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Dan West

Assistant Adjutant General
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
National Representative
State Convention - Canon City



Dan West was appointed the Assistant Adjutant General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on Sept. 1, 2021.

Dan served in the United States Marine Corps from 1983 to 1994, serving in Operation Desert Storm.

He joined the VFW in 1996 at Post 3413 in San Marcos, Texas, where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department Levels, culminating with his election as Department Commander in 2015, in which he achieved Triple Crown All-American status.

Dan worked at the Department of Texas VFW for 15 years culmi-

nating the last three years as the State Adjutant/Quartermaster. On the national level, he has served as Vice Chair on the National Military Services and Iraq/Afghanistan Committees, as well as a member of the Military National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, Veterans and Military Support Committee, served as Special Aide-de-Camp, and is a national certified recruiter. He is currently serving on the Council of Administration representing the Department of Texas.

He is a member of the Disabled American Veterans, and the Marine Corps League.

Dan and his wife Beth, reside in Texas.

Carla Martinez

National Junior Vice-President 2021-2022
National Representative
State Convention - Canon City



Carla Martinez of Layton, Utah, was elected National Junior Vice-President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary at its 108th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. She is now in the fourth of five offices leading to the National Presidency, which she is expected to hold in 2023-2024.

A Life Member of Miller-Frazer VFW Auxiliary 8307, she has served the organization in many capacities, including Auxiliary, District and Department President. She also served as Department Chief of Staff in 2017-2018.

On the National level, Carla served as National Certified Recruiter Trainer for the state of Utah from 2016-2018 and as the National Western Conference Chairman for the Scholarships program in 2017-2018.

She joined on the eligibility of her father, Harry Creel, who served in the United States Air Force for 23 years and served in the Vietnam War.

Carla retired from WCF Insurance after twenty-two and a half years of helping individuals who were injured on the job. She is a Lifetime Member of the Military Order of the Cooties, a Lifetime Member of the Fleet Reserve Association and is a Gold Legacy Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). She is retired from the United States Navy and spent thirteen months in Korea.

In her spare time, Carla enjoys volunteering at the VA Hospital, recruiting with her VFW membership team, co-chairing her Auxiliary's Youth Group, setting out crosses for Memorial Day and helping with "Buddy"® Poppy events. Carla and husband Stanley's family includes one adult child, a daughter-in-law and four grandchildren.



Lakewood Police Agent Ashley Ferris (center), received the Lifesaving Award from L-R: Timothy M. Borland, VFW Commander Barbara Green, President VFW Auxiliary Lucille Chavez and VFW Auxiliary National Chaplain Brenda Bryant, at the March Council of Administration Joint Opening.



VFW Department Loyalty Day Parade

May 14, 2022

Penrose Colorado

Join the Department of Colorado VFW, VFW Posts/Auxiliaries & host VFW Post # 2788/Auxiliary for 25th Annual "LOYALTY DAY PARADE" on May 14th 2022.
Lineup 9:45 AM Parade starts at 10:00 AM. See entry form for details

*****PLEASE RSVP BY 6 MAY*****

In Loving Memory

Gloria M. Otwell

Past Department President
2015 - 2016

December 26, 1953 - March 6, 2022

You will be Missed - Rest in Peace



MAY DISTRICT MEETINGS

NO.	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
1	5/21/2022 Saturday	Post No. 1 Denver	10:00 am Election/Installation	Steve Kjonaas
3	5/15/2022 Sunday	Post No. 6624 Evans	12:00 noon Meal 1:00 pm Meeting Election/Installation	Bruce Dolan
4	5/22/2022 Sunday	Post No. 8064 Akron	12:00 noon Memorial Service Meeting to follow Election/Installation	John Keene Ron Boone
10	5/15/2022 Sunday	Post No. 9644 Sheridan	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Joint Mtg Meeting to follow Election/Installation	Tony Archer Cindy Anderson
11	5/07/2022 Saturday	Post No. 3981 Grand Junction	9:30 am Registration 10:30 am Memorial Service 11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow Election/Installation	Barbara Green

Mother's Day is May 08th



Gerri Rimpley

I have been a member of the
Veteran of Foreign Wars of the
United States for over 23 years.
As I finish out my year as your
Sr. Vice Commander, I am looking
for your support to be elected to
the position of
Department of Colorado
Commander
2022 - 2023

Supporting Pets for Vets

TAPS

Post 2788: Monroe G. McCallister, Ronald Bates, Ray Barnett, Edward Henderson
Post 4051: Bernard Byers, Hugh Clum, Herman McElhaney, Gerald Walter, William Weeks, Robert Rickard, A. W. Field
Post 4331: Carol Weedman
Post 4663: Valentine Rupp

**Please make sure ALL 2021 - 2022 Deceased VFW Post members
have been sent in by May 20, 2022. Then they will be listed in the
Joint Memorial Convention Book.
We do not want to leave anyone out.
We have saved all that have been listed in Taps.**

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COLORADO VFW FOUNDATION

From the Board of Directors:

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Our Thanks to you our Members, Family and Friends for your contributions. We are still processing grant applications and helping our members and Colorado's Veterans and their families.

This past year was busy. We are seeing an impact on our Veterans income and the cost-of-living expenses in Colorado. We did apply for the Tobacco Grant fund for the 2022-2023 FY, and we should hear back from Veterans Trust Fund by June 2022. If you know of a veteran in need of assistance please call our office. We try to make the process as painless as possible and as timely as possible.

FY 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2022)

86 Grants Processed- 75 Grants Approved, 11 Grants Declined (incomplete, not in funding guidelines, not eligible). Total Assistance Provided \$66,863.15,

Foundation Funds: \$14,863.15 - 18

Veterans Assisted with Burial, Hotel, Medical, Rent, Utility Vehicle Payment, Vehicle Repair, 7 VA Nursing Homes/ Hospital Donations.

Veterans Trust Fund Grant: \$50,000.00 – 54 Veterans assisted as follows: 32 with Rent/Housing 5 with Vehicle Payment, Storage, Medical Dental, 17 with Vehicle Repair, Vehicle Insurance, Vehicle Registration, Utility and Major Appliance Repair (hot water heater).

Tatar Family Foundation Grant: \$2,000.00 3 Veterans assisted with Vehicle Repair and Rent.

The Grant Application is available on the Department Website. Any eligible Veteran in need of emergency assistance across the State of Colorado can apply for a one time Grant of up to \$500.

As always we are asking for donations. Please make your checks payable to Colorado VFW Foundation and mail to 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214.

Thank you for all you do and continue to do.

Thank You for Supporting
the
Colorado VFW Foundation

**Chaplain Column
Kevin Reinhold**



Brothers and Sisters,
I want to thank everyone for their support to our veterans. We still need to grow our organization and the veterans that are need-

ed are the 9-11 veterans. I know everyone wants to tell how great your post is and that may be true, but this generation of veterans really wants to know what we can do for them. So while you are talking about your post let them know the bigger picture of the VFW. What National does for our veterans. As you get them involved have them go to the National web page and see what we do.

Psalm 23, a Psalm of David has been on my mind for weeks now. Many have turned to the 23rd Psalm as a source of comfort. The Psalmist speaks of the comfort and security of the child of God. David spoke of his relationship with God as being like that of a sheep, who is comforted, guided, and protected by a faithful shepherd. He acknowledged that every blessing he experienced was the re-

sult of the leading of his shepherd.

Recently I was asked to be part of the Armed Services Ministry, Advisory Council. They support our veterans and Chaplains through their ministry providing Bibles and other materials for veterans and family members. The latest is Year of the Military Bible Challenge. I will have these books at the convention. MilitaryBibleChallenge.net

I know there are a lot of hurting, grieving people in our organization. There is another Ministry called GriefShare. I am the GriefShare Director at our church. This ministry will help you through your time of grief. Griefshare.org

We will continue to pray for each of you. If you have a prayer request please email me so we can truly pray for you.

I will be running for State Chaplain this year and look forward to your support. May God richly Bless you and keep you in His comfort.

Kevin Reinhold
Department Chaplain

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,
1400 CARR STREET, LAKEWOOD, CO 80214

EDITOR

Commander's Column Barbara Green



Where do I start? This is my final Colorado Veteran article and I need to thank a lot of people. Special thanks to my friend and occasional roommate, Lucille Chavez.

