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## 11th Annual Veteran's HOLIDAY Food and Toy Airlift Project

This year's airlift is back to the normal dates in December. 2022 AIRLIFT SUNDAY DECEMBER 4th, 2022 The Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA), Metropolitan State University Aviation students and Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsors this eleventh annual holiday Food and Toy airlift to VFW Posts in Colorado.

Last Year's airlift stats: 1175 veterans and family members were recipients 30 aircraft flew product to VFW Posts distributing 8,089 lbs. Once again, we ask for your personal and/or Post, District Department of cash, food and toys to be delivered to Department HQ, 1400 Carr St. Lakewood, CO 80214.

Just a side note on the donations. I was asked at a District Meeting how much of the cash goes to veterans and their families. The answer is 100%. All

the pilots donate their time and fuel, and all the help is volunteers from CABA, VFW and other individuals who just want to help.

Please make your checks out to Department VFW and add in the memo section "CABA". We will be staging at Centennial Airport for the airlift December 2nd and 3rd.

If your Post or Auxiliary would like to have planes deliver these items to an airport in your post area, please contact the Chairman to make these arrangements or have any questions about the project.

Ron Davies PDC  
Chairman Veteran's Holiday  
Airlift project  
rdaviesics@com  
303-419-0472

### History of Veterans Day

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on Nov. 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, Nov. 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress -- at the urging of veterans service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniform Holiday Monday Act ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971.

Finally on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law that returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on Nov. 11.

### Celebrating the Veterans Day Holiday

If the Nov. 11 holiday falls on a non-workday -- Saturday or Sunday -- the holiday is observed by the federal government on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday). Federal government closings are established by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. State and local government closings are deter-

mined locally, and non-government businesses can close or remain open as they see fit, regardless of federal, state or local government operation determinations.

United States Senate Resolution 143, which was passed on Aug. 4, 2001, designated the week of Nov. 11 through Nov. 17, 2001, as "National Veterans Awareness Week." The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

Here is President Dwight Eisenhower's letter to Harvey V. Higley, administrator of Veterans' Affairs, designating him chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee:

The White House Office  
October 8, 1954

Dear Mr. Higley:

I have today signed a proclamation calling upon all of our citizens to observe Thursday, November 11, 1954 as Veterans Day. It is my earnest hope that all veterans, their organizations, and the entire citizenry will join hands to insure [sic] proper and widespread observance of this day. With the thought that it will be most helpful to coordinate the planning, I am suggesting the formation of a Veterans Day National Committee. In view of your great personal interest as well as your official responsibilities, I have designated you to serve as Chairman. You may include in the Committee membership such other persons as you desire to select and I am requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch to assist the Committee in its work in every way possible.

I have every confidence that our Nation will respond wholeheartedly in the appropriate observance of Veterans Day, 1954.

Sincerely,  
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER





**NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS**

3	11/13/22 Sunday	Post No. 1771 Lafayette	11:00 am Training 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Gerri Rimpley Nadia Flores
4	11/19/22 Saturday	Post No. 2551 Fort Morgan	1:00 pm Meeting	Fred Scheck
5	11/13/22 Sunday	Post No. 3917 Security	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Memorial Srv Meeting to follow	Barbara Green Ron Boone
6	11/12/22 Saturday	Post No. 336 Ordway	11:00 am Lunch Meeting to follow	Kevin Reinhold Phil Reinhold
7	11/13/22 Sunday	Post No. 8121 Del Norte Masonic Lodge	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	(Rescheduled from October)
10	11/12/22	<u>Auxiliary Only</u>		
11	11/05/22 Sunday	Post No. 4663 Clifton	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Joint 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Kirk Rosa Heidi Bishop
13	11/13/22 Sunday	Post No. 3411 Kit Carson	2:00 PM Meeting Snacks to follow	Steve Kjonaas Rena Cales

\*\*\*\*\*Western Conference Nov 3 – Nov 6 Portland OR  
 \*\*\*\*\*Veterans Day NOV 11  
 \*\*\*\*\*Thanksgiving Nov 24 (Office closed Thursday and Friday)

**DECEMBER DISTRICT MEETING**

9	12/10/22 Saturday	Post No. 4265 Craig	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	John Keene
12	12/3/22 Saturday	Post No. 4031 Durango	11:00 am Jnt Meeting 12:00 noon Meeting 1:00 pm Lunch	Carol Thomas

**District Meetings Subject to Change**



Please send in all Deceased VFW members to

ann@vfwco.org or vfw@vfwco.org.

They will be saved for the Joint Memorial State Convention Book.

Our deadline is May 20, 2023

**You still need to notify National Headquarters**

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**COLORADO VFW FOUNDATION**

Thank you to the VFW Posts, VFW Auxiliaries, family members and friends for your donations. Every donation received makes a difference in the lives of Colorado's Veterans and their families.

Our Funding source: Primarily comes from the VFW Auxiliaries- some of our members their families and friends, Employee Contributions through their employers with matching funds. We also apply for the Veterans Trust Fund Grant (Colorado Tobacco Funds) this is how we can help Colorado's Veterans.

Grant Assistance we have provided to Colorado's Veterans and their families: Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (July 1st thru October 12): Assistance Provided \$25,222.86. Grants Processed 29, Grants Approved 27, Grants Declined 2.

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

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

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.

Colorado VFW Foundation  
Board of Directors

**Chaplain Column  
Kevin Reinhold**



Brothers and Sisters,  
We pray everyone is well. What I would like to share in this article is the topic of salvation in several different religions. If you

have questions please let me know.

**Baptist Church** believes we are saved by grace alone when God imputes to us his gift of righteousness through faith alone in Christ, who died for our sins. Good works are the inevitable result of true faith, but in no way the basis of our right standing before God.

**Biblical Christianity** believes that salvation is by God's grace, not by an individual's good works. Salvation must be received by faith. People must believe in their hearts that Jesus died for their sins and physically rose again, which is the assurance of forgiveness and resurrection of the body. This is God's loving plan to forgive sinful people.

**Buddhism** believes the goal of life is nirvana, to eliminate all desires or cravings, and in this way escape suffering. The Eightfold Path is a system to free Buddhists from desiring anything and eventually achieve nonexistence.

**Catholic Church** believes Christ died as a substitutionary sacrifice for our sins; God by his grace infused a supernatural gift of faith in Christ in those who are baptized, which is maintained by doing works of love and receiving Penance and the Eucharist.

**Christian Science** believe that humanity is already eternally saved. Sin, evil, sickness, and death are not real.

**Islam** believes humans are basically good, but balance between good and bad deeds determines one's destiny in paradise or hell. Allah may tip the balances toward heaven. One should always live with the fear of Allah and judgment day.

**Jehovah's Witnesses** believe that salvation is being baptized as Jehovah's Witnesses. Most followers must earn everlasting life on earth by "door-to-door works." Salvation in heaven is limited to 400,000 "anointed ones." This number is already reached.

**Judaism** believes that prayer, repentance, and obeying the Law are necessary for salvation. Others believe that salvation is the improvement of society.

**Wicca** does not believe that humanity is sinful or needs saving. It is important for Wiccans to honor and work for the preservation of nature (which they equate with the Goddess)

These are just a few of the religions in the world. I recommend that if you have questions on any religion, do your own research. You will gain more knowledge researching on your own, then asking someone about a religion.

"Doing our Lord's work for all Veterans"

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 Geraldine Rimpley



I loved my psychiatrist. He got me. He understood when I missed appointments it was because I didn't want to face my demons. He was patient in helping

me work through dilemmas to become stronger in confronting my fears. He wasn't judgmental. He wasn't forceful with his opinions or guidance. He knew when to talk and when to listen. And most importantly, he knew what it was going to take to get me back out into society and start living the life I knew before PTSD, including getting me assigned a service dog. He's since retired but I was blessed, truly truly blessed.

Fast forward to today, I still have my struggles but because of his foresight (insight) I've worked my way up to the position as Commander of the Dept. of CO VFW, something I would not have wanted to pursue prior to receiving Katy. Now I've accepted it as my mission to share that opportunity with as many Veterans as possible in hopes that they may be able to somewhat relive the life they knew before PTSD. It can't be kissed away and made all better like the booboos from our childhood but it can be confronted and worked through with some sort of normalization achieved. It's a hope that we have for all suffering Veterans.

After much discussion and whickering to formalize plans, my trusted Sr. Vice Cdr, John Keene, came up with a fabulous solution, to provide assistance to those currently suffering from PTSD by obtaining a service animal. We are developing a program called the "Katy

Rimpley Service Animal Assistance Grant" that will provide financial support to Veterans who want a service animal in their life but cannot afford the numerous costs associated with such a responsibility.

