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“No One Does More For Veterans”



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Why Veterans Matter To Our Nation's History and Future

Freedom because of Bravery:

My first taste of American Pride” was when I was 12, at the grocery store with my mom. We went to the food court for dinner, and noticed an elderly man with a WW II veteran’s cap on. We approached him and introduced ourselves, and as I shook his hand, my heart swelled with pride. I was proud of my country. I was proud of the man whose strong hand was wrapped around mine. I was proud of the men and women who represented America by joining the armed forces. I’ll never lose this pride. I will always be a patriot, a lover of the red, white, and blue, and an admirer of our veterans.

Our national anthem calls America the land of the free and the home of the brave, but America can only be free if she is brave. Economics tell us that nothing is free. There’s no such thing as a free lunch-everything must be bought with a price. The same is true of freedom; our veterans have bravely sacrificed everything to pay the price for freedom. Courageous men and women like the one I met at the grocery store are the reason that America can still be free.

Throughout history, in wars like Vietnam, World War II, Afghanistan, and Iraq, our love for freedom has been tested. Enemies of liberty have sought to snuff out the light. However, proud representatives of America have ventured through jungles where armed enemies lurked in the unknown

ready to strike and disappear. They have charged onto beaches under heavy machine gun and artillery fire where they knew they probably wouldn’t make it out alive. They have colored the ocean red with their blood-shed for the liberty of people they will never meet. Thanks to them, my family can go to church on Sunday. Thanks to our veterans, I have no fear of being caught praying. Thanks to our veterans, I can say what I want, when I want, and where I want; thanks to our veterans, I am free.

Veterans used to get the attention they deserve. When a man returned home from fighting on the front lines, his family and friends would throw a welcoming celebration, he was thanked many times, and his face might even appear in the newspaper. Now it seems that even though we have a national holiday for them, veterans aren’t appreciated, respected, or thanked. A failure to celebrate veterans is a failure to raise up the next generation. If future leaders don’t understand the sacrifice necessary to maintain a free nation, no one will make that sacrifice later on down the road. We won’t be able to remain the land of liberty, if veterans of tomorrow don’t rise up, and if we fail to instill patriotism in our young.

America is only as free as she is brave. I met a veteran, and that made me want to be brave. Veterans not only protect us by fighting, they lead the next generation of patriots. Without veterans, my generation-the leaders of tomorrow-will not know

what honor looks like. We will not grasp the idea of bravery. We will not have the dedication to answer the call of duty, to stand up and say, “I will go,” when terrorists fly airplanes into our buildings. No one will care. No one will be brave. Freedom isn’t free. This means that veterans must continue to rise up if America is to remain the great land of liberty. Currently, the United States has Special Operations Forces in at least 134 countries around the world. Without them, the dark forces seeking to extinguish the flame of liberty will be successful.

Recently, in a school district not far from my home, students began protesting because their history textbooks were misrepresenting historical events. Veterans could stop that, because they made history-they were there, and witnessed it firsthand. If we take the time to listen to their stories and ask them about their lives, we can learn what really happened. We don’t have to rely on hear-say to know the facts, when we have the authors of history among us. These heroes deserve to be heard, and we are foolish if we don’t take advantage of the opportunity.

As a high school student, everything I do is motivated by the future. ‘plan my future, I prepare for my future, and it is easy to take my future for granted. It’s easy to assume ‘I have a future. It’s easy to assume I’ll have an America to live in when I’m older. Reality is, though, that freedom is not free-America is only as free she is

brave. Veterans are the backbone of America. Veterans provide the truth and inspiration necessary to maintain my generation’s American Pride.

Adam Densmore



Adam Densmore
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Holyoke

In Memoriam

Bonnie Palmateer, PDP
passed away January 10, 2015

Services January 24, 2015
Golden, CO

Burial Golden Cemetery

Rest in Peace, You will be missed



**John W. Stroud
Commander-in-Chief**

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
National Representative for
Spring Conference Golden

John W. Stroud was elected 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.

Mr. Stroud served in the U.S. Air Force from 1976-1997, including a tour in Korea in 1992-1993 with the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base as a Flight Operations Superintendent. His decorations include four Meritorious Service Medals, three Air Force Commendation Medals, three Air Force Achievement Medals, the Korea Defense Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

He joined the VFW in 1996 at Post 10047 in Las Vegas, Nev. He maintains his Gold Legacy Life Membership at Post 2313 in Hawthorne, Nev. Mr. Stroud has served the VFW in many leadership

positions, including Nevada Department Commander in 2006-2007. He has also served on numerous National Committees, including Chairman of the National Veterans Service Committee. He is a Triple Crown All American Commander Award recipient.

Mr. Stroud graduated with honors from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Aeronautics. He worked as the Mineral County Building Official and is now retired.

Mr. Stroud is a member of the American Legion, the Elks, and is a Life member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Military Order of the Cootie and the VFW National Home for Children.

He and his wife Mary have five children and 10 grandchildren; they reside in Hawthorne, Nev.



**Dixie Hild
Past National President 2008-2009**

Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars
National Representative
Spring Conference Golden

Past National President Dixie Hild of Omaha, Nebraska, continues to serve the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as Chairman of the National Audit Committee, and a member of the Budget and Advisory Committees.

As National President in 2008-2009, she led the 560,000 members under her theme, *Our Dreams Become Rainbows*.

She is eligible through her husband, Rolland, who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, and is a VFW Past State Commander.

A life member of Herman Godbersen Auxiliary #8334 in Millard, Dixie has served as Auxiliary and District President, and when she was 1994-1995 Department President, she was named Runner-up President of the Year in her membership group.

She has served in numerous other capacities for the organization, including

three terms as Department Chief of Staff. On the National level, she has served as National Aide-de-Camp, Convention Page, Flag Bearer, Youth Activities and Voice of Democracy Director, Buddy Poppy Director, and Big Ten Conference Chairman for the Safety, Legislative and Community Service programs.

Retired after 21 years in insurance and bonding management, and five years in pharmaceutical sales, she holds memberships in the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary, and is a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. She is also active in her community through the Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The Hilds have been married for 46 years. They have one daughter, Kim, a Life Member of Auxiliary 8334; two sons, Greg and Troy, Life Members of VFW 8334; and seven grandchildren.

**2014-2015 Council Meeting
March 28 - 29, 2015 Golden VFW #4171**

Hampton Inn West - Golden - Headquarters - 303-278-6600

Council of Administration Schedule

Friday March 27

6:00 - 8:00 PM Dinner
7:00 - 8:00 PM Bar Trivia
Saturday March 28
10:00 - 11:00 AM **VFW Workshops**
11:00 - 12:00 noon Membership / Subscription Dues - Jim Mauck
11:00 - 12:00 noon Quartermasters - Greg Wawrytko & Robert Kidd
11:00 - 12:00 noon Warrior's meeting
12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch \$7.00 - Loaded baked potato and Chicken Casserole (gluten free), Salad and Roll
1:00 PM Warrior's Ride
1:00 - 3:00 PM Service Office Workshop and Claims - Anthony Archer
1:00 - 2:00 PM Men's Auxiliary - Jim Mauck
2:00 - 3:00 PM District Commander's - Ron Davies
5:00 PM Dinner \$15 - Corned Beef and Cabbage with carrots & potatoes, Ceaser Salad, Dessert

7:00 PM Casino Night \$15 prior to 7 PM, \$20 after 7 PM
Finger Foods available - Live Band

(RSVP by March 20 for meals - 303-421-1630)

Sunday March 29

8:30 AM **Council of Administration Meeting**
Joint Meeting with Ladies Auxiliary
VFW Meeting to follow

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Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

Feb	1	Englewood #322	Englewood
	8	John S Stewart #1	Denver
	15	Broomfield #9565	Broomfield
	22	Mile High #1771	Lafayette
Mar	1		
	8	John S Stewart #1	Denver
	15	Golden #4171	Golden
	22	Longs Peak #2601	Longmont
	29	Aurora #3631	Aurora
Apr	5		
	12	Arvada #4331	Arvada
	19	Mile High #1771	Lafayette
	26	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.

**MOC and MOCA
2014 - 2015 Schedule**

February 14, 2015
10:00 AM Meeting
Hotel - Econo Lodge, 77 S Radnor Drive 719-547-9400
Pueblo West #5812
Lunch to follow

April 17 - 18, 2015 - Grand Convention - VFW Post #4051 Colorado Springs

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



The new year has started and so far it is good.

I hope that every one had a merry Christmas and happy new year.

We are getting ready for our Voice of Democracy banquet which will be the end of January.

All of the posts and members need to work on getting the members signed up that are still unpaid plus we need to get new members in. I know that there is a lot of young vets out there that would join if we was to ask them.

We also need to be sure and go by

our by-laws and procedure manuals. I know that some posts would like to ignore them, but it is what we go by in the organization. You should also have the 2015 book by now. The state is working on different things and when they get ready we will put it out for everyone to know.

The State convention is being set up and I hope that we have a lot of our members show up. Watch for the information in the paper.

Working for all Veterans

Jim Lafferty
State Commander

Jr. Vice Column Allan Stone



Happy New Year! Wishing you and your families a Happy and Healthy 2015! Last year flew by too fast. My

father use to tell me that the older you get, the faster time goes by. Now that I am getting older, I hate to admit that he was right.

