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## “Why I’m Optimistic About Our Nation’s Future”

I was never patriotic until I left the country. My junior year of high school was spent in Taipei, Taiwan. Before I left I was ecstatic. I had it all planned. I would learn Mandarin Chinese, make hundreds of Taiwanese friends, and then live happily ever after as an expat. When I got to Taiwan I had to become more realistic. I did not learn Chinese in a day and most of my friends were other exchange students who came from all over the world.

The Taiwanese are inquisitive people; they want to get to know who you are. Unfortunately their English was as bad as my Chinese, so our conversations were short. They would always ask the same question. “*Ni shi na gou ren?*” and my answer was always the same, “*Wo shi mei gou ren.*” I am an American. Those words had never meant anything to me before, now they were part of my identity.

In the fall of my exchange, the program organized a Halloween costume party for all the exchange students and Taiwanese students who had been on past exchanges. We came as cats, witches, and zombies, all normal things, but one costume stood out. A Taiwanese student arrived dressed as Osama Bin Laden. Suddenly this party wasn’t fun.

For the American exchange students it was a face we had seen our entire lives. It had been paired with the images of innocent men and woman jumping from the towers to their deaths when they were no longer able to stand the powerful smoke and temperatures inside. To us, his costume felt like a punch in the gut. First people were angry and then they

were sad. Some people wanted to yell, others wanted to hit him. We swallowed those ideas though and took him aside and explained why his costume affected so many people in such a negative way.

He was shocked. He didn’t know that it was a big deal; he hardly knew who Osama was. He very kindly took off the more recognizable parts of his costume. What I found encouraging about that night is that we solved the problem with kindness. No scene was made. No one was any the wiser it had even been a problem. We found we could be ambassadors for our country talking through issues, understanding why we had different opinions, and finding an ultimate solution.

Taiwan is a country where people do what is expected of them. Students are told to learn.

Learning is demonstrated by test scores. Even in their preschools students sit at desks for hours each day.

I believe this has left a hole in their education, especially when it comes to problem solving.

At my high school I was often left in the library because they were fearful that I might drop their school’s rank, which was derived from tests taken every four weeks. I began to notice that students didn’t learn - they memorized.

On one of my days in the library I watched two students attempt to open a door. The door’s sign said, “Push to open.” They followed this instruction precisely. They pushed, it stayed put. The two students tried for over five minutes before giving up. I decided to have a crack at it. I went over and looked at the door. It appeared to be locked. I turned the deadbolt and

pushed open the door.

As an American I have learned to solve problems.

In the United States we are far too stubborn to give up. If something is broken we will find a way to fix it, even if we have to create something entirely new.

Our nation has problems, and yet, in a magnificent way, when they hit we keep going. When the government shut down this year we took a view that reflects those of the colonies that once rebelled over a tax on tea. We understood that a shutdown happened, it concerned us, and then we went to work. Our immediate response was to push on into the future.

This is why I am optimistic about our future, when we hit snags we keep going. When something bad happens, we talk our way through it. I am optimistic because the United States of America is a nation of people who solve problems and never give up. Sometimes this means our furniture isn’t always put together the way the instructions would like, but it still holds our weight.

We may get hurt or our nation finds itself in conflict, but we move forward and find resolutions. Our country has such a high level of tenacity and the will to continue to find new solutions even though the future does not contain certainty. We know when the going gets tough, the tough get inventive. This is the United States that makes me patriotic and that is why this Country always will be what makes me optimistic.

*1st Place*  
*Sarah E. Haynes*  
*District 1 - John S. Stewart #1*



**Sarah Haynes**  
Dist. #1  
VFW #1



**James Fross**  
Dist. #10  
VFW #7945



**Alex Blitstein**  
Dist. #8  
VFW #1166



**Kalsey Hartley**  
Dist #5  
VFW #4051



**Jared Russell**  
Dist. #2  
VFW #5812

### In Loving Memory Of

J. Wesley Berry, VFW Post #807  
Past Department Commander 1976 - 1977  
Passed away November 9, 2013

Rest In Peace  
You Work On Earth Is Done - You Will Be Missed

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
SOUTHERN COLORADO LAND ACQUISITION  
FACT SHEET**

VA takes seriously its commitment to provide a final resting place and lasting tribute to the men and women who have sacrificed to protect our nation, and on January 21, 2014, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) completed the purchase of 374 acres of land in Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado for a new national cemetery. The site, known as Rolling Hills, was purchased from CS 2005 Investments, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company, located at 4908 Tower Road, Denver, Colorado.

This new national cemetery will serve an estimated population of 95,000 Veterans and family members, which are not currently served with an open national, State, or tribal Veteran's cemetery, within 75 miles of their residence.

Southern Colorado qualifies for a new national cemetery based on VA policy, which states that new national cemeteries may be established where at least 80,000 Veterans are not currently served with an open national, State, or tribal Veterans cemetery within 75 miles of their residence. This policy was approved by Congress as part of VA's FY2011 budget request.

In Fall 2011, VA issued an advertisement to provide land that would convey with associated water rights to serve as the proposed national cemetery in southern Colorado. Based on the cumulative results of real estate analyses, and the time and cost associated with each option, the Department selected the Rolling Hills site as VA's preferred option.

The fair market value (FMV) was established as \$12,000 per acre, for a total cost of \$4.49 million. Irrespective of the present zoning (this property's current use is as agricultural/grazing land and has a state tax assessed value of \$6.68 per acre), in accordance with Federal regulations, VA is required to pay FMV based on the highest and best use of the property (as residential, mixed with neighborhood commercial use). A professional appraisal was conducted by an independent state-licensed Member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI) and the methodology and the findings of the appraisal were confirmed by a review appraisal.

Upon appropriation of construction funding, VA will proceed with the initial phase of construction which includes development of cemetery roads, an entrance, administration and Public Information Center, committal shelters, and a maintenance facility along with an approximate 10 year initial burial capacity of casket gravesites, cremation sites, and columbarium niches needed to accommodate approximately 10 years of burial demand.

**Roster Changes**

**Page 18** Bob Clements 303-918-5552 Bill Esch 970-397-5812  
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**Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule**

Feb	2	Englewood #322	Englewood
	9	John S. Stewart #1	Denver
	16	Broomfield #9565	Broomfield
	23	Mile High #1771	Lafayette
Mar	2	George B. Williams #2841	Brighton
	9	John S Stewart #1	Denver
	16	Golden #4171	Golden
	23	Longs Peak #2601	Longmont
	30	Aurora #3631	Aurora
Apr	6	Lambert-Wright-Roy #8661	Bailey
	13	Arvada #4331	Arvada
	20	Mile High #1771	Lafayette
	27	Francis Brown Lowry #501	Denver

Please plan to bring 3 dozen doughnuts and some sugar free goodies, like cookies, croissants or bagels with cream cheese. Bring enough for both services. Coffee will be supplied to the Hosts, and you may bring juice or fruits if you wish. If you are unable to keep your assigned date, please work out a trade and then call, Betty Melsen at 303-237-6646 IN ADVANCE.

**FEBRUARY DISTRICT MEETINGS**

5	2/16/14 Sunday	Post No. 6461 Fountain	1:00 pm Lunch Meeting to follow	Don Smith Linda Stahly
11	2/16/14 Sunday	Post No. 1247 Grand Junction	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Jnt Meeting Voice of Democracy & Patriot Pen/Teacher 12:00 noon Lunch Meetings to follow	John Loring Martine Arndt
12	2/09/14 Sunday	Post No. 4031 Durango	11:00 am Jnt Meeting 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	

**MARCH DISTRICT MEETINGS**

1	3/15/14 Saturday	Post No. 1 Denver	11:00 am Jt Mtg 12:00 noon Meal Meeting to follow	Jim Lafferty Martine Arndt
2	3/22/14 Saturday	Post No. 4061 Canon City	11:00 am Jt Mtg 12:00 noon Meal	Pete Buchanan Linda Stahly
3	3/09/14 Sunday	Post No. 1771 Lafayette	12:00 Meal Meeting to follow	Ed Aitken
7	3/02/14 Sunday	Post No. 3228 Monte Vista	12:00 noon Meal Voice of Democracy Patriots Pen Meeting to follow	Allan Stone Martine Arndt
10	3/16/14 Sunday	Post No. 9644 Sheridan	Breakfast 11:00 am Memorial Service Meeting to follow	Kirk Rosa June Spencer

March 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Voice of Democracy, Washington DC  
 March 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Conference, Washington DC

**Subject to Change**

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP NO. \_\_\_\_\_ VFW POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: YOUR RETURN ADDRESS IS ON THE BACK SIDE OF THIS NOTICE.**

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**THANK YOU  
 EDITOR**



## Commander's Column Kirk Rosa



This year training has been a big part of what we as Team Colorado wanted to accomplish. The problem with this, with all the training De-

partment of Colorado has done, we still see many problems out there. Reports, bonds, insurance, 990's (IRS tax exempt filing), Secretary of State Incorporation good standing status, quarterly trustee audit reports, and community service reports. All of these are required each year, except for the community service report. Some Posts have not filed the 990's in over three years, which means they have lost their Federal Tax Exempt status and must file the required forms to get it back, and there is a fine (around \$500.00) to pay also. The Insurance is required to be renewed every year. It must have both National VFW and Department of Colorado as payee's on the insurance form. The Colorado Secretary of State Status of Good Standing, is required every year. If you fail to do this, when you finally do get it done it will cost you more than the annual \$10.00.