This is how it will work: providing financial support for various costs including food, veterinary-required appointment assistance, one year insurance premium payment, and grooming supplies and/or appointments costs for those animals that have sanitary/health requirements. The organization that provides a service animal must be an ADA certified program. The specific amount of financial support is still in the infancy stage as the costs can vary from animal to animal, thus the need to obtain that information and come up with an average cost to be fair across the board.

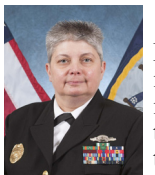
This idea has been in my head for at least two years since meeting with Veterans from all over the state and hearing their financial restrictions as to why they don't have a service animal, which in turn restricts involvement within their own VFW posts. It's still a work in progress so any input regarding the program would be greatly appreciated to improve Veterans' livelihoods. Please email me directly at [raftergllc@gmail.com](mailto:raftergllc@gmail.com) with your ideas.

To me, it's a great day to be a Veteran that has the ability to help other Veterans. My small ideas may not make the world the best to live in, but hey, it's a start.

VFW: Where Anything is Pawsible

Geraldine Rimpley  
Department Commander

## Jr. Vice Column Carol Thomas



Each year the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of higher education in diverse areas of study including history, economics, law, political science, medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, elementary and secondary education, chemistry, math, science and English.

### Honoring Military Families Scholarship

- Awarded to a high school senior or undergraduate student who has been accepted to or attending a college or university and is the child of a parent who served or is serving in the United States Armed Forces.
- Applicant must provide documentation proving parentage, such as a birth certificate or adoption papers, and documentation proving their parent's service.
- The minimum award is \$1500.

DAR's scholarships are awarded and judged without regard to gender, race, color, religion, national origin, or disability.

- Applicants must be citizens of the United States.
- Applicants must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States.
- All multi-year scholarships, typically renewable up to four years, must be for consecutive years of attendance.
- Awards are based on academic excellence, commitment to the field of study, and/or financial need, or other restrictions on specific scholarships.
- Awards are placed on deposit with the recipient's college or university and any unused portion shall be returned to the DAR.
- Applicants are only eligible to receive one scholarship from the DAR.

The DAR Scholarship Committee Now Has an Online Submission Process  
<https://dar.academicworks.com/>

Emailed or mailed applications will no longer be accepted, unless applying for the Margaret Howard Hamilton Scholarship. The portal will open for the coming year, 2023, on November 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023 at 11:59 pm (Hawaii Time).

Carol Thomas  
Department Jr. Vice Commander

## Sr. Vice Column John Keene



As the holidays approach, I would like everyone to consider taking advantage of the [Uniting To Combat Hunger Grant](#) that is available from the National VFW.

The criteria have changed slightly since last year, so please review the application carefully. The matching grant this year is a maximum of \$1500 and volunteer hours no longer count. But the award is still calculated as a dollar-for-dollar match or one dollar per pound of food donated. So, if your Post/Auxiliary is planning any activities to address food insecurity among veterans you may be eligible for up to \$1500 in funds.

If you do not have a holiday meal or food drive planned, I encourage you to utilize the UTCH Grant to support the Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) Holiday Airlift. This is an annual event supported by the Department in which the CABA pilots deliver much needed food to VFW Posts throughout the State the first weekend of December.

If your Post sends a \$1500 donation

to Department HQ marked CABA in the memo line, I will work with your Post Quartermaster to submit a grant application to National to receive the matching funds. If you have questions ahead of time, give me a call at 303-547-7578.

Please be aware that the StillServing Grants have also changed since last year. The Community Support Grant did away with the ability to simply donate to a local charity, however you can still conduct a community outreach project and earn up to \$1500 to support it. The Post and Auxiliary can each apply for this grant independently. On the other hand, now only Districts can apply for the Corporate Partnership Grant.

In conclusion, continue getting out in the community and doing good things, but also keep in mind that there are resources available to help you make a bigger impact.

Semper Fi,  
John Keene  
Department Sr. 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 87 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](https://www.irs.gov) to find the correct form and [www.sos.state.co.us](https://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 48 Posts and/or District that have not filed an SOS filing in a year or more and 45 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 give access to the National website once a password is established. There is a lot of information for Quartermasters to learn from and 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. Also, according to Section 219 of the National By-Laws, a Post WILL establish and maintain a Relief Fund. That is line 4 on the Quarterly Audit.

Following is information on creating a resume if you are looking for a job.

- <https://www.resumebuilder.com/how-to-write-a-cover-letter/>
- <https://www.resumebuilder.com/military-to-civilian-cover-letter-examples/>
- <https://www.resumebuilder.com/military-to-civilian-resume-examples/>

Bruce Dolan  
Department Quartermaster

## Surgeon Column Fredric Scheck



Greetings Comrades,

I hope everyone is doing well. It's been a busy past few months since convention and Council of Administration. I have visited five Community Living Centers through out our great state and attended various District Meetings. The thing I love about this office is you get to meet so many Veterans. The Veterans in the Community Living Centers are always so grateful for the visit, and there are some characters that live there. The district meeting I have attended are also a blessing for me, I get to meet and talk with Comrades though out the Department.

Giving advice and also receiving advice.

With the holidays upon us. Most of us will be spending time with family and friends. Take the time out of your busy schedule to pick up your phone and call a Comrade from your Post you haven't spoken with in awhile. Visit with your neighbor that may of lost a family member this year. Call your old service buddy. You never know your call or visit may brighten their day. You never know it might just brighten your day also.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for this opportunity to serve you.

Fred Scheck  
Department Surgeon



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

General Orders No. 2  
 November 1, 2022 Series: 2022-2023

1. Post & District Inspections should be completed by December 31, 2022. Send (1) copy to Department Headquarters for the Department Inspector to review. If he finds any irregularities, he will confer with the State Commander and a letter of recommendation will be written to the Post Commander.

2. Section 709 of the VFW National By-Laws concerns Disposition of Real Property, i.e. Post Homes. Written notice of such proposal has first to be given to each member of said unit at least ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting and at least 30 days to the Department Commander prior to the regular or special meeting, at which the proposal is to be considered. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those present and voting at such regular or special meeting.

3. It is the obligation of every member to GET OUT AND VOTE for the candidates of their choice. Take a friend or friends with you to the voting place. Election Day is November 8th and you must be registered to exercise your right to vote.

4. Section 218 (a) (11), Duty of Trustees, Trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers whose books, records and accounts are audited by the Trustees.

Post Commanders and Post Trustees are reminded that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Post Trustee Report of Audit is due to Department Headquarters by October 25, 2022 to meet All State requirements. Please see your Post Quartermaster for forms and records.

5. Mathew Cummings has been appointed as Department of Colorado VFW Service Officer as of October 16, 2022. If you are in need of a Service Officer call 303-914-5597 or 303-914-5595 and make an appointment.

6. Please be informed that any Post or District requesting a Department Officer to attend a VFW function should make such request in writing to the State Commander. Please allow sufficient time, at least three (3) weeks, for Department to make arrangements.

7. All VFW Posts are required to have the revised 2023-year By-Laws and Ritual books from the VFW National Emblem and Supply Department. Please see your Post Quartermaster and ask them to order for you. All members should be informed that the Post Quartermaster has a current supply catalog, and they can

assist you with your order. It can also be downloaded from the National VFW website at <https://vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/bylaws-training-forms-and-templates> for free.

8. An annual income tax return (Form 990) is required of each Post, or District exempt from tax under section 501 (c) 19 of the Federal Code. Starting in 2008 ALL VFW POSTS, and DISTRICTS with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less have to E-FILE, EVERY YEAR. All Posts exceeding \$50,000 in gross receipts must file on Form 990 or Form 990EZ. Forms and instructions are available from [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

Gross receipts include income from all sources, including membership dues, bar or restaurant receipts, etc. Some of this may be unrelated business income, in which case filing of Form 990-T may be required.

**For 2018-2019, exempt organizations that are under section 501(c) and have gross receipts greater than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 and assets less than \$500,000, may file Form 990-EZ instead of Form 990.** If an organization eligible to submit the Form 990N or file the Form 990 EZ chooses to file the Form 990, it must file a complete return. This return must be filed on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the fifth month after the end of the accounting year (November 15 for June 30 year end or May 15 for calendar year end).

Request for extension of time to file may be made by submitting form 8868, Application for Extension of Time to File. If a Post, or District fails to file the return on or before the due date, or the extended date, a penalty of \$20 for each day the return is late (not to exceed the smaller of \$10,000 or 5% of the gross receipts of the organization for the year) may be imposed, unless the organization can show that the late filing was due to reasonable cause.