Thanks also to my other auxiliary friends Ron Boone and Patsy Gilmore. The list is long for my VFW member thank yous – Chief of Staff, Tony Archer, Staff Judge Advocate Kirk Rosa, Legislative Chair Steve Kjonaas, Quartermaster/Adjutant Bruce Dolan along with Ann and Rita, John Holland and Len Ladue

to mention a few. Others who helped me this year include Eric Hutchins, Dave Stone and Bob Kidd.

Congratulations to the posts who have achieved 100% plus one in membership or higher – There is still time for more Posts to join this elite club.

Finally, good luck to next year's line officers. I had a great year and I hope yours is the same.

Sincerely
Barbara Green
Department Commander



Sr. Vice Column Geraldine Rimpley



Happy Spring! I have to talk about the upcoming Loyalty Day celebration that should be occurring at each post. Not sure what is all about? I don't blame

you because I didn't know the details because it all occurred before I was even born! Let me start by giving you the history behind it:

Loyalty Day originally began as "Americanism Day" in 1921 as a counter to the Communists' May 1 celebration of the Russian Revolution. On May 1 1930, over 10,000 VFW members staged a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day. In 1958 Congress enacted Public Law 529 proclaiming Loyalty Day a permanent fixture on the Nation's calendar.

Given what is happening in the Ukraine and previous worldwide incidents of this nature, I believe it is now more important than ever to celebrate our patriotism and encourage our neighbors to join us. There are differences of opinions out there regarding our government but I hope we can all agree on this point, this land has provided us a lot of freedoms not found elsewhere in the world. Our forefathers provided us those freedoms and I think it is time we show them respect by celebrating our loyalty to this country and them. It doesn't have to be held on 1 May as the Penrose VFW is holding a parade and free lunch for

all afterwards on 14 May. And it doesn't matter what the activity is but please do something to reinvigorate this tradition and invite your community to join you.

Want to make some money?? Have you taken advantage of the new Membership Rebate Program? Rebates are going to be provided to posts that sign up new members in the following categories:

New to VFW Life Member and/or any reinstated Annual to Life Member with full Life Member payment=\$30
New to VFW Life Member and/or any reinstated Annual to Life Member with Life Member Installment=\$20
New to VFW Annual member=\$20
Reinstated Annual Member=\$10 (The dues for these members must have expired for at least two years and one day)

I anticipate the next few months will rush by as I prepare to campaign for office. I have been learning the roles and responsibilities that come with the position since my mentors, Don Smith (PDC) and Ron Davies (PDC) encouraged me to pursue the job. As I did as a CSM, I believe it is also my responsibility to coach, teach and mentor upcoming members also desiring to achieve that same goal. I hope I can count on your vote to elect me as the next Dept. Cdr. My hopes are that it will be a year full of fun while learning how to make each post more successful than ever.

See you at the State Convention, 8-11 June in Canon City.

Geraldine Rimpley
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Surgeon Column Christopher Linski



WOW! The fraternal year is almost over. However, this is an important time to remember that our work is not done for the year. There are many

ways to continue to give back to our ill, wounded, and aged veteran population. One of the easiest ways is to simply visit! The weather is getting nice and more outdoor activities are available. Get out and participate in activities with those veterans that need it most. Of course, do

not forget the families of those in need. We can make a positive impact today, tomorrow, and every day. Work with your Posts, Auxiliaries, Districts...and even Pup Tents...to coordinate activities with your local nursing homes, Community Living Centers, hospitals, and any other location where veterans need your support. Thank you for all you do to support our veterans and their families!

Yours in Comradeship,
Christopher Linski, D.Mgt.
Department Surgeon

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings, I hope this finds everyone well.

AUDITS, AUDITS,
AUDITS!!!!!!!

I'm findings a few things starting to creep into more and more Quarterly Audits.

Sections 219 of the By-Laws states "A relief fund WILL be established and maintained by the Posts." There is no set dollar amount. The By-Laws state only that there WILL be a relief fund. This has not changed in many, many years. Yet, so far this quarter there were close to 10 Posts with no relief fund. The funds in this account come from distribution of Buddy Poppies, "...and other such monies as may be solicited or donated for veterans relief purposes." Section 219 of the Manual of Procedure explains what the Relief Fund can be used for, and believe me, it's very broad. If you have any questions, please call Department and we will be glad to help.

On the National web site there is a ton of training material for different officers. If you log in to the web site, go to My-VFW. To the right is a tab labeled VFW

Training. Go to this tab and you will find another tab labeled Member and Officer Training. If you go there, there is a fairly large selection of training material. Scroll through and pick out what you want to know about.

Just a couple of reminders about Audits in general. The amounts you have in column 13 (Net Cash Balances at-end of Quarter) is what you start with on your next Quarterly Audit. (Column 10). Also, you total in Column 13, Row 14, should match the total Cash and Investments in box 17 (Reconciliation of Cash and Investments).

It has been great serving with this year's line officers and look forward to the coming year.

Also, I would like to point out how pleasant it is to work with Ann and Rita. They want me to let everyone know we welcome visitors in the office anytime, and don't forget Twizzlers, 28 ounce packages of Kroger Gummi Bears, Starbursts, and white chocolate. Just Sayin.

Bruce Dolan
Department Adj/Quartermaster

Jr. Vice Column John Keene



Greetings Comrades.

As we wrap up the VFW year, I want to remind all Posts to review the criteria for the #StillServing grants and if you qualify to

submit the appropriate application. The #StillServing grants provide up to \$3500 to every Post AND every Auxiliary and are broken down into three categories: Community Support (\$1000), Corporate Partnership (\$1500), and Community Volunteerism (\$1000). Additionally, Posts can team up on events to increase their impact.

Community Support grants can involve community outreach, act as a passthrough or, under certain circumstances, be used for building upgrades or repairs. For example, a couple of years ago the Department of Kentucky ran a program where they provided toys to children whose parents had passed. In Missouri last year, the Department ran a program where ruck sacks were filled with hygiene items and then donated to homeless individuals.

Corporate Partnership grants offer the most funds but, as the name implies, must include a one of the National corporate partners (Humana, Walgreens, Ace, Sport Clips, or Burger King). If you

teamed up with one of these partners for a community service project, you could offset some of the costs with this grant. In Tennessee this year, they are having a funding raising event with Humana where they are attempting to create the world's largest toilet paper pyramid. Proceeds and the toilet paper will be donated to homeless shelters and veteran homes after the event.

The Community Volunteerism grant is a way to turn your community, hospital, and Americanism reports into grant money. This is an unrestricted grant based on the time spent on service projects that involve other community service organizations (YMCA, scouts, Team Rubicon, etc). Volunteering at the VA hospital counts too. Every hour equals \$1, with a minimum of 500 hours to qualify and a maximum award of \$1000.

All grant application can be found on the National website and submitted online, but I am available if you need help too. I'd also love to hear about some of the events you have put on in order to secure your own grants. I can be reached at john@vfwpost1.org or at 303-547-7578.

Semper Fi,
John Keene
Department Jr. Vice Commander

Carol J. Thomas Candidate for State Jr. Vice Commander 2022-2023

M.O.C. Grand Commander 2021-2022
State Color Guard 2019-2022
District 4 Commander 2018-2022
Fort Morgan 2551 Post Commander 2015-2022
All American District Commander 2019-2020
All American Post Commander 2019-2020
All State Post Commander 2017-2018
National Aide-de-Camp 2017-2018
GWOT-Expeditionary

"Restoring Veterans to the Forefront"
Thank You for your Support



**DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
1400 CARR STREET
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO 80214**

General Orders No. 4

May 1, 2022 Series 2021-2022

1. 102nd DEPARTMENT CONVENTION will be held, Royal Gorge VFW #4061, 315 N Cottonwood, Canon City, CO., June 8th through 11th, hosted by VFW #4061, Canon City, CO. The Council of Administration will meet at 6:00 pm, June 8th. All Council Members are requested to attend!! Uniform for the Convention will be: Council of Administration - casual; Joint Opening - Blues & Greys; Business Sessions - Black & White; Joint Memorial - Dark Suit or Blues & Greys.