On Thursday, November 6, 2014, I attended the 24th Annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down in Denver. This is my fourth year to attend and I always get my flu shot from the VA nurses. Many services are available to the homeless veterans. Employment services, legal services and medical services are offered. Veterans Administration representatives are available to handle disability claims and help with housing referrals. Breakfast and lunch was provided. Haircuts and glasses adjustment are available free of charge. As they exit the building, the homeless veterans are given care kits and warm clothing. Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Ft. Collins and Grand Junction are other locations in the state where Homeless Veterans Stand Down occur. I encourage you to attend a Stand Down near you this coming fall. Do you know that without the Veter-

ans of Foreign Wars, there would not be no Veterans Administration? There would be no compensation, no benefits, no one to ensure our veterans and military families are cared for after serving our country. VFW service officers, who are familiar with the VA bureaucracy and paperwork, can submit forms on behalf of veterans, help file appeals if disability benefits are denied, or simply offer advice to those who want to file their own disability claims regardless of whether the veteran belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Over the past two years, more than 200,000 veterans have taken advantage of the help and have collectively obtained almost \$6 billion in benefits from the VA.

John Quincy Adams made the following quote, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." This quote can and should apply to everyone in the VFW.

I look forward to visiting with you at the Council of Administration meeting March 28 & 29 in Golden Post #4171. Let's all work together to support and honor veterans!

Allan Stone
State Junior Vice Commander

Chaplain's Column Ron Johnson



"The most dangerous phrase in the language is 'We've always done it this way'." - Grace Hopper, Computer Scientist, quoted in "Readers Digest Magazine", January 2014.

I think the question this raises is, "Has what we've always done been right or wrong?" We are beginning a new calendar year, a time when many people make New Year's Resolutions. "Do it the right way" is one resolution we should all make - and keep!

We all know there are veterans in need. We all know that our benefits are tenuous. We enjoy our comradeship. We are veterans of foreign wars; some by chance, some by choice. We are one body. I Cor.12,25-26 states: "That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one another. And whether one member

suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it."

For over 115 years, the VFW has been devoted to veterans. Our By-Laws are updated annually by the entire membership. Some changes are subtle, some not. Our By-Laws are designed by us to show us the right way to do things.

Fear of doing the right thing, opposed to comfortably doing what we've always done, can lead to, at least, apathy, and, at worst, frustration and anger. Remembering the Golden Rule (Do unto others as you would have them do unto you) can help overcome this fear.

In answer to our question: We must continue to do what we've always done if it's wrong. Let's make a New Year's Resolution to "do it the right way".

Ron Johnson
State Chaplain

Sr. Vice Column Peter Buchanan



Since our last newsletter, I have had the honor to represent the Department of Colorado VFW at several community events and functions. The most

interesting include Kiewit-Turner and the Department of Veterans Affairs at the construction site of the new VA Replacement Hospital on several occasions. I was feeling quite comfortable the new facility was moving forward in due process and we would expect a completion date in early May 2016. What a surprise when on December 9, 2014 in my email box came the decision from the United States Civilian Board of Contract Appeals that Judge Candida Steel handed down the decision that KT had won it's case against the VA regarding this important case and KT could cease building effective immediately. On December 16th I attended a meeting with Secretary VA Sloan Gibson and other VSO from Colorado. The Secretary stated he was having a meeting with KT the next day and would do everything in his power to get them back on the job ASAP. The VA would pay KT \$157 million for past costs. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would take an advisory and assessment role and assume responsibility from the VA of the project. WOW - finally back to work for our much needed and long awaited new replacement hospital. Secretary Gibson stated completion is now early 2017. The PTSD and CLC has

a chance of being build concurrently instead of the prior schedule which would have had each being build 12 months apart.

Your Department Commander asked me to attend a meeting with a Polish Delegation representing the Polish Army and Wounded Warriors Assistance program through the U.S. Department of State. We met at the VA Hospital Directors conference room on December 15th. We learned about the care received by their combat troops. We were told Poland has the second largest number of troops in Iraq of all allies. They also are engaged in Afghanistan and Kosovo. Troops with PTSD are sent to Warsaw where they receive ideal clinical research environment. The average age of combat troops is 30 years old. 62 have been killed in Iraq and some 800 wounded. The reason for their call here in Denver was to learn how our medical VA system works and how we care for our combat wounded. The country has some 58,000 "professional soldiers" nationwide.

Looking to 2015, we look to focusing on veterans, their families and needs. Please look and see what you are doing in your communities to serve our comrades. Not only do we need to care for each other in our Posts, we need to fulfill our commitment to help our comrades who may be in need. Please, let us not forget.

Peter Buchanan
State Sr. Vice Commander

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings. I hope this finds everyone well and fat after the Holidays. I also hope everyone had good Holidays.

It is now January. That is 90 days from the end of September. From the

end of September to the end of October is 30 days. That is the amount of time Quartermasters have to turn in the Quarterly Audit for the Quarter ending September 30th. We have 17 Posts and 1 District that have not turned in their audits for September. We also have 1 Post that has not turned in an audit at all. I will reference MOP sections for your reading pleasure to show you who is responsible for turning in audits. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Department Headquarters for clarification. Section 218 (a) (1) (i&j). Section 218 (a) (5) (e). Section 218 (a) (11) (b).

We have just completed 2 years of calendar raffles. The purpose of these raffles

was to raise funds to help maintain our Service Office. As many of you may, or may not know, National cut our service Office funding by \$20,000 per year. We decided to try and make up the shortfall by having State wide fund raisers. The first shot was selling calendars and have a weekly drawing for cash. This was not very successful. We made an average of approximately \$7500 per year. Not good enough. We are no longer holding calendar raffles. We are having gun raffles. We had the first drawing for a Henry rifle in December and was more successful. We are currently raffling a Ruger SR1911 9mm pistol. Information in in this veteran.

I want to thank all the Posts and officers who've made an effort to help your Post do what we do-----HELP VETERANS. Keep up the good work, and remember, No One Does More for Veterans.

Bruce R. Dolan
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

2015 Outstanding Veterans Employment Representative Nominations

The VFW Department of Colorado Outstanding Veterans Employment Representative award is presented to local government employees who have initiated innovative services or have gone above and beyond the expectations of their position to provide resources and assistance to meet veterans' employment needs in their area.

Using between 100 to 200 words, please describe the services or activities which qualify your nominee for this award.

Written nominations must be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax to Leroy Chavez, Veterans Employment Committee Chairman no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, May 15th. Mailing address: 10223 Pecos Street, Northglenn, CO 80260 E-Mail address: chavezL@msudenver.edu Fax #303-556-6245

**Department of Colorado, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214**

**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3
February 1, 2015 2014-2015
Please remind all Posts that you MUST
be 100% +1 to qualify for All State.
Deadline is April 30, 2015. 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 31st. Commanders are reminded that all funds are to be under the custody and control of the Post Quartermaster. Persons other than the Post Quartermaster who may handle Post funds, such as club manager, bingo chairman, or committee chairmen are responsible to the Post Quartermaster to maintain accurate records and accounts and should be properly bonded. Post Trustees are to ensure that the financial records of these special funds are also audited in the same manner as the other accounts of the Post Quartermaster.

6. Commanders on all levels should begin organizing their 2015 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, 2015, 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 13, 2015, to be judged. Post Quartermasters need only submit the entry form by the same deadline date.

8. Council of Administration meeting will be March 29, 2015 at VFW Post No. 4171, 15625 W 10th. Ave., Golden, 8:30 am for Joint Meeting. **Workshops** will begin March 28 at the Post home 10:00 am.

9. State Convention is scheduled for Sheridan, Colorado, June 17 through June 21, 2015. 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 2, 2015 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 2016 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:
Jim Lafferty, State Commander

**Surgeon's Column
Ed Aitken**



I hope you and yours had a Very Merry Christmas and that you **may have good health and much happiness this year.**

I had the pleasure of meeting National Junior Vice

Commander and Chief Brian J. Duffy who came in early for the November Council of Administration so he could tour our VA Medical Facilities. That Thursday we met at the Eastern Colorado Health Care System (new Denver VA Hospital) and was briefed on where the building process was, where the medical divisions will be located, where the patients will park and proceed to their appointments and a lot more. I really suggest that you sit down at a computer and go to the website www.denver.va.gov and learn more about your VA Hospital. Those that don't have a computer, you can go to the library and I am told the librarian would help you.

Thursday afternoon we went to the VA Clinic in Golden. We toured the facility and it is an up to date facility and provides Personal Care: Highly qualified primary care providers, Laboratory & Radiology services, Physical Therapy, Nutritional Medicine, Audiology, and Travel Vouchers. It is a very nice facility that can handle most of our needs. We also learned a little about TeleMed it's like remote patient monitoring - to enable location-independent care. Its multichannel health services center enables elderly patients to access care through several virtual health channels. Golden is one of these centers.

Friday morning we toured the Colorado Springs VA Clinic, what a stunning facility, it has a lobby that is very large and homely at the same time. Services at the Colorado Springs Clinic are: Optometry, Audiology, Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Laboratory, Compensation and Pension, CWT, Homeless, and the Pre and Post-Surgical Clinic are located on the first floor. Primary Care services, OEF/OIF, wound care, and MOVE classroom are located on the second floor. Dental, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Clinics are located on the third floor. New Services: MRI, CT, ultrasound, and x-ray services as well as the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) are located on the first floor.