**If you do not file for three (3) consecutive years your Post, or District will lose their non-profit standing with IRS and have to re-apply for non-profit standing and pay to file the application.**

9. All Posts are reminded that they are responsible for filing of State Compensation Insurance, State and Federal Unemployment, State and Federal Withholding Tax and any local employee/employer tax, if you have one or more employees.

Attest:  
 Bruce R. Dolan  
 State Adjutant

By Command Of:  
 Geraldine Rimpley  
 State Commander

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



**National Representative**  
**123rd Founders Day Gala**

Duane Sarmiento was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on July 21, 2022, at the 123rd VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Duane joined the VFW in 1990 at Post 5579 in Gibbstown, New Jersey, where he maintains his Gold Legacy

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

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

He is a life member of the Military Order of the Cootie, at Ky-Yi Pup Tent #1 in Delaware, and a member of the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 57.

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



**FACT SHEET**

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

**YOUR DONATION OF \$20 ENSURES THE VFW CAN**

- Educate** a separating service member about his or her well-earned VA benefits through a private benefits counseling session with a VFW Service Officer.
- Provide** training to 12 VFW Service Officers on signs of emotional suffering so they can better direct veterans to programs and services.
- Help** cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.
- Deliver** 4 morale-boosting "welcome home" celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.



**2,000+**  
 Number of VA-accrued VFW representations across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

**\$10.65 million**  
 Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 2,372 veterans and service members through VFW's "Spartan Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" since January 2014.

**\$10 billion**  
 The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans receive in VA disability compensation and pension benefits.

**66**  
 Number of VFW-SVA Fellows (student veterans) who have traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for veterans' rights.

**28**  
 Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

**\$3.2 million**  
 Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

**\$12.6 million+**  
 Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 45% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

**3.4 million+**  
 Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.

*Department VFW Officers and Chairmen  
 send Holiday Wishes to all VFW Members  
 and their Families.  
 Stay Safe and Happy New Year!!*



**VFW Post Membership by District as of October 25, 2022**

Number/ City	2022	2023	%	Number/City	2022	2023	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>				<b>DISTRICT #8</b>			
1 Denver	894	761	85	859 Leadville	30	23	77
501 Denver	261	220	84	1166 Buena Vista	113	105	93
2461 Denver	106	96	91	3820 Salida	67	60	90
5061 Denver	239	216	90	8661 Bailey	110	102	93
TOTAL	1500	1293	86%	10721 Minturn	109	97	89
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>				<b>DISTRICT #9</b>			
2788 Penrose	94	82	87	11411 Lake George	40	39	98
3641 Pueblo	79	74	94	12009 Conifer	108	104	96
4061 Canon City	239	202	85	TOTAL	577	530	92%
5812 Pueblo West	195	165	85	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>			
7305 Colo. City	47	42	89	322 Englewood	89	76	85
8898 Boone	34	32	94	3471 Morrison	66	55	83
12063 Westcliffe	49	47	96	3631 Aurora	269	253	94
TOTAL	737	644	87%	4171 Golden	361	340	94
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>				<b>DISTRICT #11</b>			
41 Loveland	271	244	90	4266 Parker	74	70	95
807 Boulder	32	28	88	4331 Arvada	225	205	91
1771 Lafayette	224	202	90	4444 Cmmrc Cty	162	146	90
1781 Ft. Collins	285	250	88	4666 Littleton	111	106	95
2121 Greeley	157	143	90	7563 Black Hawk	25	26	104*
2585 Johnstown	175	154	88	7945 Thornton	281	250	89
2601 Longmont	276	253	92	8449 Bennett	55	31	56
4334 Ault	73	58	79	9644 Fort Logan	387	352	91
6624 Evans	201	178	89	TOTAL	2105	1910	91%
9565 Broomfield	93	78	84	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>			
12174 Brighton	34	26	76	4031 Durango	222	208	94
12189 Berthoud	39	35	90	4181 Dove Creek	40	36	90
TOTAL	1860	1647	89%	5231 Mancos	149	153	103*
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>				<b>DISTRICT #13</b>			
2551 Ft. Morgan	145	130	90	3411 Kit Carson	19	19	100*
3378 Yuma	52	51	98	6491 Burlington	53	51	96
3541 Sterling	73	72	99	6612 Hugo	28	26	93
3551 Brush	35	32	91	9700 Chynn Wlls	23	22	96
4671 Wray	49	44	90	TOTAL	123	118	96%
6482 Holyoke	35	33	94	15006 MAL	2517	2177	86%
7153 Fleming	13	13	100*	TOTAL DEPT	13811	12297	89%
8064 Akron	51	41	80	<b>2023 dues are now DUE</b>			
TOTAL	453	416	92%	<b>Be 100% +1 in 2022-2023</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>				<b>Help Colorado be 100%+</b>			
101 Colo. Spgs.	444	415	93				
3917 Security	521	477	92				
4051 Colo. Spgs	516	474	92				
5221 Calhan	88	78	89				
6051 Wldnd Park	40	37	93				
6461 Fountain	339	293	86				
7829 Monument	146	121	83				
10649 Elizabeth	32	29	91				
TOTAL	2126	1924	90%				
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>							
336 Ordway	68	62	91				
2411 LasAnimas	63	63	100*				
4001 Springfield	27	24	88				
4281 Holly	21	22	105*				
TOTAL	179	171	96%				
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>							
899 Alamosa	75	67	89				
4849 La Jara	45	40	89				
6101 San Luis	47	42	89				
8121 Del Norte	37	35	95				
TOTAL	204	184	90%				

**Membership 2022-2023**

First, thank you to Commander Rimpley for my appointment to the Membership Team. And a **Special Thanks** to our National Council Member Dave Stone for allowing me to travel with him and for his assistance while at the convention. Thanks Dave.

The Jr. Vice Commander Carol Thomas, Surgeon Fred Scheck and myself attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 157<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery's Home Coming. Approximately 50 Soldier (men & women) were Welcomed Home.

The Colorado Membership Committee (Team) consist of each and everyone of us. In past years we had to recruit 5 members to receive a five (5) Members Commander's pin. Not this year. Our National Commander Timothy "Tim" Borland's theme is "EVERY VETERAN COUNTS" which means when you recruit a new member you will receive the Commander and Chiefs one (1) member pin. His goal is to have the VFW become a 2 million member strong organization. Let us the Colorado membership team do our part to assisted the Commander and Chief in reaching his membership goal.

The Veterans of today are like we were when we got out of the service, busy earning a living, raising a family, in addition they want to be involved in

their community and help their family of Veterans. We need to explain to them by joining our Post they will become a member of the largest combat veteran's origination the Veterans of Foreign Wars and we can collectively help in our communities and the Veteran within it. Once we have explained this to them, ask them **Would you like to be part of our team? "STOP"** don't say another word let them answer your question first.

If their answer is: **YES**, get them an application, a pen and assist them in filling it out. When they ask how much are the dues? Explain what your post dues are but tell them that there is a better way to handle the dues. Then explain the Life Member due's structure.

No, do the same as if the answer was yes then hand them the app and tell them when you are ready bring the app and your DD214 to become part of our team.

We hope this will be of some help to you acquiring your one (1) membership pin.

If you have any question, suggestions or need help you can reach me at membership@vfwco.org.

Best Regards  
Edward T. Aitken Sr.  
Department, Membership

**VFW MORE FACTS ABOUT THE VFW**



<p><b>The VFW by the numbers</b></p> <p><b>1.5 million</b> Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.</p> <p><b>5,755</b> Number of VFW Posts worldwide.</p>	<p><b>Helping struggling military families</b></p> <p><b>11,216</b> Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through <b>VFW Unmet Needs</b> since 2004.</p> <p><b>\$5,631,271</b> Amount of grants provided through <b>VFW Unmet Needs</b> covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.</p>	<p><b>Cutting red tape</b></p> <p><b>100,000</b> Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2021.</p> <p><b>Nearly 12,000</b> Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2021 resulting in more than \$152 million in disability compensation.</p> <p><b>20+</b> Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.</p>
<p><b>1899</b> Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.</p>	<p><b>3,869</b> Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs since 2004.</p>	
<p><b>Improving life in America</b></p> <p><b>5.3 million</b> Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.</p> <p><b>\$52.2 million</b> Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.</p>	<p><b>Inspiring patriotism in young people</b></p> <p><b>25,000+</b> Number of high school students who competed in the 2021-22 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.</p> <p><b>72,000+</b> Number of students who competed in the 2021-22 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.</p>	

**Council of Administration**  
**VFW • February 18-19, 2023**  
**VFW Auxiliary • February 18-19, 2023**  
 Hosted by:  
**Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917 & VFW Auxiliary**  
**4715 Clearview Drive, Security, CO 80931 • 719-392-8677**