Post Quartermaster Bonds are required every year. They are due by August 31 of each year, yet we have to continually call, send letters etc to get the Post to get them done. 1 September of each year the Post Quartermaster is no longer bonded. If something happens and the Post quarterly trustee audits have not been done or done wrong, then the bonding company is not obligated to pay. The quarterly trustee audit is due at the end of the month, following the end of each quarter. Example:

current audit that is due is for the quarter that ended in December. The audit was due into Department Headquarters by the end of January.

All Posts in Colorado do something to assist the community, or veterans etc. A lot of the posts do not report this on the community service report. It should be reported so that the Post can get credit for it.

All these reports are on the Department web site at [www.vfwcolodept.org](http://www.vfwcolodept.org). Then go to District reports. Open the District your post is in and you can see where the Post stands or if a report that was submitted does not show up. District Commanders should be using this tool to assist them in assisting their Posts and helping them get the reports in. The Post Commander is responsible to make sure all these reports are done and turned in. All Posts should have the new Podium edition of the National By laws, Manual of Procedure and rituals. This is also a must. Each Post and District should be purchasing this around October of each year. All the changes approved at the National Convention are incorporated into the new book each year.

If you have questions about any of this contact your District Commander, they should be able to assist you in getting these taken care of. If the District Commander needs help they can call the Team Colorado District Liaison. I hope this helps Posts out there understand the reports and the how's and why's. Let's finish on a strong note this year.

Kirk Rosa  
State Commander

## Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



I hope this finds everyone well and warm.

It has been six months since beginning my journey and experience as your State Quartermaster. Together with Com-

mander Rosa, all I can say is WOW. I had a great time last year as your Commander, and very little has let up.

I've noticed a few Post's are updating, or finally creating by-laws. Great! When being sent to Department for review, we've noticed a few Post's mistake Article IV, Section 2 concerning "Admission fees". Admission fees are the fees you send to Department for each New member recruited. This amount is one dollar. These have nothing to do with your dues. If you look on the Quarterly Audit form, it is Line 2. Please read the sample By-Laws, which Department can supply, and call with any questions.

As I've gone over the Quarterly Audits, a very large majority are done correctly. A few have minor math problems, and some

are just wrong. Not only is getting these audits turned in on time required, doing them correctly is a must. We have several Post's in the Department who either did not do an audit, or just put some numbers on a page and turned it in. Then when a problem with funds arose, the bonding company would not cover the loss due to audit problems. Please take your time and do them correctly. Or better yet, go on line to [vfwcolodept.org](http://vfwcolodept.org), the Department web site. Find the tab near the top named "Forms". Scroll down to the Quartermasters section and find the "Trustees (Fillable) Report of Audit Form 2013-2014. Fill in the blanks like you would on the paper form and it will automatically do the math. Print the form out, keep one for your Post, or District, and send the other to Department.

I hope everyone had great Holidays. Lennie would like to thank everyone for the cards and calls. I think she will survive.

Bruce R. Dolan  
State Adj/QM

## 2014 - 2015 Themes

**Voice of Democracy Theme**  
"Why Veterans are Important to our Nation's History and Future"

**Patriot's Pen Theme**  
"Why I Appreciate America's Veterans)"

## Sr. Vice Column Jim Lafferty



The holidays are over and I hope that every one had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We still need to work on our membership for

the year. We are doing pretty good, but I believe that we can do better.

We also need to see to it that we get our

bonds, audits and pay the registrations for the State and National Conventions.

I know that this next year will be a very good Navy year. I want every one to know that I am very proud to be a part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Colorado and the United States. I feel that everyone of you are a part of my extended family.

Jim Lafferty  
Sr. Vice Commander

## Jr. Vice Column Peter Buchanan

What a year 2013 brought us, here is a helpful reminder; *white smoke for Pope Francis, Failed rollout for Obamacare, Chemical weapons in Syria, 16-day*

*partial shutdown U.S. Government, Leaks from Snowden, Bombs in Boston, Big surprise in Iran, Banner year for gay rights, Meltdown of the Arab Spring, Momentum for marijuana, U.S. moves toward energy dominance, No end for international terrorism, Mixed bag for the tea party, More killing but no movement on gun control, Resistance to school standards, Guilty verdict for Manning in WikiLeaks.*

Seems to me it is good that 2013 is now gone and we can look to a fresh new year with all our hopes for a happier less stressful life ahead. Oh, I would like to go back and leave a comment for all the phone calls and visits I made last year as your Jr. Vice Commander and Surgeon General of the VFW. I would rather look to the future and have a vision for not only our VFW posts, Districts, Department, and the almost 2 million members of our elite organization. We are all so honored to share a unique cause to serve not only each other, but the many service members who now are serving in less pleasant living conditions then we are. They are a moment away from harms way.

The holiday season past offered plenty of opportunities for joy, but for some the hustle and bustle of the season wasn't cause for celebration. For many, sadness and grief. Outlet-time .... a remedy for the holiday blues. It starts with social interaction, which is what the holidays are about. I know you all had frantic times of personal holiday shopping, parties and friends. Then the VFW parties and post functions. If you have any hair left, listen to this. Sit down and read a book, take a walk, or listen to music and let the world wait for you for a change. Studies suggest exercise is as effective as Prozac or other anti-depressants. A bit of cardiovascular stimulation will leave you feeling positive after you cool down.

Join me in a fresh new commitment to our VFW this 2014 year. If we commit to completing the requirements of our organization early on, there will not be the big push at the end of the year with folks calling you asking where this report or that report is and that you are tardy. In all walks of life completing timely work can lead to feelings of success, competence and increased self-esteem. What ever you do this year remember to stay happy and be positive.

Happy New Year to all my VFW, Auxiliaries and friends,

Pete Buchanan  
Jr. Vice Commander

## Chaplain's Column Ed Aitken



Happy New Year Comrades and Sisters

First I want to thank you for your kind thoughts, cards, and prayers that have been sent to my wife Diane

in her journey though rehab after her two knee surgery. She is on the road to recovery, again we thank you.

In my travels around the state as Chaplain I have learned that there is one prayer that is used by many different faiths. It is the Lord Prayer, it comes in many versions but all versions communicate the same meaning.

The Lords Prayer is divided into 7 petitions, each having a special meaning, the one petition that is more profound to me

is the following:

And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us.

This petition of the Lord's Prayer is a demanding one. Not only do we ask God's forgiveness for our daily offenses, but we link God's forgiveness of us with our forgiveness of others. Forgiving others is not always easy to do. We need God's help to do it. But it must be done or we ourselves cannot receive God's mercy.

This year let us become a better person by living by the Lords Prayer.

May God bless you and yours and as always God Bless America.

Edward T. Aitken  
Department Chaplain

## Colorado 6 months Community Service Report

No. of Volunteer Hours donated	64,874	(\$1,669,214)*
Amount of monies spent/donated to complete projects		\$255,610
*(based on \$22.14 per hour determined by Independent Sector, Washington, D.C.)		



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**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3 February 1, 2014 2013-2014**

**Please remind all Posts that you MUST be 100% +1 to qualify for All State. Deadline is April 30, 2014. Entry forms will be mailed to all that qualify.**

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

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

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

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

**2. Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers:** All Posts, Districts and Department should be reminded of the provisions of Sec. 216(c), 316, 414(c), and 515(d) of the National By-Laws and Manual or procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until such proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Adjutant for review.

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

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

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

**6. Commanders on all levels** should begin organizing their 2014 Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. To qualify for Post All American, VFW Posts must order a minimum of five (5) Buddy Poppies per member for the program year from Department Headquarters.

**7. All-State Commanders and Quartermasters.** Entry forms for All-State Commanders and Quartermasters **will be mailed to all qualified persons.** Posts and Districts must be 100% + 1 in membership by April 30, 2014, in order for the Commanders and/or Quartermasters to be eligible for this award. The Commander's Department Leadership Manual, along with the entry form, must arrive at Department Headquarters not later than close of business on Wednesday May 07, 2014, to be judged. Post Quartermasters need only submit the entry form by the same deadline date.

**8. Council of Administration** meeting will be April 5, 2014 at VFW Post No. 2551, 208 W Beaver, Fort Morgan, 8:30 am for Joint Meeting. **Workshops** will begin April 4 at the Post home 10:00 am.

**9. State Convention** is scheduled for Montrose, Colorado, June 18 through June 22, 2014. See Page 8 of the Colorado Veteran for pre-registration, golf, hotels and Convention Book ads.

**10. The Department of Colorado** Veterans of Foreign Wars Loyalty Day Parade will be in Calhan, CO., Saturday May 3, 2014 10:00 am line-up time. Please contact Jim Crim 719-541-2650 or Rowland Hannon 719-347-2522 for further information.

