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“No One Does More For Veterans”



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## Brian J. Duffy

*Junior Vice  
Commander-in-Chief*

*Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States*

*Representative for  
COA Weekend Pueblo West*

Brian J. Duffy was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on July 23, 2014, at the VFW's 115th National Convention, held in St. Louis, Mo.

Brian J. Duffy served in the United States Air Force as a Jet Engine Mechanic on F-4 “Phantom” fighter aircraft and later transitioned and served as a Flight Engineer on the C-141 “Starlifter” Transport aircraft.

During his service in the USAF, he was deployed during several campaigns to include Grenada, Panama and Desert Shield/Storm. Among his numerous military decorations, he has been awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. He is also a recipient of the Air Medal for actions in Desert Storm. Upon his return from Grenada (1983), he joined the VFW at VFW Post 6590, Cookstown, NJ. He later transferred his membership to VFW Post 1170, Middletown, Kentucky in 1989.

After serving in the USAF, he was employed by several airlines as a Flight Engineer Instructor. He moved to the Bluegrass in 1988, after joining United Parcel Service Airlines as a Flight Engineer Instructor. Rising through the ranks, he currently serves as Assistant Chief

Pilot with UPS, flying worldwide as an Instructor/Check Captain on the Boeing 757 and Boeing 767 aircraft.

When not in the cockpit, he enjoys playing competitive ice hockey and serving his fellow veterans and those currently serving in uniform through his volunteerism efforts with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Honor Flight and various recovering warriors' projects.

Brian was elected as Kentucky VFW State Commander in 2006. He achieved All-American status on Post, District and State levels. Recently, his Honor Flight activities were recognized by the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame, Kentucky Derby Festival as the 2009 “Thunderator” and he was also a recipient of the 2011 (Louisville) WLKY “Bell Award” - awarded annually for community volunteerism. In 2012, he was the recipient of President Obama's Volunteer Service Award; nominated by UPS to recognize Brian's volunteer activities.

Brian is a Gold Legacy Life Member of the VFW, and is a member of the VFW National Home for Children, MOC, American Legion and AMVETS. He and his wife Jean, who serves as Ladies Auxiliary President, VFW Post 1170, reside in Louisville, Kentucky, and have two children; Tara and Andrew.



## Alice Graham

*National District  
Council Member #13  
2013-2015*

*Representative for  
COA Weekend Pueblo West*

Alice Graham, of Topeka, Kan., represents Colorado and Kansas on the National Council of Administration, which governs the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States between National Conventions.

Installed at the 100<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, she is serving a two-year term as one of 28 representatives who make up the Council along with the top seven National Officers, the National Chief of Staff, and the four Junior Past National Presidents.

A life member of Orville D. Wetzel Auxiliary #7521, she has served in many capacities for the organization

### Your Vote Can Make the Difference

Every election is important but there have been few times in our nation's history that the stakes have been higher than they are now.

Congress has put a target on the backs of the Department of Defence and veterans' funding. Sequestration will weaken our military and critically damage the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans of Foreign Wars has worked for generations to “honor the dead by helping the livings.

Whether a Democrat or Republican is immaterial. You need to identify those politicians who are veteran friendly. You need to vote for those who stand up for our country, our ideals and affirm their promises whether action. You can't afford to sit back and do nothing.

The BIG-Government policies pursued by this sitting Congress has threatened our nation's future.

including Auxiliary, District and State President. On the National Level she has served two terms as Western Conference Chairman for the Junior Girls program and once as Director for the Junior Girls program.

She joined on the eligibility of her husband Larry, who served in the United States Army 1969-1971.

In her spare time she works with Special Ed Children, has a small baking business, enjoys boating, fishing, reading and spending time with her grandchildren.

Alice and her husband Larry have three children and five grandchildren.

The VFW 2015 Priority Goals will attack their continuing attempts to chip away veterans benefits and entitlements. In September the National Legislative Committee members and VFW Officers will charge the hill to remind the Congress that our nation is still at war. Finally, Democrat or Republican, it is imperative that you register and then VOTE. Let the Colorado Congressional Delegation know that you are a veteran and that you vote.

There are more than 400 thousand veterans in Colorado. Add their families and the number is nearly one million. We have the power to change. We can make a difference. Remind your Senators and you Representative that **NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS!**

Warren Tellgren, PDC  
National Legislative Director  
Department of Colorado

**PLEASE VOTE NOVEMBER 4th**

**NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS**

1	11/15/14 Saturday	Post No. 3971 Denver	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Allan Stone Caroline Gelatt
2	11/22/14 Saturday	Post No. 7305 Colorado City	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Ron Johnson Martine Arndt
3	11/09/14 Sunday	Post No. 9565 Broomfield	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Jim Mauck Shelly Schlieman
4	11/23/14 Sunday	Post No. 8064 Akron	12 :00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Allan Stone Linda Reinbold
5	11/09/14 Sunday	Post No. 3917 Security	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Memorial Srv Meeting to follow	D J Alberts Gloria Otwell
10	11/16/14 Sunday	Post No. 4171 Golden	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Joint Mtg Meeting to Follow	Bruce Dolan Linda Reinbold
11	11/16/14 Sunday	Post No. 9304 Rifle	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Ed Aitken Martine Arndt
13	11/16/14 Sunday	Post No. 3411 Kit Carson	2:00 PM Meeting Snack to follow	Jim Lafferty Shelly Schlieman

\*\*\*\*\*Training Sessions and COA NOV 1 – 2 Pueblo West  
 \*\*\*\*\*Denver Veterans Day Parade NOV 08  
 \*\*\*\*\*FOUNDERS DAY Dec 07 Denver

**JANUARY DISTRICT MEETINGS**

1	1/17/15 Saturday	Post No. 2461 Denver	11:00 am Jt Mtg 12:00 noon meal 1:00 pm meeting	Bruce Dolan Martine Arndt
3	1/11/15 Sunday	Post No. 6624 Evans	12:00 noon meal Voice of Democracy Patriot's Pen & Teacher Awards 1:00 pm meeting	Allan Stone Linda Reinbold
4	1/18/15 Sunday	Post No. 2551 Ft Morgan	12:00 noon meal Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen 1:00 pm meeting	Peter Buchanan Caroline Gelatt
6	1/17/15 Saturday	Post No. 336 Ordway	12:00 noon meal 1:00 pm meeting	Ed Aitken
10	1/18/15 Sunday	Post No. 7945 Thornton	12:00 noon meal 1:00 pm Jt Mtg Meeting to follow	Allan Stone Gloria Otwell

\*\*\*\*\*January 24 weekend - Voice of Democracy Banquet – Thornton #7945  
 Reservatons with Department Headquarters 303-421-1630

**Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule**

Nov	2	Golden #4171	Golden
	9	Aurora #3631	Aurora
	16	Longs Peak #2601	Longmont
	23	Lambert Wright Roy #8661	Bailey
	30	Dean K Phillips, #5061	Denver
Dec	7	Grand MOC & MOCA	
	14	Pat Hannon #4666	Littleton
	21	Verle Huffman #9644	Sheridan
	28	Paul A. Westover #3471	Morrison
Jan	4	Arvada, #4331	Arvada
	11	Francis Brown Lowry #501	Denver
	18	So Denver #2461	Denver
	25	John H Stewart #1	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.

**2014-2015 Council Meetings**  
**November 1 - 2, 2014 Pueblo West**  
**March 28 - 29, 2015 Loveland**  
**State Convention VFW Post 9644 Sheridan**  
**June 17 - 20, 2015**  
**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**3 Notable Changes to VFW-sponsored Liquor Liability Insurance**

The VFW Post Insurance Program has announced some changes to its Liquor Liability Insurance coverage that mean more robust coverage for VFW Posts. Enhancements to the coverage include:

1. **Liquor service at special events**-coverage is now extended to the furnishing/ distribution, sale/ service or use of alcoholic beverages at "special events" held at, or sponsored by/ the Post. Since alcohol service is common at special events/ this is a significant enhancement that had been excluded from coverage previously.
2. **Defense counsel coverage**-the cost of your Defense Counsel to defend a liquor-related claim is now paid outside the limit of liability. This means that the cost for legal counsel to represent your Post will not reduce the amount of insurance available to pay for other claim expenses and/or settlement costs.
3. **Additional Liquor Liability limit available**-Posts with a Liquor Liability limit of at least \$1/000,000/

\$2/000/000 now have the option to purchase an Umbrella policy that will provide additional Liquor Liability coverage/ if needed.

These changes are effective back to the inception date of the current policy for all Posts who already have Liquor Liability coverage with the VFW Post Insurance Program (administered by Lockton Affinity/ LLC) and will be included for all new policies issued.