**IF YOU ARE SICK or HAVE BEEN EXPOSED PLEASE STAY HOME**

**FRIDAY February 17, 2023**  
 Friday Activities TBD  
**SATURDAY February 18, 2023**  
**TIME TBD VFW Workshops/Training @ VFW Post 3917**  
**TIME TBD VFW Auxiliary Workshops @ VFW Post 3917**  
**Time TBD Lunch \$\$ Menu TBD @ TBD**  
**Time TBD VFW Auxiliary Parade of Programs @ VFW Post 3917**  
**Time TBD Voice of Democracy & 1st Place Patriot's Pen Banquet**  
**Menu Pending \$TBD**

**\*\*\* (RSVP REQUIRED to VFW Dept. of CO HQ 303-421-1630) \*\*\***  
**SUNDAY February 19, 2023**  
**8:30 AM Joint Opening @ VFW Post 3917**  
**VFW Council Meeting @ VFW Post 3917**  
**Auxiliary Council Meetings @ VFW Post 3917**

**HOTEL INFORMATION PENDING, CHECK DEPT. WEBSITE**  
**NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION TO VFW POST 3917**  
**SECURITY, CO - AS OF 10.7.2022**

**JOIN THE VFW** [Learn more about the VFW at vfw.org.](http://vfw.org)



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VFW Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

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Pre-registration Fee \$20.00- must be Paid by 5/13/2023, (Registration at the Door \$25.00)

Mail to: VFW Pioneer Post 2121 • 2514 7th Ave, Greeley, Co 80631

(June 7th Arrival & Check in) Pre- Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>CONVENTION HOTEL</b>		# Tickets	
Best Western ph: 970-330-7495		Beef	_____ x \$30.00 = \$ _____
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Greeley, Co 80634		Special Diet /Allergy: ATTACH NOTE FOR POST	
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2023 VFW State Convention Ad Sheet

PLEASE USE THE CONVENTION AD FORM ON THE  
 FULL PAGE \$175.00 DEPARTMENT WEBSITE 8 1/4" X 10 3/4"  
 HALF PAGE \$100.00 2023 CONVENTION TAB 8 1/4" X 5 1/4"  
 FOURTH PAGE \$75.00 8 1/4" X 2 3/4"  
 BUSINESS CARD AD \$50.00 3 1/2" X 2"

Full Page Ad  
8 1/4" X 10 3/4"

HALF PAGE  
8 1/4" X 5 1/4"

ONE QUARTER PAGE  
8 1/4" X 2 3/4"

Business Card  
3 1/2" X 2"

Business name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Webpage URL: \_\_\_\_\_

POC: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Select Ad size: \_\_\_ Full \_\_\_ Half \_\_\_ Quarter \_\_\_ Business Card

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **DRAFT**

Submit : Copy this form along with your Ad (PDF FILE ONLY) to: [VFW2121convad@gmail.com](mailto:VFW2121convad@gmail.com) (Cindy Brekke)

Payment and Ad must be received by May 1, 2023  
 (Ad will not be printed if payment is not received)

Make Checks Payable to: VFW Pioneer Post 2121  
 Mail Form & Payment to: 2514 7th Ave, Greeley, Co 80631

**State Convention - VFW**  
 Hosted by Pioneer VFW Post 2121 and VFW Auxiliary, Greeley CO

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: TIMES & LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Wednesday June 08**  
 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Lunch TBD  
 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Service Office Claims Location needed  
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm VFW Registration VFW Post 2121  
 6:00 pm VFW Council of Administration Garden City Community Center

**Thursday June 09**  
 7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast TBD  
 7:00 am - 9:00 am VFW Registration VFW Post 2121  
 8:30 am - 11:00 am Joint Opening Session VFW Post 2121  
 12:00 noon Dept Commanders Luncheon VFW Post 2121  
**(by invitation only)**  
**OR Lunch on your own**  
 1:30 pm General Resolutions Location Needed  
 1:30 pm Service/Rehab Resolutions Location Needed  
 1:30 pm Time & Place Committee TBD  
 1:30 pm Warriors Meeting Location Needed  
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm VFW Registration VFW Post 2121  
 4:30 pm Joint Memorial Service Our Saviors Church  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Past Commanders Banquet TBD

**Friday June 10**  
 7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast TBD  
 7:00 am - 9:00 am VFW Registration Garden City Community Center  
 8:30 am - 11:30 am VFW Business Session Garden City Community Center  
 12:00 pm Patriotic Rally & Lunch Location Needed  
 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm VFW Business Session (Election of Officers) Garden City Community Center  
 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm Military Banquet VFW Post 2121

**Saturday June 11**  
 T:BD am Installation Practice Garden City Community Center  
 Lunch On You Own  
 T:BD pm Joint Installation of Officers Garden City Community Center  
 T:BD pm State Commander/President Reception VFW Post 2121

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Pioneer VFW Post 2514 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631  
 Garden City Community Center/Town Hall 621 27<sup>th</sup> Street Road, Garden City CO 80631  
 Our Saviors Lutheran Church 1800 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Greeley, CO 80631

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**State Convention – VFW Auxiliary**  
 Hosted by Pioneer VFW Post 2112 and VFW Auxiliary, Greeley CO

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: TIMES & LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Wednesday, June 08**  
 10:00 am Dept. Audit Verify with Dept Aux  
 11:00 am Dept. Staff Meeting Verify with Dept Aux  
 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Lunch TBD  
 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Floor Team Practice Verify with Dept Aux  
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Registration VFW Post 2121  
 6:00 pm Council of Administration VFW Post 2121

**Thursday, June 09**  
 7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast TBD  
 7:00 am - 9:00 am Registration VFW Post 2121  
 8:30 am - 11:00 am Joint Opening Session VFW Post 2121  
 11:30 am Dept. Thank You Luncheon TBD  
**(by invitation only)**  
**OR Lunch on your own**  
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Registration VFW Post 2121  
 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm Business Session VFW Post 2121  
 4:30 pm Joint Memorial Service Our Saviors Church  
 6:00 pm Past Dept. President Dinner TBD  
**(by invitation)**

**Friday, June 10**  
 7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast TBD  
 7:00 am - 8:00 am Past District Presidents Club Breakfast TBD  
 7:00 am - 9:00 am Registration VFW Post 2121  
 8:30 am - 12:00 pm Business Session VFW Post 2121  
 12:00 pm Patriotic Rally & Lunch TBD  
 1:30-4:00 pm Business Session (Elections) VFW Post 2121  
 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Military Banquet VFW Post 2121

**Saturday June 11**  
 8:00 am Past Auxiliary Presidents Club Breakfast TBD  
 10:00 am Installation Practice Garden City Community Center  
 Lunch on you own  
 2:00 pm Joint Installation of Officers Garden City Community Center  
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## President's Column Ron Boone



Greetings Auxiliary Members,

What great fall weather we have had so far, though it's been a bit warm and dry, it still has been

great.

September 27 thru 29 we had our visit from National President Jane Reape. Thank you to all who attended our various tours and visits at our two post's, Verle Huffman #9644 Sheridan, and Joseph J Jacques Jr #7945 Thornton.

On Tuesday 9/27 we visited The Colorado Fisher House, my Presidents Special Project. It is a state of art facility to help house veteran family members and where veterans or active-duty members of the armed forces can stay. Fisher House hopes by the end of the year, that they can have volunteer groups back in the facility to help provide some baked goods, visit with families, and visit during the holidays, like they did prior to the Covid years.

That evening Post 9644 had their hamburger night and Bingo, what a great time we had. Thank you, VFW Post 9644, and the Auxiliary for hosting this fun time.

On Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> we visited the Fort Logan Officer's Field House Museum at Fort Logan, what a great Museum experience. I would recommend that you visit this facility, it is full of the military history that Fort Logan provides to Colorado and other areas during its active years.

In the afternoon we visited Fairmont Cemetery, this is the area they have re-

served for the Veterans, which is great, especially the Area's that Posts 1 and Post 501 are at.

That evening we had the reception for National President Jane Reape at Post 7945, the VFW and Auxiliary knocked it out of the ballpark with a great meal and their hospitality. What a great event for our National President Jane (she even got serenaded by Frank Sinatra, our own Senior Vice President Phil Reinhold).

October was an Auxiliary only COA hosted by Golden Post 4171. Thank you to all who helped set up the COA, and to Post 4171 and Auxiliary for all their great help in hosting.

Thank you, Line Officers, Council Members, Chairmen and members who attended to make it a great COA.

A big thank you goes out to all our Auxiliaries for reporting all your activities. We need to have activities reported as it helps our organization keep our tax exemption with the IRS, so REPORT, REPORT, REPORT.