**11. Applications for the Department State Convention Site for 2015** can be obtained by contacting State Adj./Qm. Bruce Dolan, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, CO. 80214, (303) 421-1630. A check for \$300.00 deposit must accompany the bid application.

ATTEST BY:  
Bruce R. Dolan, State Adj./Qm.

BY COMMAND:  
Kirk R. Rosa, State Commander

## Surgeon's Column Allan Stone



Happy 2014! I hope you and your family have a Happy and Health New Year. Also, I hope one of your New

Year's resolutions was to visit hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living centers and hospice care facilities.

I continue to visit the Colorado State Veterans Nursing Homes and had the opportunity to visit the Bruce McCandless State Veterans Nursing Home in Florence. The facility in named after a Medal of Honor recipient from Florence and is located on a ridge overlooking the city. The home has 105 operating beds, including a 14-bed special care/Alzheimer's unit.

The mission of the McCandless facility is to honor and serve our nation's veterans, their spouses and the Gold Star Parents by creating opportunities for meaningful activity, continued growth and feeling of self-worth in resident-centered long term care and supportive living environments. Their vision is that residents experience compassion, dignity and companionship in communities filled with life, love and laughter. Barbara Moore is the administrator and her phone number is toll free 1-800-283-2668 or 719-784-6331.

On November 7, I attended the homeless veterans stand down in Denver at

the National Guard Armory, 52nd and Franklin Street. The turnout this year was down compared to previous years, but many veterans were able to receive assistance. I got my flu shot for the third year in a row at the stand down.

The Aurora Mental Health Center and the City of Aurora operate two facilities for homeless veterans. One facility is located at the old Fitzsimons Army Base and the other facility is in a residential areal near 1 St. and Havana. These 15-bed facilities serve honorably discharged veterans struggling with homelessness, substance use disorder and mental health issues. The program is open to veterans who are eligible for and referred through the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program from the Veterans Administration. These facilities are structured housing with supportive case management by expert staff and community resources that help veterans make a successful transition to independent living. I have visited both of these facilities and talked with veterans and the counselors.

I look forward to visiting with you at the Council of Administration meeting April 5 and 6 in Fort Morgan at Post #2551. Let's all work together to support and honor veterans!

Allan Stone  
Department Surgeon

**William A. Thien  
Commander-in-Chief  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S.**

**National Representative  
to Spring Conference  
Fort Morgan, Colorado**



William A. "Bill" Thien was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on July 24, 2013, at the VFW's 114th National Convention, held in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Thien served in the U.S. Navy from 1969-1974 and served five years in the Indiana National Guard. His decorations include the Vietnam Service Medal with 3 stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Bar, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), National Defense Service Medal and several from the National Guard.

He joined the VFW in 1971 at Post 3281 in New Albany, Ind., where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life Membership. He has served the VFW in many leadership positions

including All American Post Commander, All State District Commander and All American State Commander. He has also held positions on numerous National committees, including Vice Chairman of Citizenship Education and Community Service and as Chairman of National Scholarship and Recognition.

Mr. Thien attended Indiana University Southeast. He worked as a Team Leader/Shift Supervisor at Duke Energy and is now retired.

Mr. Thien is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Vietnam War Post 1, National Rifle Association, Patriot Guard Riders, Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent 51 and VFW National Home.

He and his wife Linda reside in Georgetown, Ind.

### Donations are needed for Denver VA Coffee Admissions

It takes \$1,500 per month to support this program  
That comes to \$18,000 a year to purchase coffee, cups, lids, etc.

Coffee is served Monday thru Friday all year long to veterans  
that come to the Denver VA for appointments.

All donations are to be sent to Department Headquarters  
earmarked Denver VA Coffee Admissions.

**VFW Publication Contest entry form is on the Colorado Website  
Mail or bring in your best three (3) Publications  
between 1/1/2013 - 12-31-13 w/entry form**

**2014 Calendar Raffle is now in process  
Contact your District Commander**

**Spring Sweepstakes will be mailed the middle of February 2014**

**"Salute to Service" nomination form is on the  
Colorado Website [www.vfwcolodept.org](http://www.vfwcolodept.org)**

VFW Post Membership by District as of January 27, 2014

Number/ City	2013	2014	%	Number/City	2013	2014	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>				<b>DISTRICT #8</b>			
1 Denver	925	823	89	859 Leadville	44	42	95
501 Denver	378	337	89	1166 Buena Vista	170	153	90
2461 Denver	178	212	119*	3820 Salida	110	97	88
2797 Denver	65	66	102*	8661 Bailey	160	156	98
3971 Denver	100	95	95	10721 Minturn	97	85	88
5061 Denver	414	388	94	11411 Lake George	46	44	96
TOTAL	2060	1921	93%	12009 Conifer	117	111	95
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>				<b>DISTRICT #9</b>			
61 Pueblo	96	92	96	2371 Walden	32	30	94
984 Trinidad	72	61	85	4264 Steamt Spgs	92	98	107*
2788 Penrose	86	94	109*	4265 Craig	142	136	96
3641 Ft. Collins	104	89	86	5261 Rangely	20	16	80
4061 Canon City	411	362	88	5843 Meeker	49	49	100*
5812 Pueblo West	204	212	104*	9374 Kremmling	44	41	93
7305 Colo. City	50	45	90	9471 Hayden	9	10	111*
8898 Boone	50	42	84	TOTAL	388	380	98%
12063 Westcliffe	44	43	98	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>			
TOTAL	1117	1040	93%	322 Englewood	124	127	102*
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>				<b>DISTRICT #11</b>			
41 Loveland	322	300	93	3471 Morrison	85	72	85
807 Boulder	61	51	84	3631 Aurora	415	363	87
1771 Lafayette	346	298	86	4121 Idaho Spgs.	62	57	92
1781 Ft. Collins	323	309	96	4171 Golden	563	515	91
2121 Greeley	203	176	87	4266 Parker	73	82	112*
2585 Johnstown	110	112	102*	4331 Arvada	279	263	94
2601 Longmont	473	423	89	4444 Cmmrc Cty	257	241	94
2841 Brighton	181	159	88	4666 Littleton	155	142	92
4334 Ault	79	78	99	7563 Black Hawk	26	17	65
6011 Platteville	76	69	91	7945 Thornton	456	425	93
6624 Evans	326	288	88	8449 Bennett	33	38	115*
7206 Louisville	33	25	76	9644 Fort Logan	702	666	95
9565 Broomfield	137	129	94	TOTAL	3352	3008	93%
9741 Dacono	51	48	94	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>			
TOTAL	2721	2465	91%	4031 Durango	252	235	93
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>				<b>DISTRICT #13</b>			
2551 Ft. Morgan	291	260	89	3411 Kit Carson	25	26	104*
3378 Yuma	69	63	91	6491 Burlington	85	83	98
3541 Sterling	121	104	86	6612 Hugo	51	45	88
3551 Brush	40	39	98	9491 Deer Trail	23	21	91
3951 Ovid	29	29	100*	9700 Chynn Wlls	36	34	94
3961 Otis	26	24	92	TOTAL	220	209	95%
4191 Crook	23	23	100*	<b>DISTRICT #14</b>			
4671 Wray	67	63	94	15006 MAL	2298	2190	90%
6482 Holyoke	65	60	92	<b>TOTAL DEPT</b>			
7153 Fleming	42	37	88	18803	17285	92%	
8064 Akron	48	42	88	2014 dues are now DUE. Be 100% +1 in 2014			
TOTAL	821	744	91%	<b>Have You Paid Yours??</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>				<b>DISTRICT #7</b>			
101 Colo. Spgs.	471	462	98	899 Alamosa	146	125	86
3917 Security	731	662	91	3228 Monte Vista	39	39	100*
4051 Colo. Spgs	770	693	90	4849 La Jara	69	64	93
5221 Calhan	100	93	93	6101 San Luis	75	67	89
6051 Wdln Park	44	42	95	8121 Del Norte	61	61	100*
6461 Fountain	293	284	97	TOTAL	390	356	91%
7829 Monument	164	97	59				
9669 Colo. Spgs.	66	58	88				
10649 Elizabeth	49	42	86				
TOTAL	2688	2433	91%				
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>							
336 Ordway	117	101	86				
2411 LasAnimas	111	105	95				
3621 Lamar	59	60	102*				
4001 Springfield	48	48	100*				
4091 Rocky Ford	64	62	97				
4281 Holly	30	28	93				
TOTAL	429	404	94%				

COLORADO MEMBERSHIP PLAN 2013 - 2014

You ALL did GOOD, BUT we need to do better. I know there are Posts that are working to be an All American Post from National. This year you have to make Colorado All State Commander and you have to retain 85% of your prior year annual membership total, and achieve your assigned Division Membership qualifying percentage. You have to finish in the top 25 Posts in your assigned Membership Division.

Set up a Membership Team to help the Post to make 100% plus.

The Department has a Membership Chairman in every District. Look in your 2013-2014 Roster for the information.

Jim Mauck  
aka Dr Fat Albert  
303-588-7518

VFW Men's Auxiliary Report 2013 - 2014

Here are a few notes that I think will help you!

