracy Banquet was held at Francis Brown Lowry VFW Post #501, January 22, 2022. Three (3) Students attended with their families. 1st Place Patriot's Pen Winner also attended with her family. One Judge and Spouse attended. Sixty Six (66) in total attended and enjoyed a meal served by VFW #501 Members and VFW Auxiliary Members. State Commander Barbara Green, State Auxiliary President Lucille Chavez, and VFW State Chairman Tony Archer chaperoned the Students at a Pizza Party Friday evening at the Hotel in Thornton, an event at "Boondocks" and a "Good-by Breakfast" Sunday morning. Students were introduced by Chairman Archer and each presented their winning essay. Department Color Guard escorted Students into the Banquet Room as they were introduced. (pictures by Lennie Dolan)



**Brenda Bryant**  
VFW Auxiliary National Chaplain

**National Representative**  
**Mid-Winter Conference**  
**March 12 - 13, 2022**

Brenda Bryant of Hawk Point, Missouri, was elected to the office of National Chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary at its 108th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. She is now in the third of five offices leading to the National Presidency, which she is expected to hold in 2024-2025.

A Life Member of Humphrey-Schwerdt Auxiliary 2180, she has served the organization in many capacities including Auxiliary, District and Department President. On the National level she has served as National District Council Member, Big Ten Conference Chairman for the Membership and Safety Programs twice, National Appeals and Grievances Committee, Director of the Voice of Democracy Program and as National Historian.

She joined on the eligibility of her father, Herman Stuck, who served in the United

States Army from 1950-1952 in Korea. She is married to Wayne Bryant, a retired Vietnam Navy veteran.

Brenda is a retired Special Education Teacher where she worked with High School Behavior Disability and Learning Disability students. Currently, she helps with an antique store, serves as an Alderman in her community and is certified to perform weddings.

In her spare time Brenda enjoys crafting, bringing life back to old furniture, learning about the past and interacting with veterans. She is a Life Member of the National Home for Children and a member of Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary (MOCA), the Fleet Reserve, the Hawk Point Boosters Club and the Daniel Boone Area Retired Teachers Program.

Brenda and husband Wayne's family includes five adult children, 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

**2021 – 2022**  
**Department Roster Updates**

**As of 01/03/2022**

- Page 5 Donna Tellgren's phone number - 303-909-7919
- Page 10 District 2 Treasurer - Remove Audrey Quick  
Replace with - Tammy Freeman - 719-371-5851  
P O Box 523, Florence CO 81226 - curtscowgirl@hotmail.com
- Page 11 District 4 President - Remove Davina Chappell-Haley
- Page 12 District 4 Chief of Staff - Remove Penny Monte
- Page 16 District 12 Treasurer - Correct address - 23620 Road M, Cortez CO 81321
- Page 21 Auxiliary 1247 - Remove email address for President
- Page 24 Remove Auxiliary 2551 – all information
- Page 33 Auxiliary 4334 – Name Change - Remove Harold "Huck" Hensley  
Change to Hensley-Martinez
- Page 35 Auxiliary 5061 – Change in meeting date and time  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm
- Page 36 Auxiliary 5181 – Change in meeting date and time  
Daylight Savings time only - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm
- Page 37 Auxiliary 5231 President Address- Aimee Raygoza, 23620 Road M  
Cortez CO 81321
- Page 37 Auxiliary 5812 President email address - dandaffron61@gmail.com
- Page 37 Auxiliary 5812 Treasurer - Remove Amanda Allen  
Replace with Heidi Nolen - 719-569-6180  
427 E Scandia Drive, Pueblo West CO 81007 -heidisworld74@gmail.com
- Page 39 Auxiliary 6612 Secretary - Remove Charolett Graham  
Replace with Terri Bruce - 605-530-6793  
503 3rd Street, P O Box 264, Hugo CO 80821 - tbruce04@outlook.com
- Page 39 Auxiliary 6624 Secretary - Remove Alison Ikenouye  
Replace with Caroline Gelatt - 970-396-3275  
3201 Claremont, Evans CO 80620 - caroline.gelatt@comcast.net
- Page 40 Auxiliary 7305 Treasurer - Remove Jill Pollart  
Replace with Barbara Magoon Piel - 719-250-2884  
8145 Birch Drive, Rye CO 81069 - bpiel2012@gmail.com
- Page 40 Auxiliary 7829 President - Remove Melissa Rodeffer  
Replace with Ruth Pedrie - 719-650-3111  
1510 McKay Way, Colorado Springs CO 80915 - rpedrie@gmail.com

**State Convention - VFW**  
**Hosted by Royal Gorge VFW #4061 and VFW Auxiliary**

**Wednesday June 08**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Registration  
6:00 pm Council of Administration  
7:00 pm Hospitality Reception