2. POST QUARTERMasters: Request the assistance of your members in completing the list of deceased members form and return to Department Headquarters no later than May 20, 2022.

3. DISTRICT COMMANDERS must attend Council of Administration meeting June 8th at State Convention in Canon City, CO. You must also be present at ALL Business Sessions to receive your full travel expense check plus per diem for your motel room.

4. POST ELECTION REPORTS: It is the responsibility of the membership to insist that the responsible officer reports the elections of officers to Department immediately after the election is completed. If not sent to Department Headquarters by June 1, 2022, your Post will not be allowed to vote at State Convention.

Section 213 – Arrearages, Deficiencies and Omissions states: Any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to District, Department or National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster

properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

5. POST AND DISTRICT ELECTION REPORTS: If not sent to Department by July 1, 2022 your officers will be omitted from the Department Roster. No exceptions.

6. POSTS SHOULD ARRANGE SPECIAL CEREMONIES and all Commanders shall alert comrades to their obligations for appropriate commemoration of the following outstanding action dates in U.S. History: May 8th, VE Day; June 6th, D Day; June 14th, Flag Day. It is requested that all Posts and their members honor Memorial Day on May 31st.

7. DELEGATE FEE NOTICES are being sent to each Post Quartermaster. Fee must be paid to Department Headquarters prior to State Convention or your vote will not be accepted. Post Commander Delegate Card will be mailed to the Post Commander.

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ Bruce R. Dolan
Bruce R. Dolan
State Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:
/s/ Barbara Green
Barbara Green
State Commander

Honor Bell Foundation

The Honor Bell Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit founded in 2014 and began operating in 2016 at the Ft Logan National Cemetery.

Our primary mission is to honor Colorado veterans as they are being laid to rest and to do so in a manner that leaves their families and loved ones with a lasting sense of pride and patriotism.

We do this by using a very special instrument, the honor bell. The honor bell is 1,000 pounds of bronze that is tolled by veterans at each service we attend, providing these veterans with a resounding final salute. The honor bell is very special in that artifacts from a dozen deceased Colorado veterans from World War Two to Iraq and Afghanistan, were added to the bell as it was cast, making the honor bell truly forged from honor.

The honor bell is tolled by the Bell Guard. These veteran volunteers are with the bell every day, regardless of weather, Monday through Friday, fifty-two weeks a year at Ft. Logan, they are also with the bell during the many public events and ceremonies we attend.

As of Spring, 2022, we have had the privilege of honoring more than 4,500 Colorado veterans.

You can reach out directly to Executive Director Chris Boyer, USMC at (303) 241-9980, chris.boyer@honorbell.org or find us at honorbell.org, on Face Book, Your Tube, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.



L-R: State President Lucille Chavez, Executive Director Chris Boyer, State Commander Barbara Green. Honor Bell Guard in the back row with the Honor Bell.



L-R: Honor Bell Guard member, State President Lucille Chavez, Executive Director Chris Boyer, Honor Bell, State Commander Barbara Green. Honor Bell Guard member.

State Convention Buddy Poppy Display Contest

A Buddy Poppy Display Contest will again be held in connection with the State Convention. Rules have been designed to put emphasis on the purpose and effectiveness of the displays.

BUDDY POPPY ROOM WILL BE AT THE QUALITY INN HOTEL CANON CITY

rules

(1). Displays will be presented and judged in three categories:

CATEGORY 1: Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign.

(Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.)

(a). Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW Buddy Poppy

(b). At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 2: Memorial or Inspirational Displays

(Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes)

(a). Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy.

(b). At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 3: Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies

(Post Home displays, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)

(a). Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3.

(b). At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

The State Buddy Poppy Committee shall have NO responsibility in setting up, taking down, or returning displays. Displays may be entered and set up at any time from 7:30 a.m. Thursday June 09.

Displays shall be set up in space provided in the Convention exhibit or meeting

halls. At the time the display is set up, the responsible person must complete an entry form which will show the category of competition, the number of Poppies used, the purpose of the display, the use to which it has been put and plans for future use, the Post and/or Auxiliary number and location, and the name of the person who will dismantle and remove the display at the close of the Convention.

Displays may be accompanied by a white card, not to exceed 4 inches by 6 inches in size, on which is lettered in black ink an explanation of the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewer or the judges. Post name, number or location may not be visible on display entries; failure to comply will result in disqualification.

judging

Judging of displays will be on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of Poppies used. Where a sample of a large number of identical items (such as corsages or wreaths) is entered, full credit shall be given for the total number of Poppies used.

prizes

Plaques will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each of the three categories. Plaques will be awarded at the Military Banquet when the winners are announced.

First Place Winners in each Category

First Place winners in each category will be eligible to be taken to National Convention and be entered in their respective category. Entry forms must be signed by the Department Adjutant. If someone from your Post or Auxiliary is not taking the entry to National Convention, you must designate someone to be responsible to set up and take down the display at National Convention.

SPECIAL NOTE: Departments purchasing over 250,000 Poppies will be allowed two displays in each of the three categories for the National Display Contest. All others will be allowed one display in each of the three categories.

**Canon City
100th Anniversary**

L-R: Tim Grabin, VFW Post 4061 and the Greenwood Guards; Rick Ulrich, Greenwood Guards; Ed Williamson, VFW Post 4061



VFW Post Membership by District as of April 28, 2022

Number/ City	2021	2022	%	Number/City	2021	2022	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	945	955	101*	859 Leadville	32	32	100*
501 Denver	280	270	96	1166 Buena Vista	125	123	98
2461 Denver	113	117	104*	3820 Salida	71	68	96
5061 Denver	255	250	98	8661 Bailey	118	117	99
TOTAL	1593	1592	99.9%	10721 Minturn	138	109	79
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
2788 Penrose	97	94	97	11411 Lake George	40	41	103*
3641 Pueblo	103	96	93	12009 Conifer	119	113	95
4061 Canon City	263	246	94	TOTAL	643	603	94%
5812 Pueblo West	201	209	104*	DISTRICT #10			
7305 Colo. City	45	48	107*	322 Englewood	104	105	101*
8898 Boone	40	36	90	3471 Morrison	67	69	103*
12063 Westcliffe	48	50	104*	3631 Aurora	293	286	98
TOTAL	797	779	98%	4171 Golden	410	373	91
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	295	284	96	4266 Parker	74	71	96
807 Boulder	39	33	85	4331 Arvada	257	240	93
1771 Lafayette	246	239	97	4444 Cmmrc Cty	165	170	103*
1781 Ft. Collins	309	300	97	4666 Littleton	117	117	100*
2121 Greeley	186	160	86	7563 Black Hawk	28	25	89
2585 Johnstown	185	169	91	7945 Thornton	312	305	98
2601 Longmont	320	290	91	8449 Bennett	52	47	90
4334 Ault	64	74	116*	9644 Fort Logan	403	418	104*
6624 Evans	229	210	92	TOTAL	2282	2226	98%
9565 Broomfield	107	98	92	DISTRICT #12			
12174 Brighton	33	33	100*	4031 Durango	221	225	102*
12189 Berthoud	40	38	95	4181 Dove Creek	46	45	98
TOTAL	2053	1928	94%	5231 Mancos	143	159	111*
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	166	156	94	3411 Kit Carson	19	19	100*
3378 Yuma	57	55	96	6491 Burlington	59	59	100*
3541 Sterling	90	87	97	6612 Hugo	31	29	94
3551 Brush	33	36	109*	9700 Chynn Wlls	24	22	92
3961 Otis	14	14	100*	TOTAL	133	129	97%
4671 Wray	52	50	96	15006 MAL	2787	2604	93%
6482 Holyoke	42	42	100*	TOTAL DEPT	15071	14474	96%
7153 Fleming	18	16	89	2022 dues are now DUE			
8064 Akron	44	41	93	Be 100% +1 in 2021-2022			
TOTAL	516	497	96%	DISTRICT #5			
DISTRICT #6				DISTRICT #7			
336 Ordway	81	79	98	899 Alamosa	85	77	91
2411 LasAnimas	71	69	97	4849 La Jara	44	46	105*
4001 Springfield	32	31	97	6101 San Luis	55	53	96
4281 Holly	23	20	87	8121 Del Norte	39	41	105*
TOTAL	207	199	96%	TOTAL	223	217	97%



Yuma High School students, Bryton Goldenstein (left) and Mallely Valenzuela (right) are the Student Citizenship award winners for Fall Semester 2021. Yuma Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3378 is proud to partner with Yuma High School to present a small monetary award designed to recognize students that display exemplary citizenship. Goldenstein and Valenzuela were selected during the December Post 3378 VFW meeting from among other nominations submitted by Yuma High School teachers and counselors. The award is presented once each semester, to worthy candidates. Goldenstein and Valenzuela are pictured above receiving their certificates from VFW Post 3378 Commander Adam Beauprez and Student Citizenship Committee Chairman, Travis Rogers.