According to the By-Laws Section 709-Control of Units; Any Post/ County Council, District or Department owning and/or operating, directly or by reason of a holding company or other entity substantially controlled by the Post, County Council, District or Department or its members, a canteen, clubroom or other facility available to members or guests must maintain general liability insurance, including, if necessary or appropriate, liquor liability insurance.

To get a quote for VFW-sponsored coverage, contact the VFW Post Insurance Program at (800) 829-8390. Additional information can be found at [www.vfwinsurance.com](http://www.vfwinsurance.com).

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 406 W. 34th Street  
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**POST & AUXILIARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM**

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.**

MAIL TO: DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO VFW,  
 1400 CARR ST., LAKEWOOD, CO 80214

**THANK YOU**  
 EDITOR

## Commander's Column Jim Lafferty



We are going good so far in our new year. We do need to work on membership.

We have our Training Workshops and Council of Adminis-

tration meeting coming up in Pueblo West on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. Hope I get to see a lot of you there.

There have been some sad news for some of our Veterans family's and I hope that all is good with them. If anything is needed hopefully they will contact us.

Veterans Day is coming up so I hope every one will have a service of some kind. We do need to remember our fallen comrade's.

I would hope that all the Vet-

erans have read and adhere to the By-Laws and Procedure Manual in their actions towards each other. Right now we are doing better at following the By-Laws. We need to continue doing this.

What few problems we have had, are either taken care of or being worked on.

If any of the comrade's have a problem they should follow the chain of command, post, district, and then state.

The state web page is coming along great. It needs some small work done on it yet, but so far it is looking good. thanks to the office staff, Rita, Ann, and Bruce.

Jim Lafferty  
State Commander

## Jr. Vice Column Allan Stone



Veterans of Foreign Wars is a very unique organization, but like all service and fraternal organizations, we have a

common problem- Membership. As I travel the state, I've noticed that the majority of the posts have older veterans. My Post 4666 had three World War II veterans pass away in one week in August and two of the funerals were at the same time.

There are five membership strategies that can be utilized to make your post 100 -- Awareness, Recruitment, Engagement, Renewal and Reinstatement.

### Awareness:

What is your Post doing to build awareness of the VFW in your local community? How is your Post working to improve public awareness of the VFW's goals and mission?

### Recruitment:

What is your Post's strategy for recruiting new members? How can you improve your current recruiting strategy?

### Engagement:

What is your Post doing to keep every member engaged and participating in the Post? What can your Post do to engage your members?

### Renewal:

What is your Post's strategy for retaining members through renewal or conversion to Life membership? How can your Post improve your strategies for increasing member retention?

### Reinstatement:

What is your Post's strategy for reinstating lapsed members? How can your Post improve your strategies and methods for reinstating lapsed members?

I recently attended a 9 Health Fair hosted by Post 1 and noticed a man wearing an Operation Enduring Freedom cap. I asked him if he was a Veterans of Foreign Wars member. He stated, "I have never been asked to join." I asked him to join and obtained an application form for him to complete. As I left the building, I asked the Commander if Robert had joined and he said, "I have the application in my pocket." Sometimes all you have to do is ask. Ask your postman, policeman and fireman because many of them have served in the military.

I encourage all Posts to go out into the community and ask individuals to join Veterans of Foreign Wars Let's all work together to support and honor veterans!

Allan P. Stone  
State Jr. Vice Commander

## Sr. Vice Column Peter Buchanan



The last of our backyard hummingbirds gone, bird feeders cleaned for the season, the first of the autumn leaves on the lawn, and the night chill is in the air. Time

to look forward to our Youth Programs for the year. By the time of this newsletter, we are well into District Judging for Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen. We hope all posts have done their Youth Community Service and had entries to your respective Districts. Did you choose a Teacher of the Year? Quite an honor to the teacher in your area who fosters patriotism and teaches the American values we fought to preserve.

If you have not thought about submitting your EMT, Firefighter and Police to VFW Department yet, now would be the time to honor three other community leaders in your area.

When we at Department make our District Inspections we find many Posts (even a District or two) without or with very old Bylaws. Section 202 of our Congressional Charter requires each unit to have Bylaws. Take a look at yours and see how old they may be. You will be surprised to find many often small but inaccurate entries such as annual dues, meeting days, home board functions or other organizational errors. These can be easily updated at a post meeting. Please follow Sec 205 when voting on changes to these important documents governing your post's operations.

The House has passed a bill to increase oversight of veterans' hospitals under construction, following a report that some medical centers take three years longer to complete than estimated and cost an extra \$366 million per project. Republican congressman Mike Coffman of Colorado says the Veterans Affairs Department's oversight of construction projects is dysfunctional and leads to delayed health care. A report by the Government Accountability Office last year found that

at least four medical centers were behind schedule and hundreds of millions of dollars over budget. The hospitals are in Las Vegas, Denver, New Orleans and Orlando, Florida. The House bill would require the VA to appoint a project manager from the Army Corp of Engineers to oversee construction projects that cost more than \$60 million. [Source: Associated Press | Matthew Daly| Sept. 16, 2014 ++]

It was quite a pleasure to have the honor to spend 2 days with the VFW Ladies Auxiliary National President, Ann Panteleakos of Plainfield Connecticut. Colorado VFW Auxiliary President Martine Arndt and her entire Staff showed us a whirlwind tour of the Colorado Springs/Pueblo area making stops at local VFW Posts and eating way too much food as well as having almost too much fun. Madam President Panteleakos leads the organization under the theme "*Patriotism Begins at Home*". Operation Changing Lives is a program VFW Commander-in-Chief John Stroud and President Panteleakos have joined forces together to promote. This is a VFW premier program of National Veterans Service (NVS). She has asked that we consider donating to *Operation Changing Lives* because that is what we do, change the lives' of our veterans and their families in a positive way.

Finally in closing, please remember what we are all charged to do, focus on veterans. This is as simple as a handshake, smile and words of encouragement, "nice to see you again". It could be a bit more out of the way if you go to your post and or district meeting on the next meeting. It might be a little more difficult if you have to travel to a nursing home or hospital to do the same. Let's take care of each other and learn to respect one another in our respective units.

If you're at a hotel and forgot your charger or run out of chargers, the newer flat-screens usually have a USB plug in.

Peter Buchanan  
State Sr. Vice Commander

## Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings, I hope this finds everyone well.

As of today, we have 10 Posts and 1 District that have not turned their audit for JUNE. Yes, JUNE. That makes the audit over 90 days past due. Why?

I have actually not heard any reason except for one. "It's not done." I really don't look at that as a reason though. It sounds like someone trying to convince themselves. If you read in our Manual of Procedure, look in Section 218 (a) (1) (i) & (j), and Section 218 (a) (11) (b) & (d). This tells you what should be done and who is responsible.

I know a lot of us look at our membership reports on the National web site. If you go there and see that member is unpaid, in most cases that means they are paid until the date that is on the report. The new dues system works something like this. Let's say a person paid their dues in October 2013. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be tagged as unpaid and have an expiration date of October 31, 2014. If they pay their dues in October 2014, they will be marked as paid until January 1<sup>st</sup>.

If they don't pay their dues in October, 2014, they will be tagged as "Expired." So trying to simplify the whole thing, if you see someone is unpaid, look for a date when their due are due. If the report says Expired, they are really unpaid.

I hope everyone is getting ready. The Old Farmer's Almanac says we are going to have a rough winter. So if you like farmer's, get ready.

I want to thank everyone who calls in to the office and keeps us on our toes. I think I've learned more trying to answer some of the questions I get than trying to read about things. I hope myself and the office staff have helped out everyone who called and is going to.

And finally, I do get calls requesting forms. We have tried to put most of the forms you might need on the web site. National also has many of the forms we use. We are trying to cut down on our paper foot print and simplify the things we do. So thank you for helping us.

Bruce R. Dolan  
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

## Fundraiser for the State Service Office

### Henry .30-.30 Lever Action Rifle

**TICKETS: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00**  
**Only 3,000 tickets will be sold**

**Drawing December 12, 2014**  
**Department Headquarters**  
**1400 Carr Street**  
**Lakewood CO 80214**

**You must be 18 or older to purchase**  
**Winner must be able to pass background check**  
**Winner need not be present to win**

**If you need tickets, please contact Department Headquarters**  
**and we will give you a name to contact,**  
**All tickets have been distributed**  
**Please bring ALL sold ticket stubs and proceeds to COA**

Department of Colorado, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.  
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General Orders No. 2  
November 1, 2014 Series: 2014-2015

1. Post & District Inspections should be completed by December 31, 2014. Send all three (3) copies 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 and the Department Commander ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and then only by 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 4<sup>th</sup> and you must be registered to exercise your right to vote.