**Thursday June 09**

7:00 am - 9:00 am Registration  
9:00 am - 11:00 am Joint Opening Session  
12:00 noon Dept Commanders Luncheon  
**(by invitation only)**  
**OR Lunch on your own**  
General Resolutions Committee  
Service/Rehab Resolutions Committee  
Time & Place Committee  
Warriors Meeting  
Registration  
Joint Memorial Service  
Past Commanders Banquet  
Hospitality Reception

**Friday June 10**

7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast  
8:00 am - 10:00 am Registration  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm Business Session  
Lunch  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Business Session  
(Election of Officers)  
Banquet  
8:00 pm Hospitality Reception

**Saturday June 11**

7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast  
10:00 am Installation Practice  
Lunch  
2:00 pm Joint Installation of Officers  
4:00 pm State Commander/President Reception

**BUDDY POPPY / SCRAPBOOK ROOM TO BE ASSIGNED**  
**AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**State Convention – VFW Auxiliary**  
**Hosted by Royal Gorge VFW #4061 and VFW Auxiliary**

**Wednesday, June 08**

10:00 am Dept. Audit  
11:00 am Dept. Staff Meeting  
Lunch  
2:00 - 4:00 pm Floor Team Practice  
4:00 - 6:00 pm Registration  
6:00 pm Council of Administration  
7:00 pm Hospitality

**Thursday, June 09**

7:00 - 9:00 am Registration  
9:00 - 11:00 am Joint Opening Session  
11:30 am Dept. Thank You Luncheon  
(by invitation only)  
OR Lunch on your own  
Registration  
Business Session  
Joint Memorial Service  
Past Dept. President Dinner (by invitation)  
Hospitality

**Friday, June 10**

7:00 Breakfast  
8:00 - 10:00 am Registration  
8:30 - 12:00 am Business Session  
Lunch  
1:30 - 4:00 pm Business Session (Elections)  
6:00 pm Banquet  
8:00 pm Hospitality

**Saturday, June 11**

7:00 - 9:00 am Breakfast  
10:00 am Installation Practice  
Lunch  
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4:00 pm Commander/President reception

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## President's Column Lucille Chavez



Happy New Year,  
I hope that your Christmas was great and New Year's so far is going well. I want to extend my gratitude to you all for

taking time to relax, enjoy the Holidays and not doing as much business as usual. Sometimes we just need to take a break. I know most of you continued to make sure our Veterans and Community had support with either Christmas Parties for children, Food Baskets for those in need. All the extra love and support we need during the holidays. Break time is over and it's now back to business as usual. Let's get out of the dug out and start playing ball.

Time to get the dust off the Uniform/Jersey and bats and equipment. No time for practice. We know what needs to be done and we will get it done. Homerun's all the way.

The year has not started like we would have wanted it to, but with so much destruction that happened in Boulder County, our hearts and prayers are with all the Families from the Marshall Fire in Superior and Louisville. There are many Donations out there and please be aware of scams and contact your local television station to see the lists of donation sites. So we as Colorado can help the families in need. Please, if you can, Donate and help them with what they have lost. Prayers and Donations go a long way.

I wanted to take this moment to thank Judy Ladue, for an outstanding job she did this past year as our Membership Chairman, but due to personal circumstances, Judy has resigned. She did a wonderful job and I want everyone to thank her when you see her. She kept up with the Membership with all that she and her husband Len do at their Post, with other organizations, and the never-ending work in the community. Let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers and best wishes to them both.

I want you all to know that what I am bringing up is not meant for all members, but this is a topic that I must address.

Why are we here?? For our Veterans  
What we do is for?? For our Veterans  
All the programs we do?? For our Veterans

Someone please tell me why "Is California addressing Arizona, but Texas thinks she/he is being too rude?" Stop and think about this... This is not a political game; this is not a popularity contest. SO WHY IS THIS A PROBLEM?

People, we are here for our Veterans. We are here as Volunteers. So why do members think that California and Arizona not getting along??

We have many Auxiliaries that are fighting among each other, and really, I don't understand why? We won't always get along and YES, we will have disagreements and even sometimes passion-

ately raised voices (not arguments). BUT let's be adults and try to work these problems out. The last thing the Department wants to do is come in and Suspend the Charter to an VFW Auxiliary (be it for Mentoring Suspension or Suspension for more severe reasons). When no one or some members are not getting along Suspension of an Auxiliary Charter is about all we can do to show everyone that we cannot let this continue. This is not High School, and we should never be taking sides. Communication and Discussion is what we need to be doing as members.

I am sorry that you must hear and read this, but it really does bother me that we just plainly can't get along and this must STOP! There are so many Auxiliaries here in Colorado that do such a wonderful job and get along like family that makes it fun to work with. We lose way too many members when negativism is in any meeting or present at any time. Please remember why you are a member, what our mission is and what our result should be. Maybe getting to the work of the Auxiliary programs, helping our Veterans and Teaching True Patriotism to our youth and community will bring more happiness into our world. Maybe members that have been on the sidelines will decide to rejoin the team and help bring the players on the bases to Home Plate....