This clinic is larger than the others due to the Military bases in the area. As it was explained to me, when the men and women get out or retire from the service a lot of them stay in the area.

Friday afternoon we visited the Pueblo Clinic, it too is a fine clinic, which serves

the Southern Colorado area. Features include Primary care services, Laboratory & Radiology services, Physical Therapy, Nutritional Medicine, Audiology and Dental. Specialty care are referred to the Colorado Springs CBOC and Denver VA Medical Center.

The thing I came away with from this tour is that the facilities that we have in our state that serve our Veterans medical needs are some of the Top in the Nation.

District 11's Commander Dick Ball invited the Director of the Western Colorado Health Care System Mr. Marc A. Magill to speak at the District meeting in Rifle. I went to Rifle a day earlier to visit the Veterans Community Living Center at Rifle. When I arrived I found the Ladies Auxiliary was there for the same propose, so I joined them in their tour.

The center is set on Colorado's Western Slope in a quiet residential neighborhood with beautiful views of the Rocky Mountains. It is a 89-bed nursing home, with a 12-bed secure memory care unit, and offer the following services: Long-term care: Residents receive medical and non-medical care, including skilled nursing services; physical, occupational and speech therapy; social activities; and assistance with other activities of daily living. Memory care: for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Short-term rehabilitation: Physical, occupational and speech therapies. Short-term "respite" care: Short-term stays are available when home-care providers or family members are unavailable. End-of-life services: Comfort-oriented care and family support are available to individuals during this time.

While I was at the Rifle Center I met a couple of people that stuck my fancy, the first was a young lady who was in her wheel chair but was joking and visiting with us and wondering why we were there. I said young that's right 100 years young. What A Lady. The second was a Cowboy from the boots to the straw cowboy hat. We talk for quite awhile, about ranching and his life on his ranch. A very interesting individual.

At the District meeting I presented Mr. Magill and Rifle Living Center with checks for the purpose of the residents needs.

I would like to thank Comrade Janine Barth for setting up the tour, for it was a fantastic day and I can't wait to go visit my new found friends again. Thanks Janine.

Edward T. Aitken
Department Surgeon

VFW Roster Changes 1/22/2015

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Please submit all VFW Roster Changes to vfw@vfwcolodept.org

National Community Service Six Month Report

	Colorado	Nationally
No. of volunteer hours donated	73,112	3,882,146
	\$1,648,675.60	\$107,713,978
Monies spent/donated to complete projects	\$241,466.00	\$20,171,577.64
Total	\$1,890,141.60	\$107,713,978.28

(Volunteer hours valued at \$22.25 per hour by Independent Sector, Washington D.C.)

VFW Post Membership by District as of February 23, 2015

Number/ City	2014	2015	%	Number/City	2014	2015	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	868	789	91	859 Leadville	44	41	93
501 Denver	381	319	84	1166 Buena Vista	155	152	98
2461 Denver	216	157	73	3820 Salida	103	89	86
2797 Denver	74	41	55	8661 Bailey	162	146	90
3971 Denver	100	94	94	10721 Minturn	92	82	89
5061 Denver	446	356	80	11411 Lake George	46	44	96
TOTAL	2085	1756	84%	12009 Conifer	128	109	85
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
61 Pueblo	94	89	95	2371 Walden	32	29	91
984 Trinidad	63	57	90	4264 Steamt Sps	100	93	93
2788 Penrose	103	112	109*	4265 Craig	139	137	99
3641 Pueblo	89	91	102*	5261 Rangely	17	17	100*
4061 Canon City	370	348	94	5843 Meeker	49	45	92
5812 Pueblo West	232	193	83	9374 Kremmling	41	39	95
7305 Colo. City	48	45	94	9471 Hayden	12	12	100*
8898 Boone	46	47	102*	TOTAL	390	372	95%
12063 Westcliffe	44	42	95	DISTRICT #10			
TOTAL	1089	1024	94%	322 Englewood	132	125	95
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	315	291	92	3471 Morrison	77	73	95
807 Boulder	54	47	87	3631 Aurora	382	347	91
1771 Lafayette	371	308	83	4121 Idaho Spgs.	59	56	95
1781 Ft. Collins	324	314	97	4171 Golden	538	519	96
2121 Greeley	191	173	91	4266 Parker	85	68	80
2585 Johnstown	119	123	103*	4331 Arvada	285	277	97
2601 Longmont	447	381	85	4444 Cmmrc Cty	258	233	90
4334 Ault	82	73	89	4666 Littleton	147	141	96
6011 Platteville	70	66	94	7563 Black Hawk	17	23	135*
6624 Evans	328	290	88	7945 Thornton	447	408	91
9565 Broomfield	132	123	93	8449 Bennett	38	43	113*
9741 Dacono	51	44	86	9644 Fort Logan	709	719	101*
TOTAL	2484	2233	90%	TOTAL	3174	3032	96%
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #12			
2551 Ft. Morgan	280	250	89	4031 Durango	241	222	92
3378 Yuma	70	65	93	5181 Dove Creek	57	52	91
3541 Sterling	115	102	89	5231 Mancos	185	160	86
3551 Brush	40	38	95	9058 Nucla	28	29	104*
3951 Ovid	29	27	93	TOTAL	511	463	91%
3961 Otis	26	25	96	DISTRICT #13			
4191 Crook	24	21	88	3411 Kit Carson	27	29	107*
4671 Wray	65	61	94	6491 Burlington	85	80	94
6482 Holyoke	61	58	95	6612 Hugo	51	46	90
7153 Fleming	39	35	90	9491 Deer Trail	21	21	100*
8064 Akron	45	41	91	9700 Chynn Wills	36	30	83
TOTAL	794	723	91%	TOTAL	220	206	94%
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #14			
101 Colo. Spgs.	504	449	89	15006 MAL	2646	2300	87%
3917 Security	692	645	93	TOTAL DEPT	18495	16780	91%
4051 Colo. Spgs	781	709	91	DISTRICT #6			
5221 Calhan	105	97	92	336 Ordway	107	100	93
6051 Wdln Park	44	42	95	2411 LasAnimas	108	105	97
6461 Fountain	302	259	86	3621 Lamar	63	55	87
7829 Monument	116	100	86	4001 Springfield	48	51	106*
10649 Elizabeth	43	44	102*	4091 Rocky Ford	62	59	95
TOTAL	2587	2345	91%	4281 Holly	30	27	90
DISTRICT #6				DISTRICT #7			
336 Ordway	107	100	93	899 Alamosa	132	127	96
2411 LasAnimas	108	105	97	3228 Monte Vista	39	40	103*
3621 Lamar	63	55	87	4849 La Jara	67	61	91
4001 Springfield	48	51	106*	6101 San Luis	79	57	72
4091 Rocky Ford	62	59	95	8121 Del Norte	62	58	94
4281 Holly	30	27	90	TOTAL	379	343	91%
TOTAL	418	397	95%				

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

Have You Paid Yours??

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The family of Bonnie Palmateer PDP would like to thank her VFW family for all the letters, cards, gifts and acts of kindness during our time of sorrow. She will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. And we hope a dedicated member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Thanks to the Department Ladies Auxiliary for a great Memorial Service. Thanks also to her home Auxiliary for preparing a delicious bereavement dinner. The Palmateer and Wall families will be forever grateful for our association with your wonderful organization.

Donations should be made in Bonnie's name to Halcyon Hospice & Palliative Care, 209 Main St., Mead, CO 80542. Words cannot express our appreciation to this wonderful organization.

George Palmateer, PDC and family

COLORADO MEMBERSHIP PLAN 2014 - 2015

Membership is coming in very slow. We need to pick up the pace and make Colorado an All American Department, we only have 12 post's 100%.

You should form a membership team. Let them divide the names up and go see the unpaids and pick up their dues. Send out a letter, so it get's to them around the first of the month, so when they pay bills, they will send their dues in.

As of January 1, 2015, we were 414 short of where we were last year. Reminder if you have a veteran that needs help paying his dues, you can use your relief fund and pay his dues for him.

If we all work together we can get the job done.

Jim Mauck
Dr Fat Albert
303/588/7518

Men's Auxiliary

Remember that when you are paying dues for your members to Department, they are \$10 per member. The dues you collect are the same as your Post, without the \$10 fee added to the Post Dues.

Check when your IRS 990N Form is due and be sure to file on time. If you have lost your non profit standing with IRS you will have to file a 1024 form and Form

8781 and it will cost \$400. You need to file a 990N electronic filing every year.

If you have any question's please call me.

Jim Mauck
Dr. Fat Albert
colofatalbert@outlook.com
303-588-7518

VFW Action Corps - Sign Up Now!

The VFW Action Corps is made up of members just like you that stand ready to call on Congress to do the right thing for our veterans. This kind of relentless grassroots advocacy is what gives the VFW the clout to insure that our Congressional members do the job that they were elected to do.

They were elected last month and it's time that we "hold their feet to the fire" to guarantee that their promises made are promises kept.. Some members of the 113th Congress have stated that the "veterans are getting a free ride" When you consider the casualties from previous wars, 518,452-plus the 4,000 plus from the war on terrorism, I ask you, "WHO DO THEY THINK PAID FOR THE TICKET???"