4. Post Quartermaster and District Quartermaster Bonds expired August 31, 2014. Applications have been mailed to ALL Quartermasters for renewal. Please see that your Quartermaster is bonded in an amount equal to your Post liquid assets. This means ALL funds, Post, Club, Bingo, CD's, etc. Cost is \$4.00 per thousand.

5. Section 218, paragraph (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. Among the duties of the three (3) elected Post Trustees, they shall: (duties are listed a - d).

Post Commanders and Post Trustees are reminded that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Post Trustee Report of Audit was due to be at Department Headquarters on October 25, 2014 to meet All State requirements. Please see your Post Quartermaster for forms and records.

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 purchase the revised By-Laws and Ritual books from the VFW National Emblem and Supply Department. Please see your Post Quartermaster and ask him to order for you. All members should be informed that the Post Quartermaster has a current supply catalog and he is instructed to assist you with your order.

8. An annual income tax return (Form 990) is required of each Post, District and Men's Auxiliary exempt from tax under section 501 (c) 19 of the Federal Code. Starting in 2008 ALL VFW POSTS, DISTRICTS and MEN'S AUXILIARIES 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.

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 2013-2014, 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, District or Men's Auxiliary 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, District or Men's Auxiliary 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.

**All units of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Colorado are NOT exempt from State Sales and Use Tax.**

Attested By:  
Bruce R. Dolan  
State Adjutant

By Command Of:  
Jim Lafferty  
State Commander

Surgeon's Column  
Ed Aitken



In the last Colorado Veteran I told you that as I learned about our Veteran Homes, I would pass it on to you. I had the pleasure to visit 4 of our home, Walsenberg,

HomeLake, Bruce McCandless at Florence and Pueblo.

**Walsenberg:** is a 120-bed long-term care facility for our country's veterans, their spouses, widows and Gold-Star Parents. They have a "Italian Village" theme mall which is a central gathering place. They provide care to veterans from anywhere in the United States, you need not be a resident. Built in 1993 with the attached Spanish Peaks Hospital, the best of two worlds. The Elders enjoy special quiet rooms located on many wings of the building. Like living rooms, these are places to socialize, read or just relax. We foster compassion, dignity and camaraderie between the staff and residents within their "extended-family" setting. While visiting, Marty introduced me to Rene Salazar, Vice President/Secretary of Resident Council, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard. When you see me ask about what happen as I was leaving.

**HomeLake:** was my second stop for their Summer Fest. I spoke about them in the last Colorado Veteran so I will go on to the next home.

**Bruce McCandless State Veterans Home at Florence:** First I have to say

that it is not hard to find but the final leg to the home is not what I expected, but once there what nice view. Those that have visited the home understand what I am saying.

**They are a proud member of the registry of the Eden Alternative, a non-profit organization promoting quality of life in long-term care environments. Their "Eden" mission is to honor and respect those living and working in our Home through companionship, empowerment and individualized care while providing a comfortable and safe place to live. They provide long-term medical and non-medical care, including skilled nursing services; physical, occupational and speech therapy.**

**Pueblo Community Living Center:** I attended the All Patients Day and it was a very busy day. Did not get to tour, but will return and visit them again soon.

As I visited the homes I was amazed to find that less than 10% of the Veterans get visitors. Even those that have family within 50 miles. So I'm asking you to go visit the home in your area take a tour and visit with Veterans. For someday you and I may be setting there wishing that we would get a visitor.

**I did learn one thing and that we have some of the finest nursing homes in the states.**

Ed Aitken  
State Surgeon

VFW Roster Changes 10/15/2014

Page 4, 6 & 29: District 12 Cmdr: Richard Buehrer, P O Box 82, Cahone 81320 970-562-6496

Page 17: PDC Harland Smith, The Bridge 4750 25th St Apt #221, Greeley 80634 970-515-6647

Page 32: Post 41 Cmdr: Joseph Lopez, 1975 Mississippi St., Loveland 80538

Page 34: Post 807 Cmdr: Willard Wells 720-355-9197

Page 35: Post 1781 1st Wed 7:00 pm  
Ser Off: Dennis Jensen, 1951 Mackinac St., Ft Collins 80524 970-581-3770

Page 36: Post 2121 Cmdr: William Esch, 4311 W 22nd St., Greeley 80634 970-330-9138

Page 39: Post 3571 Cmdr: David Rowland, P O Bos 602, Delta 81416

Page 40: Post 3931 Ser. Off: Jason Huff, 20714 E 47th Ave., Denver 80249 720-933-0695

Page 41: Post 3917 Ser. Off: Leonard Johnson, 3552 Dogwood Dr., Colo Spgs 80910

Page 43: Post 4061 Cmdr: Ernesto Solano, 219 Indian Hills Rd., Florence 81226 719-429-2437

Qm: Samuel Hash, 1122 N 15th St Apt 310, Canon City 81212 719-275-4988  
Ser. Off: Albert Augustine, 33 Ptarmigan Trail, Canon City 81212 719-275-4267

Page 44: Post 4266 Cmdr: Evan Totten

Page 47: Post 5061 Ser. Off: Jim Dominguez, 2187 S Depew St., Denver 80227

Page 51: Post 7829 Qm: Douglas Lyons, 954 Mesa Creek Dr., Monument 80132 719-661-3500

Page 52: Post 8449 Ser. Off: RD Brownfield, P O Box 265, Strasburg 80136 719-342-0576

Page 53: Post 9058 Cmdr: Gayland Thompson, P O Box 415, Nucla 81424

Page 57: Post 12009 Cmdr: Steven Davidson, 545 Conifer Dr., Bailey 80421

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Department Officers and Office Staff

Wish

Everyone  
A Great Thanksgiving and Holiday Season

Thank You For Your Continued Support

VFW Post Membership by District as of October 17, 2014

Table with 8 columns: District #, Number/City, 2014, 2015, %, and District #, Number/City, 2014, 2015, %. It lists membership data for 14 districts across Colorado, including Denver, Pueblo, Loveland, Ft. Morgan, Yuma, Sterling, Brush, Ovid, Otis, Crook, Wray, Holyoke, Fleming, Akron, Durango, Montrose, Delta, Grnd Jctn, Mancos, Nucla, Kit Carson, Burlington, Hugo, Deer Trail, Chynn Wlls, MAL, and DEPT.

2015 dues are now DUE. Be 100% +1 in 2015

Have You Paid Yours??

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 1400 Carr Street Lakewood, CO 80214

earmarked Denver VA Coffee Admissions

COLORADO MEMBERSHIP PLAN 2014 - 2015

It takes membership to get all of our programs done like, Voice of Democracy, Youth, Hospital, Legislative and helping ALL Veterans that need help.

Membership is doing OK, but we ALL need to do a lot better.

The VFW does more for Veterans than anyone.

We don't just set around the bar and drink, the VFW is always looking for Ways to help our Heros.

If you have not set up a membership team you should do so, have someone call your unpaid members. Call on your unpaid members that live in town or close by. National does send out Dues Notices, but you can also send out a notice. If you have a member that is having problems

and cannot pay his dues, you can pay them out of your Relief fund. Don't let members go out the back door.

Set up a table at a local function and have brochures, to help tell what the VFW does for ALL Veterans and the community that you live in. If I can help you, let me know.

Remember the POST and DISTRICT in each Class that have the most continuous members on December 31, 2014 will win \$100.00.

Jim Mauck aka DR FAT ALBERT colofatalbert@outlook.com 303-588-7518

The History of Veterans Day

November 11, or what has come to be known as Veterans Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor Armistice Day - the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislature that was passed in 1938, November 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 the 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, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill 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 last 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 October 25, 1971.

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

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Department Service Office Fundraiser
2014 Calendar Raffle is still in process
Contact your District Commander
Every day is a winner!!

Winners list is updated on the Colorado Web Page
Last winning day is December 31, 2014

## Chaplain's Column Ron Johnson



First, I extend an invitation for all Post and District Chaplains to attend the next COA at Post 5812 in Pueblo West. On Saturday, the 1st of November 2014, Past

National Chaplain John Holland and I will be conducting a Chaplains' Seminar that should be inspiring and informative.

As I write this article, I am reminded that today is Gold Star Mothers' Day. Some in our country forget or ignore that our men and women in uniform are still at risk and some are dying. But, the families of our fallen, especially the mothers, don't forget!

The US Army Veteran Medals Unit of TACOM recently issued a brochure quoting a remark from George Washington: "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."

What does that mean to us? We must remember our fallen comrades, those missing in action, and those held as prisoners of war. We must have respect for each other. But especially, we need to honor and respect the families of the fallen. We must set the example for Our Nation.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are rapidly approaching. Having visited the Denver VAMC at Christmastime, I know there

are veterans in our VA and State veterans' nursing facilities who may not have family members nearby. I ask each of you to visit hospital- and/or house-bound veterans near you and let our comrades know they are not forgotten. Even the act of writing a card to a facility housing veterans can raise their spirits.