Remember, YOU as a member have the right to VOTE and RUN for any Office in the VFW Auxiliary in April when Nominations and Elections are set to happen at the Auxiliary level, do not be intimidated, if New Jersey has been Chaplain for 10 yrs., if you want to run for Auxiliary or District Chaplain then run. The same Officers do not have to stay, and new ones can be voted in. We should always welcome new members who are interested in running up the chairs., Want Change? Want to get back to being that HEALTHY AUXILIARY? Want to get your members back? Want to get those New Members? Then it's up to YOU! YOU are the only ones that can have that happen. Thank you and please do not take this offensively, I am only trying to see what we can do going forward on this Topic.

NO IT IS NOT ALWAYS DONE THAT WAY!! TRY A NEW WAY. MENTOR EACH OTHER. BE OPEN TO CHANGE. Don't worry if something doesn't work the 1<sup>st</sup> time, don't criticize, look for the possibility to improve. "Batter bring that Player Home"

I am looking forward to seeing everyone March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> for the Parade of Programs and Council Meeting- in Sheridan, Colorado. Thank you to VFW Post 9644 and its Auxiliary for stepping up to host this event. We will have a National Representative for this weekend, so let's show them a Big Colorado Welcome.

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## Pioneer VFW Auxiliary #2121

proudly supports  
Ronald Boone

for  
2022 - 2023  
Department President

Pioneer Post 2121 Auxiliary proudly supports and is honored to endorse Ronald Boone for the 2022-23 position of the VFW Auxiliary Department President. Ron has held multiple offices in our Auxiliary, as well as District and Department offices. Ron started out his involvement with the Department as serving as the Department's Buddy Poppy Auxiliary Chairman. He became very committed to the Buddy Poppy program, assisting in the production of some very creative Buddy Poppy displays for the Colorado VFW/Auxiliary State Convention. Ron also is a lifetime member of the National Home for Children. He has also donated for two bricks, one for department of Colorado and one for VFW Auxiliary 2121.

This past two years Ron has worked tirelessly to orchestrate his responsibilities as Auxiliary President 2121 and as Department Junior and Senior Vice President. He has traveled extensively to various District meetings across the

State of Colorado.

Ron served in the U.S. Army, National Guard for 6 years. He joined the Men's Auxiliary and then the Auxiliary under his brother. Besides working as an electrical engineer, Ron has dedicated himself to volunteering for the VFW and its Auxiliary.

Ron has shown a curious side, observing, asking questions, reading, always trying to learn more. He is a caring, kind, goal oriented, and a motivated individual. He demonstrates one of the best leadership skills of all—HE LISTENS!! Ron will be a great Colorado Department Auxiliary President.

Please support Ron!! We ask that you show your support by voting for Ron at the Department Convention in June.

Respectfully,  
Pioneer 2121 Aux,  
Rosie Naughton, Past Pioneer Post 2121 President, Past District 3 President, Lifetime Auxiliary member

## Notice: Getting To Be That Time Of The Year Already

Hard to believe but it's time to start thinking about running for a Department Line Officer position.

At the March COA, in Sheridan (9644), there will be a portion of the COA for all who are interested in a Line Office position to make your intention to run for a position known. Then, at the State Convention, nominations and election will be held for our 2022-2023 Line Officers.

This year things are a little different, as our current Chaplain, Conductress and Guard all have indicated they all want to re-run for the offices they currently hold. This leaves us with an opening for JR.

Vice President. Anyone thinking of running for the Jr. Vice position can contact me, or any line officer, and we can go over the position responsibilities and duties.

With the retirement of our current Treasure, that position will also need to be filled. This position does involve a lot of booking experience and is a time consuming office.

So please, think about running for an office.

Thanks,  
Ron Boone  
Department Sr. Vice President



- Aux 322: Ruby Clark
- Aux 1771: Carolyn Schmid, Mary Guyer, Becky Quinones, Louis Gaz, Dorothy Bock
- Aux 4171: Carole A. Smith
- Aux 4265: Mary McGilton
- MAL: Rhonda Renz

(continued: Lucille Chavez)

what you do for our Veterans and for your Auxiliary and Districts.

With Loyalty,  
Lucille Chavez  
VFW Auxiliary Dept President

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me an email or call me. I answer both immediately unless out of town.

Take care and again thank you all for



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

## GENERAL ORDERS #3

February 1, 2022

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

**1. The Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary** Parade of Programs, Workshops, and Council of Administration meeting is scheduled for March 12 and 13, 2022 at Verle Huffman VFW Post 9644, 2680 W Hampton Avenue, Englewood CO 80110. A complete schedule of programs and workshops will be available on the Department website. Joint Council of Administration meeting to be held on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 8:30 am and the Auxiliary Council meeting will follow. Please watch for further details coming out soon.