As a constituent, you have their undivided attention. You elected them and they work for you. Don't let them forget that-THEY WORK FOR YOU! Currently, there are

approximated 45,000 members in the Action Corps out of 1.4 million members.

We can do more. We must do more! You can help by signing up for the VFW Action Corps. In return, you will receive the VFW Weekly Newsletter with current Action Alerts, key legislative issues and votes in Congress, and other opportunities for service for veterans, their families and our Armed Forces.

By Signing up, you can help us hold Congress accountable and keep them aware that...

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS than the VFW

Warren R. Tellgren, PDC
National Legislative Director
Department of Colorado VFW

Thank You - Thank You

We would like to thank the members of the Department of Colorado VFW and Ladies Auxiliary for all the cards, prayers and show of concern when our daughter passed away. She belonged to the Adamson-Warmuth Ladies Auxiliary #6624 Evans and lived in Eaton, CO. Your cards that were delivered to us every day, helped us through a very difficult time. Thank You!

Harland Smith, PDC, Dorothy and Family

TAPS

- Post 501: Lawrence Martinez, Lonnie Lynn
- Post 2121: Johnny Aguilar
- Post 3820: Anthony E DeLeo
- Post 4051: Richard Eye, Billy Norris, Lester Stroup, Ivan Paugh, Wayne England, Columbus Shaver, Richard Maxon, John Julian, David Schneekloth, Dennis Laux
- Post 4061: D. Bruce Hitt, R.C. Symons, Anthony Freda, James Milam, Kenneth D Meisner, Joe J. Javernick, John M Stumph
- Post 4171: Joseph Holder, Jimmie Foster, William Galloway
- Post 4267: Anderson Wesley Bailey Jr.
- Post 4666: Edward Bach, William A. Jacobs, Ned Kain, John Pellegren, Richard Shaffer, Carlyle Van Selus, Mel White, William Kamsler, James Cook, James Hall, Paul Hixenbaugh
- Post 5485: Joseph A Goldman
- Post 6051: Albert Plutt
- Post 6461: Dan H. Hall
- Post 7563: Pete Dominguez, Joe Codwell
- Post 8449: Glenn G. Larson, Warren G. Clair
- Post 15006: Raymond Shears
- Men's Aux 2461: Robert C. Jeffries
- Men's Aux 4031: Robert Limbaugh



2015 VFW State Convention Golf Tournament

Deer Creek Golf Club at Meadow Ranch
8135 Shaffer Parkway
Littleton, CO 80127
303-978-1800

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2015
Time: 7:30 a.m. – 18 Hole Shot Gun Start
Format: 4 Person Scramble
Price: \$70.00 Per Player



Price includes green fee, golf cart, range balls, tee favors and merchandise gift card. Also included is a Free lunch following the golf tournament at **VFW Post 9644**, 2680 W Hampden Ave, Englewood. Awards and Prizes will be presented at that time. This event should bring in many golfers so please get your foursomes ready and signed up early. If you don't have a foursome, we will fit you in.

Deadline for sign up is June 01, 2015

Name, Address & Phone No.:

Please make check payable to: **VFW Post 9644** (Tax deductible Donation)

Mail Check and registration form to: Andy Hahn
VFW State Golf Tournament
7410 S Houston Waring Circle
Littleton, Co 80120

Thank you for your support
Andy Hahn (303-730-9252 or 303-868-2413)
Dick Wellensiek (303-319-4566) Co-Chairman



Important National Ladies attended Colorado Ladies Auxiliary Western Conference. L-R top: PNP Virginia Carmen, PNP Lorraine Frier, PNP Jan Owens; bottom row: PNP Helen Lenehan, National Jr Vice President Colette Bishop.



Pioneer VFW #2121 Greeley, Ladies Auxiliary members made 25 Lighted Snowmen Globes for AccentCare of Colorado Hospice Veterans. Their interdisciplinary team can help provide comfort and end of life care to patients in their homes or senior living communities. Auxiliary members involved in the project: Susan McDonnell, Kim Nash, Marilyn Pargas, Pam Park, Arlene Boone, JoAnn Call, Chris Fisher and Rosie Naughton.

WWII - Celebrate 70 Years Allied Victory Victory in Europe



Pictured above are seven WWII Veterans and other members of the June Rupiper Tour Group at General Patton's grave in Luxembourg. Join us in the 70th Anniversary celebration of the Allied Victory in Europe! Help honor those brave men and women who sacrificed so much to protect people in need... saving nations that many of these brave souls joining the service had never dreamed of visiting at the young age of 17 or 18. Witness the appreciation shown towards our Veterans, as they are treated like movie stars in Normandy. The French have not forgotten our men's harrowing deeds and still celebrate their country's liberation each year with reenactors dressed in authentic period-correct military uniforms, rebuilt jeeps, tanks, motorcycles, and more! It is truly a sight to see!



Each year we return to Europe in June and August with Veterans, their family and friends, as well as anyone who is interested in the history of World War II. Travel from Paris to Normandy, walk on Omaha & Utah Beaches, and continue through Luxembourg, the Battle of the Bulge, and into Germany. Itinerary is designed by a WWII Veteran and is enjoyable for people from all walks of life - A great way for grandchildren to learn about this historic event and the stories that made their family hero the man that he is today.

Call for Brochure: 1-888-414-4177 www.RupiperTours.com



Colorado's "pin up" girls model uniforms through the years. Ladies Auxiliary Uniforms were worn on the back of Colorado members, to show how much they have changed over the years at Colorado Ladies Auxiliary Western Conference. They changed in color thru the years as well as full dress to a suit.



Santa and his helpers keeping "em smiling in beds of white". MOC and MOCA annual visit to Denver VA December 7th. Back Row: Steve Rylant, PGC Jack Roseman, PT #1 HG Duane Johnson, Grand Cmdr. Allan Stone, PGP Charlotte Lattin & Phyllis Stone. Middle row: PGP Barbara Nicholl, Judy McNeeley, Colleen Rylant, Linda Reinpold & PT #1 SS/GJV Melissa Dawson. Front row: PGP Phyllis Contreas, PGP Carolyn Simon, Grand MOCA President Rosie Mitchell, Bonny Nelon, Cindy Anderson, Supreme District 11 Councilman Chuck Ackerman & Ellie Ford. The MOCA Clowns are always a treat for the veterans when they visit their rooms. Goodies are passed out to everyone as they make their annual visit.



Past State Commanders gathered at VFW Post #7945 Thornton for a Luncheon. L/R: Jim Mauck, Warren Tellgren, D J Alberts, Jim Lafferty, Bruce Dolan, Harland Smith, Bill Esch and Doug Raymond.



Past State Presidents gathered at VFW Post #7945 Thornton for a Luncheon. L/R: Carolyn Simon, Jo Najera, Martine Arndt, Sue Tartaglione, Cindy Anderson, Ann Mauck, Jane Ledesma, Colleen Rylant.



3rd Grade students from Patriot Elementary School on Ft Carson made Flag art projects. 44 students entered into the contest sponsored by Security Ladies Auxiliary #3917 as an Americanism project. All students received participation awards. Gloria Otwell presented 1st Place to Dillan Renfro (made from pull-tabs and woven together) and 2nd Place to Nikko McKenzie (a puzzle made from clay and cut into pieces that resembled some of the states). The students were given the instructions to create an American Flag from whatever medium they wanted. Their teacher Maureen Tunnell is a member of Security Ladies Auxiliary #3917.



VFW Post 10721 Commander Pete Thompson, surrounded by students after a Veterans Day Patriotic Assembly at the Eagle Valley Middle School. Post members conducted assemblies at 12 schools in the Vail Valley to honor all veterans. Local PTA's and students donated \$1061 during assemblies for six high school scholarship programs. VFW Post 10721 Service Officer, Pat Hammon, conducted the 10th annual Veteran's Day Community Ceremony at EMS, 911, and Veterans Memorial in Edwards. Lt. John Krueger, USN, was the guest speaker and he served 9 years as a Mission Commander on the E-2 Hawkeye aircraft.



State Color Guard presented the Colors at Denver Stand Down. L-R: Carolyn Simon, Cindy Anderson, Sharleen Tartaglia, Rhonda Troutt, Barbara Benson.



Mark Wakefield, Cmdr Post 322 Englewood, Randy Penn, Englewood Mayor and Lyle Carter, Post Adj. at a wreath laying ceremony at Englewood Purple Heart Memorial..



Dorothy Bush welcomed Leroy Chavez to the Cake Room, Denver Stand Down.



Asst S/O Terry Jacobson, Lt Gov. Garcia, Qm Bruce Dolan at Denver Stand Down.



Carol Anderson helped with the Denver Stand Down. Boots, Back Pacs, clothes, etc. are given out to veterans that attended.