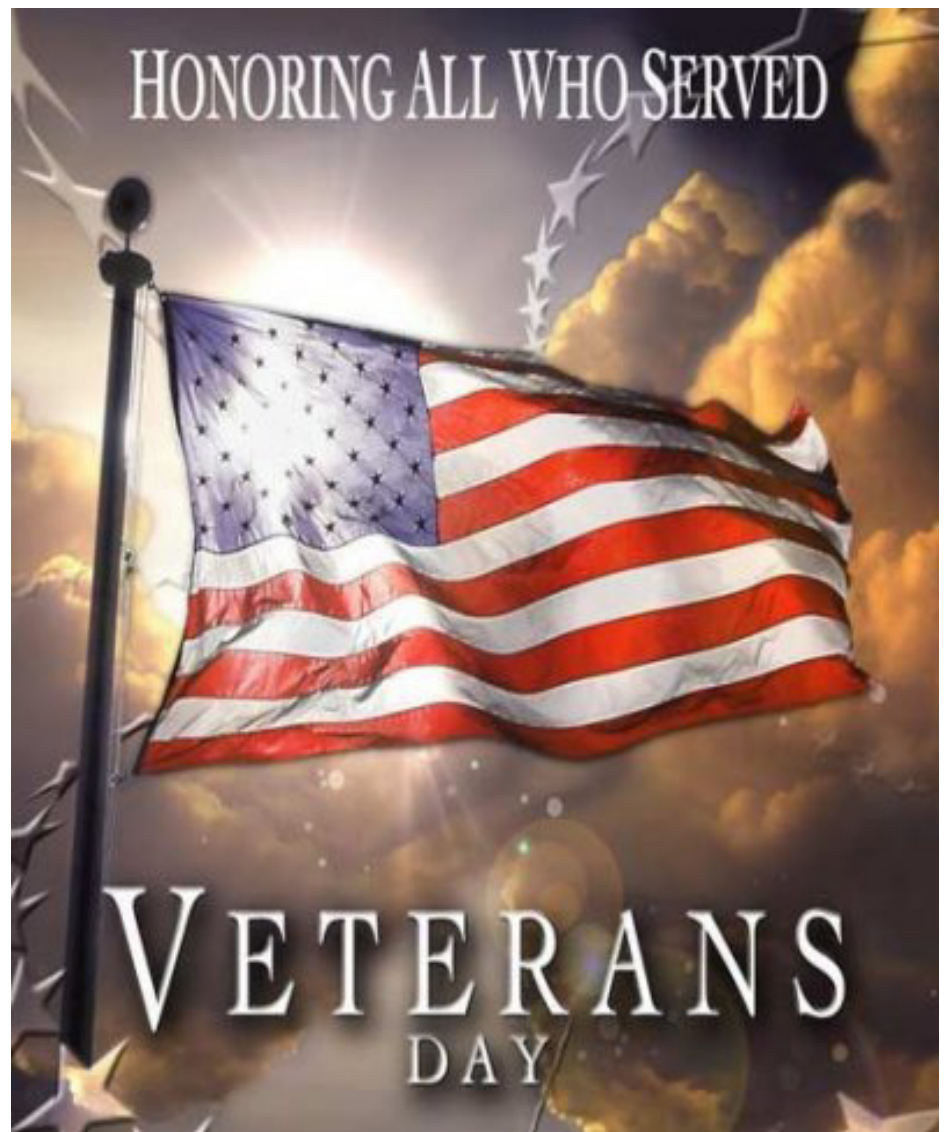
Much has been espoused about how different veterans are today compared to us older vets. Don't believe it! At the bottom line, our younger vets need us just like we needed our predecessors. And, we need them, too.

VFW-qualified vets need a safe haven to air their experiences, memories and pains. They need our comradeship in the VFW. They need to know we are doing all we can for them.

If recruited to the VFW, new members may have little or no experience in the workings of the VFW. Paraphrasing Demeter, they can gain confidence and knowledge by (1) attending meetings regularly; (2) by seconding motions that make sense; and (3) by rising and briefly discussing only questions that seem certain to pass or fail. By preparing new members, we can assure ourselves of future leadership and improve our spiritual link with them.

We are all allied in the same cause. We must fulfill our own chapters in God's Book of Life. How will you fulfill yours?

- Ron Johnson, State Chaplain



Bob Franklin, VFW 4663 presented Whitewater Cemetery board with four new American Flags (made in the USA). L-R: Board Members Rich Phillips, Alita Wadlow, Anita Clark, Marie Tipping, Bob Franklin, Tim Hodson, Cammi Hodson and Darrel Chapman.



Pueblo "All Patients Day" Balloon Launch, September 13th. VFW, Ladies Auxiliary, MOC and MOCA, and members maintained booths and gave out goodies to Resident Veterans. Always a good time, plan on going next year, if you have never attended.



Fort Morgan VFW Post #2551 honored Leon Withem's 97th Birthday with a Birthday Cake, refreshments, and Ladies Auxiliary Clown Alberta Nail. Saturday August 16, 2014, Fort Morgan members, family and friends gathered to honor Leon who was an All American 5 Star Commander. Leon always has a smile for everyone and enjoys coming to the VFW to visit with members, family and friends.



State Ladies Auxiliary Jr Vice President Linda Reinbold, State Treasurer Colleen Rylant helped give away goodies during Pueblo "All Patients" Day. The Ladies Auxiliary State Officers maintain a booth every year and enjoy meeting the residents and staff. Booths are maintained by other organizations including VFW Posts and Auxiliaries, MOC and MOCA, Elks, American Legion, etc.



State Quartermaster Bruce Dolan welcomed attendees at a Wounded Warriors dinner at VFW Post #3917 Security.



David Stone helped with serving the Marine Wounded Warriors that attended the dinner at VFW Post #3917 Security.



Anthony Archer enjoyed the company of Marine Wounded Warriors that attended the dinner. Kathy Boatman and Gloria Otwell helped serve.



State President Martine Arndt, National President Ann Panteleakos, Sr. Vice Commander Peter Buchanan, National President's visit to Colorado, VFW Post #6461 Fountain.



L-R: Terry Barth, Dwight Thompson, Jim Briffen, Gene Kleve, Steve Millage, Gary Snodgrass, Holyoke VFW Post #6482 and American Legion #90, 2014 Fair Parade.



Jr Vice President Linda Reinpold "Welcomes Home" at DIA while waiting for National President Ann Panteleakos, October 3, 2014.



"Susan B Koman" walk. The Dolan family walks in this annual event in Denver. Bruce found a friend to walk with. Can you find the family in the middle of the next picture?



L-R: Department Cancer Aid and Research Chairman "Lennie" Dolan, daughters Brigitte Dolan - Ladies Auxiliary President #7945 and Brandi Dolan relax after walking the 5K Susan B. Koman Breast Cancer Walk September 28th. This is an annual event for this family, all dressed in pink. State Quartermaster Bruce Dolan also walks with the family. Every family has a family member or friend that has been affected by Cancer.

**VFW Membership Convention Pre-Registration  
Sheridan, Colorado June 17 – 20, 2015**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

2014-2015 Officer Title \_\_\_\_\_

Pre- Registration is \$10.00 and will include a ditty bag and convention book  
Make Checks payable to: VFW Post 9644  
Mail to: VFW Post 9644 2680 W Hampden Englewood, CO 80110  
ATTN: Ron Davies - Convention Chairman  
Registration at the door will be \$12.00

Will you be attending the Military Banquet? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Number in your party? \_\_\_\_\_

Military Banquet Tickets 25.00 each. Main Entre... TBA

**Ladies Auxiliary Convention Pre-Registration  
Sheridan, Colorado June 17 – 20, 2015**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

2014-2015 Ladies Auxiliary Officer Title \_\_\_\_\_

Pre- Registration is \$10.00 and will include a ditty bag and convention book  
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ATTN: Ron Davies - Convention Chairman  
Registration at the door will be \$12.00

Will you be attending the Military Banquet? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Number in your party? \_\_\_\_\_

Military Banquet Tickets \$25.00 each. Main Entre... TBA

**Men's Auxiliary Convention Pre-Registration  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

2014-2015 Men's Auxiliary Officer Title \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTN: Ron Davies - Convention Chairman  
Registration at the door will be \$12.00

Will you be attending the Military Banquet? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Number in your party? \_\_\_\_\_

Military Banquet Tickets \$25.00 each. Main Entre... TBA

**Coming Soon**

**VFW, Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary  
Convention Schedules  
Complete Listing of Hotels  
Events Schedule / Golf / Breakfasts / Lunches / Dinners**

**All Information Will Be Posted On Page 8 of  
February 2015 and May 2015 Colorado Veterans  
(Also Posted on www.vfwcolodept.org)**

**We Will See Everyone At Convention 2015**

**Please call Headquarters if you are having a problem finding  
information on the Colorado Website  
or have constructive suggestions**

**MOC and MOCA  
2014 - 2015 Schedule**

December 6th	Silver Dollar	Omelette Bar 8:30 AM Past Grand Cmdr Meeting Past Grand President Meeting MOC & MOCA Meetings 10:00 AM
December 7th		Denver VA Chapel & Visitation
February 14, 2015		Pueblo West #5812
April 18, 2015	Grand Convention	VFW Post #4051 Colorado Springs

**Scholarships**

**2014-2015  
(WE ARE NOT DONE YET)**

Thank you to all the auxiliaries who attend the Parade of Programs held in Craig on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and in Pueblo West on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. A lot of great information was presented on all of our programs. By combining all of our scholarship under one program, our focus once again is how to get the word out to all students about what we have to offer in the form of scholarships. We also want to make sure that all of our members are aware of what we have to offer to our communities. The hard work put forth by our Post and Auxiliaries is not always seen by the number of entries they receive for these outstanding programs but know it does not go unrecognized by those of us at department.