Your current Membership Year is from 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014. Your DUES for 2014 can be paid anytime after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. As the Treasurer collects the Dues, \$10.00 is sent to Department Headquarters with the Department part of the Membership cards. You can send them to Department on a monthly transmittal basis. Your Dues have to be the same as your VFW Post. Then the member's name is added to the data base to receive the Colorado Veteran. Remember to send in your Community Service Reports.

Remember to do your 990N form on the internet. It cannot be mailed. Then send a copy of the approval to Department of Colorado for your file. If you do not file every year, you can loose your non-profit standing with IRS.

Remember to have your VFW Post Commander do an annual inspection of the Men's Auxiliary and forward a copy to Department for your file. Also remember to have your books audited and a copy of the Audit sent to Department Headquarters.

We will have a meeting in Fort Morgan, April 5th, with the VFW Workshops. VFW Council of Administration will be April 6th.

If you have any questions or need any kind of help please call me at 303-588-7518 or e-mail colofatalbert@comcast.net.

Jim Mauck  
aka Dr Fat Albert

2014 - 2015 Themes

Voice of Democracy Theme

“Why Veterans are Important to our Nation's History and Future”

Patriot's Pen Theme

“Why I Appreciate America's Veterans”

Legislative Update

Once again those members of Congress who we sent to Washington to represent us have chipped away on our benefits and entitlements. They passed a bill, the Bipartisan Budget Act, signed by the President, to reduce the annual Cost of Living Allowance one percentage point for military retirees until they reach age 62.

This law will reduce the income of any retiree from the service one (1) every year until they reach sixty two. This could range from \$85,000 to \$120,000. This law is not supposed to effect veterans' benefits for service-connected disability. It also requires that future benefits be adjusted in include the lost COLA after they reach

age sixty two. After that, the retirees will receive their full COLA equal to inflation each year.

It is imperative that every member of our great organization contact their member of Congress and tell the to repeal this provision in the law. Remind them that their action impacts veterans and survivors, hurts the troops, and their families and puts our national security at risk. Tell them they need to support the pending legislation, the Military Retirement Restoration act, that is pending.

They will listen to you because you are their constituent and you vote!

Warren “Chief” Tellgren, PDC  
National Legislative Director



- Post 501: George Putnik
- Post 807: C. Miller, J. Wesley Berry PDC
- Post 859: Gene Brower
- Post 899: Quentin R. Garcia, George R. Hedderman
- Post 2601: Verdon Chandler, Marvin Luckenbach
- Post 3631: Franklin Bianco, Gilbert Callow
- Post 3981: Emanuel Planas
- Post 4051: Raymond Brown, Douglas Dreifus
- Post 4061: Joseph Dickens, Harvey G. Holloway, John Cowperthwaite, Kenneth G. Buffum, Allen Lindholm, Donald R. Lohnes
- Post 4171: Tim Russell
- Post 4666: Harry B. Johnson
- Post 6051: Richard L. Ferguson, Jeffery James
- Post 7206: Glenn W. Steinbaugh, Donald E. Quist
- Post 7305: Robert Robins
- Post 8121: William D. Brown, Walter W. Wagner
- Post 9669: Walter E. Plants

Colorado VFW was 100.28% by June 30, 2013

THANK YOU

We can do it again in 2014

Please Pay Your 2014 Dues





Sarah Haynes, 1st Place Voice of Democracy winner, was sponsored by District #1 and VFW Post #1 and Ladies Auxiliary. Johnstown-Milliken VFW #2585 and Ladies Auxiliary sponsored the \$1,000 Scholarship.



James Fross, 2nd Place Voice of Democracy winner, was sponsored by District #10 and Thornton VFW Post #7945 and Ladies Auxiliary. Department of Colorado Ladies Auxiliary sponsored the \$500 Scholarship.



Alex Blitstein, 3rd Place Voice of Democracy winner, was sponsored by District #8 and Buena Vista VFW Post #1166 and Ladies Auxiliary. Longmont VFW #2601 and Auxiliaries sponsored the \$400 Scholarship.



Kalsey Hartley, 4th Place Voice of Democracy winner, was sponsored by District #5 and Colorado Springs VFW Post #4051 and Auxiliaries. Past Commander's Club sponsored the \$300 Scholarship.



Jared Russell, 5th Place Voice of Democracy winner, was sponsored by District #2 and Pueblo West VFW #5812 and Auxiliaries. Lafayette VFW Post #1771 and Auxiliaries sponsored the \$250 Scholarship.



State Color Guard Captain, Phil Garcia, presented Past Department Commander Don Smith with his State Commander's Jacket. Don lost his home in the Black Forest Wild Fire Disaster and every day is discovering items that he no longer has.



L-R: VFW Patriot's Pen Chairman Barbara Green; Ladies Auxiliary #322 President Maggie Phillips; State President Linda Stahly; Kenton Bogan 1st Place Winner; VFW Post #322 Commander Lyle Carter; State Commander Kirk Rosa. Kenton, a 6th Grader, won the State Patriot's Pen Contest and was presented a Plaque and a \$500 check sponsored by Englewood VFW Post #322 and Ladies Auxiliary in Memory of Past Department President Jean Carter at the Voice of Democracy Banquet. Kenton was sponsored by District #4 and VFW Post #3961 Otis.



L-R: VFW Chief of Staff Robert Kidd; 2012-2013 Voice of Democracy 1st Place Winner Leah Setzer; 2013-2014 Voice of Democracy 1st Place Winner Sarah Haynes. Leah passed the Voice of Democracy Ambassador Plaque to Sarah at the Banquet. Sarah will continue the tradition of spreading the word on the Voice of Democracy Program to students and encourage them to write the speech and enter the contest.





Voice of Democracy 1 - 5th Place winners, Chairman Shaun Shenk, State VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Officers and guests enjoyed Lunch prepared by VFW Post #101 Saturday January 25th.



L-R: State Chief of Staff Robert Kidd, listens as Surgeon General Peter Buchanan addressed the Voice of Democracy Banquet after awards were awarded to the students. Peter is also State Jr. Vice Commander for Colorado.



Voice of Democracy Banquet was held at Cheyenne Mountain VFW 3917, January 25, 2014. 125 VFW, Ladies Auxiliary, parents, students and guests attended. State Color Guard escorted the students to the podium for their award.



Thanks to Cheyenne Mountain VFW for hosting the Voice of Democracy Banquet. Now our 1st Place winner, Sarah Hayes, will be going to Washington DC the first part of March for the National Awards weekend. We wish her GOOD LUCK!



Ladies Auxiliary #2411 Las Animas, conducted the Missing Man Table Ceremony at their November 4th meeting. L-R: Vivian Pitts, Barb Kuhns, Donna Dodson, Francis Trujillo, Karen VanEgmond, Barb Martin and Kathleen Tomlin.



District #6 Ladies Auxiliary show off one of the sleeping mats made out of plastic bags & table cloths. Pam Valdez crochets the mats. L-R Betty Gray(#336), Yolanda Cisneros(#2411), DeAnn Van Fleet(#336) Cindy Quinones(#336), Mary Torrez (#3621).



Barbara and Bob Green (center) present wreaths during the annual Military Order of Cooties Tomb Trek to Arlington National Cemetery, Washington DC. This was the 79th annual Trek held November 1, 2013, at 11 a.m. This is the time when members of the MOC and MOCA come together to pay tribute to those brave men and women who answered the call of their country. MOC and MOCA Supreme, Grand Officers and members come from every state to place wreaths this time of the year. The Greens are from Colorado Springs.



VFW 5181 Dove Creek is the proud owner of a M109, American-made self-propelled howitzer, first introduced in the early 1960s. The M109 can carry a crew of six; the section chief, the driver, the gunner, the assistant gunner and two ammunition handlers. The M109 is on display in front of their Post Home in Dove Creek next to a Veterans Memorial that has names of veterans from Dolores County that have lost their life serving their country. Names can be added in the future if needed. Everyone is welcome to stop at the Post Home in Dove Creek.



## Greetings from Montrose

My name is Denise Bailey. I am President of Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #784 in Montrose, CO. I want to thank Department President Linda for giving me this opportunity to be her State Convention Chairman. Montrose is my hometown.

We have great restaurants, motels, bed and breakfast, RV parks, sightseeing and wonderful shopping. The VFW Post 784 and the town of Montrose are excited and getting ready for the opportunity to have all of you as guests for the State Convention June 18-22.

We have what is called Main in Motion. Main Street is closed down for the Thursday evening and the vendors come out. There is food, music, things to see and fun for everyone.

May I take this time to personally invite each and every one of you to our hometown of Montrose, CO. Come join us in Friendship and Fellowship, Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Lets put our heads together and see what we can do for the Good of the Order, for our Veterans, families, widows and orphans.

Also, on behalf of my husband Whit and myself, we want to wish you all Peace and Happiness throughout the New Year.

Denise C. Bailey  
24747 Dave Wood Rd.  
Montrose CO 81403

## 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.

### rules

(1). Displays will be presented and judged in four 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.

#### **CATEGORY 4 Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Jr. Units)**

(a). Display 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 of the Poppies 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 14. 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 four 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.