**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, P O Box 2508, Englewood, CO 80150
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
Make Checks payable to: VFW Post 9644
Mail to: VFW Post 9644, P O Box 2508, Englewood, CO 80150
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
Sheridan, Colorado June 17 – 20, 2015**

Name _____ Auxiliary # _____

Address _____

2014-2015 Men's Auxiliary 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, P O Box 2508, Englewood, CO 80150
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

Lodging for VFW State Convention

Best Western (Headquarters) Deadline May 18, 2015	3440 S Vance St, Lakewood	303-989-5500
Hampton Inn Deadline May 17, 2015	3605 S Wadsworth, Lakewood	303-989-6900
Quality Inn Deadline May 17, 2015	7240 W Jefferson Ave., Lakewood	303-989-4600
La Quinta Inn Deadline May 17, 2015	7190 W Hampton Ave., Lakewood	303-969-9700
Holiday Inn Deadline May 17, 2015	7390 W Hampton Ave., Lakewood	303-980-4284
Courtyard Marriott Deadline April 1, 2015	7180 W Hampton Ave., Lakewood	303-985-9696
Resident Inn Marriott Deadline April 1, 2015	7050 W Hampton Ave., Lakewood	303-985-7676
Flying Saucer RV Park	2500 W Hampton Ave., Englewood	303-789-1707

Convention Book Ads

Full Page 7.5" x 10" \$100 **Half Page 7.5" x 5" \$75**
Qtr. Page 3.5" x 5" \$ 45 **Bus Card 3.5" x 2" \$20**
 Checks Payable to Verle Huffman VFW Post 9644
 Ad copy & Photos MUST be received no later than April 19, 2015
 email: vfw9644editor@gmail.com subject: Convention Booklet
 or Mail to: Aaron Garcia, P O Box 2508, Englewood, CO 80150 *702-677-6063

**State Convention - VFW
Hosted by Verle Huffman #9644**

Wednesday June 17

8:00 am

12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
1:00 pm
6:00 pm

Thursday June 18

7:00 am - 8:00 am
8:00 am
12:00 noon

1:00 pm
1:00 pm
1:00 pm
1:00 pm
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
5:00 pm
5:30 pm
7:00 pm
8:30 pm

Friday June 19

7:00 am

8:00 am - 10:00 am
8:30 am
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
7:00 pm

Saturday June 20

7:00 am
7:00 am - 9:00 am
8:30 am
3:00 pm
6:00 pm

Sunday June 21

8:00 am

Golf Tournament Deer Creek Golf Club
Lunch for Golfers
Registration VFW Post 9644
Lunch VFW Post 9644
Service Officer Claims Sheridan High School
Men's Auxiliary Sheridan High School
Council of Administration Sheridan High School

Registration Sheridan High School
Joint Opening Session Sheridan High School
Dept Commanders Luncheon TBA

(by invitation only)
General Resolutions Sheridan High School
Service/Rehab Resolutions Sheridan High School
Time & Place Committee Sheridan High School
VFW Warriors meeting VFW Post 9644
Registration Sheridan High School
Memorial Service Practice Bear Valley Baptist
Joint Memorial Service Bear Valley Baptist
Past Commanders Banquet VFW Post 9644
Party VFW Post 9644

District Commander Elect & VFW Post 9644
District Sr. Vice Elect
All American Breakfast
Registration Sheridan High School
Business Session Sheridan High School
Open Houses - Caucuses VFW Post 9644
Military Banquet TBA

Past State Commanders Breakfast VFW Post 9644
Registration Sheridan High School
Business Session /Election Sheridan High School
Rally TBA
Joint Installation of Officers Sheridan High School
State Commander/President
Cocktail Reception to follow VFW Post 9644
Installation
Dance (after Installation) VFW Post 9644

Breakfast VFW Post 9644
(2015-2016 Officers)

**State Convention - Ladies Auxiliary
Hosted by Verle Huffman #9644**

Wednesday June 17

8:00 am

8:30 am
12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
2:00 pm
6:00 pm

Thursday June 18

7:00 am - 8:00 am
8:00 am
12:00 noon

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
5:00 pm
5:30 pm
7:00 pm
8:30 pm

Friday June 19

7:00 am

8:00 am - 10:00 am
9:00 am
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
7:00 pm

Saturday June 20

7:00 am

8:00 am - 9:00 am
9:00 am
3:00 pm
6:00 pm

Golf Tournament Deer Creek Golf Club
Lunch for Golfers
Staff Meeting
Registration VFW Post 9644
Lunch VFW Post 9644
State Officers Practice Sheridan High School
Council of Administration Sheridan High School

Registration Sheridan High School
Joint Opening Session Sheridan High School
Dept Presidents Luncheon TBA

(By invitation only)
Registration ?? Sheridan High School
Ladies Opening Session ?? Sheridan High School
Memorial Service Practice Bear Valley Baptist
Joint Memorial Service Bear Valley Baptist
Past Dept. Presidents Banquet TBA
Party VFW Post 9644

Past District President's VFW Post 9644
Breakfast
Registration Sheridan High School
Business Session Sheridan High School
Open Houses - Caucuses VFW Post 9644
Military Banquet TBA

Past Auxiliary President's VFW Post 9644
Breakfast
Registration Sheridan High School
Business Session / Election Sheridan High School
Rally TBA
Joint Installation of Officers Sheridan High School
State Commander/President VFW Post 9644
Cocktail Reception to
follow Installation

Dance (after Installation) VFW Post 9644

Sunday June 21

8:00 am

Breakfast VFW Post 9644
(2015-2016 Officers)

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



Auxiliary News

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Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



Presidents's Column Martine Arndt



Happy New Year Sisters!
The holidays are now past and it is time to get busy on our programs so that we can finish our year and achieve our goals. It is so hard to believe

that my year is a little more than half over. I truly appreciate all that you have done so far for our heroes!

Many thanks to those Auxiliaries and individuals who have been purchasing the Cancer Pins. I had to order an additional 500 that were received right before the Council meeting. Because of your donations, Colorado is over 100% in donations. Contact Lennie Dolan, Cancer chairman if you would like more pins!

We had a great Council of Administration weekend the first weekend of November. My thanks to all of my chairmen for the great skits highlighting our programs. It was a fun way to refresh what the programs are all about! We had a great visit with our Junior Vice Commander In Chief, Brian Duffy. I was honored to attend a briefing for the new Denver VA Hospital and visit the new Golden VA Clinic along with Department Officers, and Comrade Duffy.

It was my pleasure to visit District 11 in November. While I was in Rifle, I visited the Colorado State Veterans Community Living Center and to present a donation from the Department Hospital fund. What a beautiful facility and great staff! I met many of the wonderful residents who all seemed happy to live there. After the District meeting on Sunday, Doug and I drove to Grand Junction for a visit to the VA Hospital and CLC there. It was another great visit and we discussed holiday plans with Robin, the volunteer coordinator, VAVS Rep, Dianne Harris; VAVS Deputy, Peggy Vanderberg and District 11 President Sandy Baker (thanks for taking the great photos of my visit)! Thanks to Hospital Chairman, Charlotte Lattin and her husband Ron who accompanied us. We had a great dinner with them on Sunday night!

THANK YOU

I can't begin to thank you for all your time and help with the Ladies Auxiliary Western Conference. You are always there to help the Department Ladies Auxiliary be successful by volunteering for the many activities, chairing all the committees, such as logistics coordinator; registration, program book, transportation, hospitality suite, working with the handouts & bags, assisting in the hospitality suite, the lunch entertainment, silent auction, the tours and assisting with countless other items. All of the Colorado VFW & Ladies went above and beyond making everyone feel welcome; this went along way to make our conference a great success. It took so many people working behind the scenes to bring this weekend together. The conference would not have been possible without all your help and support. All of the ladies could not stop talking about how much they appreciated everyone and what a great time they had at the conference.

My sincere appreciation goes to everyone for helping to bring everything together over the past several months. With all of your participation; our conference was fun and productive for everyone. Colorado Ladies Western Conference will be remembered for quite a few years.

With Sincere Thanks: Charlotte Lattin, Chairman Martine Arndt, President

I attended the Christmas parties at the Denver VA Hospital, on the four floors that are taken care of so well by our Posts and Auxiliaries. I had a great time accompanied by VAVS Rep, Betty Melsen, who is an inspiration! You can tell how much she loves serving in this position. It was wonderful to visit with so many of our veterans and to bring them a bit of holiday cheer!

Ladies, please work diligently on getting your Auxiliary memberships. We are a bit behind last year's percentage at this time, but we can achieve our goals! Contact those sisters who have not paid their dues yet to see if they just forgot or need assistance. Remember, the National "Knock Out" Recruiter pin for five new members, as well as the snowflake charm holder awards for your recruiting. Treasurer's, please do not hold dues, submit them right away!

The Voice of Democracy weekend of finalists and banquet will have happened by the time you read this, and I am so excited about going to Washington, D.C. to escort our winner with our Commander Jim. I also will be attending the Mid-Year Conference in February in Anaheim, CA. My daughter and grandson will be with me to visit relatives in the area, and of course a visit to Disneyland!

Keep working our programs, and be sure to REPORT! We need all of your hours, money spent and mileage to keep our elected officials on task in legislating for our veterans and their families! You can and DO Make a Difference!

I will be out visiting Districts and Auxiliaries in the coming months, and am looking forward to visiting with you all! We will have our next Council Weekend, March 28 & 29 in Golden, CO. I hope that many of you plan on attending!

You are all beautiful snowflakes, and you truly "Let it Snow a Blizzard of Love, Honor and Care for Our Heroes". I am so humbly honored to represent you as your President. Stay safe and be well in this brand new year!