The Post entry deadline for both Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen programs was November 1<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully by now you have set up your judging so that your winning entry can be sent off to your District Chairman. District Chairman, once your final entry is select to send to department you forward all the appreciate paper that is required. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Shaun Shenk or myself. All deadlines for both programs are as follows: **November 15, 2014** – Post Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winning entries to District **December 15, 2014** – District winning entry for each program (with student photo) to Department Headquarters **January 23-25, 2015** – Department Voice of Democracy Banquet at VFW Post 7945, Thornton. Please note, the Department 1<sup>st</sup> place winner for Patriots Pen will be invited to attend the Saturday night banquet. Please remember our work is never done, as we should be promoting all of our scholarship programs year round.

Our National CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP is available to any Ladies Auxiliary member, her spouse, daughter or son, 18 years or older. One \$1,000 scholarship will be presented in each of the four Ladies Auxiliary VFW Conferences. Remember all entries must be mailed to Director of Programs Ladies

Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Kansas City, MO 6411 and received by February 15, 2015. (If you know of someone who submits an entry to national ask for copy and send one to me for reporting purposes only.) Additional information and rules may be reviewed at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org/programs/scholarships.html](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/programs/scholarships.html).

Don't forget the YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART open to all students in grades 9-12 enrolled in public, private or parochial high school or home study program in Colorado. Additional information and rules may be reviewed at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org/programs/scholarships.html](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/programs/scholarships.html). The deadline for entry is March 31, 2015 to your local Ladies Auxiliary. After judging at the local level, one first-place winner will be submitted to the Department Chair for judging. **DO NOT SEND TO NATIONAL.** By April 15, 2015 all local first place entries should be submitted to Department Chairman. Only one first-place winner at the Department level will then advance to the national competition.

Do you know a JUNIOR GIRL, 13-16 years of age who is eligible to apply for a Junior Girl SCHOLARSHIP? Encourage them to apply, it can't hurt and they might be chosen to receive a \$7,500 scholarship from National which would be held in escrow until she enrolls in college. Judging is based on Junior Girls unit activities (40%), school activities (30%) and scholastic achievement (30%). Additional information and rules may be reviewed at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org/programs/scholarships.html](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/programs/scholarships.html). All entries should be received by March 11, 2015 to local Ladies Auxiliary. After judging at the local level the one first-place winner will be submitted to the Department Chair for judging. **DO NOT SEND TO NATIONAL.**

**R e m e m b e r . . . . .**  
*Each Post and Auxiliary determines the success of our programs and as your department chairmen we are simple here to help YOU be successful....*  
**REPORT, REPORT, REPORT.....**  
*receive credit for everything you do!*

Caroline A. Gelatt  
Department Scholarship Chairman

**Ladies Auxiliary Color Guard**

**Do you enjoy being outdoors in summer and fall?**

**Do you love the sound of drums and high school marching bands?**

**Do you love seeing our flag wave in the breeze?**

**Do you love the excitement of a parade?**

If so, contact the Ladies Auxiliary Color Guard and join us for fun and excitement that is hard to beat.

We proudly carry our American flag and the Ladies Auxiliary banner in a number of parades throughout the year, and would love to have some new, more physically able members to help us carry

on this great tradition.

We provide our own uniforms and transportation and after a short time in the parade, spend the rest of the day shopping and relaxing in the sun at whatever festival has brought us together.

For questions, please contact Maggie Phillips, Captain, at 720-203-1682 or 303-935-9143.

You can also speak with any Color Guard member for more information. We hope to have you join us!

Maggie Phillips, Captain

**Department Ladies Auxiliary Officers**

**Wish For Everyone**

**A Thanksgiving With Your Family and Friends**

**And**

**A Christmas Filled With Friendship**





# Auxiliary News

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Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



## Presidents's Column Martine Arndt



Hello Sisters and Comrades,

Welcome to fall! By the time you read this we will be nearing the holiday season. Time sure flies when you are having fun, and I am having fun!

Thanks to all for the wonderful hospitality and courtesies extended to me in my travels.

After the Department Convention, we started the year off with the first Council Weekend in Craig, CO the second weekend in July. On Saturday we had the Parade of Programs, what a great job the chairmen did presenting the programs for this year. Thank you! Special thanks to Department Secretary Ginny Rosa, who got the rosters and program books ready about three weeks earlier than in past years, and married Jr. Past Department Commander Kirk Rosa, the weekend before the Council weekend. On Sunday the Council of Administration meeting was well attended. Thanks to Post and Ladies Auxiliary #4265 for a great weekend!

Four days later, I jetted off to St. Louis for the National Convention. A couple of new items were added to the By Laws, and these will be published in the Auxiliary National magazine and in the new editions of the Podium By Laws and Ritual books, which should be available by the time the Colorado Veteran goes to press. The Colorado delegation had a great time at the Convention, and I encourage any member who has not attended one before to attend at least one.

Returned home and a little more than a week later had my Homecoming at my Post and Auxiliary, Fontaine Qui Bouille #6461. The post was decorated with snowflakes and we had a wonderful BBQ in the afternoon. Everyone enjoyed themselves and I appreciate all of you who attended that day. Thanks for all of

the great gifts and donations to my special project, Military Suicide Awareness and Prevention. A couple of Saturdays later, I attended Commander Jim's homecoming. Had a great time visiting with all in attendance.

I made my official visits to Districts 13, 4, 6 and 8 in late August and September. The second weekend in September I traveled to Groton, Connecticut for National President Ann Panteleakos' Homecoming. I had never been to Connecticut before and enjoyed seeing the tall ships, draw bridge and old homes in Mystic Harbor. Took a short trip to the Foxwoods Casino...the biggest casino I have ever been in, with a mall around the outside perimeter. Two of my favorites, shopping and gambling! We rode through a part of Rhode Island to the airport in Providence. Ann's homecoming was a great time and it was wonderful to gather together to kick her year off in style. Headed back home and was busily planning for upcoming events in October. A sad and solemn duty was attending the funeral for Pam Tjosvold of Pueblo West who was the Department Assistant Guard and Buddy Poppy Chairman. So very hard to replace this great sister.

National President Ann Panteleakos made her official visit to Colorado, October 3-5 in Colorado Springs. While awaiting her arrival at the airport the ladies and comrades present had several impromptu "welcome home" celebrations with returning military members. It was so fun to be able to do this unplanned event. We greeted Ann at the airport with an aisle of flags and went off to a lunch at The Golden Bee Pub at the Broadmoor, great food, fun and conversation. Next stop was the newly dedicated VA Clinic. We were allowed to do a self-tour and checked out all of the new areas set up to care for our veterans. A wonderful new women's clinic is a welcome addition to the facility, which is beautiful with lots of glass windows looking out at Pikes Peak and the Front Range. Department Chief of Staff

and I took Ann to the Garden of the Gods, where she marveled at the beauty around her, by taking photos and climbing on a few rocks. We went to Post 3917, for a wonderful chicken fried steak dinner and visiting of members. The President spent part of her time visiting with a young mother and her children, taking photos of them as well. She truly loves children and seeing them in our Post Homes. Up bright and early Saturday morning we drove to Penrose, CO to participate in the Apple Day Parade. While waiting for the parade to start, our President visited other organizations in the lineup, and took more photos, including one on a motorcycle with the District 2 VFW Warriors. We had lunch at Post 2788, where the Auxiliary had prepared burgers and brats. The Fireball band was playing there and dedicated the song "Jambalaya" to the National President. Senior Vice Commander Pete Buchanan got the President on the dance floor and they really cut the rug! We traveled to Pueblo where we visited the "Four Heroes" monument at the Pueblo Convention Center. Several Auxiliary members from the area joined us to visit with our National President. Back to the hotel for a bit of a rest and then we headed to Fountain. We made a stop at the Fountain Valley Veterans Memorial before going to Post 6461 for a banquet to honor the National President. We had a great turnout and the food prepared by the Auxiliary was outstanding. Ann's remarks were well received and she enjoyed visiting the members and spending time with the District 5 Junior Girls. More photos and we headed back to the hotel for the night. Got up early and had breakfast before we took our President to the airport where she was heading off to our neighbors in Wyoming. It was a great visit with a great lady, who is so approachable and friendly.