On the Department level, please plan to attend our next COA and Voice of Democracy Banquet at Cheyenne Mountain Post 3917 in Security, Colorado on February 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>.

The State Convention will be hosted by Pioneer Post 2121 in Greeley Colorado on June 7<sup>th</sup> thru June 10<sup>th</sup>. More information on convention to come later. I hope to see everyone there.

Sending my best wishes that everyone enjoys the upcoming Holiday season with family and friends.

Stay safe, till we meet again.

Ron Boone,  
Department Auxiliary President

## VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

### Buddy Poppy

Hope everyone is getting ready for Veterans Day and have your Buddy Poppy ideas ready. Now is the time to be talking to businesses to see if you can set window displays or have a table outside of their business.

I also want to see those poppy reports coming in, and I know that all of you are out there working hard. Remember, keep a couple Buddy Poppies in your pocket, or purse, and give it to a veteran, or buy them a cup of coffee and put a Buddy Poppy with it.

You also need to be thinking about what kind of display your going to have for state convention in June. Let's have more than just a few displays this year because I know that you guys are talented and creative.

Oh, and don't forget to order your Buddy Poppies for the year.



### National Home

With the holidays coming, it's time to be thinking about how you can help support the National Home.

There are many ways to support them, and one of the best ways is to use Amazon Smiles. When you order anything on Amazon Smiles, choose National Home as your charity, and 0.5% of your eligible purchase is donated to them. Another good idea to raise money would be to hand out baby bottles to each of your Auxiliaries. Have them put them on the bar so that they can put change in them or pass them around at your meeting and they can put money in them then. This is just a couple of ideas for your Auxiliaries to try.

Remember also, there is also a Santa's wish list listed on their website. Those are items they can always use for the families in the different homes.

Good luck with your fundraising and I will see all of you at the next COA.

Patty Rowley-Wilson  
Department Buddy Poppy/  
National Home Chairman

## Veterans and Family Support

### Greeting Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Fall Season. Hoping everyone had a good summer.

My focus in this Colorado Veteran Article, is to give more information of what we can do to help our Veterans.

Do you need a haircut or a trim? Why not visit "Sport Clips" which has been a primary supporter of the VFW's "Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship". The Scholarship program provides scholarships for service members and veterans to use at post-secondary schools and trade schools. They provide free haircuts to veterans and active-duty service members on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, and as well THEY donate \$2.00 for every haircut service provided on that day.

So many recipients have earned a variety of degrees including engineering, computer science, business accounting and many more.

### Scholarship Details:

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to qualified applicants.

- Awarded scholarships are limited to one per family per semester.
- Applications for the fall semester will be accepted Jan. 1 through April 30.
- Applications for the spring semester will be accepted Aug. 1 through Nov. 15.
- Fall semester scholarships will be awarded in August, and spring semester scholarships will be awarded in January.
- Scholarships must be used by the end of the school semester for which the veteran is applying or they will become null and void.
- Scholarships are restricted for tuition and fees only and will be paid directly to accredited schools.

### Eligible Applicants Must:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve.
- Have completed Basic Training and follow-on training (Advanced Individual Training, technical school, etc.).
- Separated with or currently hold a military rank of E-5 or below.
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Participate in, be accepted to or currently enrolled in a VA-approved program or school at an accredited post-secondary institution.

Visit [Sportsclip.com](http://Sportsclip.com) and go to "Our Help a Campaign Supports Veterans" and see what they are all about. Let's visit our local Sport Clip and help our Veterans.

### Unmet Needs:

Unmet Needs is there to help America's military families who have

run into unexpected financial difficulties because of deployment or other military-related activity or injury. The program provides financial aid grants of up to \$1,500 to assist with basic life needs in the form of a grant - not a loan - so no repayment is required. They pay the creditors directly so that they won't have to worry of contacting them. We know that there are military service members that need this help as they are probably having financial problems, so this is what they help them with. The needs of our veterans, service members and their families should never go unmet. For more information go to [unmetneeds@vfw.org](mailto:unmetneeds@vfw.org).

### Homeless Veterans:

Here we are on a very sad topic. Though we have so many Veterans who are homeless, how can we help them?

There are so many ways:

Donate clothing, socks, underwear, t-shirts etc. Maybe a joint VFW & Auxiliary Standdown?

Give them small items of food that don't need to be refrigerated or use any utensils and keep in mind, many may not have all their teeth to eat fruits like apples.

Bottles of water is what we need to give them, to many homeless we see that may be dehydrated and not getting enough to drink or eat.

There are so many ways to help our homeless veterans and community, so let's get out there and help them all we can.

### Suicide Awareness:

It has been reported that the death rate among our veterans has gone up this past year. It is not 22 a day as been reported, but it is up to around 27 a day. This count not only includes the veterans, but their family members as well. The families are finding it difficult to dealing with the hardship of trying to help. Family members need counseling, phone calls, and cards as well.

The new Suicide and Crisis Lifeline phone number is "988", once prompt in, dial 1 and it will connect you directly. Too many experience suicidal crises or mental health-related distress without the support and care they need.

Please try to keep in touch with anyone you think may be thinking of suicide and help them in every way.

I thank you all for what you are doing for our Veterans. I am getting many Auxiliaries reporting on what they do for our Veterans, but not every Auxiliary has reported, and I know that maybe once, you have done something for our Veterans. So please report, report, report. God Bless and remember "We are Family" and "We are Colorado".

With Loyalty,  
Lucille Chavez  
Department Veterans and Family  
Support Chairman

**"We Are Family"**



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO  
GENERAL ORDERS #2 November 1, 2022

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

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

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

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

**4. Department President Ron Boone Special Project** is the Colorado Fisher House. Proceeds from the sale of the Veteran Pin and donations will go to support this fund.

**5. Suggested donations** to Health & Happiness should be processed through MALTA or mailed directly to National Auxiliary Headquarters in Kansas City. Department Hospital donations should be mailed to Department Treasurer Lennie Dolan. The Department Hospital donation is \$.75 per member. Both donations are based on your June 30, 2022, membership number.

**6. District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents:** Please be sure that all Districts and Auxiliaries have filed their 990N or other appropriate 990 return by November 15, 2022. A copy of the acceptance confirmation for the 990N should be sent to Department Treasurer, Lennie Dolan.

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

**8. VOD and Patriot Pen Entries** are due to the Post/Auxiliaries by October 31, 2022. Judging of these entries at the Post/Auxiliary level should be completed by November 15 and the results forwarded to the District. Judging at the District level should be completed, and winners forwarded to Department by December 15, 2022.

**9. Change in Officers:** Using the Officer Change Form, please notify National Headquarters and Department Secretary Linda Reinbold of any changes in Auxiliary or District Officers. National Headquarters must be notified of a change of the Treasurer. The above should also be notified of any changes of meeting dates, places, times and dues

amounts. This form is available on the Colorado Department website at [www.vfwco.org](http://www.vfwco.org).

**10. District and Auxiliary Officers:** All officers must hold a 2023 dues card or life dues card by December 31, 2022. Any officer or chairman who has not renewed their membership eases to be a member in good standing on January 1, 2023, and cannot hold an office or chairmanship unless dues are paid.

**11. Buddy Poppy Orders:** Please place your orders for poppies with the Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood CO 80214. The minimum order is 500 poppies. If the Auxiliary and Post order together, be sure to note on the order form the amount purchased by each. Order forms can be found on the Department website at [www.vfwco.org](http://www.vfwco.org) and in the Colorado Program Book.

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

**13. Auxiliary Treasurers:** Membership Chairman Raymond Moelder asks that you please process 2023 dues for continuous members at least weekly. Send all new, rejoin and transfer applications to the Department Treasurer as soon as they have been accepted. Be sure that all applications are filled out and include the signatures of the investigating committee and the date elected.

**14. District and Auxiliary Treasurers and Trustees:** The second quarter audit for the period July 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022, should be completed by October 31. The audit must be accepted by motion within 60 days after the end of the quarter.

**15. District Dues** are to be remitted to the District Treasurer by September 30, 2022, of the current Auxiliary year or as established by the District Standing Rules based on the June 30 membership of the preceding year.

**16. A Special Thank You** to all of those who attended the Parade of Programs. The Program Chairmen did an exceptional job of promoting their programs and in providing information. Also, a special thank you to the Council Members and Auxiliary members who attended the Council Meeting on August 21, 2022. Remember that all members are encouraged to attend these events.

BY ORDER OF:  
Ron Boone  
Department President

ATTESTED TO:  
Linda K. Reinbold  
Department Secretary

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## Youth Program

Hello Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers!