Las Animas honored their Vietnam veterans by celebrating the 5th Anniversary of Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29th. The Las Animas Avenue of Flags was proudly displayed, and the VFW Auxiliary hosted a coffee for all veterans at Las Animas VFW Post #2411. The Auxiliary served coffee, donuts, and home-made goodies. Pam Valdez kicked the event off by presenting 11 Vietnam veterans their 50th Anniversary, "Welcome Home," commemoration pins. Pam explained the purpose of this meeting was to address the possible loss of the Lamar and La Junta VA Clinics recently announced by the Veterans Administration. She invited those that had information to discuss and help with a plan to keep the clinics. Commissioners Kim MacDonnell and Chuck Netherton; Veterans Service Officer Rick Ward; District American Legion Commander Thomas Florez; and many others voiced concerns and made suggestions. One of the ideas was to have a practitioner in the Arkansas Valley treat veterans, and then have them make telehealth calls to large cities. God bless our veterans and GOD BLESS AMERICA!!



**"Always Working
for
Colorado Veterans"**

**Re-Elect Bruce Dolan
State Quartermaster 2022-2023**

**Joseph J Jacques Jr. VFW Post 7945
Gold Legacy Life Member**

- Bruce has served as**
- Department Quartermaster 2013-2022**
- Department Commander 2012-2013**
- Department Sr Vice Commander 2011-2012**
- Department Jr Vice Commander 2010-2011**
- Department Surgeon 2009-2010**
- National Council Member 2016-2020**

**All American Department Commander 2013
All American Department Quartermaster 2019-2021
Vietnam Veteran**



Department of Colorado VFW State Convention Golf Tournament



Sumo Golf Course

5201 Gary Player Drive, Florence, CO 81226
Phone: 719-784-4653

June 8, 2022 Morning Shotgun 7:30 AM

\$60.00 per entry • \$240 per team of 4

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION June 5, 2022

Check in at Sumo Golf Course- Morning Shotgun 0730 (7:30 AM). 4-person scramble- \$60.00 per person. Cost includes Course and Carts. Rules and Score Cards will be provided at Check in.
Best Ball Scramble- Men tee off from white tees women and players over 75 from red tees. Play best ball and proceed until hole is complete. Record one Score. Mulligans may be used on any shot that is not a Prize Shot. Team prizes will be awarded. Rules will be on the carts.
Green fees and carts,
Lunch at Royal Gorge VFW Post 4061.

	NAME	Address	Phone
1			
2			
3			
4			

Make all checks payable to: Royal Gorge VFW Post 4061
Memo Line: Golf Registration

DO NOT COMBINE PAYMENT WITH OTHER CONVENTION FEES

Registration form and payment must be received by June 5, 2022

Mail Checks & Registration form to: TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
Royal Gorge VFW Post 4061
Attn: Convention Golf Registration
215 N Cottonwood, Canon City, CO 81212

Questions Contact: Josh Caverzagie Email: vfw4061@gmail.com Phone: 719-275-9886

(Limited to 56 players- registrations accepted in order received, Individual registrants will be teamed up)

VFW Convention Pre-Registration – June 9th thru 11th, 2022

VFW Department of Colorado 102nd Convention

Host: Royal Gorge VFW Post 4061 & VFW Auxiliary



PLEASE PRINT

VFW Member Name _____ Post # _____

Address _____

2021-2022 VFW Officer Title _____

Pre-registration Fee \$25.00- must be Paid by 5/13/2022, (Registration at the Door \$30.00)

Mail to: Royal Gorge VFW Post 4061 • 215 N Cottonwood, Canon City, CO 81212

(June 8th Arrival & Check in)

Pre- Registration Fee \$ _____

Military Banquet Friday 6/10/2022 \$35.00, RSVP and Payment must be received by 5/13/2022
(Not available for purchase at the door must be Reserved and Paid) *Seating Capacity 200

CONVENTION HOTEL

Quality Inn & Suites: 719-275-8676
3075 E US 50, Canon City, CO
Cut Off Date May 8, 2022
Ask for "VFW" Rate (\$120+Tax)
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

	# Tickets		
Beef	_____ x \$35.00	=	\$ _____
Chicken	_____ x \$35.00	=	\$ _____
Special Diet /Allergy: ATTACH NOTE FOR POST			
	TOTAL \$		<input type="text"/>



VFW Auxiliary Convention Pre-Registration – June 9th thru 11th, 2022

VFW Department of Colorado 102nd Convention

Host: Royal Gorge VFW Post 4061 & VFW Auxiliary

PLEASE PRINT

AUX. Member Name _____ Post # _____

Address _____

2021-2022 Aux. Officer Title _____

Pre-registration Fee \$25.00- must be Paid by 5/13/2022, (Registration at the Door \$30.00)

Mail to: Royal Gorge VFW Post 4061 • 215 N Cottonwood, Canon City, CO 81212

(June 8th Arrival & Check in)

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

Wednesday June 08

7:30 am	Golf Tournament	Sumo Golf Course
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Lunch open to everyone	VFW Post #4061
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Service Office Claims	VFW Post #4061
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	VFW Registration	VFW Post #4061
6:00 pm	VFW Council of Administration	Quality Inn & Suites

Thursday June 09

7:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast open to everyone	VFW Post #4061
7:00 am - 9:00 am	VFW Registration	VFW Post #4061
8:30 am - 11:00 am	Joint Opening Session	Quality Inn & Suites
12:00 noon	Dept Commanders Luncheon	VFW Post #4061
	(by invitation only) OR Lunch on your own	
1:30 pm	General Resolutions	Quality Inn & Suites
1:30 pm	Service/Rehab Resolutions	Quality Inn & Suites
1:30 pm	Time & Place Committee	VFW Post #4061
1:30 pm	Warriors Meeting	VFW Post #4061
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	VFW Registration	VFW Post #4061
4:30 pm	Joint Memorial Service	Grandview Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Past Commanders Banquet	VFW Post #4061
?? pm - close	Entertainment open to everyone	VFW Post #4061

Friday June 10

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast open to everyone	VFW Post #4061
7:00 am - 9:00 am	VFW Registration	VFW Post #4061
8:30 am - 11:30 pm	VFW Business Session	VFW Post #4061
12:00 pm	Patriotic Rally & Lunch	VFW Post #4061
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	VFW Business Session (Election of Officers)	VFW Post #4061
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Military Banquet	VFW Post #4061
?? pm - close	Entertainment open to everyone	VFW Post #4061

Saturday June 11

10:00 am	Installation Practice	Quality Inn & Suites
	Lunch on your own	
2:00 pm	Joint Installation of Officers	Quality Inn & Suites
3:30 pm	State Commander/President Reception	VFW Post #4061

**BUDDY POPPY / SCRAPBOOK ROOM - QUALITY INN & SUITES
AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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

Wednesday, June 08

7:30 am	Golf Tournament	Sumo Golf Course
10:00 am	Auxiliary Dept. Audit	Quality Inn & Suites
11:00 am	Auxiliary Dept. Staff Meeting	Quality Inn & Suites
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Lunch open to everyone	VFW Post #4061
2:00 - 3:30 pm	Auxiliary Floor Team Practice	Quality Inn & Suites
4:00 - 6:00 pm	Auxiliary Registration	Quality Inn & Suites
6:00 pm	Auxiliary Council of Administration	Quality Inn & Suites