The Western Conference was held in Colorado Springs, October 17-19 with thirteen Western states in attendance

and members and guests from Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, South Carolina, Missouri and Minnesota as well. The conference was held at the Hotel Elegante'. The staff went out of their way to ensure all felt welcome and had a great time. The National representative for the conference was Junior Vice President Colette Bishop(IA). Other National Officers and Ambassadors in attendance were: National Secretary/Treasurer and Past National President Jan Owens(SC); National Guard, Peggy Haake (HI); National Chief of Staff Vivian Bernatos (ND); National Administrative Director, Janice Criswell (KS); and National Membership Ambassador, Tami Eliot (WA). Many program breakout sessions were provided and the attendees received excellent educational opportunity. At lunch a fashion show of Ladies Auxiliary uniforms past and present was presented, and the banquet had great dinner music from the Academy Jazz Ensemble Combo and the Déjà vu ensemble. Everyone seemed to have a great time and enjoyed their visit to Colorado!

Please send your membership transmittals to Department Treasurer as soon as you get them, please do not hold dues! We are striving to receive financial prizes for our membership! Our goal this year is 100% plus one member by June 30, 2015. Any Auxiliary reaching 100% Plus by this date will be entered into a drawing for \$3000, \$2000, and \$1000 awards from National to use for projects or programs that benefit veterans! Help us all achieve these goals!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in my upcoming travels. I appreciate your letting our Department Chaplain know about sisters and comrades who are ill, or have lost loved ones. I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous, healthy and happy 2015!

Loyally with love and hugs!  
Martine Arndt, State President

## Legislative

Dear Ladies: I hope you all have tried your hand at receiving VFW Legislative action on-line.

It is even more important now that we stay informed and up to date on all issues that effect our veterans and their families. Send frequent letters and e-mails and make calls to ALL of our legislators even if they are not of your political party - make our stand heard loud and strong that we are united for our vets and we are not going to put up with petty posturing so one party can look better than the other. We don't care! We want action that is inclusive and comprehensive and that was promised and we have wanted and waited for it for a long time - way longer than just this year!

I have received a list of websites from Warren Tellgren that

should be given to every veteran and their family. It is a reference that provides information on veterans benefits and how to file/ask for them. So many items are not given or even discussed unless the veteran asks. This list will help them know what is available and how to ask. I will be handing out copies at the next P.O.P. If you district and auxiliary presidents would e-mail the names and addresses of your legislative chairmen, I will be sure to mail a copy to them. Or, if your chairman would like to respond personally that would be fine also.

### In It For Our Vets

Susan Griffith  
Department Legislative Chairman

## VFW Department Publication Contest

VFW Post & Ladies Auxiliary  
Newsletter Contest 2014 - 2015

Please select your three (3) best Publications and mail or bring them to  
VFW Department Headquarters  
1400 Carr Street  
Lakewood CO 80214

**BY March 23, 2015**  
Entry form available January 1, 2015

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## Veterans And Family Support

When you hear that the Veterans and Family Support Program has been designated the "Premier" Program for 2014-15 by the National Office, what does that mean to you?

For me, I refreshed my knowledge of the word, "premier" with the Webster Dictionary which reads, "first in importance, chief, foremost". Those terms really set our marching orders for planning and executing Auxiliary activities for this program.

Please take a moment to rank your Auxiliary efforts on a scale of 1-5, with 1=low and 5=high with activities toward the National Program Goal:

- **National Veterans Services (NVS)** "Operating Changing Lives" – Has your Auxiliary held or planning a NVS fund raiser? Remember, the National Goal is \$1 million to support the local Service Offices.

- **National Military Services (NMS)** – Has your Auxiliary donated to?
- **Operation Up-Link**
- **Unmet Needs**
- **Military Assistance Program (MAP)**
- **Sports Clip Help a Hero Scholarship**
- **VFW National Home for Children** – Has your 10 centers per for the June 30, 2014 membership been paid? FYI – The July 31, 2014 National Report shows ZERO Colorado Auxiliaries having donated to Health & Happiness.

Kudos to Auxiliaries #3471 and #322 and Posts #7495 and #101 for their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter donations to the CO House. FYI – There is an URGENT need to upgrade

### Recruiter Training Program

The primary purpose of the training is "How To" increase membership, retain members and reinstate past members. Classes will be throughout the state at the Department, District and Auxiliary levels. They will provide instruction on working membership as a team effort, talking and listening techniques, some do's and don'ts, developing a plan, outside resources available and setting realistic goals. There will be materials available to help promote membership that you can also order.

These classes are to help encourage Auxiliaries to recruit and retain members. The training program can help increase membership through outreach strategies and to improve the retention rate. It shows how to develop a recruitment plan that can be effective through better communication, increase knowledge about the benefits of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliaries, provide understanding about the important work that is being done for veterans, and our community involvement.

National Auxiliary membership has been declining over the past 13 years at an average of 15,562. Department of Colorado is at 97.97% thanks to Auxiliary members working so diligently. However,

the educational technology equipment on the campus. Your ear-marked donation would be greatly appreciated.

- **Buddy Poppy** – The September, 2014 National Report shows CO has purchased 68,500 or 26.4% for the current year vs the prior year of 228,167 or 30.02%. Are your Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Commemorative Poppies ordered for 2014-15? FYI – Effective October 1, 2014 the price of the Buddy Poppies will increase: \$120 per each thousand; \$60 per each 500; and \$40 per each 250. Be sure to use the new order form available on the CO VFW website.



**SCORE** – IF your Auxiliary ranking is 1-3 for any of the program initiatives, PLEASE re-examine your plans. To be a "Premier Program", each of these initiatives should be foremost.

Thanks to Auxiliaries #4331 and #1771 for providing me the name and contact information for the local Veterans & Family Support Program Chair. Please provide me this information at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Many thanks for stepping out to "Let it snow a blizzard of Love, Honor, and Care for our Veterans".

Loyally, Carol Anderson,  
Department Program Chair

there are many Auxiliaries that are declining throughout the state even though they are working very hard.

As a National Certified Trainer, I will work closely with the Sr. Vice President and Department Membership Chairman, Gloria Otwell and her team to help complement building increased Auxiliary awareness and membership. Our goal is to help Auxiliaries increase, recruit and retain future membership through training and mentoring to keep our Department as a healthy and active one. Remember – it is getting one member one at a time so we can continue to support our veterans and their families.

I look forward to working with all Auxiliaries throughout the upcoming year and am very excited about this new recruiting membership program! I would like to thank the members who have already attended a class. Please call me with any questions and to schedule a training session.

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Aux 4061: Shirley Brownlee  
Aux 4265: Betty Blackman, Beth Ellifritz,  
Aux 5812: Pamela Tjosvold  
Aux 4663: Sandra "Sandy" Ackerman  
Aux 7305: Sharon R Lowe  
Aux 11411: Linda Lawrence

## Membership 2014-2015

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign War was born out of a need and desire to support and care for America's veterans. Since the beginning of this country in 1776, American women saw the need to support our American soldiers and veterans during and after the Revolutionary War. They were Mothers, Wives, Daughters, and Sisters of military veterans returning from battle. During the Civil War it was again the Mothers, Wives, Daughters, and Sisters who cared for the war torn veterans in hospitals and at home. Soon after our military was serving in outreaches of the globe.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars was accepted in 1899 and just 15 short years later, in 1914 the Ladies Auxiliary VFW was born. Born through the desire to help and support our injured and returning veterans. We are the oldest veteran service organization in this country. Yet our numbers are declining. Over the past three years we as a national organization have lost nearly 50,000 members at a time when we are most needed.

How do we meet our membership goals when our membership is declining? We need to learn make a sales pitch. Yes, we have a service to sell! Our veterans are returning from the latest wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, in desperate need of our service and support. If we don't learn to make a sales pitch to our young eligible Wives, Mothers, Daughters, and Sisters we will lose our organization when it is most needed!

In 2014 the face of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary needs to reflect our newest veterans. We need to change the way we communicate to touch the younger generation.