Wow! Fall is in the air! Trees are sporting beautiful colors of yellow, orange and red; gardens are being harvested for winter; the air is crisp, and football is on everyone's minds. And with the holiday season quickly approaching, time seems to be running short to accomplish all the tasks that we would like to finish. But, I do want 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!

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.

Don't forget to reach out to the cemeteries in your area to have the youth work with them doing maintenance and cleaning up some of our Veteran's graves. The older youth can work with the chemicals to clean the graves and the younger youth can help with pulling weeds and cleaning up the gravesites.

As I attend sport events this fall, I am hearing a lot of our youth leading the Star Spangled Banner at these events. Carry the forms for the program **Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue** in your purse, backpack or briefcase and give them to those that sing. I know there are some great voices out there in Colorado and I would love to have several entries to choose from to send to National.

As the weather turns cooler and the kids are spending more time in the house, now is the time to encourage them to read. The program **Patriotism for Literacy** is a great opportunity to introduce and expand our youth's knowledge

## Americanism

Greetings! Time spent honoring and supporting veterans makes our days go by fast. Do a check in with your auxiliary and review all your activity spotlighting Americanism in your community. Congrats on all you have done!

Schools are up and running. Where did you visit? Patriotic days have happened. How did you celebrate them? I hear about your events and see all your highlights on Facebook...and remember to #auxiliarypatriotism. You all are doing an awesome job! We have so many more opportunities to hand out flags, educate our youth and celebrate our military holidays. Keep up the momentum!!

There are tons of resources out on our National Auxiliary website and now available on Malta. Each branch of service has resources on their websites. The Department of Defense has valuable resources. These are only a few. Check out all these resources for information to assist your auxiliary to celebrate and educate your members and your community.

Remember your local libraries. They have books, CDs, DVDs, to help you in sharing your love of our great nation. They have computers and copy machines you can utilize in preparing and distributing your information and trained staff to assist you in all of your needs there. Ask to read a book about veterans to youth reading groups. Coordinate with their staff for patriotic holidays with displays.

of American History. There are some great books on that list. If the schools won't let you in to read to the classes, think about donating a book to their library or maybe one to each class. Also, ask the schools if you can read to the classes by Zoom.

I know each and everyone of you have pictures hanging on your refrigerators that your kids or grandkids have drawn. We have a lot of talented children in Colorado. Let's get them to **Illustrating America!** Send me those pictures!!!! The Deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Use the **Random Acts of Patriotism** cards and certificates to award our youth when you see them doing something patriotic and/or right. Everyone likes to be recognized and you might just be the one that encouraged that particular youth to continue doing positive actions in the future. They may even join the military or become Auxiliary members!

Don't forget to recognize and award the youth groups also. The Outstanding Young Volunteer of the year and the Outstanding Youth Group of the Year Awards will be presented at the State Convention in June of 2023. The deadline for the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award is coming up in February, so let's start thinking about that now. More information is available in the Colorado Program Book.

I look forward to working with each and everyone of the chairman. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. I will happily help you in any way that I can. If I don't know the answer to your questions, I will find someone who does.

Thank you all for the great work you are doing.

REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!

Queenie Barz  
Department Youth Activities Chairman

Veteran's Day is coming soon. How will your auxiliary celebrate and honor your local veterans? We want to share all of this knowledge about our country and the meaning of patriotism with as many people as possible.

Remember our President's theme: We Are Family! That means reaching out and sharing how to honor our flag, learn the Pledge of Allegiance so all of our USA family will honor and celebrate all of our veterans and active duty military personnel. There are many gatherings during November and December. Share your American patriotism theme with those attending community events. Travel around your community this fall and find homes displaying our US flag properly. Award them with a certificate, recognize them and thank them for showing their patriotism.

Our National Americanism Ambassador is watching our postings and so supportive of all auxiliaries working so hard. Please when you post, always use #auxiliarypatriotism. I am learning so much this year and I am so proud of all of your work so far.

I am here for you to help with questions, concerns and to assist in resource gathering. You can call, text, email me and I promise to respond as quickly as I am able.

Caring families stay in touch and Colorado VFW Auxiliary – WE ARE FAMILY.

Marilyn Peters  
Department Americanism Chairman



## Membership 2022-2023

### Stranger Danger

We witness this action by members far too often at our post homes. Sometimes we feel it when we are visiting another post. Someone new walks in the door and rather warmly greets them – we choose to put up our guard, in our minds we are thinking, “...who’s that?” or “...what do they want?” Then someone finally reluctantly acts, like they drew the “short straw” and engages the visitor. Our body language and actions create a cold unfriendly environment. I challenge you to turn this cycle around.

A warm welcoming atmosphere is an easy way to turn a visitor from prospect to new member. A visitor’s first impression of our post will affect our membership totals. Whether they are the delivery driver or a lost soul looking for directions we should be hospitable in every way. After some pleasantries and the business of their visit has concluded, the subject of membership can come up. Even after you discover that they may not meet eligibility requirements, their first impressions can carry onto their neighbors or co-workers who may very well be eligible to join. Will your post be referred in a favorable manner?

At my previous job I met a co-worker at a company function. They inquired about my buddy poppy I was wearing. I shared the how’s and why’s of my VFW Auxiliary membership and that liberat-

ed some pleasant memories as a child hanging out at our post. Her father was a past commander, and she had let her auxiliary membership laps. I said your always welcome to come by to visit and I’m sure her father’s picture is up on the wall. She was amazed and a bit emotional to hear that. You see her father passed away some years earlier.

One day out of the blue a woman walks into our post who appeared to be a bit lost, and I immediately walk over and to greet her. We were not easily recognizable to each other due to our weekend attire. As soon as she removed her sunglasses I recognized her, and I could see she had been crying and said she was missing her daddy. I walked her over the past commander’s board and there was his picture. Seeing her father in his VFW attire brought a smile to her face. I told her she was among family and introduced her around seeking out some of our seasoned members who may have known him. Some remembered her dad and shared stories of her father. They remembered her running around here as a teenager. She was thankful and felt welcomed.

Please help us remove the “stranger danger” attitude from our mindset. A welcoming atmosphere will improve membership.

Raymond Moelder  
Department Membership Chairman

### Chief of Staff and Extension

It seem we were just at Department Convention and here we are, fast approaching the holiday season and all the opportunities we have, to host events and help our Veterans and communities.

We have standdowns, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, CABA, and Christmas and many opportunities to bring smiles to many.

The District Presidents have started making their visits to their respective Auxiliaries and the hope is that if there are potential red flags, they can be addressed, and help given. The Line Officers have also started their visits to our 13 Districts with the same goals. This year we are asking both our Auxiliary and District Presidents to return a feedback sheet that will help both the District Presidents and the Line Officers learn more about how we can better address what you need from us. We are here to help you in any way we can. Now is the time to start handing out the Good Job awards, thanking your members for all they do. Please take ad-

vantage of all the forms and information that National has on its website.

There is a wealth of information available to you, from program information to upcoming events, to Ambassador blogs, to inspire you. That site is [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org). The Department website is also a great resource to get information about how your Auxiliary is doing on reporting, meeting dates, The Veteran newsletter, upcoming events, etc.

Hope you all enjoyed our August COA session on “Effective Communication”. It was fun and, hopefully, gave you tools to keep those lines open. If you were unable to attend and would like that information, please send me a request at [sshelbell@aol.com](mailto:sshelbell@aol.com) and I will send it to you. It would seem we are still struggling to get back to “business as usual” after Covid, but we can do it, because we “We Are Family” with “Hands that Serve and Hearts that Care”.

