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2017 - 2018 State Commander's Special Project Veteran's Christmas Food and Toy Airlift Project

It is the time of the year to start your Christmas gift lists. Stores are decorating for the holidays and music of merriment is playing everywhere. It is the season of giving and remembering.

The Colorado Aviation Business Association, Metro State University Aviation and Veterans of Foreign Wars seventh (7th) annual Christmas Food/Toy airlift to VFW Posts in Colorado is now one month away.

We are asking for your donation of cash, food and toys to be delivered to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, CO. 80214 by December 1st. We will be staging these items at Centennial Airport for the Airlift on December 9th.

If your post or auxiliary would like to have planes deliver these items to an airport in your area to help *Veterans and their families who might find themselves in need* this holiday season, please contact the Chairman to make these arrangements or any question you might have about this project.

The donations also support some eighteen families from the Fort Carson Army Base to make their Holiday season a little more enjoyable with less stress.

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November 11, 2017

Veterans Day

Observance

Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. It is marked by parades and church services and in many places the American flag is hung at half mast. A period of silence lasting two minutes may be held at 11 am. Some schools are closed on Veterans Day, while others do not close, but choose to mark the occasion with special assemblies or other activities.

Veterans Day is officially observed on November 11. However, if it falls on a week day, many communities hold their celebrations on the weekend closest to this date. This is to enable more people to attend and participate in the events. Federal Government offices are closed on November 11. If Veterans Day falls on a Saturday, they are closed on Friday November 10. If Veterans Day falls on a Sunday, they are closed on Monday November 12. State and local governments, schools and non-governmental businesses are not required to close and may decide to remain open or closed. Public transit systems may follow a regular or holiday schedule.

History

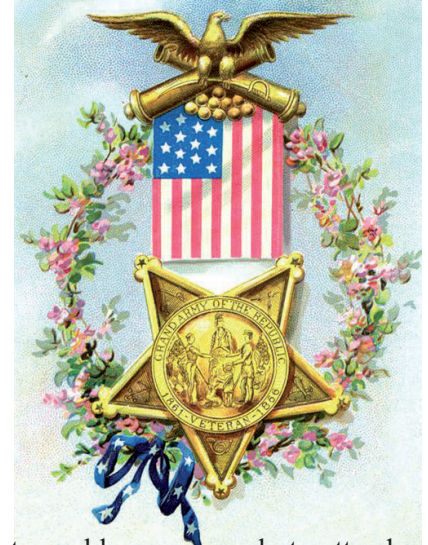
On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the day should be “filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory”. There were plans for parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business activities at 11 am.

In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The Congress also requested that the president should “issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.”

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) was approved on May 13, 1938, which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. A few years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea. In 1954, the veterans service organizations urged Congress to change the word “Armistice” to “Veterans”. Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.

In 1968 the Uniforms Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) made an attempt to move Veterans Day to the fourth Monday of October. The bill took effect in 1971. However, this caused a lot of confusion as many states disagreed with this decision and continued to hold Veterans Day activities on November 11. In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which stated that Veterans Day would again be observed on November 11 from 1978 onwards. Veterans Day is still observed on November 11.

“Pride, and glory, and honor, all
live in the colors to stand or fall.”



NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS				
NO.	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
3	11/12/17 Sunday	Post No. 2585 Johnstown	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Bruce Dolan Kathy Carlson
4	11/12/17 Sunday	Post No. 4671 Wray	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	David Stone June Burton
5	11/12/17 Sunday	Post No. 3917 Security	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Memorial Srv Meeting to follow	Steve Kjonaas Patsy Gilmore
10	11/19/17 Sunday	Post No. 4171 Golden	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Jt Mtg Meeting to follow	Allan Stone Caroline Gelatt
11	11/05/17 Sunday	Post No. 3981 Grand Junction	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Joint 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Robert Kidd Kathy Carlson
13	11/12/17 Sunday	Post No. 6491 Burlington	2:00 PM Meeting Snack to follow	Ed Aitken Caroline Gelatt

*****Stand Down Denver Nov 02
 *****Western Conference Nov 02 – 05 San Diego, CA
 *****Denver Veterans Day Parade NOV 11
 *****Thanksgiving Nov 23 (Office closed Thursday and Friday)

December District Meeting				
NO.	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
1	12/09/17 Saturday	Post No. 2461 Denver	10:00 am Jnt Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Steve Kjonaas Caroline Gelatt
6	12/09/17 Saturday	Post No. 336 Ordway	12:00 noon Lunch Joint Meeting Meeting to follow	David Stone Kathy Carlson

*****FOUNDERS DAY Dec 03 Denver

Colorado VFW Foundation

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

We are now accepting and processing applications for Eligible Veterans and their Families in the State of Colorado. For FY 2017-2018 we are hoping the funding we have will last into the Spring of 2018 (February/March). Assistance to date: August 1, 2017 through October 15, 2017, we have expended \$10,557.00 in assistance to 34 Veterans and their Families with Rent, Utilities, and Vehicle Repairs etc..... We are on track to have funds available for assistance, however as most of you know, winter in Colorado is unpredictable, we know we will see an increase in grant requests once the snow and freezing temperature moves in.