**2. Department President Lucille Chavez' special project** is the VFW Department Service Office located at 155 Van Gordon Street, Lakewood CO. Please forward all donations to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.

**3. Members in Good Standing** are those who are life members or those who hold a 2022 annual membership card as of January 1, 2022. A member who is not in good standing is not eligible to attend meetings, vote, or hold an office or chairmanship. They are also not eligible for a cancer grant from National. All rights and benefits are restored immediately upon payment of the current year dues. Proof of payment may include a paper or digital copy form MALTA.

**4. Membership:** Members who have not yet paid their dues for 2022 are requested to send dues to your Auxiliary Treasurer or pay them directly through the MALTA system with an activated account. Membership cards will be sent to paid annual members from National Headquarters within 2 to 4 weeks. Members should always carry an application in order to recruit new members. The VFW Auxiliary may fix an admission fee. This entitles each new member to a copy of the National Bylaws and Booklet of Instructions and a membership pin. (See Section 102 of the Bylaws)

**5. Audits** for the months of October, November and December 2021 were to be completed by January 31, 2022. Audits must be read on the Auxiliary floor and voted to be approved before sending them to the Department Treasurer by February 28, 2022.

### Veterans and Family Support

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

By the time you receive this, it will be February, and only a few short weeks until reporting is over for this year. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and shared the spirit with those that have less than we do.

At the last two COA's I spoke about the need to make sure our homeless veterans are being taken care of. With the reporting coming in, I am pleased to say our state is working hard at giving back. The next few months can be cold in Colorado so let's not forget our homeless veterans, give them a bite to eat or a warm coat or a pair of socks.

Also, at the last COA, I spoke about November being the month we recognize our Veteran and Family Caregivers. I provided suggestions on things we can do to show our appreciation. I know we all know someone who is a caregiver, who needs a little extra love sometimes.

**6. District Presidents:** Annual official visits to the Auxiliaries should continue only as it is possible to do that safely for all. A copy of the visitation report is to be sent to the Department Secretary and Department Chief of Staff. District Officer making the visit should sign the Secretary and Treasurer books to verify that they are being kept in accordance with procedures. Copies of bonds, audits, and verification of 990 filings should be available for review. All questions on the visit form should be completed.

**7. Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen:** The Department VFW Auxiliary would like to extend congratulations to all the winners throughout the state and to thank all Auxiliaries for their hard work to promote these programs.

**8. Hospitalized Veterans** will receive special recognition during the week of February 14 through 20, 2022. Consider planning a special event or activity to honor our hospitalized veterans during this time.

**9. Salute to Service** nominations from the Auxiliaries are due to VFW Department Headquarters by March 31, 2022. The annual Department Award Banquet will be held on April 23, 2022 at Joseph J Jacques, Jr. VFW Post 7945, 10217 Quivas Street, Thornton CO 80260. Forms are available on the Department website.

**10. Program Report Forms** should be filed with the VFW Department Headquarters in a timely manner so that Auxiliaries will receive credit for their hard work. The reporting year is April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. All reports are due to Department Headquarters by April 15, 2022.

**11. A special thank you** to all of those that attended the Parade of Programs in Security. The Program Chairmen did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that each of you were able to take some good information back to your Auxiliaries.

BY ORDER OF:  
Lucille Chavez  
Department President

ATTESTED BY:  
Ginny Rosa  
Department Secretary

Share a cup of coffee, a delivered dinner or even a quick little nod of appreciation.

Please continue to support the below programs for Veterans and Family Support

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; Women Veterans.

We can all support our veterans with these numerous programs. [Please remember to report and the reporting year ends MARCH 31, 2022.](#) Feel free to contact me if you have questions or need anything. [bmdolan@live.com](mailto:bmdolan@live.com)  
Happy Veteran and Family Supporting!

Hugs,  
Brigitte Dolan, Department Veteran and Family Support Chairman

### All State Achievement Program

Our 2021-2022 year of **"Batting for Veterans"** is fast coming to a close. What a wonderful year it has been with our President Lucille leading us every step of the way!!!!

Please, read the VFW National Magazine, pages 11-13, which clarifies the Auxiliary Outreach. This is great information for ALL of our members.

District and Auxiliary Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers: its time to review your All State Reports to be sure that all areas have been covered. If you have questions do not hesitate to

call .me, 303-909-7919. **(IMPORTANT DEADLINE: All Achievements reports must be in our hands NO LATER than MAY 16, 2022.)** It will be so exciting to see who the members of President Lucille's 8/9\* will be!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Parade of Programs!! Encourage as many members as possible to attend so we can establish new and renew old friendships, as we review our current programs together!!

Donna Tellgren,  
Chairman All State Achievement

### Legislative

Hello & Happy New Year Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers!