Using some ideas passed down to me from National, here are some suggestions for making a sales pitch.

### Know who you are going to talk to:

- Make a list of people you know may be eligible and then work your list.
- Attend functions that may have eligible prospects and compile their contact

## All State Presidents and Achievement

We have all heard the story of Cinderella, but, have you heard the story of Presidella.

She was the President of a Ladies Auxiliary in Colorado. Presidella and the Members of the Ladies Auxiliary worked very hard for our Veterans. Their mission was to do the very best they could for all Veterans and the programs of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. With limited funds they toiled daily, cooking, baking, fundraising for Veterans programs, visiting schools, promoting patriotism and many other activities. Presidella and a core group of Members gave all they had to their Auxiliary. Like Cinderella was trapped with toiling for her stepmother and stepsisters, Presidella and the Members of her Auxiliary were trapped into the belief that reporting all the work they did was not important and they would silently continue all their good deeds. They all said:

"We don't do this wonderful work for awards or have time for reporting". Then, Presidella and the Members were visited by their Fairy Godmother.

Fairy Godmother was beautiful and kind. She told Presidella that she was the leader of the Membership. As the leader of the Members, she deserved consideration to be an Outstanding President for her Auxiliary. Fairy Godmother told the Members that their dedication to the

info.

• Network with friends, family, co-workers, and church members. Ask everyone if they know any potential members.

### Know what you are going to say:

• Practice your 30 second "elevator speech" to give a quick and concise overview of who we are and why we are so important. Sample below:

*"The Ladies Auxiliary VFW is the nation's oldest veterans' service organization and our members are the female relatives of those who have served in overseas combat. We have 475,000 members representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia who volunteer millions of hours and give thousands of dollars to support veterans, military service personnel and their families.*

*Some of the ways members offer support are by assembling and mailing care packages to active-duty troops, holding send-off and welcome-home events for troops, spreading the word about PTSD, visiting veterans in VA Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Veterans Homes, offering youth scholarships and educating youth about the American Flag. The Ladies Auxiliary VFW also funds cancer research. With more than 4,000 Auxiliaries, there is likely one in your area working to improve the lives of America's uncommon heroes."*

**Close the sale by asking them to join.** Do follow-up by sending a thank you card. (This is important!)

Ladies if we do some of these suggestions, we will certainly grow our organization into the next generation and beyond. Let's Snow a Blizzard of Love, Honor, and Care for our Heroes. By making the organization stronger than ever!

Please remember to complete and return the forms in the Program Book to request awards for new, reinstated, and New Life members. Thanks for working so hard this year!

Gloria M. Otwell  
Department Membership Chairman

Auxiliary, our Veterans and the programs deserved consideration for Achievement recognition. With a wave of her wand, Fairy Godmother gave them the Achievement To Do List, Program Report, President, Auxiliary and Treasurer's Year End Reports. Her last comment was "You must complete the reports".

Remember Cinderella received a beautiful gown, glass slippers, coach and footmen to attend the ball at the castle from her Fairy Godmother. She had to leave the ball by midnight. Cinderella's Fairy Godmother didn't guarantee that she would meet her Prince Charming. She only gave her the opportunity for a storybook ending.

Our Fairy Godmother is giving all Presidellas and Auxiliary Members the opportunity to bring honor to their Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars at our ball, the Colorado State Convention.

Won't you do your best for a storybook ending for your Auxiliary?

Loyally,

Sue Tartaglione,  
Jane Ledesma,  
Rosie Mitchell,  
Ruth Gulden Chairman

## Auxiliary Membership by District 2014 - 2015 October 17, 2014

Number	City	2014	2015	%	Number	City	2014	2015	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>					<b>DISTRICT #7</b>				
1	Denver	175	147	84	899	Alamosa	77	40	52
501	Denver	153	122	80	3228	Monte Vista	40	31	78
2461	Denver	120	83	69	4849	La Jara	48	37	77
2797	Denver	37	29	78	6101	San Luis	46	27	59
3971	Denver	44	23	52	8121	So Fork	93	83	89
5061	Denver	139	68	49		TOTAL	304	218	72%
	TOTAL	668	472	71%	<b>DISTRICT #8</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>					<b>DISTRICT #9</b>				
984	Trinidad	23	0	0	859	Leadville	31	30	97
2788	Penrose	44	15	34	1166	Buena Vista	89	67	75
3641	Pueblo	89	47	53	8661	Bailey	63	34	54
4061	Canon City	171	149	87	11411	Lake George	42	42	100*
5812	Pueblo West	40	35	88	12009	Conifer	35	29	83
7305	Colo. City	30	8	27		TOTAL	260	202	78%
	TOTAL	397	254	64%	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>					<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				
41	Loveland	140	72	51	4264	Stmbt Spgs	33	25	76
1771	Lafayette	346	295	85	4265	Craig	59	37	63
1781	Ft. Collins	75	33	44	5843	Meeker	38	23	61
2121	Greeley	106	75	71	9374	Kremmling	17	14	82
2585	Johnstown	43	27	63		TOTAL	147	99	67%
2601	Longmont	260	219	84	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>				
2841	Brighton	55	36	65	322	Englewood	113	78	69
4334	Ault	37	29	78	3471	Morrison	52	34	65
6011	Platteville	38	18	47	3631	Aurora	108	83	77
6624	Evans	207	151	73	4171	Golden	338	261	77
9565	Broomfield	37	13	35	4331	Arvada	136	105	77
	TOTAL	1344	968	72%	4444	Cmmrc City	177	174	98
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>					<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
2551	Ft. Morgan	144	108	75	6331	Aurora	49	0	0
3541	Sterling	91	80	88	7945	Thornton	254	208	82
4671	Wray	30	30	100*	9644	Fort Logan	372	270	73
8064	Akron	38	7	18		TOTAL	1599	1213	76%
	TOTAL	303	225	74%	<b>DISTRICT #14</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>					<b>DISTRICT #15</b>				
101	Colo. Spgs.	64	43	67	784	Montrose	58	38	66
3917	Security	238	158	66	1247	Grnd Jctn	102	69	68
4051	Colo. Spgs	323	298	92	3571	Delta	79	57	72
5221	Calhan	37	27	73	3981	Grnd Jctn	24	5	21
6461	Fountain	114	98	86	4663	Clifton	74	34	46
7829	Monument	17	15	88	9221	Cedaredge	67	58	87
	TOTAL	793	639	81%	9304	Silt	23	9	39
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>					<b>DISTRICT #16</b>				
336	Ordway	92	58	97	9333	Hotchkiss	25	10	40
2411	LasAnimas	98	93	104*		TOTAL	452	280	62%
3621	Lamar	17	7	106*	<b>DISTRICT #17</b>				
4001	Springfield	33	29	103*	4031	Durango	75	46	61
4091	Rocky Ford	15	0	68	5181	Dove Creek	43	26	60
4281	Holly	13	8	118*	5231	Mancos	68	47	69
	TOTAL	268	195	99%	9058	Nucla	20	19	95
<b>DISTRICT #17</b>					<b>DISTRICT #18</b>				
15006	At Large	187	216	116%*		TOTAL	206	138	67%
	TOTAL DEPT.	7,030	5,166	73%	<b>DISTRICT #19</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #18</b>					<b>DISTRICT #20</b>				
3411	Kit Carson	32	15	47	6491	Burlington	11	7	64
6491	Burlington	11	7	64	6612	Hugo	59	25	42
6612	Hugo	59	25	42		TOTAL	102	47	46%
	TOTAL	102	47	46%	<b>DISTRICT #21</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #19</b>					<b>DISTRICT #22</b>				
15006	At Large	187	216	116%*	<b>DISTRICT #23</b>				
	TOTAL DEPT.	7,030	5,166	73%	<b>DISTRICT #24</b>				

### "100 Years of Serving Veterans" Department of Colorado Ladies Auxiliary VFW

## Extension

### R U HEALTHY AUXILIARY?

One of the Goals of the District and Auxiliary President's is to make sure all members have the Questionnaire and have them turned in by the Parade of Programs. The District Presidents received the material that is also in the Department Program Book. From the information we receive we will have ideas and solutions for our problems in the Auxiliaries. Awards will be handed out for The Good Job Award and a Healthy Ladies Auxiliary Certificate at the March 28th Parade of Programs in Loveland.

At the November Parade of Programs we will be reviewing the Meeting Clinic and the Healthy Communications Phone/Text Tree and how they can be used to assist our Auxiliaries. This information is also in the Program

### Book.

There are Five Essential Requirement to Maintain status as a "Ladies Auxiliary VFW": Elect and install officers for the current year, Hold at least one business meeting per month and a quorum shall be present, Bond the offices of President and Treasurer, Quarterly audits shall be completed in compliance with Section 814 and 814A and Dues shall be transmitted on at least 10 members.