Loyally with love and hugs,
Martine Arndt, State President



Cheyenne Mountain VFW
Ladies Auxiliary 3917
Proudly endorse
GLORIA OTWELL
for
VFW Ladies Auxiliary
partment President
2015-2016

Dear Auxiliary Sisters:

This letter is to announce Gloria Otwell as candidate for the position of President for the Department of Colorado. Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917 Ladies Auxiliary is requesting your support and vote in the upcoming election to be held at this year's State Convention hosted by Verle Huffman VFW Post #9644 in Sheridan Colorado. During this past year, Gloria has had the privilege to serve as your Department Senior Vice President and is now looking forward to the privilege of representing you as Department President. Her travels the past four years as a Ladies Auxiliary Officer have given her the opportunity to get to know many of you personally. She is awed by the endless hours of hard work and sacrifice each of you give to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, in service to our veterans and their families.

Gloria has honorably served as our Auxiliary Secretary, Treasurer, and President. During her tenure, she gained a tremendous amount of knowledge about our programs. She has served at the Auxiliary and District levels as Scholarship Chairman and Veterans and Family Support Chairman, and Cancer Aid & Research Chairman, and as Department Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Chairman, Department Veterans and Family Sup-

port Chairman, Courtesy Chairman, and Membership Chairman. This past year she was privileged to have the opportunity to work on the Committee for the Ladies Auxiliary's Western Conference hosted in Colorado Springs. She works well with our Department Officers and is looking forward to a strong team of dedicated Department Officers to support her.

The Army brought the Otwell family to Colorado in 1991. Gloria retired after working for the Department of Defense and United States Air Force Academy for more than 22 years. She is devoted to her family while continuing to serve our veterans and their families. As a proud wife of an Iraqi Freedom Veteran and sister of a Vietnam Veteran she understands the sacrifices our veterans have made, and is ready to support them and their families in any way possible. She will graciously represent our organization to the very best of her ability. Our auxiliary sisters at Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917 have pledged their full support of her candidacy. We now ask for your vote for Gloria Otwell for Department President in the upcoming election.

Respectfully,
Barbara Kidd President Holly Buchwalter Secretary

Golden COA Schedule - Saturday, March 28, 2015

9:00 - 10:45 a.m. Department Secretary Conducts Workshop for Auxiliary and District Secretaries, per National Headquarters new information.

11:00 a.m. DISTRICT PRESIDENTS JOIN LINE OFFICERS

Welcome from President Martine; Cindy Anderson, District President Counselor to give remarks; Gloria Otwell, Budget Chairman to present the budget overages; Brief Discussion of Council of Administration Agenda, Motions and Seconds.

12:00 noon - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Parade of Programs

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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Scholarships

Happy New Year to all! I wish you all blessings that you will have all that you need and be grateful for what you have and not so quick to want what you do not need! May abundance, love and happiness surround you throughout the year! I start this New Year with a new positive perspective and excitement for what lies ahead for the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars! I love each and every one of you because you have brought me friendship, taught me lessons of humility and of course the never ending love and support that only family can! Welcome 2015!

I believe we are an exceptional, God-blessed country and we must stand up for that or this nation will fall. The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars must reinforce the pride we have in our veterans, their families and our country. So with this being said I feel there are two gifts that our organization can give to our next generation of young people. Our first gift would be knowledge of what our veterans and their families have sacrificed to defend and protect our country, our way of life and all that we hold dear and the second gift would be to reward them for sharing that knowledge we have bestowed upon them through our scholarship programs.

Two competitions have been completed, as this issue of the Colorado Veteran went to print. Our first place winners for the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen have already been forwarded to National for judging. Two scholarship programs down and three more to go!

The **Continuing Education Scholarship's deadline is February 15** so there's no time to waste. Remember this contest is eligible to any Ladies Auxiliary member who has been a member for at least one year, her spouse, son or daughter (18 or older) who are pursuing post

high school education (college, post grad, master or doctorate) and are in financial need. Each candidate must complete the contest application and a 300 words or less essay. These items then need to be sent to our national headquarters to the attention of the Director of Programs by February 15. There will be one \$1,000 scholarship awarded to one contestant in each conference. Since the applications are going directly to headquarters, please make sure the auxiliary chairman report their number of entries to you.

If your Auxiliary is lucky enough to have a Junior Girls Unit then make sure they are aware of our **Junior Girls Scholarship**. A Junior Girl age 13 to 16 who has been a member for at least one year is eligible. The completed application and required information must be into the local Auxiliary by the **deadline of March 11**. One national winner will receive a \$7,500 scholarship to be held in escrow until she attends college!

Next is our **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**. High school students in grades 9 to 12 in public, private, technical schools and home-schools are eligible. Entry **deadline** for artwork (with a patriotic theme) and application into local Auxiliary is **March 31**. There are eight national awards with the highest being \$10,000! Remember to make contest brochures available to different types of youth groups as well as community art studios, art galleries, and on websites, Facebook, etc. For all our competitions please remind members that it is very important to see that rules and deadlines are adhered. It would be a shame to have someone disqualified after they have put so much effort into their entry.

Caroline Gelatt
Department Scholarship Chairman

Legislative

May the spirit of the past holidays stay in our hearts and deeds throughout the year. These last few months have been very confusing legislatively. I've read the Bill of Rights which says why this nation was formed and the Constitution which says how to keep it strong and free - of the people, by the people and for the people - the United States of America. I've heard from many of you who are just as confused as I am. It seems that more than few of our Congressmen and Senators are more confused than we are. Perhaps they should be reminded of the words that are part of the oaths of office that they swore to with their hand on the bible and in front of witnesses.

We have the means to communicate with them thru phone calls and letters and we have the ways to keep an eye on their voting thru the many computer web sites on line. These tools cost little to nothing for our voices to be heard. As you probably know, I do not have a "politically correct" side to me -- BUT, I do know the difference between right and wrong when I see it --politically correct or not! When we meet again, I will hand out the remainder of the legislative packets that I had at our Pueblo West meeting to anyone who wants them. Till then, stay safe and pay attention what is done "for our own good" and the good of our veterans.

Susan Griffith
State Legislative Chairman

TAPS

Aux 501: Joy McDonald, Margaret Osterman, Betty Qualls, Pauline E. Wright
Aux 859: Virginia Martinez, Romona Baldessari
Aux 1771: Carol Rathmann, Rebecca Ayres
Aux 2121: Helen Gordy
Aux 2601: Thelma Horton
Aux 3541: Helen Taylor
Aux 3971: Rose Medina
Aux 4061: Katherine Greer, Flossie Javornick, Ramona Rupp
Aux 4171: Bonnie Palmateer PDP
Aux 4265: Betty Ellifritz, Betty Blackmann
Aux 5812: Pamela S Tjosvold
Aux 6331: Irene McMaster
Aux 7945: Kay Crane
Aux 9221: Alice Kenner
Aux 9700: Barbara Fendel

Veterans And Family Support

As we approach mid-year and begin thinking about State Convention - reporting is VITAL! Be sure to use the correct Reporting Form. Awards are based on what has been reported.

Remember, there are four (4) areas to report for the Veterans & Family Support Program:

1. National Veterans Services (NVS), "Operation Changing Lives".

The network of Service Officers help veterans, service members and their families navigate the Veterans Affairs System. Additional Service Offices and representatives are needed. Donations are to be mailed directly to: VFW National Headquarters
Att: Operation Changing Lives
406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111

2. National Military Services (NMS) - Donations/activities for one or all of the NMS components qualifies for participation. The components are:

Operation Up-Link
UnmetNeeds
Military Assistance Program (MAP)
Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship
Mark checks payable to NMS and mail to:
VFW National Headquarters
406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111

3. VFW National Home for Children - avenues for contributing:
The 10 cents per member for Health & Happiness is to be mailed to:
Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters

Att: H & H Donations
406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111
(NOTE: A special citation is awarded to the Ladies Auxiliary that contributes a one-time donation of 25 cents or more per member).

Other donations and/or the Campbell Labels for Education to assist with educational supplies and the CO House are to be mailed to:

VFW National Home for Children
3573 S. Waverly Rd.
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

4. Buddy Poppy - Any donations received remain with the local Ladies Auxiliary Relief Fund. Poppies are to be ordered from :
CO VFW Dept.
1400 Carr St.
Lakewood, CO 80214

5. An additional goal of the program is to remember our Homeless Veterans. Do report what, when and amount contributed.

Thank you, very much, for all your HARD WORK. I am looking forward to reading your reports.

Loyally,
Carol Anderson
State Program Chair

DRAWING FOR THE NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICES- "OPERATION CHANGING LIVES"

Tickets - \$5.00 per ticket or 3 for \$10.00 will be available to purchase at the March 28-29 COA in Golden. Plan now to purchase a ticket(s) to win a Samsung Galaxy Tab4 7.0" Tablet 8 GB to watch your movies, browse on line, read a book and easily stream videos to your TV.

Thank You! Thank You!

I would like to thank all of the Department Ladies, State Auxiliaries and MOCA for cards, prayers and well wishes. I am sure that is what has gotten me thru this trying time.

Myra Dawson, Admissions Coffee Chairman

Charlotte Lattin
Hospital Chairman
8912 W. Radcliffe Pl
Littleton, Co 80123
e-mail ronlattin@att.net

Outstanding Hospital Volunteer

The "Hospital volunteer" may be any Ladies Auxiliary member who serves as a Ladies Auxiliary VFW Hospital Volunteer in any medical facility. Volunteer hours at VA and non-VA facilities may be combined for award purpose. Send to Charlotte Lattin must be received by February 28, 2015

THE VOLUNTEER MUST SERVE FROM March 1, 2014, THROUGH February 28, 2015.