2022! Wow! I can't believe that we are already in a new year and almost to the end our program year. Deadlines are fast approaching, and I have been so excited to see what everyone has been doing this past year. You are all amazing!

There have been some major gains within legislation this past year. From the PAWS Act to the Deborah Sampson Act, veterans are getting the care that they so desperately need. If you attended the October COA, we had some fun learning about all the accomplishments at our nation's capital, but if you couldn't be there, I will recap just a little.

The PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act will establish a pilot program for dog therapy training for veterans that have been diagnosed with PTSD. The passage of this act will also require VA to provide service dogs for those veterans and include veterinary insurance.

Not only have there been moves made to help our veterans who suffer from PTSD, but women veterans and the issues that they face have been brought to light and are being acknowledged by those at the capital. The passage of the

Deborah Sampson Act will help to remove obstacles and barriers that women veterans face within healthcare, as well as the implementation of a maternity care coordination program to help with the unique needs of women during pregnancy and their postpartum needs.

These are only a small fraction of the accomplishments that can be made, but man, it is exciting when we see the success of all the hard work from that of grassroots efforts and those who continue to fight for our veterans and make sure that they are heard.

Let's keep up with the hard work that you have all been putting in and making sure that we continue to fight for the needs of our veterans to be seen and acknowledged but remember to also report any activity that you might do to continue the fight. That activity can be contacting your legislators, signing up for Action Corps Weekly, or spreading the word to others.

Let's finish this year strong!

Best Regards,  
Nadia Flores  
Legislative Chairman

### Mentoring for Leadership

I hope you and your families enjoyed the holidays and I wish you a great New Year!

We are now half-way through year and have been using mentoring skills to members who are now more qualified and experienced to become leaders. By providing mentorship, leadership training and guidance to our members, they can now enhance their unique abilities to supporting our organization, veterans and families.

Mentoring can be a win-win situation. You may be surprised how the process works and it may happen in a formal or informal manner. It is an exchange of information for those mentoring and those being mentored such as: sharing experiences and knowledge, training, relationship building, developing trust in others and can build teamwork. By working together, everyone gains more knowledge and can contribute with more confidence.

Nominations are coming in April and now is the time to encourage members to consider a leadership role. Let them know that you recognize their abilities, show appreciation for what they have done, and ask them if they might like a leadership role at the Auxiliary, District or Department level. Direct them to "Building on the VFW Foundation" at [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) or have them talk

with an Officer or Program Chair.

There is a National "Mentoring for Leadership Award for Members No. 1". If there is someone you would like to nominate as an outstanding mentor, the form is at [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org). Any member can nominate anyone who they think has been exceptional as a mentor/leader. The form is due to the Department Chief of Staff/Mentoring for Leadership by March 31, 2022.

As we continue through the remaining year, please remember to be kind and honest, listen and encourage, be respectful, give compliments, learn how to effectively deal with different personalities and have faith in other's abilities. 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).

Also learn as much as you can about traditions, bylaws, and rituals to answer questions and increase your own knowledge.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. 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 Reinbold  
Mentoring for Leadership

## Membership 2021-2022

As I start this article, I have just agreed to take over the membership program for the rest of the year for Judy Ledue. She has had to resign as Membership Chairman to handle all the things that life has handed her, and I wish her the best.

This is a very important time of the year for membership. In particular the annual members of our organization must have paid their dues by December 31, 2021 or they have now been put in the category of “Lapsed Member”. The definition of “Lapsed Member” means that they can no longer attend meetings, cannot hold an office or chairmanship and are not eligible for a cancer grant. This status is remedied very easily by just paying your dues. As soon as the dues are paid, the member is again a “Member in Good Standing,” and all rights are restored. Lapsed members have until June 30, 2022 to pay their 2022 dues.

The National emphasis for membership this year is on retention. This is something that most Auxiliaries struggle with. Retention affects us immediate-

## Chief of Staff and Extension

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and wish you a Happy New Year! You have worked during the past six months to keep your Auxiliaries healthy. We are now half-way through the year and need to continue the good work.

It is time to look at the “Healthy Auxiliary Checklist” to ensure that by year end all your audit reports are completed and forwarded to Department Treasurer (Section 814); an Auxiliary is required to have a minimum of ten members and dues paid to maintain the Auxiliary Charter by February 1 (Section 207); hold at least 10 meetings per year (Section 210); and a project, promotion and/or donation in the National Programs has been completed and reported in program reporting at [www.vfwco.org](http://www.vfwco.org).

Be sure to continue presenting Good Job Award to your members throughout the next few months. This award provides acknowledgement and gives them recognition for all their volunteer work. Please report to me how many Good Job Certificates have been presented by March 31, 2022. This Award form can be found at [www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources).

Upcoming nominations will be coming up in April which is only a few months away. Encourage those members you have been working with through-

## Community Outreach Program

I certainly hope you all had a nice holiday and got out there to help your Community in need. There were record numbers of people at food banks and shelters, and soup kitchens needing help.