Need Help? Please contact Me, District Chief of Staff, District Presidents and Department Line Officers. Thank You for helping with the Extension Program and getting our Auxiliaries back to where we need to be.

Sue Tartaglione,  
Department Chief of Staff

## Youth Activities / Jr. Girls Unit

### GOOD DAY GORGEOUS LADIES OF COLORADO!!!

Where has our time gone already? It feels like we barely got started on this year and yet as you read this we have FIVE months to get all our goals met!! A big THANK YOU to those of you who have been submitting your reports and working with youth! I enjoy seeing how your Auxiliaries are working with youth volunteers and teaching them about our organization. A quick reminder of our goals this year: #1--Each Ladies Auxiliary is to submit at least one Youth Group Supporting Military Citation Or Youth Group Supporting Veterans Citation (this a National Goal—Lets show them that Colorado Auxiliaries know how to represent and have 100% participation regarding citations), #2—Each Ladies Auxiliary is to submit one Outstanding Youth Volunteer of the Year award (remember youth LOVE money!!), #3—Working with Youth Groups within our community as well as youth within our Post families. Youth Activities Chairmen: I want to hear specifically from you, send me a letter or email and tell

me “What have you done for Youth lately?” Include anything you are currently working on, holiday parties, a met and greet with Post Veterans, or invited a youth group to help serve at a fundraiser. Jr. Girls Unit Advisors: There are four Units, yet we are missing paperwork for two units. Both of which have been contacted by Ms. Ginny Rosa. Please get the information Ms. Ginny Rosa has requested to both her and I as soon as possible. If you need help figuring out the necessary paperwork please contact me. I have received reports from one Unit. I am asking that you please email or mail your monthly reports as often as possible. I am eager to know what all the Units have been up to this year. As always, if you would like me at one of your Jr. Girls Unit events, please let me know as soon as possible so I can make arrangements to be there.

Hope you all have a blessed and safe holiday season!!

Stephane Trujillo, Department Youth Activities and Jr. Girls Chairman

## Hospital

### Remember our Veterans

I had a great visit at Home Lake for their Summerfest get-together. Many of the auxiliaries and Post were present to help and give wonderful handouts to the residents. The food was delightful with watermelons & cantaloupe home grown that can't be beat. Home Lake is asking for donation to update the patio and are starting work to update the cemetery that dates back to the Civil War. Then I had an outstanding time at Pueblo all Patients Day the carnival like atmosphere was enjoyed by all. Several VFW and Auxiliaries setup booths with superb gifts to all veterans and many gave donations for special activates at the center. I attended Birthday parties and Bingo at the Denver VA and nursing home. I plan to visit various other nursing homes this fall and during the holidays.

Colorado is very fortunate to have three Colorado State Nursing Homes that have received a 5 Star Rating for being the best in Colorado from the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid they are Fitzsimons, Homelake and Walsenburg. The rating is based on overall excellence including performance in health inspections, nursing staff and total quality of care.

**Be sure to visit the new Ladies Auxiliary Web site** all of the programs have great information and concepts that are shared by the members. With more links to assist with new ideas to help the auxiliaries achieve their goals.

As we start into the holiday season make plans for your auxiliary to visit Denver or Grand Junction VA Centers or one of our Colorado state nursing homes. This is a great time to get new members to help plan something special.. Maybe your auxiliary can get a scout or other youth group to help make decorations or tray favors. The patients appreciate the special parties & activities' you plan at the facilities your time is one of the greatest gifts an Auxiliary member can give. Even something as simple as tray favors with their meal would be a special treat for the residents. There are many opportunities to volunteer throughout the VA system. All volunteers receive much more then you give-- every time you visit one of our

facilities and see the smiles on a veterans face. **Check out the Ladies Auxiliary National Pinterest page for ideas!**

With cold weather fast approaching our veteran can use warm clothing for men and woman the Denver VA is in need of coats, gloves, hats, jeans, shirts and always new underwear. There is always a need for writing materials, books, CD's, cards, crafts, puzzles and board games. Your Auxiliary can collect item at the post and there is always someone willing to help deliver them to the VA or a Veteran's Stand-down in your area. Female veterans are on the rise and Women's Health Care units are very impartment in the VA system remember them with personal items.

All auxiliaries are encouraged to donate **.50 per members** as of 6-30, 14 to the hospital program send to the Department Treasurer. This money helps all the VA Centers and Colorado state nursing homes with special activities and is much needed during the holidays to allow our hospital representatives to purchase small gifts for all the residents. Our hospital program includes all medical facilities, so if you do not have a veterans nursing home in your committee, contact your local nursing home and ask how you can volunteer there. Most facilities have some veterans or their families in resident. Keep track of your hours for the hospital pins a minimum of 100 hours for the first award. I am also giving a special award for any one that recruits a new hospital volunteer; this can be a member that works at home on special treats or making items for the hospitals or members that volunteer at one of the facilities. The forms are in the Auxiliary Presidents program guide or contact me.

**Report** all hospital volunteer hours, miles and money donated or money to complete a project on the Department Reporting form this is the only way we know what your auxiliary is doing.

**Thank You for volunteering you make the difference for our veterans.**

### Have a wonderful Holiday Season

Charlotte Lattin  
Department Hospital Chairman

## Americanism

The word “Hero” conjures up visuals in my mind of uniformed men and women... brave soldiers, defending our country and ideals. I picture our first responders who meet us on the worst days of our lives, filled with chaos and sadness. Yes, this is who we all think of as our “Heroes”.

But...let's think about another kind of “Hero”. Let's take a journey. Let's explore some happenings in our community.

Oh, look! I see a white-haired lady passing out a hand made flag pin on Armed Forces Day with the biggest smile ever.

Just a few steps further I see a group of women who have set up a POW/MIA table and they are cheerfully handing out POW/MIA flags. And yes, they are giving out information.

I continue on my journey and see a nearby school. I enter the school, peek into a large room and see a group of spellbound students learning how to fold the American flag. Pin-adorned women are patiently working with small groups of children and answering questions. Following the lesson and multiple practices, each child is given their very own flag to take home and share with his/her family.

Wait...I hear the Pledge of Allegiance being recited down the hall. Amazing, another group of women listening to each child in Kindergarten recite our beloved Pledge of Allegiance. Each child is rewarded with a certificate with their name on it.

Several women are in the office giving a beautiful new flag to the school. The school principal keeps saying, “Thank You” over and over.

I walk out of the school feeling so good about those hard-working women. I wonder who they were.

Sound familiar...do you recognize these ladies? It's you....it's us....it's the Ladies Auxiliary. You are the “All American Hero”. You are the ones who forge ahead, spread the word, and work so very hard to teach and show others what Americanism is all about.

Yes, my Ladies Auxiliary sisters... You need to know even the smallest task you do to impart the ideals of this great country makes a huge difference! Your faith, love, loyalty, and devotion to the men and women who have made this country great has been molded by you!!

Please continue to report your projects. Please call or email me, as I would love to hear about your projects.

Loyally, Rosie Naughton,  
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## Cancer Aid and Research

Greetings,

THANKS to all that have purchased Cancer pins. Sales are going so well that Martine has had to purchase more pins!

As of September 30, 2014 Colorado has donated \$7,580.25 to National Cancer Aid & Research. YEAH Colorado

Ladies, don't forget to send in your \$2.00 per member ear-marked for Cancer Aid & Research to Department Treasurer Colleen Rylant. Let's make sure that we are at 100% in reporting again this year.

Auxiliaries, I would love to hear about your fundraisers for Cancer Aid & Research, send me a short note in the mail or email me at linebrd@aol.com. I would like to share with our National Ambassador what is going on in Colorful Colorado.

I will have more fact sheets and suggestions for more fundraisers at the Council meeting at Pueblo West on November 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (my family and I were

able to do the Komen Breast Cancer Walk even though I'm still recovering from breaking my ankle, YES I walked all 5k) & October 21<sup>st</sup> was National Mammography Day. The American Cancer Society's recommendation is that at age 40 ALL women start getting mammograms. But, more and more women are being diagnosed with breast cancer earlier than that. If you have a family history of breast cancer, check with your doctor about when to start getting mammograms. It is extremely important that you do a breast self-exam each month.

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Pancreatic Cancer and Stomach Cancer Awareness Month and National Hospice Month.

**“Let it Snow a Blizzard of Love, Honor and Care for Our Heroes!”**

Lennie Dolan  
Department Cancer Aid & Research Chairman



### 2014 - 2015 Cancer Pins Order Form



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

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

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

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

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

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Department of Colorado Ladies Auxiliary  
Mail Cancer Pin order to: Lennie Dolan  
1170 Fulton Street  
Aurora, CO 80010  
(303) 341-7488