NAME OF OUTSTANDING HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

LADIES AUXILIARY NAME & NUMBER: _____ (WHERE MEMBERSHIP IS HELD)

MEDICAL FACILITY WHERE SHE SERVES: _____

1. How long has she been a Ladies Auxiliary VFW Hospital Volunteer? _____

2. Number of hours served from 3/1/14 to 2/28/15? _____

3. Total hours served as Hospital Volunteer (lifetime hours)? _____

4. What weekly or monthly Hospital programs has she participated in? _____

5. What are her volunteer assignments? _____

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ON "WHY THIS LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBER IS AN OUTSTANDING HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER".

SIGNED: _____ DEPARTMENT OF _____

(DEPARTMENT HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN)

MEMBERSHIP GROUP _____

RECEIVED BY NATIONAL DIRECTOR _____ DATE _____

Membership 2014-2015

Hello Ladies, we have great numbers to report; as of January 3 2015, Colorado has again met its Membership goals. As a matter of fact, we have met our goals each and every month! Thanks to your hard work; we have 87.52% membership! Yeah!! We are so close to our 100+%. We can do this! I congratulate all for their hard work; but we can't stop now. We are only slightly below the National percentage of 89.96%.

As we begin a New Year let's focus on what's most important to all of us; our veterans. We all have someone that makes our reason for being here so important. Spend a moment thinking about your important person, your reason! Who motivates you?

You have worked very hard getting our current members to pay their dues. Now let's "*Seize the Moment; Seize the Day*" There are many women out there just like you and I who have a special veteran that motivates them. Let's find these ladies and talk with them about the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. They are your neighbors, church friends, and co-workers; they are not so far away. They may not know it but they need us! We are their support system. Talk to them about our programs and how we support our veterans and their families.

As we work into spring, President

Recruiter Training Program

I would like to thank everyone who has attended the training classes held and those who have shown an interest to have a class and are trying to get one together. The primary purpose of the training is how to increase membership, retain members and reinstate past members. National Auxiliary membership has been declining over the past 13 years at an average of 15,562 members each year. Department of Colorado at the end of December is 85.9%.

Classes may be held throughout the state at the Department, District and Auxiliary levels and can help you increase membership by developing a plan, using outside events and resources and setting realistic goals. There will be materials available to take with you. Remember – it is getting one member at a time so we can

All State Presidents and Achievement

February, March, APRIL!!!!

Auxiliaries have you:

Used the Auxiliary Achievement To Do List to track activities in the programs? Planned activities/donations for what has not been completed? Scheduled a group of members to participate in the year end reporting?

Presidents have you:

Used the Auxiliary Achievement To Do List to track your activities in the programs? Encouraged your Auxiliary to participate in all programs? Shared information helpful to your and your Auxiliary's success?

The deadline for year end reporting is coming fast. *If the Auxiliary Achievement To Do List has not been a part of your record keeping--it is not too late to use it!*

All State Presidents and Achievement Awards have been part of our Ladies Auxiliary for many years. What is required in each program changes from year to year,

Martine wants you to know how much she appreciates your hard work. She will be offering more incentives as the season moves forward. She wants each and every one of you to receive a gift. That would make our "*Day*"!

Here are some of the incentives we have in store for you. Anyone who pays their dues between 1 January and 15 March will be entered into a drawing for a wonderful gift basket. But wait that's not all!! We are offering gift cards and gift certificates to the VFW store for Auxiliaries who have met their 100+% by 31 January and Auxiliary Sisters who have recruited 5 new members by 15 March. Exciting.... I certainly think so! Keep your eyes on the Department Facebook page for more information

This spring we will all get together for a Membership Gala. The date and place will be announced soon. Keep working as hard as you have in the past few months, our goal is in sight and we will be "champions" when we reach the top! Our Membership Committee is very proud of all your hard work. 100+% is within our reach!

Gloria Otwell
Linda Reinbold
Kathy Boatman
Membership Committee

continue to support our veterans and their families.

Sr. Vice President and Department Membership Chairman, Gloria Otwell, her team and myself as National Recruiter are working together. Our goal is to help you increase, recruit and retain future membership through training and mentoring to keep our Department as a healthy and active one.

I look forward to working with all Auxiliaries in this membership training program! Please call me with any questions and to schedule a training session.

Linda Reinbold,
National Certified Recruiter Trainer
Department of Colorado
lindareinbold@q.com
719-320-1394

but, the effort of our Auxiliaries and Presidents in the big picture make these awards special (not better) because it shows a special commitment to our Veterans, our Community, our Youth, our Country. Each Auxiliary deserves to be considered for a first, second or third award in their membership group.

Each President deserves to be considered for outstanding or runner up in their membership group. We are asking each Auxiliary and each President to make our judging really tough this year. PLEASE do the year end reports!

We look forward to seeing you at the March Parade of Programs in Golden to answer any questions and help any way we can.

"Let It Snow a Blizzard of Love
Honor and Care for Our Heroes"

Loyally,
Jane Ledesma, Sue Tartaglione,
Rosie Mitchell, Ruth Gulden
State All State & Achievement Chrman

Auxiliary Membership by District 2014 - 2015 January 23, 2015

Number	City	2014	2015	%	Number	City	2014	2015	%
<u>DISTRICT #1</u>					<u>DISTRICT #7</u>				
1	Denver	175	161	92	899	Alamosa	77	78	101*
501	Denver	153	141	92	3228	Monte Vista	40	38	95
2461	Denver	120	105	88	4849	La Jara	48	48	100*
2797	Denver	37	35	95	6101	San Luis	46	46	100*
3971	Denver	44	37	84	8121	So Fork	93	93	100*
5061	Denver	139	100	72	TOTAL		304	303	99.7%
	TOTAL	668	579	87%	<u>DISTRICT #8</u>				
<u>DISTRICT #2</u>					<u>DISTRICT #9</u>				
984	Trinidad	23	0	0	859	Leadville	31	31	100*
2788	Penrose	44	34	77	1166	Buena Vista	89	86	97
3641	Pueblo	89	74	83	8661	Bailey	63	34	54
4061	Canon City	171	158	92	11411	Lake George	42	45	107*
5812	Pueblo West	40	46	115*	12009	Conifer	35	29	83
7305	Colo. City	30	19	63	TOTAL		260	225	87%
	TOTAL	397	331	83%	<u>DISTRICT #10</u>				
<u>DISTRICT #3</u>					<u>DISTRICT #11</u>				
41	Loveland	140	116	83	322	Englewood	113	98	87
1771	Lafayette	346	311	90	3471	Morrison	52	49	94
1781	Ft. Collins	75	64	85	3631	Aurora	108	98	91
2121	Greeley	106	90	85	4171	Golden	338	300	89
2585	Johnstown	43	41	95	4331	Arvada	136	115	85
2601	Longmont	260	232	89	4444	Cmmrc City	177	177	100*
2841	Brighton	55	36	65	6331	Aurora	49	0	0
4334	Ault	37	33	89	7945	Thornton	254	226	89
6011	Platteville	38	30	79	9644	Fort Logan	372	333	90
6624	Evans	207	187	90	TOTAL		1599	1396	87%
9565	Broomfield	37	35	95	<u>DISTRICT #12</u>				
	TOTAL	1344	1175	87%	<u>DISTRICT #13</u>				
<u>DISTRICT #4</u>					<u>DISTRICT #11</u>				
2551	Ft. Morgan	144	136	94	784	Montrose	58	50	86
3541	Sterling	91	85	93	1247	Grnd Jctn	102	91	89
4671	Wray	30	31	103*	3571	Delta	79	71	90
8064	Akron	38	21	55	3981	Grnd Jctn	24	20	83
	TOTAL	303	273	90%	4663	Clifton	74	38	51
<u>DISTRICT #5</u>					<u>DISTRICT #12</u>				
101	Colo. Spgs.	64	54	84	9221	Cedaredge	67	61	91
3917	Security	238	202	85	9304	Silt	23	23	100*
4051	Colo. Spgs	323	315	98	9333	Hotchkiss	25	23	92
5221	Calhan	37	27	73	TOTAL		452	377	83%
6461	Fountain	114	109	96	<u>DISTRICT #12</u>				
7829	Monument	17	18	106*	<u>DISTRICT #13</u>				
	TOTAL	793	725	91%	<u>DISTRICT #13</u>				
<u>DISTRICT #6</u>					<u>DISTRICT #13</u>				
336	Ordway	92	76	83	3411	Kit Carson	32	26	81
2411	LasAnimas	98	100	102*	6491	Burlington	11	17	155*
3621	Lamar	17	14	85	6612	Hugo	59	50	85
4001	Springfield	33	29	88	TOTAL		102	93	91%
4091	Rocky Ford	15	0	0	<u>DISTRICT #13</u>				
4281	Holly	13	8	61	<u>DISTRICT #13</u>				
	TOTAL	268	227	85%	<u>DISTRICT #13</u>				
"100 Years of Serving Veterans" Department of Colorado Ladies Auxiliary VFW					15006 At Large 187 253 135%*				
					TOTAL DEPT. 7,030 6,263 89%				

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Branding Center

National Headquarters is pleased to announce the all-new Branding Center for the Ladies Auxiliary VFW emblem. Previously, members had to request permission for every use of the emblem and tagline. Now through the Branding Center, Auxiliaries, Districts and Departments can find different versions of the emblem for use with any Auxiliary-related event or communication. The emblem is now pre-authorized for uses like: •Newsletters •Fliers •Websites •Facebook •Twitter

The pre-authorization is for Auxiliary-related events or communications only and is NOT granted for individual member use. For instance, if an Auxiliary has its own website or Facebook account, they may use the provided versions. An individual member may not use them for her personal accounts. **Authorization is still required for any emblem or tagline uses that involve a third party.** For

example, if an Auxiliary is doing an event or project with a local business and that business wants to put the emblem on a sign, the Auxiliary must get approval. To do that, find the authorization form behind login, fill it out and send it to the VFW Quartermaster General's office at qmgeneral@vfw.org. A recent change to VFW Bylaws calls for this new procedure.