This has been a hard season for just getting out in the public with all the restrictions about covid. Because of that, many have found it full of wondering where their next meal would come from or who is going to help them. The animals in the shelters needed to be cared for too. I hope we all checked on our first responders or our shut-in elderly or the

ly when annual members do not renew their membership, but it also affects our life members when they fall away from being an active part of the Auxiliary. With so many activities cancelled or changed to accommodate the restrictions of covid, it is vitally important that we give members the personal touch. Please form a committee to reach out to all of your inactive or unpaid members and bring them back into the group. They are the support we need to keep us all active.

I will be presenting a workshop at the next COA in March on Membership Applications and Investigating Committees. This is open to all members. We always say “Carry an Application but could you help a prospective member to fill it out completely and do you know what to look for if you are asked to be on an Investigating Committee? I hope to see many of you there. Please watch the Department Website for the exact time on Saturday morning.

Cindy Anderson  
Membership Chairman

out the year and those that you have seen with leadership abilities to run for an office or program chair. If a member is unsure about a position, direct them to “Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation” where they can find duties and responsibilities of an Officer or Program Chair and recommend that they talk with Officers or Program Chairs.

Thank you to District Presidents who completed their Visitations by December 31, 2021. Also, thank you to those who tried so hard but were unable to due to changing or extenuating circumstances. There are only a few Visitations left that are scheduled to be done by the end of January. Thank you to Auxiliary Presidents for working closely with District Presidents to ensure that the reporting information was complete and informative.

To all members thank you for supporting our mission to our veterans and their families. By working together as a team, we can accomplish much for our veterans!

Please feel free to contact me any time. Also, please refer to Mentoring for Leadership Article. Together by “Batting for Veterans” we can “Soar Above and Beyond”.

Linda Reinhold  
Department Chief of Staff

handicapped.

If you were able to help your Community lately, make sure it is in conjunction with another organization of caring and helpful people. Remember to identify yourself as a volunteer member of the VFW by wearing some kind of official apparel with the VFW logo on it.

Always be kind, always remember our Vets. It doesn't hurt.

January 9th National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.)

Pat Garcia  
Community Outreach Chairman

## Auxiliary Membership by District as of January 26, 2022

Number	City	2021	2022	%	Number	City	2021	2022	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>					<b>DISTRICT #8</b>				
1	Denver	185	182	98	859	Leadville	21	20	95
501	Denver	143	158	110*	11411	Lake George	47	47	100*
2461	Denver	103	96	93	12009	Conifer	32	34	106*
5061	Denver	151	138	91	TOTAL		100	101	101%*
TOTAL		582	574	97%	<b>DISTRICT #9</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>					<b>DISTRICT #10</b>				
2788	Penrose	35	39	111*	4264	Stmbt Spgs	28	28	100*
3641	Pueblo	78	40	51	4265	Craig	42	36	86
4061	Canon City	127	118	93	5843	Meeker	32	30	94
5812	Pueblo West	45	29	64	9374	Kremmling	22	20	91
7305	Colo. City	20	21	105*	TOTAL		124	114	92%
TOTAL		305	247	81%	<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>					<b>DISTRICT #12</b>				
41	Loveland	125	114	91	322	Englewood	80	70	88
1771	Lafayette	267	259	97	3471	Morrison	46	40	87
1781	Ft. Collins	113	108	96	3631	Aurora	98	101	103*
2121	Greeley	101	103	102*	4171	Golden	298	268	90
2585	Johnstown	69	68	9*	4331	Arvada	133	125	94
2601	Longmont	198	183	92	4444	Cmmrc City	173	166	96
4334	Ault	39	40	103*	7945	Thornton	270	262	97
6624	Evans	208	188	90	9644	Fort Logan	326	327	100*
12189	Berthoud	23	12	52	TOTAL		1424	1359	95%
TOTAL		1143	1075	94%	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>					<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				
2551	Ft. Morgan	124	0	0	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	79	76	96
3541	Sterling	56	52	93	3571	Delta	54	51	94
4671	Wray	26	23	88	3981	Grnd Jcnctn	43	45	105*
TOTAL		206	75	36%	9221	Cedaredge	53	53	100*
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>					<b>DISTRICT #12</b>				
101	Colo. Spgs.	77	77	100*	4031	Durango	110	102	93
3917	Security	193	172	89	5181	Dove Creek	36	36	100*
4051	Colo. Spgs	234	229	98	5231	Mancos	62	60	97
5221	Calhan	26	26	100*	TOTAL		208	198	95%
6461	Fountain	140	140	100*	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
7829	Monument	68	58	85	3411	Kit Carson	22	19	86
TOTAL		738	702	95%	6612	Hugo	39	38	97
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>					TOTAL		61	57	93%
336	Ordway	72	68	94	15006	At Large	614	695	113%*
2411	LasAnimas	111	109	98	=				
TOTAL		183	177	85% 97%	<b>TOTAL DEPT. 6,130 5,799 95%</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>					<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
899	Alamosa	47	41	87	3411	Kit Carson	22	19	86
4849	La Jara	414	41	100*	6612	Hugo	39	38	97
8121	So Fork	107	102	95	TOTAL		61	57	93%
TOTAL		195	184	94%	<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				

It is time to send in your 2022 Dues!