### Hotel Rooms for Fort Morgan Spring Conference - April 4 - 5, 2014

Hampton Inn - Headquarters 1152 Main Street	970-542-2484	VFW Rate
Clarion Inn - 14378 US Hwy 34	970-867-8200	w/Military ID
Comfort Inn - 1417 Barlow Rd	970-867-6700	VFW Rate
Roadway Inn - 1409 Barlow Rd	970-867-9481	VFW Rate
Sands Inn - 725 Main Street	970-867-9446	VFW Rate
Super 8 - 1220 N Main	970-867-9443	VFW Rate

## STATE CONVENTION LADIES AUXILIARY

Hosted By Montrose #784

### Wednesday June 18

8:00 am	Golf Tournament	Black Canyon Golf w/lunch
8:00 am	Fishing Tournament	Uncomphrade River w/lunch
8:00 am	Shooting Tournament	San Juan Range w/sack lunch
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Friendship Hall
12:00 noon-4:00 pm	Registration	Friendship Hall
12:00 noon -2:00 pm	Lunch &snacks	Friendship Hall
2:00 pm	State Officers Practice	Friendship Hall
6:00pm-9:00pm	Council of Administration	Friendship Hall

### Thursday June 19

7:00-8:00 am	Registration	Friendship Hall
8:00-12:00 noon	Joint Opening Session	Friendship Hall
12:30 pm----	Dept Presidents Luncheon	<b>Red-Barn</b> -in the Bar

### (By invitation Only)

1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Registration	Friendship Hall
4:30 pm-5:00 pm	Joint Memorial Service	Friendship Hall
	<b>PRACTICE</b>	
5:00 pm-6:00 pm	Joint Memorial Service	Friendship Hall
7:00 pm-9:30 pm	Main in Motion	Downtown Montrose
7:30 pm-9:00 pm	Past Presidents Banquet	<b>(TBA)</b>

### Friday June 20

7:00 am-8:00 am	Past District President's Breakfast	<b>(TBA)</b>
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8:00am-10:00 am	Registration	Friendship Hall
8:30am-----	Business Session	Friendship Hall
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Open Houses-Caucuses	Friendship Hall fairgrounds
7:00 pm-10:00 pm	Military Banquet	Montrose Pavilion

### Saturday June 21

7:00 am-8:00am	Past Auxiliary President's Breakfast	<b>(TBA)</b>
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7:00am-8:15am	Registration	Friendship Hall
8:30 am	Business session/Election	Friendship Hall
3:00 pm	Patriotic Rally	Friendship Hall
6:00pm	Joint Installation of Officers	Friendship Hall
	State President/Commander	
	Cocktail reception to follow	Holiday Inn Express
	Installation	
	Dance (after Installation)	Holiday Inn Express

### Sunday June 22

9:00 am	2014-2015 Ladies Officers Breakfast	Holiday Inn Express
10:00 am	VFW Warrior Ride	Start Holiday Inn Express

**Buddy Poppy Display and Community Activities Books Room TBA  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## STATE CONVENTION VFW

Hosted by Montrose #784

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12:00 noon - 2:00 pm	Lunch & Snacks	Friendship Hall
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Service Officer Claims	Warrior Resource Center
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Men's Auxiliary	Friendship Hall
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Council of Administration	Friendship Hall

### Thursday June 19

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration	Friendship Hall
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Joint Opening Session	Friendship Hall
12:30 pm	Dept Commanders Luncheon	Holiday Inn Express

### (By invitation Only)

1:00 pm	General Resolutions	Friendship Hall
1:00 pm	Service/Rehab Resolutions	Friendship Hall
1:00 pm	Time & Place Committee	Friendship Hall
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	VFW Warriors meeting	Warrior Resource Center
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Registration	Friendship Hall
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Joint Memorial Service	Friendship Hall

### **PRACTICE**

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Joint Memorial Service	Friendship Hall
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Main in Motion	Downtown Montrose
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Past Commander's Banquet	Holiday Inn Express

### Friday June 20

7:00 am - 8:00 am	District Commander Elect & District Sr. Vice Elect Breakfast	Holiday Inn Express
	And All American Breakfast	<b>(by invitation only)</b>

8:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration	Friendship Hall
8:30 am - 11:00 am	Business Session	Friendship Hall
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Open Houses - Caucuses	Friendship Hall
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Military Banquet	Montrose Pavilion

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Subject to Change**





# Auxiliary News

Published by the Ladies Auxiliary  
to the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Department of Colorado

Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



## Presidents's Column Linda Stahly



Dear Sisters:

As I write this letter the Holidays have come and gone. It is my wish that everyone got what they wanted for Christmas and the Holidays were good to them.

It has been a busy time for all of us. I want to say **THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU THAT MADE THE STATE BE OVER 91% BY DECEMBER 31!** We have achieved that Percentage so now let's go forward and make the State of Colorado 100% by the end of the year. We all can do this ladies we haven't been 100% in 12 years so lets make the 100<sup>th</sup> year a memorable one by being 100% in all Programs.

Ladies I know that you all have been working hard on all of the Programs if you have not sent the program Report in we have no idea of what you have done so **PLEASE REPORT!** The Program Chairman will be having a special meeting at the next COA-Parade of Programs in Ft Morgan on April -5-6 Please try to be at this one as we will also be doing some other fun things before our Year ends.

Voice of Democracy Weekend and Banquet will be held before you get this but I am sure it will be a fun weekend and I am glad that I did not have to be the judge of these wonderful students. I am so looking forward to escorting our Department winner down the aisle in Washington D.C. at the Legislative Conference.

I would like to remind you all



Sandi Kriebel, Ellicott City, Maryland, was elected National Guard of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States at its 100<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 24, 2013.

A Life Member of Yingling-Ridgely Ladies Auxiliary #7472, she joined on the eligibility of her father, a World War II and Korean War Army veteran. Sandi joined the Ladies Auxiliary at the age of 12 as a Junior Girl.

She has served in several capacities for the organization, including Auxiliary and District President, and as State President she earned Outstanding President of the

that we still have another scholarship out there for the Students to do the Creative Patriotic Art so if you have a wonderful artist in your area please try to get them to enter this contest. We also have the scholarship for our Auxiliary Sisters that would like to go back to school or are in school to apply for so please continue to work these programs.

I want to remind each of you to please check to see that you are doing your audits and all of the 990 and W-9 forms so that the IRS doesn't come knocking on your door. As you all know they are watching all of the non-profits to make sure we are doing everything to meet those non-profit standards so report please anything and everything that you all are so busy doing.

I like to thank you all also for the recipes that you all sent in for the cookbook and if you haven't got one yet they are a great addition to our kitchens and also make great gifts.

Now is the time to concentrate on finishing strong, Like the old saying goes "It's Not Over Until the Fat Lady Sings", so lets get out there and Recruit, Retain, and Reinstate. So Washington D. C. can't divide and concur us.

With each day going by so fast, I want you all to know how very happy and honored I am to be your Department President.

With loyalty and love to each of you

**"Rounding up Hope Working together for Veterans"**

Linda L. Stahly  
Department President

**Sandi Kriebel  
National Guard  
2013-2014  
National Representative  
Spring Conference  
Fort Morgan**

Year in her Membership group in 1996-97.

On the national level she has served as National District Council Member, Eastern Conference Chairman for the Americanism and Membership programs, National Director for the Cancer Aid & Research, Hospital, Buddy Poppy programs and as National Patriotic Instructor.

In her spare time she enjoys collecting thimbles, watching old movies and spending time with her family: husband Paul, three grown children, and five grandchildren.

## VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Kudos on your reporting! You are truly serving veterans and their families. Keep up the good work!!

The following will share Colorado reporting information from National. By are:

### National Home – Health & Happiness Fund Conference Quota

Number paid = 51. Met Goal = 49. Remember, National uses your June 30, 2013, Auxiliary membership numbers to acknowledge an auxiliary meeting its 10 cents per member donation. Please check and confirm your donation(s) were based on the June 30 membership. Thanks.

### National Military Services (NMS)

13 Auxiliaries and the Past President's Club have donated as of November 30, 2013. Of those, 7 have met National's goal of \$200.00. Remember, NMS has 3 programs: Unmet Needs, Operation Uplink, and Military Assistance Program (MAP). Donations to help support these 3 programs should be sent to VFW National Headquarters, checks payable to National Military Services. This allows the VFW to designate the use of these funds where most needed. For example, during November, 2013,

VFW/NMS supported 59,154 military members and families. In November, 28,794 military personnel were connected with their families through Operation Uplink. A \$5.00 donation from your auxiliary provides 12 deployed service members a 10-minute phone call during the free call days. What a wonderful treat that \$5.00 brings.

### Buddy Poppy

For the Colorado Division and Conference Competitions, National reports: Division 5 = 76.07%. CO is #2 with TX at 83.89% yeah!! For Western Conference, CO is 12 of 16 states with a 60.08% based on previous year's. Ouch!

### President Linda's Special Project

Combat Veterans Cowboy Up – a Post Traumatic Stress Recovery Program

– equine assisted therapy offered at Moon Fall Ranch in Elizabeth, CO. I hope you had the opportunity to hear the presentation by John Nash, founder and operator of Combat Veterans Cowboy Up at the August COA meeting. John's program truly exemplifies the quote of Winston Churchill, "There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man".