Thursday, June 09

7:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast open to everyone	VFW Post #4061
7:00 - 9:00 am	Auxiliary Registration	Quality Inn & Suites
8:30 - 11:00 am	Joint Opening Session	Quality Inn & Suites
11:30 am	Auxiliary Dept. Thank You Luncheon (by invitation only)	TBA
	OR Lunch on your own	
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Auxiliary Registration	Quality Inn & Suites
1:00 - 3:30 pm	Auxiliary Business Session	Quality Inn & Suites
4:30 pm	Joint Memorial Service	Grandview Church
6:00 pm	Past Dept. President Dinner (by invitation)	TBA
?? pm - close	Entertainment open to everyone	VFW Post #4061

Friday, June 10

7:00 - 8:00 am	Past District Presidents Club Breakfast	IHOP
7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast open to everyone	VFW Post #4061
7:00 - 9:00 am	Auxiliary Registration	VFW Post #4061
8:30 - 12:00 am	Auxiliary Business Session	Quality Inn & Suites
12:00 pm	Patriotic Rally & Lunch	VFW Post #4061
1:30 - 4:00 pm	Auxiliary Business Session (Election of Officers)	Quality Inn & Suites
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Military Banquet	VFW Post #4061
?? pm - close	Entertainment open to everyone	VFW Post #4061

Saturday, June 11

8:00 am	Past Auxiliary Presidents Club Breakfast	IHOP
10:00 am	Installation Practice	Quality Inn & Suites
	Lunch on your own	
2:00 pm	Joint Installation of Officers	Quality Inn & Suites
6:30 pm	Commander/President reception	VFW Post #4061

**BUDDY POPPY / SCRAPBOOK/ PATRIOTIC ART - QUALITY INN & SUITES
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President's Column Lucille Chavez



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Where did the year go? I cannot believe how fast it has gone by. I feel like just last week I was installed

as the VFW Department of Colorado Auxiliary President, but we know that's not true!

I want to thank each Auxiliary for their Donation to my Presidents Special Project "The VFW Service Office". With your donations, this helps our Veterans get the free service that they need for their paperwork, or anything that the Service Office can help them with. The Service Office offers so much to our Veterans, and I am glad that I picked this to be my Special Project. Thank you all.

Though it has been a very busy year, I have seen so many Auxiliaries do amazing things for our Veterans and Community. I have visited many Auxiliaries that I have never been to, and I loved each minute being with you. I now know how busy each one of you and your Auxiliary have worked. Though I couldn't visit each Auxiliary in the state, I know that all the Auxiliary's are doing a great job.

To everyone who has supported me, I thank you for having my back, explaining all to me when I have asked (whether it being a phone call, text, or email) and for always being here for me. I cannot name all here in this article, as Department HQ would probably not LIKE having to many pages from me.

To my Line Officers, thank you for your dedication and for always standing

with me. When my daughter passed in September, you all stepped up for me and did what was to be done without my asking. I think, you all told me "Not to worry, that you all would do what needed to be done". Again, thank you, you are the best!

As my year ends very soon in June, I hope that everyone knows how much I appreciate you and for your understanding on some of our Visits and especially thank you for your Hospitality for each visit myself and our Line Officers went to. You all did a fabulous job, and hope that this coming year, you will do even greater things ahead.

Thank you Post and Auxiliary 4061 Canon City, for hosting our Convention this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Convention in Canon City on June 8-11th. We will have a wonderful time and can't wait to meet my old friends and meet my new friends.

DO NOT forget our Rockies Game on May 18th, it will be so much fun and to see all our members and guests there will be a truly blessing. If you haven't purchased your \$20 tickets go to Rockies.com/aux to purchase them there. Where we will sit will be Awesome. Hope to see you there!!

Once again, thank you, thank you for a wonderful year I have had, and I will always treasure all my memories of this past year. So, this is not a goodbye, but this is a See you later article! Take care and God Bless you.

With Loyalty,
Lucille Chavez
VFW Dept of Colorado
Auxiliary President



Historian and Social Media

I hope this last little bit of news finds you all doing well.

Thank you to all the Auxiliaries who created their own individual social page this year – whether it was on Facebook, Instagram, or other social media sites. Also, thank you to the Auxiliaries who kept their social media sites going throughout the year.

As a reminder – if our lovely Department President visited your Post, Auxiliary or District for an event, function, or meeting and you have pictures of such occasions – please email them to me. As you know, I'm working on some-

thing for her.

If you need a copy of the National citation, please message me.

If you have any questions regarding Historian or Social Media program, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am happy to help any Auxiliary be successful in the social media program, as well as all the Auxiliary programs.

Keep posting, keep liking or loving posts, keep commenting, and keep sharing!!

Until next time
Stephane Trujillo

**Pueblo West Auxiliary
to
Post 5812 and District 2
Proudly Endorse
Phil Reinbold
For the Office of Department
Auxiliary Sr. Vice President
2022-2023**



Pueblo West VFW Post and Auxiliary #5812 and District #2 proudly support Phil Reinbold for Department of CO Sr. Vice President. He is a Life Member and has held a wide range of Auxiliary, District and Department Offices. Phil helped charter the Pueblo West Men's Auxiliary and served as Quartermaster for 5 years. He serves on the POW/MIA Ceremony Team at Auxiliary 5812 and is a Department of CO Color Guard. Phil served as Department Auxiliary Hospital Chairman for 3 years and received the Western Division National Hospital 1st Place Award. Presently, he serves as Department Jr. Vice and District 2 Auxiliary President. Previously, he served as Department Auxiliary Chaplain and Programs Chair.

Phil has received the Salute to Service Award and a National Award as Department Hospital Chair. He has been active in developing and presenting a Suicide Prevention and Awareness program at the state and local levels. This presentation has been now expanded to include the VFW, the American Legion, and the Disabled American Veterans.

Phil is a committed and energetic member, takes on multiple tasks, and is committed to supporting the Auxiliary, veterans, and their families. We believe that he will continue to serve the Department of Colorado in a dedicated and conscientious manner, and respectfully ask for your vote and support at the Department Convention in June.

Respectfully,
Danny Daffron,
President VFW Auxiliary #5812

Toni Liebnow
Sr. Vice President District #2

**Mount Blanca VFW Auxiliary 899
proudly endorses
Nadia Flores
for
The Office Of Department
VFW Auxiliary Jr Vice President
2022 - 2023**



We, the members of Mount Blanca VFW Post 899 Auxiliary, are proud to endorse one of our most cherished members, Nadia Flores, for the office of Department Junior Vice. Nadia Flores has been a life member of VFW Post #899 Auxiliary since 2012. She joined under the eligibility of her father, Christopher M. Martinez, who served in the Marine Corps 3rd Tank Battalion.

Nadia has been active since becoming a member serving at the Auxiliary, District and Department levels. She has served as Auxiliary President, District 7 Junior Vice, District 7 President, District Sr Vice, District Secretary/Treasurer, Department Color Bearer #1, and Department Legislative Chairman. Nadia is committed to helping our veterans and their families and she never hesitates to volunteer for VFW, Auxiliary, and community activities and events. She is willing to share any information she gains, give encouragement, and is committed to fairness.

Nadia continually learns and grows in her duties with the Auxiliary, striving to help members of her local Auxiliary and District 7, to learn and grow as members and servants to our veterans. Nadia surrounds herself with well organized, dedicated, and helpful individuals to help her to honor and serve our veterans. We respectfully ask you to join us in supporting Nadia at the Colorado Convention with your vote.

Sincerely,
Rowena Martinez
VFW 899 Auxiliary Treasurer

Have you made your reservations for State Convention in Canon City

Hope to see Everyone in June



**Heidi Bishop
for
Department
VFW Auxiliary Chaplain
2022 - 2023**

Hello, I am Heidi Bishop and would like to be the Department Chaplain for the 2022-2023 year, I currently am a member of Cheyenne Mountain VFW Auxiliary 3917 in Security. I have been Co-Captain of the State Color Guard for the last 6 years. I have been VFW Auxiliary Chaplain for 3 years and Secretary/Treasurer, District Guard, Chaplain and Jr. Vice, and Department Asst. Guard, Guard and Color Bearer. I enjoy Bingo, reading and spending time with my family, I am hoping that you vote for me as your incoming Department Chaplain at State Convention in Canon City.