Be 100% in 2021 - 2022

“You Can Do It”

## Scholarship

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As we welcome 2022 in, may we continue to have more opportunities to help Veterans and their families. Great job for your participation in the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy programs. Please report all that you and your Auxiliary members have done for these scholarship programs. I would like to also encourage you all to keep promoting the Continuing Education Scholarship and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contests. These scholarship contest deadlines are quickly approaching, they are:

### 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](mailto: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

Applications and brochures with more information/ requirements for each contest are available at: [vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships).

For more information or questions about each contest's rules/ regulations, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you all for the hard work and all the volunteering you do to support our Veterans and their families.

So, let's continue  
“Batting for Veterans” as we keep  
“Soaring Above & Beyond”.

Hugs,  
Patsy Gilmore  
Scholarship Chairman

## VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

### Buddy Poppy

Greeting's ladies and gentlemen! We are halfway through our program year, and you are all doing a fantastic job with your Buddy Poppy program. Even though we are still dealing with all the Covid restrictions, I'm glad that you are still diligent in raising money for our various programs and our veterans.

Keep up the good work and remember to be working on the Buddy Poppy/National Home challenge. Build me a home, using any type of material, but you must incorporate 75 or more poppies in your display. If you have a house that you have already built, you may use it, just remember the poppies. I know I said that you couldn't use a house you already used, but I figured that I should let you use what you have started and just enhance it. Let's get those ideas going, and I can't wait to see what you can come up with.

### National Home

Our VFW National Home has a new Executive Director, Michael Wilson. Michael is a retired Army National Guard veteran of Desert Storm and Iraqi

Freedom. His passion is to support and increase awareness of veterans needs within our communities.

Thanks to everyone who donated items this year, the Santa shop was a big success. It is set up in the Auditorium where the children can come and shop for their friends and family. They also enjoyed Santa and Mrs. Claus pay a visit and delivering Christmas gifts door to door with the help of a firetruck from the Department of Michigan. They also hosted the 92 Annual Cootie Christmas Party. Even though it looked a little different this year, the outpouring of love from the Cooties was felt by all.

You can support the National Home by making a monthly donation, becoming a life member, or buying a brick. Just go to [www.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org), scroll to the bottom of the page and follow the links.

See all of you at the next COA in March.

God Bless,  
Patty Rowley-Wilson  
State VFW Auxiliary Buddy Poppy/  
National Home Chairman

## Youth Program

Hello Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers!

Wow! The holidays are over and the year is rushing by way too fast. I hope you all had wonderful family times for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. Now that they are over, time seems to be running short to accomplish all the tasks that we would like to finish.

I do need to apologize up front to all of you for not being on top of my game the last few months. With being displaced, living out of suitcase in a motel, to having family members sick with COVID and battling a kidney stone, life has kinda gotten a little confused and sideways. I do apologize and hope to get back on track.

I do need to send out a HUGE Thank You to all those Auxiliaries that have already reported some amazing activities working with our Youth! Please remember to report everything that you do, even if you are not sure if it qualifies. Keep the momentum going and keep having fun!

But 2022 is a New Year and we have things to accomplish before March!!

February 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to turn in your entries for the **Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award**. If you know a Colorado youth between the ages of 12-15, who shows what it means to exemplify the volunteer spirit, this award is the perfect opportunity for that young individual to be recognized for their hard work. Criteria for this award is as follows; Youth must be recommended by a Colorado VFW Auxiliary member in the form of a recommendation letter which is signed by the President and the Secretary; the youth must provide a handwritten essay of "Why I am a Volunteer;" submit at least one letter of recommendation for each organization that they volunteer with, and volunteer service must have been completed between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. The recipient of this award will be awarded \$200 at the 2022 State Convention.

**The Outstanding Youth Group of the Year Award** is also due February 25<sup>th</sup>. This award is an excellent way to recognize a youth group for all their volunteer efforts. The youth group must be recom-

mended by a Colorado VFW Auxiliary member in the form of a recommendation letter signed by the President and Secretary. There are a few differences in the criteria for youth groups which are outlined in the application. The youth group recipient will be awarded \$300 at the 2022 State Convention.

The youngsters are all back in school and energized. Give them some crayons, colored pencils, paints, markers or magazines and let them explore their imaginations on how they see America. I bet we will be pleasantly surprised with the entries for Illustrating America.