Shelley Schlieman  
Department Chief of Staff and Extension



## Auxiliary Membership by District as of October 27, 2022

Number	City	2022	2023	%	Number	City	2022	2023	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>					<b>DISTRICT #8</b>				
1	Denver	182	172	95	859	Leadville	20	20	100*
501	Denver	162	121	75	11411	Lake George	47	45	96
2461	Denver	99	85	86	12009	Conifer	35	32	91
5061	Denver	149	131	88	TOTAL		102	97	95%
TOTAL		592	509	86%	<b>DISTRICT #9</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>					<b>DISTRICT #10</b>				
2788	Penrose	42	18	43	4264	Stmbt Spgs	28	28	100*
3641	Pueblo	74	37	50	4265	Craig	37	33	89
4061	Canon City	119	103	87	5843	Meeker	31	27	87
5812	Pueblo West	39	26	67	9374	Kremmling	21	20	95
7305	Colo. City	22	18	82	TOTAL		117	108	92%
TOTAL		296	202	68%	<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>					<b>DISTRICT #12</b>				
41	Loveland	122	96	79	322	Englewood	73	52	71
1771	Lafayette	252	227	90	3471	Morrison	40	30	75
1781	Ft. Collins	110	92	84	3631	Aurora	101	95	94
2121	Greeley	107	106	99	4171	Golden	282	245	87
2585	Johnstown	73	70	96	4331	Arvada	134	112	84
2601	Longmont	191	170	89	4444	Cmmrc City	170	147	86
4334	Ault	45	45	100*	7945	Thornton	269	248	92
6624	Evans	197	171	88	9644	Fort Logan	327	316	97
12189	Berthoud	20	7	35	TOTAL		1396	1245	89%
TOTAL		1117	984	88%	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>					<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				
3541	Sterling	59	31	53	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	82	69	84
4671	Wray	23	21	91	3571	Delta	51	50	98
TOTAL		82	52	63%	3981	Grnd Jcnctn	46	19	41
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>					<b>DISTRICT #12</b>				
101	Colo. Spgs.	74	56	76	9221	Cedaredge	52	49	94
3917	Security	197	174	88	TOTAL		231	187	81%
4051	Colo. Spgs	231	207	90	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
5221	Calhan	25	25	100*	4031	Durango	111	75	68
6461	Fountain	142	133	94	5181	Dove Creek	36	19	53
7829	Monument	60	29	50	5231	Mancos	62	50	81
TOTAL		729	624	86%	TOTAL		209	144	69%
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>					<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				
336	Ordway	97	48	72	15006	At Large	712	595	84%
2411	LasAnimas	106	107	101*	=				
TOTAL		173	155	90%	<b>TOTAL DEPT.</b>		<b>6,003</b>	<b>5,106</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>					<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
899	Alamosa	46	26	57	3411	Kit Carson	19	12	63
4849	La Jara	41	36	88	6612	Hugo	36	31	86
8121	So Fork	105	99	94	TOTAL		55	43	78
TOTAL		192	161	84%	<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				

Time to send in your 2023 Dues!

OR GO LIFE

Be 100% in 2022 - 2023

Are you signed into MALTA?

You only need your Auxiliary Membership number and a password for access.

### Mentoring for Leadership

We are well into our 2022-2023 year. As a first time Department Program Chairman, I have shed the newbie jitters. My month in Idaho gave me time to reflect on what VFW Auxiliary experiences contributed the most to my desire to move forward in a leadership role. One of my biggest ah-hah moments came at my first COA meeting... a true mentoring event that every member should be encouraged to attend.

**It was fun!** The joy and spirit of purpose that I felt at my auxiliary events and volunteer programs was multiplied a hundredfold.

**It was informative!** The Parade of Programs gave me so many insights into the programs that simply reading about them could not accomplish. I had a list of questions and as I walked from table to table so I could talk with our Department “experts” to clarify the details. Even the business portion of the weekend was a great learning opportunity. That was surprising, for I am always cautioning my

President that “I don’t do numbers!”

**It was rich in tradition!** As Past Department Presidents and others were honored, and events proceeded in a state-ly fashion, I felt enfolded by the time-less traditions of the VFW Auxiliary and honored to be a member.

By the last COA of this term I will feel my words today stuck home if attendance is doubled as new members pack the seats! Encourage carpooling for those members reluctant to drive. Offer a spare room to members if you live close to the event post location. Share your favorite experiences at a meeting. Remember “We Are Family!”

Of course, I’m available to help. Email me at [vicnevin@gmail.com](mailto:vicnevin@gmail.com). Call or text 267-987-8616. And don’t forget to report the time and resources spent on mentoring for leadership.

Victoria Nevins  
Department Mentoring Chairman



## Historian / Media Relations

To All Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

Can you believe we are already 3 months into program year? Wow! That went by so fast.

I am learning and soaking in a ton of information, and I want to be able to share with you. I am so looking forward to meeting everyone throughout this program year.

First, COA this year in Penrose was my very first COA. I learned more about the VFW Auxiliary and how they report their programs and what is expected of us this year. I meet new faces and I just love how everyone came together for our common cause, which of course is our veterans. I could see the passion that so many expressed that weekend. Lots of awards giving and no one went unnoticed for their hard work. It made me come out of there wanting to learn more and more about this great organization.

Please don't miss out on the next COA October 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, in Golden #4171. This is a great way to meet different auxiliaries, districts and department to get some creative ideas for your social media platforms and how to report back to department on what you have done or planning on doing in your Auxiliary. You do not miss out on the Awards at the end of the year. Let us be proud, share and brag about our Auxiliaries here in Colorado.

We were honored to be part of National Auxiliary President Jane Reape's visit to Colorado. Department and Auxiliary members toured the President Special Project (The Fisher House), Fort Logan Officers Field Museum and Fairmont Cemetery. It was awesome to capture all the great photos and memories of the events that happened throughout her visit.

Reach out to our local community. We want to get out to our communities and beyond, what we are doing and who we are. Please take lots of pictures of events. Post Patriotic Days to social

## Auxiliary Outreach Program

Thank you for the reports I have received. This program has changed from working alone to getting another organization to work with.

The local schools have PTA/PTSA websites to find out about events they are holding. Check your newspapers and look for non-profit and community organizations scheduling events. Check on "Malta" for more ideas about reporting. Check to see if our first responders need help with any of their events. See if the local animal shelters need volunteers.

Auxiliaries can submit their own entries for National awards. I can't emphasize enough to check your National Program book for the forms and directions. If you do not have a National Program book, check with your President.

The new "Auxiliary to VFW Community Service Form" can be

media. Hash tag #auxiliarypatriotism Document what you have done and just have fun.

Remember the 5 W's- the who -what-where-when- and why of an Auxiliary.

**The Who:** Our Veterans and Families of those who served.

**The What:** Our Passion and Devotion to our brothers and sisters.

**The Where:** Our VFW Auxiliaries and Communities around us and Nationwide.

**The When:** Anytime, anywhere that is needed.

**The Why:** Our dedication and esteemed gratitude to help those who served to protect us in this life from generations to generations.

"We are Family" and the more effectively we communicate with one another, we will be sure to rock the 2022-2023 Program year! Keep up the great work! Your hard work, dedication and passion do not go unnoticed.

Please send me anything from your Auxiliary that you would like to be shared to on our Department FB page.

If you have not followed our page, below is a QR code. Just scan with your phone and press like on our page. I am available to all Auxiliaries for any help, suggestions, questions or concerns. My contact information is 970-313-6960 and email is kgrizzell@live.com

Respectfully,  
Karrie Grizzell  
Department Historian/Media Relations

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downloaded. Log into your personal MALTA account, click

The "Member Resources" tab at the top. That will take you to a menu of topics on all National Programs. In an item towards the bottom of the that list, choose "Miscellaneous Resources". Second from the top is the new "Auxiliary to Post Community Service form". You can download it and share with your Auxiliaries in one of your promotions.


I know that it seems redundant but the VFW needs to have our hours, miles and cash donations. We do not report cash on our reports!

The holidays are coming up and I hope you get out there and help to make someone's day a better day by helping.

Spread the cheer and let our Community know we are here to help! Happy Holidays!

Pat Garcia  
Department Outreach Chairman






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FRIDAY February 17, 2023

Friday Activities TBD

SATURDAY February 18, 2023

TIME TBD	VFW Workshops/Training	@ VFW Post 3917
TIME TBD	VFW Auxiliary Workshops	@ VFW Post 3917
Time TBD	Lunch \$\$ Menu TBD	@ TBD
Time TBD	VFW Auxiliary Parade of Programs	@ VFW Post 3917

Time TBD Voice of Democracy & 1st Place Patriot's Pen Banquet  
Menu Pending \$TBD  
\*\*\* (RSVP REQUIRED to VFW Dept. of CO HQ 303-421-1630) \*\*\*


SUNDAY February 19, 2023

8:30 AM	Joint Opening VFW Council Meeting Auxiliary Council Meetings	@ VFW Post 3917 @ VFW Post 3917 @ VFW Post 3917
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HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS "PRICES ARE NOT GUARANTEED"

NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION TO VFW POST 3917, SECURITY, CO  
AS OF 10.7.2022

HOTEL INFORMAITON PENDING. CHECK DEPT. WEBSITE FOR UPDATES



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## DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY ROSTER CHANGES