Please be generous with you support for this program. Donations are to be mailed to Department Treasurer, Colleen Rylant. Colleen will mail the total collected at the end of Linda's term.

### Turning Waste into Hope – one weave at a time

The project – crocheting plastic bags into sleeping mats – started by the VA and embraced by CO VFW/Ladies Auxiliaries.

A BIG congratulations to Auxiliary #3571. Sandy Baker reports the Delta community has adopted this project 100% and has people from kindergarten to 84 years old either collecting plastic bags, cutting the strips, or crocheting. Local merchants and the Chamber of Commerce have placed special collection tins for the bags and Wal Mart gave 96,000 bags. It is Auxiliary #3571's goal to complete 250 sleeping mats by Spring. Kudos to the Auxiliary for the excellent local press coverage.

There is still time for your auxiliary to crochet a mat(s) and let a homeless veteran know their service was appreciated.

Do stay in touch. I enjoy hearing from you. Remember, I am here to serve you. Till we meet at the April 5-6 Parade of Programs in Ft. Morgan – take care.

Loyally,  
Carol Anderson  
Department Veterans and Family Support Program Chairman

## Legislative Alert

We encourage ALL Ladies Auxiliary VFW members to sign up to receive the VFW Action Corps and Washington Weekly e-Newsletter. By signing up for the VFW Action Corps you will receive the Washington Weekly e- newsletter and VFW Action Alerts.

The Washington Weekly keeps you informed of what VFW is doing for veterans, service members and their spouses on Capitol Hill. The Washington Weekly e-newsletter notifies you of all key meetings and Congressional hearings in which the VFW is involved, linking you to the full hearing and our written testimony on issues like **VETERAN HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS, MILITARY TRANSITION ISSUES, and MILITARY BENEFITS AND MANY OTHERS!!!!**

The Action Alerts provide you the opportunity to be a part of the loud and well

respected voice of the VFW. These alerts give you immediate access to legislative battles that will **effect current and future veterans benefits**, and they provide you the tools to tell Congress where the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary stands on issues and how we want them to vote!! **THIS IS OUR STRONGEST TOOL IN PRESERVING AND ADVANCING VETERANS BENEFITS!!!**

It is time to be part of the solution. Take five minutes to sign-up and join our Advocacy Team today!!! Use the link provided here: <http://capwiz.com/vfw/mim/signup.htm>

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW main purpose is to support our veterans. We need you now to **JOIN us in our fight to PRESERVE VETERANS' AND MILITARY BENEFITS!!!!**

Legislative Information: Linda Stahly, Department President



Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Department of Colorado

General Orders No. 3 February, 2014

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

1. The Department of Colorado Ladies Auxiliary will have its Parade of Programs/Workshops and Council of Administration Meeting on April 5-6, 2014 at VFW Post 2551, Fort Morgan. Please check the VFW website for updates regarding times and accommodations.

**2. LADIES AUXILIARY, DISTRICT and DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:** You must have current copies of the National Bylaws and rituals.

**3. ELECTED OFFICERS, CHAIRMAN ON ALL LEVELS AND ALL MEMBERS:** In order to be considered a member in good standing, your 2014 dues must be paid by December 31, 2013 or you are no longer in good standing and will not be permitted to hold an office, or be eligible for a cancer grant, if otherwise eligible.

**4. MEMBERSHIP:** Keeping your membership current is the easiest way to keep our organization membership whole and healthy. If you have not already paid your 2014 dues, your membership ceased to be in good standing as of December 31, 2013. Please pay your 2014 dues now. Your dues help to keep our congressional voice strong for military, veterans and families. Having your dues current also entitles you to receive a cancer grant, provided the eligibility requirement is met. Recruit new members by always carrying an application card with you. Use it to sign up your friends and family. The Ladies Auxiliary shall fix an admission fee not less than \$5.00 per member. This entitles each new member to a membership pin and a copy of the current Bylaws and Booklet of Instruction. (See Section 103, page 11 of the Bylaws )

**5. FOURTH QUARTER AUDITS** cover the months of October, November and December and shall be conducted during the month of January (pg. 82 of the Bylaws). A copy of this audit should have

been mailed to Department Treasurer, Colleen Rylant no later than January 30, 2014.

**6. DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:** A reminder that Annual Inspections are very important and must be conducted. The Inspecting Official should sign the Secretary's and Treasurer's books only if they are kept according to procedures outlined in the Booklet of Instructions. Every question on the Inspection Form should be answered. Copies of your W-9 that has been sent to National and a copy of your filed 990-N should be provided to your Inspecting District Officer.

**7. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY BANQUET** was held at Cheyenne Mountain VFW #3917, 4715 Clearview Dr. Security, CO 80911, on Saturday, January 25, 2014. Congratulations to the winners.

**8.** Please check [www.vfwcolodept.org](http://www.vfwcolodept.org) website for current information, announcements, schedule changes, updates, etc. There is an abundant amount of information and forms that can be obtained from the website. Please get online and check it out.

**9.** Please file your Program Reporting Forms with the VFW Department of Colorado. Your Program Chairman need your help getting these forms in a timely manner so they can also do their job in reporting your hard work. Let's be 100% in reporting in all our Programs.

**10.** Send your Special Project checks to Department Treasurer Colleen Rylant for Linda Stahly's Special Project "Combat Veterans Cowboy Up".

**11. LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** Make sure you have sent your Cancer Pin order in to Gracie Trast. There are still Ladies Auxiliaries that have not placed their Cancer Pin orders. Also make sure your donations are in for National Military Service, the Health and Happiness fund, and the Hospital Fund. Let's all do our part in supporting these Programs.

BY ORDER OF  
Linda Stahly, President

ATTEST:  
JoAnne Jacobs, Secretary

**FISHER HOUSE**

Dear Sisters

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the up-coming Parade of Programs / Council of Administration meeting in Fort Morgan. Be sure to bring your items and/or checks for the Fisher House paper drive. I have plenty of room in my car, so load it up. I'll even rent a trailer if needed to get everything delivered. There is more information about Fisher House that I will share with you at our meeting.

Yours in loyal service,  
Susan Griffith  
Department Fisher House Chairman



- Aux 501: Shirley A. Wilcoff
- Aux 984: Theresa Passero, Aleta Lucan, Mary Thompson,
- Aux 1771: Adeline Casillas, Mary F Abeyta, Marie Eichhorn, Eileen Hogg, Nancy Kimmett, Mabel Craddock
- Aux 3411: Edna Blekeberg, Pearl Pfalzgraff
- Aux 4061: Mary Ann Romanito
- Aux 4331: Sinne K. Gregory
- Aux 5181: Marie Branson
- Aux 9374: Lauren Myers

Please make sure you have mailed ALL your deceased Ladies Auxiliary names to Ann Mauck  
VFW Department Headquarters  
1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214  
for the Convention Memorial Books



**The officers and members of Fontaine Qui Bouille Ladies Auxiliary #6461 proudly endorse Martine Arndt for the office of Department President for 2014-2015.**

Dear Auxiliary Sisters;

Fontaine Qui Bouille Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 6461, Fountain, is proud to endorse Martine Arndt for the office of Department President for 2014 – 2015.

Martine has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars since 1978 when she joined the auxiliary under the eligibility of her father, Theodore "Ted" Curtis, a World War II Veteran. Martine learned about the Auxiliary while traveling with her mom, Paula Curtis, as she served as District 5 President and held several Department Chairmanships.

Martine has served as auxiliary President three times, and was named an outstanding auxiliary president in 2011 -2012. She has held most of the other offices and chairmanships throughout her years of service. Martine has served on the District level holding many offices including the office of District 5 President in 1986 - 1987. Martine was named outstanding District President that year.

**Americanism Article**

Within our Bylaws, the object of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; to assist the Post and members thereof and its own members whenever possible; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and Laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and equal rights and justice to all men and women; and to preserve and defend the United of America from all her enemies whomsoever. With our Ritual our Patriotic Instructor reminds as, *"Let us be ever mindful of our duties as members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, to see that our Flag is never desecrated and to teach the people of our land what this means and to see that all are instructed in the pledge to the Flag."* Without our organizations strong foundation, the freedoms our veterans fought for and our camaraderie may not survive. This foundation is formed in our everyday actions or lack of actions. It is important to have pride in our organization, in ourselves as auxiliary sisters, and our country. It is just as important to take a stand on the very things that make our organization great. This is how our organization will become stronger. Think to yourself of times when

On the Department level, Martine has served as Junior Girls Chairman for 2 years, Chaplain and Courtesy Chairman, Junior Vice President and Membership Chairman and is currently the Senior Vice President and Cookbook Co - Chairman. Martine attended the National Convention and Western Conference Meetings as Department Senior Vice President, as well as the National Senior Vice President's conference in Reno, NV.

We know that Martine's dedication to, and love of the Ladies Auxiliary will continue to be an asset to the Department of Colorado.

Martine has the full support of her family as she moves up the chairs in the Department.

We respectfully ask you to join us in supporting Martine at the Department Convention in June at Montrose, CO.