Please use ONLY the pre-authorized versions and discard all other versions. There are many unauthorized versions available on the Internet that are not consistent with the organization's branding standards. The emblem above is the official trademarked image.

Go to www.ladiesauxvfw.org, log in and then look at the left hand column for the menu item "Branding Center." Find everything you need there, including a best-practices guide for social media!

Youth Activities / Jr. Girls Unit

Happy 2015 to all you MAGNIFICENT Women:
I can't believe that 2014 has flown by and 2015 came soaring in! We have less than three months to have our goals met. So yes, I'm going to repeat the goals for this year because we are coming up short on completing them. The most important goal is EVERY Ladies Auxiliary is to submit at least one Youth Group Supporting Military Citation or Youth Group Supporting Veterans Citation. This goal is so important that it's even National's Goal. I have *not* received a Citation from any Ladies Auxiliary. Please, please, please, let's focus on this goal. Don't forget that Youth Volunteer of the Year applications are due to me by Monday February 2, 2015. We have \$200.00 to give a way to an extraordinary volunteer—please get your applications turned in soon. Have you been inviting Post youth and local youth groups to help at your functions? Be sure that you are reporting how many

youth were volunteering and their hours on your reports. With our year coming to an end, let's stay focused and work get these few simple goals completed.

Jr. Girls Unit Advisors: I have received reports for 2 out of the 4 Units we have in Colorado. As a reminder in order for your Jr. Girl's Unit to receive program rewards, I need reports showing their donations and time. I'm asking that you please start sending your monthly reports in to me. Last but not least, take pictures of your Jr. Girls doing things around the Post or out in the community. Share these photos with the National Ladies Auxiliary Facebook page to show off our dedicated, hard-working, and fun-loving Units. If you have any questions or concerns please call me so we can discuss it.

Can't wait to see you at the next Council of Administration!!

Stephane Trujillo
Youth Activities and Jr. Girls
State Chairman

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

No one realizes the importance of remembering our members when unfortunate circumstances happen. That is until you yourself receive those cards. Every card I received after my surgery lifted my spirits. Your encouragement was a blessing. Thank You!

Loyally
Sharon Stetson, Ladies Auxiliary #1771

Hospital

Thank You to all the Auxiliaries that supported our Veteran's activities during the holidays. I know the resident appreciate everything you did to make their stay more cheerful during this time of year.

As we start a new year why not make a resolution to volunteer just once a month at one of the VA Canter or State Veterans Living Centers? If we all would do just that, think of all the special programs we could have to help our Veterans. Our purpose is to meet the needs of hospitalized patients at the VA Medical Centers and Colorado State Living Centers. With the influx of this generation of veterans and the rise in long-term rehabilitate services, there is a much greater need for volunteers. If you volunteer just one time the wonderful feeling you get by helping our veterans will not be forgotten. Opportunities to volunteer at the Denver VA are endless to provide assists and encouragement to our veterans. Possibly your Post & Auxiliary could visit each month and serve ice-cream or sugar free snacks throughout the hospital or make a special visit as a group to let the veterans know we care. Let me know and I can help to set your visit with the voluntary service director. All of the state Living Centers would welcome a visit and assistance with the many activities they plan for the patients.

The coffee admission program at the Denver VA was started by the VFW & Ladies Auxiliary in the 40's. The coffee admission fund is always in need of donations send to Department Treasurer for this program. Be sure your auxiliary has donated .50 per member to the hospital fund to help support all of the facilities special events.

The Hospital Veterans Voice writing program has enlarged it vision of the writing program to include all military veterans. The voice wants to reach out to give all military the opportunity to share their stories for more info, www.veteransvoices.org, your auxiliary could help one of our member tell their story.

We have many special hospital activities coming up; Salute to Hospitalized Veterans week Feb. 8-14. Auxiliaries make plans to visit to one of the facilities to thank our Veterans, and the staff that work so hard. St Patrick's Day; you could work with a Jr. Girl's unit or Scout group to make tray favors and deliver to one of the facilities. Easter is April 5th another opportune time to visit and let our veterans know we care. The 28th National Disabled Winter Sports Clinic is March 29 - April 3 at Snowmass Village. "Miracles on a Mountain" is sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs for military service members and Veterans with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities. Nearly 400 disabled Veterans will have an opportunity to develop winter sports skills and take part in a variety of adaptive workshops. The VFW Posts & Ladies Auxiliaries in the western part of the state volunteer at many of the events and sponsor lunch and snacks for two days during the week. Please send donations to help support this program to; Department Treasurer mark for Winter Sports Clinic.

Do not forget your nomination for **Outstanding Hospital Volunteer** Deadline is March 1, 2015, send the form to me for judging. One volunteer will be chosen for the Department, and then sent to the National Hospital Ambassador. We have many outstanding volunteers from across the state be sure to check the Auxiliary Program book or the Department web site for the form.

I am presenting awards this year for anyone that recruit's just one new volunteer forms in program book. If you need any help or have question e-mail me or please call.

See you all at the Parade of Programs-- BE SURE TO – REPORT all your activities and donations.

Thank You for all you do for our Veterans
Charlotte Lattin
State Hospital Chairman

Americanism

A New Year--Happy 2015!!! I love the feeling of a new beginning!! So, here we go Ladies Auxiliary sisters...NEW OPPORTUNITIES!! This is the perfect month to "get going" on some new ideas or refresh something that you used to do!!!

The news, as of late, has been very depressing. Please remember that we must work extra hard to Preserve our Freedoms. We must work extra hard to Protect our Freedoms. And...the very best way to stand out in front of the crowd is to continue to PROMOTE our Freedoms. Please share your knowledge with the schools in your area, please continue to educate on flag etiquette, the meaning of the POW/MIA table, the meaning of each fold of the flag. Please PROMOTE

our beautiful country...Please be visible in your community...Please be a positive force in your area!!! So, take a deep breath...YES...you can do it...in order to Preserve and Protect our Freedoms we need to do our best in PROMOTING our country, our past, our present, and our future.

Please, Ladies, let's renew our spirit...remember to report your Americanism Projects...Stay committed to making 2015 one of your Auxiliary's very best!!! Thank you for ALL you do to help our Veterans. Thank you for ALL the time and energy you give to your Americanism projects!!!

Loyally, Rose Naughton,
State Americanism Chair

Extension / Chief of Staff

The new year has begun after our busy Holidays. Now we need to reflect on what we have done and what needs to be done before the year-end reports.

Many of the Auxiliaries have sent in the Questionnaire. If you haven't, please do SO; RU Healthy Check List: This list details what is needed. A Certificate will be given to Auxiliaries that are deemed healthy. The Deputy Chiefs will assist in this endeavor with a deadline of March 1, 2015.

A Good Job Certificate will be presented to the Auxiliary members who have done an outstanding job supporting the Programs. The deadline is also March 1, 2015 and again the Deputies will collect nominations of the members in her District.

Wishing everyone a "Happy New Year" and a successful finish to our year as we Love, Honor and Care for our Veterans.

Sue Tartaglione
Department Chief of Staff.

Cancer Aid and Research

Greetings,

I hope that the holidays have been a wonderful time for everyone.

Ladies, don't forget to send in your \$2.00 per member ear-marked for Cancer Aid & Research to Department Treasurer Colleen Rylant. Colorado will receive 15% of all donations sent if we reach 100% by June 2015.

According to the American Cancer Society, there are nearly 14 million cancer survivors in the United States today, so thank you to all the Auxiliaries that are having "Celebrations of Life." Keep up the good work and spread that love throughout your communities.

Has your Auxiliary had a Cancer education program? Early detection of cancer and treatment give a patient a greater chance of survival. Urge annual check-ups.

Do you know where to get a Cancer Grant application? Has someone in you Auxiliary told you what a Cancer Grant is, where the money comes from and who can get one? If the answer is no to any of

these questions, ask your Cancer Chairman about having a education program, to make all members aware of what our Cancer Aid & Research Programs consists of.

February is National Cancer Prevention Month, Gallbladder and Bile Duct Awareness. March is Colorectal Awareness, Kidney Cancer Awareness and Multiple Myeloma Awareness.

I still have Cancer pins on hand so please don't be shy continue to order them and SELL! SELL! SELL! Remember you don't have to sell them just to Auxiliary sisters. Family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers – anyone can purchase one or more to help Cancer Aid & Research.

"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



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