VFW Department President Lucille Chavez and Department Commander Barbara Green and the Honor Bell that rings for Colorado Veterans at Ft Logan National Cemetery. Read the story about the Honor Bell on Page 5 of this Colorado Veteran.



Department President Lucille Chavez (center) with all the Volunteers at Pueblo Annual Veteran's Standown, VFW Post 3641. Volunteers gave free haircuts, fed meals, gave out goodies to take with them and clothing and much more.



The VFW #2411 Post and Auxiliary hosted a Freedom Cruise and a Flag Retirement Ceremony for the community at Fort Lyon Colorado Homeless Coalition. The Fort Lyon veterans extended an invitation to the community to hold the ceremony there. It was a beautiful day, although a bit breezy, Doug and Missy Ricken led a Freedom Cruise from the VFW Post in Las Animas to Fort Lyon Coalition west parking lot. It was quite moving to see all the service flags, the POW/MIA flag, and the USA flag flying proudly around the bed of the Ricken's old Dairy Truck. We saluted and placed our hands over our heart while 50 Flags were retired.

**Pat Cooper
for**

**Department
VFW Auxiliary Guard
2022-2023**



I am a candidate for Department VFW Auxiliary Guard for the 2022-2023 year. I currently am a member of Cheyenne Mountain VFW Auxiliary in Security. I have been on the State Color Guard for the last 5 years. I also have been VFW Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer and President, District Guard and President, Department Flag Bearer and Color Bearer. I enjoy spending time with my family and Great Grandchildren and playing Bingo. I hope that you will vote for me as your Incoming Department Guard at State Convention in Canon City.



VFW Department President Lucille Chavez, Executive Director Chris Boyer, USMC and Department Commander Barbara Green in front of the Honor Bell at Ft Logan National Cemetery. The Bell tolls the final salute for deceased Veterans.



L-R: Department President Lucille Chavez, VFW 3641 Auxiliary President Shelley Gauna, VFW Auxiliary member (and Grandson) Robert Drake and VFW 3641 Post Commander Fred Gauna.



Jess Garcia, Commander, VFW, welcomed everyone, and the colors were posted by the VFW Post 2411 Honor Guard. Pat Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance, and offered a prayer. Pam Valdez, Past Auxiliary District President, recited the "Flag Folding Script" and the Fort Lyon veterans and community members were reminded of the proper way to fold a flag and what it means. VFW Auxiliary President Kathleen Tomlin, reminded everyone that, "No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the USA; when it is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, and should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Steve Bourne managed the fire, and the entire ceremony was very memorable and respectful. Thanks to the 25 people or so that took time to attend and help respect our flags.

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

GENERAL ORDERS #4

May 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. Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary Convention will be held in Canon City Colorado at the Quality Inn 3075 E US Hwy 50, Canon City, CO 81212 on June 08 through 11, 2022. All business sessions will be held at the Quality Inn. Uniform of the day for Wednesday night Council meeting will be comfortable casual. Thursday Joint Opening and Business Session uniform will be the official blue shirt, black skirt or slacks and black shoes. Friday business sessions will be patriotic red, white, and blue tops with blue or black slacks and black shoes or you may wear a baseball jersey. This applies to all council members only.

2. Department President's special project is the Department of Colorado VFW Service Office. Please forward all donations to Dept. Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.

3. Delegates to the Department Convention will be recognized by the Credential Committee upon registration according to the Delegate reports filed by the Auxiliary Secretary. Secretaries be sure to send Department Delegate Forms to the Department Secretary Ginny Rosa immediately following delegate elections. NO Delegate cards will be mailed to the Auxiliaries. Remember elected delegates serve for one year.

4. Any Auxiliary in Arrears for submission of audits shall be deprived of their vote at the Department Convention. Audits covering the months of July 2021 through March 2022 must be completed and on file with the Department

Treasurer prior to convention. All rights shall be promptly restored upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

5. Audits for the months of January, February and March 2022 are due by May 31, 2022. Audits must be read on the Auxiliary floor and voted to be approved before sending them to the Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.

6. District Presidents: Annual official visits to the Auxiliaries should be completed. The 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. Completed inspection forms should be mailed or emailed to Department Secretary Ginny Rosa and Chief of Staff Linda Reinbold.

7. Membership for those who have not yet paid 2022 dues will end July 1, 2022. Dues for lapsed members can be paid up to June 30. Any member who has not paid by that time will be dropped from the rolls and must re-apply for membership.

8. Department Officers and Chairman must have their yearend convention book reports to Department Secretary Ginny Rosa by May 05, 2022.

9. A special thank you to all of you who attended the Council of Administration held in Englewood.

BY ORDER OF:
/s/ Lucille Chavez
Department President

ATTEST:
/s/Ginny Rosa
Department Secretary



**Joseph J. Jacques Jr.
VFW Auxiliary 7945
Proudly Endorse
Lennie Dolan
for
Department Treasurer
2022-2023**

We, the members of Auxiliary 7945 are proud to endorse Lennie Dolan for the office of Department Treasurer.

Lennie has been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for 17 years joining under the eligibility of her husband Bruce who is a Vietnam veteran serving with the Air Force.

Her background includes serving as Auxiliary Treasurer for the past 14 years and serving as District 10 Treasurer for the past 11 years. She has received the Outstanding Treasurer Award two times and she has also held several chairmanships on all levels. Along with her vast knowledge of the Auxiliary Treasurer duties her work ca-

reer included 30 years as a full charge bookkeeper in the Nutrition Services Department and then the Payroll Department for a school district in Aurora.

We find Lennie always willing to answer questions, help and teach anyone who asks for assistance and we know that she will be an asset to the Department in the position of Treasurer.

Lennie has the full support of her family and Auxiliary in this endeavor. We respectfully ask you to join us in supporting Lennie at the Department convention with your vote.

Loyally,
Tina Jacobson
VFW Auxiliary 7945 President

All State Achievement Program

Calling all members of the "COLORADO ALL STATE BATTING TEAM"

Team work has been and continues to be what is needed to insure the support and success of our Auxiliary programs.

The "COLORADO ALL STATE BATTING TEAM" consists of each Auxiliary's President, Auxiliary Secretary and Auxiliary Treasurer

In recognition of their hard work and perseverance, each Auxiliary President, Secretary and Treasurer team member is be honored during the awards ceremonies. Each will be presented their individual award during the auxiliary program awards presentation.

Presidents, we urge you to invite your Secretary and Treasurer to attend the Department convention for this presentation.

Deadline for the Achievement program is May 16, with judging May 17th. We accept emailed reports: donnatellg@gmail.com, humming657@gmail.com, codept.treasurer@gmail.com

It has been my honor to serve as Chair of the Department of Colorado Auxiliary Achievement committee. Thank you President Lucille for the opportunity.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Department Convention!!

Donna Tellgren, Chairmen



Veterans and Family Support

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

Hello hello hello, I cannot believe how quickly this year has gone by. It has been so much fun being the chairman for Veterans and Family Support. I have learned a lot and hope I have passed along some good information to everyone.

At the August COA I spoke about the need to make sure our homeless veterans are being taken care of. At the October COA, I spoke about recognizing our Veteran and Family Caregivers.

I spoke about continuing to support the below programs:

- 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

By the time everyone is reading this, reporting will have ended, and everyone will be excitedly awaiting the winners to be announced Convention. It has been a lot of fun sharing things outside of the box we can do to continue supporting our veterans and their families.

Hugs,
Brigitte Dolan
Department Veteran and Family Support
Chairman

**State Convention Buddy Poppy Display Rules
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"BATTING FOR VETERANS"

VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO RAFFLE 2022

Our Annual Raffle provides funds for the awards we provide to winners in

Youth Scholarship Programs; Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Creative Patriotic Art

Tickets come in booklets of 6. Sell them for \$5.00 a book or \$1.00 each.

Auxiliary and District Presidents, Department Officers and Department Chairmen will receive tickets. You may contact any of the above officers or myself for more tickets if needed.

EVERY auxiliary member should be encouraged to sell tickets.

Presidents, please ask your members to sell some of these, you should not have to shoulder this alone.