Loyally,  
Sue Johnson, Past Department President  
Cindy Daugherty, Auxiliary President  
Karen Marshall, Auxiliary Secretary

someone did something that was not very patriotic such as talking through the National Anthem, or not taking their hat off: did you say something to them or did you think to yourself, "That's not my business." Our organization will only get stronger when we make it our business. Being patriotic and valuing our freedom is something that must be nurtured every day or like anything, it will wither and die. "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed down for them to do the same." Ronald Reagan. As our reporting year will soon come to a close, remember to recognize what has been accomplished by your auxiliary by submitting your programs reports. As of this article's writing I am still missing reports from 15 auxiliaries and I know you have done the work, so why not get recognized.

Take time to honor our flag every day but most of all on the following days:  
February 7, 2014 Presidents' Day  
May 1, 2014 Loyalty Day  
May 17, 2014 Armed Forces Day  
May 26, 2014 Memorial Day  
June 14, 2014 Flag Day

Caroline Gelatt  
Department Guard  
Americanism Chairman

<b>Hotel Rooms for Fort Morgan Spring Conference - April 4 - 5, 2014</b>		
Hampton Inn - Headquarters 1152 Main Street	970-542-2484	VFW Rate
Clarion Inn - 14378 US Hwy 34	970-867-8200	w/Military ID
Comfort Inn - 1417 Barlow Rd	970-867-6700	VFW Rate
Roadway Inn - 1409 Barlow Rd	970-867-9481	VFW Rate
Sands Inn - 725 Main Street	970-867-9446	VFW Rate
Super 8 - 1220 N Main	970-867-9443	VFW Rate



## Membership 2013-2014

The Department had a sensational year-end with everyone's help we achieved our goal of 91% membership by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. As of January 4<sup>th</sup>; Congratulations to the 24 auxiliaries that have already achieved 100% membership, many others are very close. Thank you to all the officers, district presidents and everyone that helped make many phone calls so we could meet our 91% goal, you made Linda's and my year-end fantastic. We are all happy that President Linda will be attending her special party in February at the Mid-Winter conference to receive her medallion from the National President for all her hard work. At the Department level we will be having a Kicking Up Your Heels Celebration to honor all the districts/auxiliaries presidents and membership chairman that achieved this goal.

NOW we have our next big goal of 100% membership by June 30, 2014. We still have six months to work to achieve this goal. One way is by retaining members that have not paid dues. Send out a letter or make phone call to remind them about the lapse in dues and they will not be eligible to receive Cancer grants or support from the auxiliary cancer funds. Members cannot attend meetings, cannot hold an office or vote at any meetings on any level. We need each and everyone to make our voices heard in Legislation concerning Veteran's issues. Tell them your auxiliary would like to collect dues so they can continue to support the veterans and our programs. All members are important to the Auxiliary, even if they can't attend meetings they can help in many other ways, especially to keep our organization strong. Write a letter to each annual member or put an article in your news letter telling them about all the many accomplishments of your auxiliary this year.

### Extension

Thank You, Thank You, everyone for working so hard to get the Department to 91% by the end of December!!! Now, I am asking for your help to get the Department membership back to 100%!!! It can be done, we only have 591 more dues to collect state wide and I know that with "EVERYONE'S HELP" we can do this!!!

Sign up your replacement and "Mentor" her. Always make your members feel welcome so they don't disappear out the back door! The future of our wonderful organization is depending on each of you to find that new member.

Is your auxiliary a "Healthy Auxiliary"? Being Healthy means that your Auxiliary has received your bond, all of their audits current, the auxiliary has met its financial

**Next we need to recruit new members!!** Ask the Post for names & addresses of new members to send out information to JOIN US. Send a flyer about our support of Veteran's and all the programs we have to offer members and their families include a newsletter that tells about activities at your post. Families supported the service members while they served; we need their continued support for all **Veterans now**. Some Ideas to help recruit new members sponsor an open house at your post home. Secure a copy of your VFW Post membership roster. Contact all post & family members invite them to attend this activity. Request the Department Service Officer to answer questions and explain programs. Describe the Ladies Auxiliary Cancer Grants, your Auxiliary Cancer program and our programs which help our Veterans, Youth and our Communities. Invite them to join the auxiliary and participate in the fun of helping others.

Be sure to send in forms for the membership awards, I would like to see all members at the next Parade of Programs wearing the Team Racing pins.

The Department needs all members to make that extra effort to help us achieve our 100 goal.

Sisters, the future of our organization is literally in our hands. Let's make this the year we change the trend for the Membership Program and secure 100 for our 100 year Anniversary.

If I can help in any way, please let me know. Thank You for what you have done and continue to do, as we are "Teaming up Racing for Membership" "Rounding up Hope Working together for Veterans"

Loyally,  
Charlotte Lattin  
Department Membership Chairman

obligations, taken part in the programs, but to me it is most important, that your members are friends!! If you look forward to your monthly meeting, can laugh and have a good time with your Auxiliary sisters that will keep your Auxiliary the healthiest!!!

Our Department President will be presenting special certificates to those "Healthy Auxiliaries", who will be attending the "Kicking Up Your Heels Celebration" and hopefully more at the Parade of Programs in Fort Morgan. See you all than!

### "Rounding up Hope Working together for Veterans"

Donna Tellgren  
Department Chief of Staff

## Auxiliary Membership by District 2013 - 2014 January 27, 2014

Number	City	2013	2014	%	Number	City	2013	2014	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>					<b>DISTRICT #7</b>				
1	Denver	186	174	94	899	Alamosa	85	72	85
501	Denver	155	147	95	3228	Monte Vista	40	40	100*
2461	Denver	120	116	97	4849	La Jara	47	48	102*
2797	Denver	35	35	100*	6101	San Luis	45	46	102*
3971	Denver	48	43	90	8121	So Fork	93	93	100*
5061	Denver	129	120	93	TOTAL		310	299	96%
	TOTAL	673	635	94%	<b>DISTRICT #8</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>					<b>DISTRICT #9</b>				
984	Trinidad	25	23	92	859	Leadville	31	30	97
2643	Walsenburg	8	0	0	1166	Buena Vista	92	84	91
2788	Penrose	40	37	93	8661	Bailey	63	60	95
3641	Pueblo	84	68	81	11411	Lake George	41	42	102*
4061	Canon City	188	167	89	12009	Conifer	32	35	109*
5812	Pueblo West	27	35	130*	TOTAL		259	251	97%
7305	Colo. City	33	25	76	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>				
	TOTAL	405	355	88%	322	Englewood	123	109	89
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>					<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				
41	Loveland	146	135	92	3471	Morrison	51	52	102*
1771	Lafayette	364	341	94	3631	Aurora	114	96	84
1781	Ft. Collins	78	73	94	4171	Golden	355	324	91
2121	Greeley	104	104	100*	4331	Arvada	125	129	103*
2585	Johnstown	40	41	103*	4444	Cmmrc City	175	167	95
2601	Longmont	270	238	88	6331	Aurora	65	49	75
2841	Brighton	76	55	72	7945	Thornton	245	228	93
4334	Ault	36	33	92	9644	Fort Logan	384	344	90
6011	Platteville	40	38	95	TOTAL		1637	1498	92%
6624	Evans	199	203	102*	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>				
9565	Broomfield	42	37	88	4031	Durango	75	75	100*
	TOTAL	1395	1298	93%	5181	Dove Creek	45	41	91
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>					<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
2551	Ft. Morgan	144	140	97	3411	Kit Carson	32	31	97
3541	Sterling	93	86	92	6491	Burlington	5	11	220*
4671	Wray	28	24	86	6612	Hugo	63	59	94
8064	Akron	41	38	93	TOTAL		100	101	101%*
	TOTAL	306	288	94%	<b>DISTRICT #14</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>					<b>"100 Years of Serving Veterans"</b>				
101	Colo. Spgs.	62	54	87	15006	At Large	177	186	105%*
3917	Security	231	232	100*	<b>Department of Colorado</b>				
4051	Colo. Spgs	338	321	95	<b>Ladies Auxiliary VFW</b>				
5221	Calhan	33	32	97	TOTAL DEPT.		7,155	6,703	94%
6461	Fountain	106	114	108*	<b>Roster Changes January 2014</b>				
7829	Monument	27	13	48	PNP: Lola J Reid, c/o Mary L Reid 37A Eldorado St. Arcadia, CA 91006-3820				
	TOTAL	825	766	96%	2841 – Brighton: President: Yolanda Sandoval 2162 Cherry St., Brighton, CO 80601 303-929-6130 ylsandoval53@hotmail.com				
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>					Secretary: Barbara Harrison 683 Prairie Ave., Lochbuie, CO 80603 720-333-9768 bharr23@live.com				
336	Ordway	95	92	97	3981 – Grand Junction: Secretary Treasurer: Crystal Bishop, 2984 Globe Willow Ave., Grd Junc, CO 81504 970-216-0785				
2411	Las Animas	94	94	100*	4171 Golden New Officers President: Lucille Chavez 669 Miller Ct., Lakewood, CO 80215 303-720-8806 luvthosedenverbronscos2.yahoo.com				
3621	Lamar	16	17	106*	Secretary: Rita Fama 1415 S Newton St., Denver, CO 80219 303-742-0826 ritafama4171@hotmail.com				
4001	Springfield	32	33	103*	4334 – Ault President: Hazel Daniels 20675 Hwy 14 Ault, CO 80610 970-834-2677 hdaniels@slbbi.com				
4091	Rocky Ford	22	15	68	7829 – Kathy Carlson, Treasurer and Secretary Pro Tem 19527 Kershaw Ct. Monument CO 80132 719-488-1902 carlsonmkc@aol.com				
4281	Holly	11	13	118*	9304 – Silt Treasurer: Roberta Burhn 1616 Orchard Ave., Silt CO 81652 970-876-2433				
	TOTAL	270	264	98%					

### Donations are needed for Denver VA Coffee Admissions

It takes \$1,500 per month to support this program  
That comes to \$18,000 a year to purchase coffee, cups, lids, etc.