Basketball and volleyball are huge right now and I am hearing some great voices singing the Star Spangled Banner. Convince those young adults to sing into a recorder and enter it in the Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue contest. I know Colorado has some great talent out there!

Currently we are enjoying some nice winter weather, but we all know that there are still going to be a few days that everyone will enjoy curling up on the couch with a blanket and a good book. Promote and support reading among our youth with Patriotism through Literacy. Provide the teachers with the lists of books; ask the teachers if you could join their classroom and read to the kids or do a Zoom meeting and read a book.

Today there are more opportunities in which we will be able to work with our youth by involving them in more projects and helping to build a stronger bond with them. Taking the time to mentor our youth today will create quality leadership skills for them tomorrow.

Remember March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for all of the contests. All entries must be submitted to me as Department Chairman by April 8<sup>th</sup> so they can be judged and sent to National Headquarters by May 5, 2022.

Keep up the good work and remember to REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!! I look forward to seeing you all at COA in March.

Queenie Barz  
Department Youth Activities Chairman

## Americanism

Greetings!

I hope you all had wonderful holidays and are now getting adjusted to writing 2022 on everything. I want to give a big thank you to all the auxiliaries that have reported something under Americanism. We are getting close to the end of our reporting year, so this is the perfect time to make plans for any of the Americanism goals you may not have had time to work on yet. If your auxiliary has not reported, I will be reaching out to the president and Americanism chairman to see if I can help you in any way. Each auxiliary should be reporting under each of the four goals from national.

As a reminder, those four goals for this year are 1) Flag Education (now that the bustle of the holidays is over, this is a great time to go out and get into the schools), 2) POW/MIA recognition (POW MIA day is in September, but that doesn't mean you can't still

do a recognition ceremony), 3) Star Family Recognition (Gold Star Mothers and Families Day is the last Sunday in September, but like POW/MIA, that doesn't mean you can't still do recognition programs, and 4) #Auxiliary Patriotism (post your activities on social media and hashtag Auxiliary Patriotism. Remember to let me know when you've posted something so I can enter you in a drawing for a prize).

I hope to see all of you in March when the Council of Administration meeting will be held in Englewood at Post 9644. Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> will the Parade of Programs where I will do a general review of all the goals again so we can make one last push at meeting them! The Council of Administration meeting will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Loyally,  
Brandi Dolan  
State Americanism Chairman

## Hospital Program

Happy Valentines Day, a.k.a. National Salute To Veteran Patients (aka "National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week"), which will be observed Sunday, February 13 to Saturday, February 19, 2022. The week of February 14 each year is your opportunity to say thank you to a special group of men and women, the more than 9 million Veterans of the U.S. armed services who are cared for in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliaries, and nursing homes as well as any non-VA facility. The purpose of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Program is to: 1 pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans; 2 increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center; 3 encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and to become involved as volunteers. What can we do at this time with the pandemic still having so many restrictions on us? 1. Take or send Valentines Day cards including ones you have made your selves or have other groups help with. 2. a full blown "party" is out, but can still make goody bags or give cupcakes or such. Just make sure to check with the facility that you plan on taking items to, if or what restrictions they might have, first. 3. Do they need games, puzzles or craft items? 4. Can you do visits outside of their windows? or play games like tick-tack-toe or hangman on the windows with them (have dry erase markers for inside and

outside).

We are getting closer to the end of CO's reporting days. Don't forget that The VFW and Auxiliary reporting year now ends on 31 March 2022 and all reports must be received at Department no later than Fri 8 April 2022. Electronically Reporting means you don't have to worry if it got lost in the mail or did it not get delivered until Sat the 9<sup>th</sup> or the next week. Did you report any and all \$\$ donations also and to whom? For those that are using outdated forms, there are several things that have changed on them so please use the newest forms if you are emailing or snail mailing them.

I had asked that you put the Names of your members on the reports that you are sending in, and very few of you have done so. By doing this it gives a CORRECT COUNT of how many Volunteers are doing the work/visiting/etc... If Mary is doing every month and Joe and Susie every so often, then on the report you put 3 this time, 1 on the next, 2 on the next one, it is only a total of 3 volunteers you have, not 6. Yes it means more work for you, but it means a lot more work for me, but it gives the most correct info to National.

Thank You so much for all that you are doing for our Veterans!! Keep up the good work and report it

Rena Cales  
Dept CO Hospital Chairman



### 2021—2022 Veterans Pin Order Form This years Department of Colorado Auxiliary Presidents Special Project:

#### Department of Colorado VFW Service Officers

Post or Auxiliary Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Ship to (Name of a Person) \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Pins x \$3.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total money enclosed

You can pay via check or money order — please do not send cash

Make check payable to **Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary**

Mail Veteran's Pin order to: Stephane Trujillo  
636 S. Ursula Ave.  
Milliken, CO 80543  
(970)396-4197