- Page 1 Jr VP: Nadia Flores – Phone Number 719-580-4948
- Page 1 Treasurer: Lennie Dolan – Phone Number 303-341-7488
- Page 7 Parliamentarian: New Position – Add: Judy Sadler (1), 12208 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Pl., Denver, CO 80239 720-244-5382 [jmtsadler51@gmail.com](mailto:jmtsadler51@gmail.com)
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- Page 13 District #7 Deputy Chief of Staff: Rosie Mitchell (8121), P.O. Box 262, South Fork, CO 81154, 719-873-5845 [larryandrosie@outlook.com](mailto:larryandrosie@outlook.com)
- Page 17 Auxiliary #101: President: Melissa Vindelov, 65 McBurney Blvd., Colo Springs, CO 80911, 719-494-6253 [karenvindelov@gmail.com](mailto:karenvindelov@gmail.com)  
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- Page 18 Auxiliary #322: Secretary: Dee Espinoza, 8201 S. Santa Fe #116, Littleton, CO 80120 303-204-8080 [despinoza1289@gmail.com](mailto:despinoza1289@gmail.com)
- Page 20 Auxiliary #1247: Secretary: Donna Reed, 584 25 1/2 Rd., Grand Junction CO 81505 970-260-0236 [dgrbadge@yahoo.com](mailto:dgrbadge@yahoo.com)  
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Submit All Auxiliary Roster Changes to Department Secretary Linda Reinbold



## Scholarship

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

As the holiday season approaches, may we all be thankful of what and who we have in our lives. I would like to thank all Auxiliary members for your hard work promoting the Scholarship program! Whether you assisted in handling out/delivering applications, encouraged young people to participate or reported the scholarship activities and events. I appreciate all the time and energy you all have given to the program. All your Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy entries should begin being judged at the Post level soon. Good luck to all your entries! Please make sure your Post entries are judged and submitted to the District Scholarship chairman before the November 15, 2022 deadline. District judging and entries submitted to Department should be completed by December 15, 2022. I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing the opinions of today's youth on the Patriot's Pen and

Voice of Democracy prompts.

The Department Scholarship Awards Banquet will be held February 18, 2022 during the Council of Administration in Security #3917.

Please continue promoting the Continuing Education, 3-D Creative Patriotic Art and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contests. I am encouraging you all to REPORT, REPORT, REPORT and REPORT!!!! Remember, when your Auxiliary reports on the Scholarship program, your Auxiliary receives an entry for a chance to win \$50.00 in the next \$50 promotional drawing I will be doing! More information to come on the next drawing. So, come on Colorado, "We Are Family" with "Hands That Serve, Hearts That Care"!!!!

Hugs,  
Patsy Gilmore  
Department Scholarship Chairman

## Legislative Program

Hello Auxiliary Sisters & Brothers,

Happy Fall! I hope that these last few months have gone well for everyone and that you are all in good health. I can't believe how quickly the months seem to go by anymore! Can you believe that we are already in our second quarter of reporting?

With that being said, I have been excited to see how many auxiliaries have already been reporting in the Legislative program area. I hope to see many more reports within this next quarter. There are quite a few election races being held around Colorado within our county governments and at the state level, which will give every auxiliary, and its members, a chance to participate and report within the Legislative program.

Does your auxiliary know what can be reported for the legislative program? If not, some examples of what can be reported are; letters/phone calls/emails to politicians, attending a town hall or county commissioners meeting, working alongside Young Adult Voters – Young Democrats of America & Young Republicans National Federation, organizing or volunteering with a Registration Drive or a Get Out the Vote

Drive, or inviting candidates - from each party - to speak at a meeting. Remember, the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary does not endorse any candidate or party, and a Post or Auxiliary should not either. Legislative activities should remain non-partisan, as our military members and veterans all hold different beliefs and do not all belong to any one party, but consist of liberals, conservatives, republicans, democrats, and independents. They all deserve to be advocated for, heard, and receive legislation that would provide a better way of life for them - to do anything otherwise, would be of a great disservice to them.

I can't wait to see what this next reporting period brings, but remember to have fun, get creative, and keep advocating for the military members and veterans that we all love and respect so dearly! Remember to send your auxiliaries report in whenever a legislative activity is completed, as March 31<sup>st</sup> will be here quicker than we realize. Happy Reporting!

Warmest Regards,  
Nadia Flores  
Dept. Legislative Chairman

### Thank You Notes

I wish to express a note of gratitude for all the get well cards and prayers sent my way during my recent hospital and rehab stay. After eight long weeks I am home and starting to finally heal. Your cards and well wishes from all over Colorado made a very boring, stay so much brighter! Thank you so much,  
**Tami Veed, Past District 5 President**  
**VFW Auxiliary #3917**

### Thank You Colorado

Thank you so much for all the Thinking of You Cards and Wishes when I moved into Society Good Samaritan in Loveland. It was hard to leave my home in Johnstown, but it was time. Also a big thanks to everyone on my 93rd Birthday. Past CIC Paul Spera surprised me with a 2 day visit. I received over 100 cards. Love You All.  
**Helen Lenehan**  
**Past National President**



Aux 5812: Dorothy J. Wood, Alice Rotz

Please send in all Deceased VFW Auxiliary members to [ann@vfwco.org](mailto:ann@vfwco.org) or [vfw@vfwco.org](mailto:vfw@vfwco.org).  
They will be saved for the Joint Memorial State Convention Book.  
Our deadline is May 20, 2023  
**You still need to notify National and that can be done on MALTA.**

## Hospital Program

Greetings brothers and sisters!

I hope you are all enjoying the fall and the cooler weather it brings (and if you are like me, all things pumpkin).

As we move into November and the holiday season, it's so important to remember our hospitalized veterans. A lot of us set up events for Christmas, but I would love to see everyone doing things for them all year round. November brings us Veterans Day, so why not do something special then? Or for Thanksgiving, New Years? And beyond that, how about St. Patrick's Day or Easter or Fourth of July? Please don't just stop at Christmas.

If you would like to set up an event at a facility near you, please, please give them a call and ask about what can be done. I am finding that many places still have restrictions due to COVID. If you aren't able to get into a facility, consider sending cards. Valentine's for Veterans is something I will talk a lot about, but again, why stop at Valentine's Day? If you can't get into a facility, see if they'll accept cards. Some will also let you drop

off food or other items, why not get a count and include cards with the food? There are lots of things that can still be done if you aren't able to get into facilities, so think outside of the box!

Another area that we are focusing on this year is women veterans health care. Did you know there is a website with all kinds of resources for women veterans? [www.va.gov/womenvet](http://www.va.gov/womenvet) Please get the word out on that website – there are lots of resources available.

I hope you are all also working on recruiting volunteers! That's an important goal as we need people to get our work done. Remember, they don't have to be auxiliary members!

If you have not yet sent me your auxiliary or district chairman list, please remember to do that so I can continue getting information out to everyone!

Happy Holidays to all! Stay safe and warm.

Loyally,  
Brandi Dolan  
Department Hospital Chair

**Department Auxiliary Officers and Chairmen**  
**send Holiday Wishes to all the Members**

### President's Special Project Rocky Mountain Regional VA Fisher House

Greetings Auxiliary Members!

"WE ARE FAMILY" and by every Auxiliary purchasing pins we can help in providing FREE services to our veterans and their families in a time of need,

Ron has chosen the Rocky Mountain Regional Fisher House as his special project.

The Rocky Mountain Regional Fisher House is located behind the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado at 1700 N. Wheeling Street, Building R. They are conveniently located near the VA, so that our families can easily visit their loved ones. At the local Fisher House they believe "a family's love is good medicine." That is why they provide a FREE "home-away-from-home" for families of active duty military and veterans getting medical care. This service also provides transportation if the patient is receiving care at a facility other than the VA Clinic.

Our local Fisher House has 16 suites and can accommodate 16 to 32 family members. It features a large kitchen, laundry facilities, a spacious dining room and an inviting living room with a library. Our new home also has an elevator to easily access the second floor.

You can purchase these beautiful red, white and blue pins, with Ron's theme "WE ARE FAMILY", and sporting the Auxiliary emblem surrounded by our beautiful Rocky Mountains by

mailing an order (provided on this page) along with the monies to pay for the requested number of pins. Once I receive the order form, I will send your requested number of pins to you via USPS. The cost per pin is \$3 and you are allowed to resell the pins for \$3. **If you resell the pins at a higher cost, you are required to send the extra monies into Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary.** All monies raised from this pin are to go to the Rocky Mountain Regional Fisher House.

I CHALLENGE each and every Auxiliary member to save \$0.25, \$7.75 a month or \$91.25 a year, and donate to Ron's Special Project.

I also know that we all drink soda or beer – did you know that those pop tops off those cans can be turned in for money for Fisher House? Collect the pop tops and bring them to me at COA and I will get them to the proper channels.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Parade of Programs this year and learning how you are raising money for Ron's Special Project, Rocky Mountain Fisher House!!! We will be discussing all of the Auxiliary programs and I will have more information on the Fisher House.

Queenie Barz  
Department President Special Project Chairman

**2022—2023 Veterans Pin Order Form**  
**This years Department of Colorado Auxiliary**  
**Presidents Special Project:**  
**Colorado Fisher House**

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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