Coffee is served Monday thru Friday all year long to veterans  
that come to the Denver VA for appointments.

All donations are to be sent to  
Department Treasurer Colleen Rylant  
P O Box 2499  
Loveland, CO 80539

earmarked Denver VA Coffee Admissions

Please support this Program



### Youth Activities / Jr. Girls Unit

The year is almost done. Have you reported all of your activities for youth activities? Did you visit the [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov) website? Please make sure to report all youth activities and Donations to the Jr. Girls Units on the Program Report Form. Youth Groups Supporting Our Military Citation Request Form is still available Dead Line is April 2014.

#### JR. GIRLS

District Presidents should have inspected the Jr. Girls Unit if you have not heard from your District President please contact her. We still need Community Service reports from the Jr. Girls Unit Advisors. Make sure to report what the girls are doing using the Jr. Girls Community Service Report Form. Don't forget

the JUMP Badges, if you need ideas or assistance with this let me know. Let's continue to find girls that are eligible to join the Jr. Girls Units. All of the Units are in need of girls to join. Eligibility is the same as the Ladies Auxiliary with the exception of age, girls ages 5-16 years. Deadline for the Jr. Girls Scholarship Contest is March 11, 2013 to the Ladies Auxiliary Chairman, March 25, 2012 all entries to Ladies Auxiliary Department Chairmen. As always if you have any questions I can be reached by phone 303-742-0826 or email [rita4171@hotmail.com](mailto:rita4171@hotmail.com). Hope to see the girls at the next Counsel of Administration in April.

Rita Fama  
Youth Activities / Jr. Girls Unit

### Scholarships

Greetings Sisters!

I hope everyone had a splendid Christmas with family and friends and now having a great start to the new year!

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen is now behind us for another year. A big Congrats to all the posts and auxiliaries that had winners. And a big hug to those that had their efforts pay off with entrants for these scholarship programs.

Coming up real soon is another deadline to be aware of. February 15th is the deadline to get those Continuing Educations Scholarship applications to National. What a great opportunity to our members

and their families.

In March will be the Jr. Girls Scholarship deadline. These entries must be to Department by March 25th. Then March 31st is the deadline for the Young American Patriotic Art entries to be at the local posts.

Keep all these in mind as you visit schools and maintain our patriotic visibility in the communities.

Thanks for all you do to promote our programs and assist our veterans!

June Spencer  
Department Scholarship Chairman

### Fisher House Paper Drive

April 5th - 6th, 2014

Fort Morgan Parade of Programs and Council Meeting

Please donate paper goods or CASH!!!

### Hospital

Thank you to all Auxiliary members and VAVS Representatives and Deputies. Everyone has contributed hundreds of volunteer hours supporting our veterans through donations, birthday and holiday parties, special events, bingo and helping the veterans in many other ways.

Please be sure to report all your hospital work on the Program Report monthly. The Auxiliary needs to be reported separately from the VFW. I have received reports from many of the auxiliaries but there are still some that need to send in their activities on the report. Remember that all information needs to be reported by May 1 to Department. All activity is from July 1, 2013 through April 15, 2014.

If anyone needs hospital pins, please let me know so that your volunteers can be recognized for all of their hard work. Also, be sure to send in the form for any new volunteers you recruited this year. If you do not have a form, they will be available at the meetings at Ft. Collins April 5-6.

You can begin to consider your nomination to the "Salute to Service" volunteer of the year. The deadline is April 4, 2014. This is the official VA program that is celebrated at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers across the nation. You can have the opportunity to say Thank You to one of your hard-working volunteers across the state who cared for and helped veterans in VA Medical Centers, outpatient clinics, nursing homes and hospices. The Awards Banquet will be April 26 at Post 3917.

The Auxiliary has a long history of helping our veterans in many ways. As Auxiliary members we are proud to help those that have served our country and given so much to protect our freedoms. Please remember that all of the facilities in the state still need volunteers to continue in helping with our veterans and their needs. We can do this through our volunteer efforts and also in paying attention to the legislative activities throughout the year.

Please remember that all of our VA Medical Centers, outpatient and satellite clinics, nursing homes, community living centers, and community hospices need volunteers. There is also a need for veterans in rehabilitation and transitional programs.

There are also more women veterans and we need to look at alternative ways to help them and to ensure that their needs are being considered. This is another way we can help all of our veterans to get the benefits and care that they deserve.

There are many ways to help our veterans. Participate in parties, special events, donate monetarily or with clothing items, attend fundraising events, volunteer your time or participate in a hospital program. Please look in the roster at the facilities you can volunteer at and call the VAVS Representative or Deputy to see how you can help ensure the care and respect to our veterans that they deserve.

Thank you again for all of your efforts over the past year!

Linda Reinbold  
Department Hospital Chairman

### Historian

Would everyone who has any pictures, programs, or memorabilia of President Linda Stahly's visits and trips around the state (or country) during her tour, please bring copies to me at the April Council of Administration Meeting in Fort Morgan. If you will not be attending the COA, please mail or e-mail me what you have.

Sandy Baker, Department Historian  
1767 1300 Road, Delta, CO 81416  
[theirishsandy@aol.com](mailto:theirishsandy@aol.com)

### Buddy Poppy

2014: A new year! As you reflect on past memories and hopes for the future, please take a walk with me down memory lane. I am really quite astonished at the foresight of the VFW to patent the name "Buddy Poppy" in 1924 with the understanding that all proceeds donated by the public be used to assist veterans, their dependents, and orphans in need. And ...to think the Poppy movement all began with a poem "In Flanders Fields" written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae in 1915! Of course, we can not forget Moina Michael who wrote a poem to John McCrae making a personal pledge to 'keep the faith'. The incredible legacy that John McCrae, Moina Michael, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the multitude of energetic volunteers have given us is AWESOME!

We must, in our New Year's Resolutions, promise to give all that we can to continue the Buddy Poppy legacy. I wonder what John McCrae, Moina Michael, the VFW of 1924 and others would think of our efforts today ...Please make them proud by purchasing poppies to distribute, please make them proud by holding ongoing campaigns, please make them proud by going into the schools and libraries to educate the youth, please make them proud by being a visible positive element in your community. Make 2014 the year that far exceeds any other!! Have a very happy and fruitful "Buddy Poppy" year!!

Rose Naughton,  
Department Buddy Poppy Chairman  
970-454-3681, [lennierose@gmail.com](mailto:lennierose@gmail.com)

### Cancer Aid and Research

Hi Ladies,

I hope that each and everyone of you had a GREAT Christmas Season. In keeping with the season I hope that you were able to spend it with family and friends.

2014 is upon us and we want and are striving to work toward "KICKING CANCER" In reading through the Program Reports you are all working hard with your Cancer Aid and Research. It sounds like many of your fund raisers have been a great success and also sounded like you have had some fun doing them.

**Proud of You!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Auxiliaries are still ordering pins and **do I ever appreciate that.** We still have them on hand so please continue to order them and sell them. Again, remember you DO NOT have to sell just to auxiliary members. Friends, neighbors, family members - anyone can purchase one or more to help Kick Cancer. We want to continue working together as a team.

Many of our auxiliaries have paid not only the \$2.00 per member, but many are working toward the Department incentive level goals. WAY TO GO.

I want you all to get ready because I am working on a new project for a Cancer Aid and Research fund

raiser. It will be ready for ALL of you at our next Council Meeting. I am really excited about it and I am hoping that with all of you we will be able to raise more for CANCER. Since many of you have gotten to know me a little better this may scare you a little, but I am hoping that it is something you can and will get excited about so that we can recognize ALL of the different cancers that friends, loved ones and acquaintances are dealing with in their lives. We hear that more and more are being diagnosed every day.

**SO LET'S ALL CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM TO "KICK CANCER"**

*We know life's never measured by how many years we live, But by the kind things we do, and the happiness we give.*

I am hoping and praying that each and everyone of you will have a GREAT 2014.

Lets ALL get out there and work toward "KICKING CANCER" to "Keep our Veterans and Families Strong."

Hope to see you all in Ft. Morgan.

Gracie Trast  
Cancer Aid & Research Chairman

### 2013 - 2014 Cancer Pins Order Form



Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: CO Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Pins for \$3.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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