It would be wonderful if all members participated, and we sold every ticket.

Anyone may buy a Raffle ticket; however only Auxiliary members may sell them.

CASH PRIZES will be awarded for this Raffle.

1st Prize \$500.00; 2nd Prize \$300.00; 3rd Prize \$200.00

I will be at convention in June, so you may bring them to me there.

If you cannot attend convention, please give your tickets to your

District President to bring.

Thank you for all that you do to make this a successful Raffle.

Contact me for more information or help.

I will be happy to get you ALL the tickets you need to sell.

Glenna E Medina; Games and Raffle Chairman

PO Box 874; Platteville, CO 80651

970-381-0137 cell / 970-352-1028 work.

Please make checks payable to VFWA DEPT. Of CO

Membership 2021-2022

As I start this article reporting for all of the programs has been completed for this year except for one. That one program is membership. I am hoping that all of the Auxiliaries are still hard at work on this program as it does not end until June 30. While half of our Auxiliaries have reached 100% in membership or more, 42 out of 55 Auxiliaries still have annual members that have not renewed their memberships for 2022. That is approximately 200 members that would be dropped from the rolls if today was June 30, 2022. We can't let that happen. Retaining our members from year to year is just as important as recruiting new members.

There is still time to contact those remaining holdouts. Find out why they have not paid. There can be many reasons and some of them we can help with. Maybe they did not get or misplaced their dues notice and just forgot. Maybe they are like many families in financial straights and just can not afford that extra payment. We certainly can help there. That is one of the things that we can use

Chief of Staff and Extension

Thank you to all of you for making our Colorado VFW Auxiliary an exceptional one and to Department President Lucille for allowing me to serve as Chief of Staff and Mentoring for Leadership Chairman. During this past year I have made 11 District visits, 27 Auxiliary visits and had contact with another 12 Auxiliaries. Department President Lucille and I made many of these trips together and it has been an honor to have had the opportunity to meet so many members and work with them.

My sincere thanks for all that you have done in caring for our Veterans and their families. Your dedication and commitment make such a difference in helping them improve their lives. Thank you for using so many of the resources on the National website. You have used the Good Job Award for appreciating mem-

Community Outreach Program

The reporting year for 2021-2022 is over. Thank you all for all the reports I received. We have sure been busy.

We must now start reporting for the 2022-2023 year. Community Outreach does not stop just because of the date. It should be a year round project. Please continue the service to our Communities by helping in animal shelters, nursing homes, meals on wheels

Remember that efforts performed for the benefit of your Post or Auxiliary are not to be considered Community Outreach!

If you are unsure if your project will

Notice of Elections for Auxiliary Department Office

This year things are a little different, the Conductress/ Conductor office we have not had any interest yet. Thinking of running for the Conductress/Conductor position you can contact me, or any line officer, and we can go over the position responsibilities and duties.

At Convention there will be an open nominations period for any of the line officer positions, if anyone is going to nominate an individual, please check with that person prior to nominating so the person nominated is not surprised, that will help kept the process moving along smoothly.

So please, think about running for an office.

Thanks,
Ron Boone
Department SR. Vice President

our relief fund for. Pay their dues for them this year and save that membership. Maybe there are other reasons that they have chosen not to pay their dues. We need to know that too. It might be a time to review what we are doing and how we are treating out members. We need to make all of our members feel wanted and needed. If we would just do that they would be eager to keep their membership current.

Every Auxiliary should have a membership committee but if your Auxiliary does not or you don't know who is on it, talk to your President or Treasurer and volunteer to help. Member to member we can get this done.

Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues, whether it is annual, or you have made the decision to convert to life membership. We appreciate you. Membership is the backbone of our organization. Please help to keep it strong and healthy.

Cindy Anderson
Dept. Membership Chairman

bers and the Healthy Auxiliary Toolkit resources to make your Auxiliaries better.

District Presidents made exceptional efforts to have their District Inspections done by December 31 and to contact bachelor posts to have an Auxiliary. There are also several bachelor posts who are considering an Auxiliary that may occur in the future.

Your hard work has been appreciated and everyone of you should take deep satisfaction in the work you have accomplished this year! I wish all incoming officers and chairmen best wishes for their upcoming year. I look forward to seeing you at Department Convention.



Linda Reinpold
Department Chief of Staff and
Mentoring for Leadership

count toward community outreach, contact your President and they can check the Colorado Program book. If they cannot find the answer for you then you can contact me at 720-244-7932 with your questions from 10am to 6pm. I will be more than happy to help you. Please make sure you vote at your meeting to make it an official project.

Thank you all for what you did. Let's get out there and do it again. See you next year!

Pat Garcia
Community Outreach Chairman

Auxiliary Membership by District as of April 28, 2022

Number	City	2021	2022	%	Number	City	2021	2022	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #8				
1	Denver	185	182	98	859	Leadville	21	20	95
501	Denver	143	161	113*	11411	Lake George	47	47	100*
72461	Denver	103	97	94	12009	Conifer	32	34	106*
5061	Denver	151	146	97		TOTAL	100	101	101%*
	TOTAL	582	586	101%*	DISTRICT #9				
DISTRICT #2					4264	Stmbt Spgs	28	28	100*
2788	Penrose	35	42	120*	4265	Craig	42	36	86
3641	Pueblo	78	63	81	5843	Meeker	32	30	94
4061	Canon City	127	117	92	9374	Kremmling	22	21	95
5812	Pueblo West	45	35	78		TOTAL	124	115	93%
7305	Colo. City	20	22	110*	DISTRICT #10				
	TOTAL	305	279	91%	322	Englewood	80	71	89
DISTRICT #3					3471	Morrison	46	40	87
41	Loveland	125	118	94	3631	Aurora	98	101	103*
1771	Lafayette	267	255	96	4171	Golden	298	277	93
1781	Ft. Collins	113	109	96	4331	Arvada	133	132	99
2121	Greeley	101	106	105*	4444	Cmmrc City	173	169	98
2585	Johnstown	69	72	104*	7945	Thornton	270	262	97
2601	Longmont	198	187	94	9644	Fort Logan	326	328	101*
4334	Ault	39	45	115*		TOTAL	1424	1380	97%
6624	Evans	208	196	94	DISTRICT #11				
12189	Berthoud	23	18	78	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	79	78	99
	TOTAL	1143	1106	97%	3571	Delta	54	51	94
DISTRICT #4					3981	Grnd Jcnctn	43	46	107*
2551	Ft. Morgan	124	0	0	9221	Cedaredge	53	53	100*
3541	Sterling	56	58	104*	9333	Hotchkiss	18	16	89
4671	Wray	26	23	88		TOTAL	247	244	99%
	TOTAL	206	81	39%	DISTRICT #12				
DISTRICT #5					4031	Durango	110	105	95
101	Colo. Spgs.	77	75	97	5181	Dove Creek	36	36	100*
3917	Security	193	194	101*	5231	Mancos	62	61	98
4051	Colo. Spgs	234	228	97		TOTAL	208	202	97%
5221	Calhan	26	26	100*	DISTRICT #13				
6461	Fountain	140	138	99	3411	Kit Carson	22	19	86
7829	Monument	68	58	85	6612	Hugo	39	37	95
	TOTAL	738	719	97%		TOTAL	61	56	92%
DISTRICT #6					15006	At Large	614	700	114%*
336	Ordway	72	68	94	=				
2411	LasAnimas	111	108	97	TOTAL DEPT.	6,130	5,935	97%	
	TOTAL	183	176	96%	There is still time to send in your 2022 Dues!				
DISTRICT #7					Be 100% in 2021 - 2022				
899	Alamosa	47	44	94					
4849	La Jara	41	42	102*	TAPS				
8121	So Fork	107	104	97					
	TOTAL	195	190	97%	Aux 1771: Mary Vera, Doe J. Shively, Reva Platt, Tillie Chavez				



Aux 2411: Elsie Cada
Aux 3917: Gloria M. Otwell PDP

Please make sure ALL 2021 - 2022 Deceased VFW Auxiliary members have been sent in by May 20, 2022. Then they will be listed in the Joint Memorial Convention Book. We do not want to leave anyone out. We have saved all that have been listed in Taps.

Mentoring for Leadership

As we end our 2021-22 year, I would like to thank all of you for your mentoring efforts during the year. Thank you to all the Chairmen and members who fulfilled the role of being a mentor in your Auxiliary and for sharing your knowledge, experience and the support you provided to our existing members and the new members.

Thank you for using the resources available on the national website. In talking with many members, you are using the VFW Auxiliary Mentoring Guide, the Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation and Membership Moments as mentoring tools. Please continue to

use these resources and your mentoring skills and the new skills you have learned from others into the future.

I would like to thank Department President Lucille for the opportunity to be a part of the mentoring program and all of you for your dedication encouraging members to become more actively involved in supporting our veterans and their families. I wish all incoming officers and chairmen best wishes for their upcoming year and look forward to seeing you at Department Convention.

Linda Reinpold
Department Chief of Staff and
Mentoring for Leadership Chairman

VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

Well ladies and gentlemen we have come to the end of another great year. I am so proud of all the work that you have put in this year, and all the money that you have raised for our veterans and the programs we support. I hope that next year each of your auxiliaries will strive to do just as good, if not better, and keep raising money for our programs and our veterans in need.

I want to remind all of you that State Convention is just around the corner, and I would love to see all of you have an entry in the Buddy Poppy Contest. You can make any one of these following display types:

1. Promotional Display—one that would look good in a window. It must have one poppy in original form with the tag attached and visible. You can use as many poppies as necessary.

2. Memorial or Inspirational—designed to honor the dead, inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy.

3. Artistic or Decorative—this can be a Post Home display, table centerpiece, corsages, pictures, plaques, hats, novelty pieces.

Any display not meeting the qualifications for the first two categories will automatically be entered into the 3rd category. Remember each display must have one buddy poppy in original form with the label in place and visible.

Good luck all of you, and I hope to see all of you at State Convention in June.

Blessings to All,
Patricia Rowley Wilson
Buddy Poppy/National Home
State Chairman

Youth Program

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers!

Where has the time gone?? Can you believe that the 2021-2022 program year is over and the reporting has been turned in? There was lots of activity in the State of Colorado.

Even though this program year has ended, don't stop doing the things that you all do best. Continue to reach out to the schools, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, the churches and other youth groups and engage with them. Get a jump start on next year! Just write everything down and report AFTER the first COA in 2022/2023. Continue working with our youth, Illustrating America, singing the Star Spangled Banner and doing acts of Patriotism. Baseball season is just starting and it is time for community celebrations, so I know the youth will be out there participating, join them and have fun!!

The last couple of years have been a

challenge with COVID. We have not been able to go into the schools personally to engage with the youth as we have in the past. I am amazed at the Auxiliaries' ability to "think outside the box" and come up with great creativity. The reports were tough to judge.

I want to thank all of the line officers and the other chairmen for working with me this past year during my displacement. We are still out of our house, living out of a suitcase in a motel, so life has been a little confusing. Hopefully things will get back to normal soon.

Thanks again to all the Auxiliaries for your hard work and dedication to the programs. Continue working with our youth and encourage them as they are our future.

Hope to see all of you at State Convention in June.

Queenie Barz
Youth Activities Chairman

Scholarship

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

Where has the time gone? Can you believe the 2021 – 2022 program reporting year is already over? Please continue to plan events and to report what you are doing for the Scholarship program. All the volunteering you have done and will do, whether it be planning, working or doing the paperwork/ reporting for the variety of events is always appreciated. I am so proud of the time you all put in for our Veterans and their families. Thank you for helping make all information about the Scholarship programs available to students.

The Patriot's Pen and the Voice of Democracy Scholarship programs allow students to share their thoughts and opinions about different subjects. It is always interesting to hear the youth of today express their opinions on the prompts given for both contests.

I would really like to see more promotion of the Continuing Education Scholarship contest. This contest provides financial help to an Auxiliary member, their spouse or child if they qualify, submit an application and win the contest. Winning this contest could really make an enormous difference in pursuing and attaining an educational goal.

The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest (YACPAC) really displays young artists' talents. Expressing themselves through the

beautiful art they create is amazing. The time you all spend promoting, arranging drop off/pickup and getting the artwork to the Department chairman is very time and energy consuming, but is appreciated very much.

There is still time to donate to the Special Project of National President Jean Hamil, "Fund the Future". Her project is to increase the number of National awards given for the YACPAC and to increase the National award amount for the Continuing Education Scholarship. Even though this year's reporting is over, you can report it for next year.

All contests are completed for the Department level and either on the way to National or already have begun the National judging portion of the program for this year. I would like to remind you all that it will soon be time to start the entire process over again and getting information out to teachers and students for the 2022 – 2023 program year. Safe travels for all who will be attending the Colorado VFW State Convention in June. Just a reminder that I will be holding a drawing for \$50 for Auxiliaries that reported during the 2021 – 2022 program year during the Convention. You all are "Soaring Above & Beyond" as you continue "Batting for Veterans".

Hugs,
Patsy Gilmore
Scholarship Chairman

Americanism

Sisters and Brothers,

The end of March has come and gone and with it the end to another reporting year. They go so fast don't they? I want to thank each of and every one of you who participated in the Americanism program this past year, in whatever way was doable for you. Every single thing counts and helps us accomplish our missions, so please never think you can't contribute. Please also remember that just because a new reporting year starts that it's not a time for us to step back and not work towards the programs.

Everything you did starting on April 1st now counts towards the new year's

reporting – towards awards at the 2023 convention. Speaking of the convention, we are about six weeks or so away – I hope you all are making plans to go to Canyon City and enjoy the convention. I look forward to seeing you there and handing out the awards for all your hard work.

Thank you to President Lucille for allowing me to be your Americanism Chair this year and thank you again to all of you for your participation and hard work.

Brandi Dolan
Americanism Chair

Hospital Program

Happy May Day!! Time Frames, so many that we have to remember. The Auxiliary year is July 1 - June 30 but the Program reporting is April 1 - March 31.

When to report what you did. If you are working on a project that is taking a few months to complete, do not report anything on it until you have completed it. Completion is when you have had the event or sent off the money and are totally through with the project. Example is Easter. Did you start planning it in Feb or March? Don't report this until your Easter project is done. Yes, it is now on the 2022-2023 year.

Please, do not submit this to Department until after July 1st, when the new Chairmen take over. What happens is it gets turned over to the 2021-2022 Chairmen as they are still on the list

for the "Aux Year", not the "Reporting Year".

Also, make sure you have checked on what information is being asked for you to turn in. When you say you sent cards, it asked for how many you sent and the cost to buy and send them. Cards you send to non-hospitalized people go under Veteran and Family Support or Community.

The good news is that the hospitals and nursing homes are starting to open up what we can do, both as in house volunteers and what we can do for the patients/residents. It's time that we can start stepping back into the things we used to do as well as keep doing the things we've had to adapt to.

Rena Cales
VFWA Dept CO Hospital Chairman

President's Special Project

In the event you didn't know, there's a special fundraiser going on at Coors field for the President's Special Project. It is on Wednesday, May 18 at 1:30pm. If you go to the link: www.rockies.com/VFW -- scroll on down to buy tickets, select how many tickets you would like to purchase 1, 2, 4, or 10 – then select where in Section #156 you would like to sit, then click on the continue button, purchase your tickets (cause you know it's a fundraiser – so yes, you have to pay for your tickets, they are \$20 each – plus fees), then enter your information and your tickets will be delivered to your email or phone and viola you have tickets to a Colorado Rockies vs San Francisco Giants game and you help raise funds for the Department of Colorado Service Officers.

****Bonus**** you get to spend the day with VFW and Auxiliary friends

****Double Bonus**** this is not just for VFW and Auxiliary members

You can invite friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, bosses etc. Bring them with you so they can meet the people you volunteer with, hear about the great organizations you volunteer your time to, or use this as a recruiting event (hint, hint, nudge, nudge)...

OH and yes, I still have a plethora of pins to sell – they are \$3.00 each so please let me know if you, friends, or family would like to help us keep "Batting for Veterans" via purchasing a pin!

Stephane Trujillo



2021—2022 Veterans Pin Order Form This year's 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**

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