Any eligible Veteran in need of emergency assistance across the State of Colorado can apply for a one time Grant of \$500. We receive referrals from VA

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

The Grant Application is available on the Department Website to download; follow the requirements and submit the application to our office.

We are asking you our members and your family and friends to donate to the Colorado VFW Foundation. Make your checks payable to Colorado VFW Foundation and mail to 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214.

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Bruce R. Dolan National Council of Administration Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

Representative to October Council of Administration

Bruce R. Dolan was elected to a four-year term on the VFW's National Council of Administration on July 27, 2016, at the 117th VFW National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., representing the Department of Colorado.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1969 to 1973 as a crew chief on F-4 Phantom fighter aircraft in Vietnam. His decorations include the Vietnam Service Medal, Outstanding Unit Award, Marksmanship Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Bruce joined the VFW in 1998 at Post 7945 in Thornton, Colo., where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as commander of the VFW



Department of Colorado in 2012, and is currently the Department Quartermaster, a position he has held since 2013.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and his Associates Degree in Business Administration.

Bruce is a member of the American Legion, and the Boys Town National Alumni Association, where he serves on the Board of Directors and Scholarship Fund.

He and his wife, Arline, reside in Aurora, Colo.

Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

Nov 5	Aurora VFW #3631	Aurora
12	Mile High VFW #1771	Lafayette
19	Joseph J Jacques VFW #7945	Thornton
26	Dean K Phillips VFW #5061	Denver
Dec 3	Grand MOC & MOCA	Denver
10	Pat Hannon VFW #4666	Littleton
17	Verle Huffman VFW #9644	Sheridan
24	Paul A Westover VFW #3471	Morrison
31	Arvada VFW #4331	Arvada
Jan 8	Francis Brown Lowry VFW #501	Denver
14	So Denver VFW #2461	Denver
21	John S Stewart VFW #1	Denver
28	Englewood VFW #322	Englewood

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.

Protestant service begins at 9:00 AM. Please meet in the Chapel at 8:30 for assignments of volunteers to escort patients that wish to attend.

If you are unable to keep your assigned date, please work out a trade and then call, Betty Melsen at 303-237-6646 or Juanita Bowen 303-935-4271 IN ADVANCE so they are aware of any changes.

Please contact Betty Melsen if your VFW and Auxiliary would volunteer for Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour, VA Bingo Parties, or VA Birthday Parties. She is needing to fill vacancies left by VFW Posts and Auxiliaries that are unable to have enough volunteers to continue.

Voice of Democracy 2017-2018 Theme

“American History: Our Hope for the Future”

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 Ed Aitken



Comrades, Sisters and Brothers we hope you all made it home safe and sound from the Council of Administration. I hope that the training and the meeting was informative.

Let me be the first to wish you and yours a Great Thanksgiving, a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

This has been a busy last few months, starting with the National Convention in New Orleans. One of the changes that was made is the Post is no longer required to have a Dues Reserve. We also watched Pioneer Post 2121 and their Auxiliary of Greeley receive an award for their Community Service. Congratulations Pioneer Post 2121. Adjutant Ron Latin and I attended a seminar presented by Walgreen's on Mental Health and how they can help our Posts get engaged in their community. It was so impressive that we had them speak at our Council of Administration. If you were not there, talk to your District Commander.

Membership is an ongoing program in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and will for as long as we exist. National has changed the rules to assist the post become an All American Post. The requirements are a little harder, but you no longer have to be an All State Post to be a All American Post. So let us work together and help each other to become an All American Post and by doing so,

some will also become an All State Post.

There has been a change in the Membership Team, Duane Johnson, for health reasons, resigned as chairman and recommended Lexi Faulkner and she accepted the position of chairman. I also asked Kevin Reinhold to work with the membership program, that though the years it will help in inquiring new members. I thank them both for stepping up and taking the positions.

Judge Advocate Kirk Rosa, Claims Consultant Ginny Rosa and myself visited the District 12 area. We went to meet the members of that area. We set up at Durango Post 4031 and we thank Commander Steve White for the post and his hospitality. It was a good trip and I plan to travel to other Districts throughout the year. Who knows your District may be next.

Remember Comrades, this is your Department, and we are here to serve you, the Members, Posts and Districts. If you think of a way that we can better assist you, please put it in an e-mail to me, my e-mail is wrong in the roster, it is aitkene92@gmail.com and I assure you, I will read it, research it and reply to it.

God Bless you, God Bless the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of course, God Bless the United States of America.

Ed Aitken
Department Commander

"Communication Key to Success"

Jr. Vice Column David Stone



Greetings comrades,

Something wonderful is happening in Colorado, veterans are stepping up to take care of veterans. This is nothing new, it has been

happening for over one hundred years but it is exciting to watch.

Down in the San Luis valley, VFW Post 4849 has been assisting the town of Conejas develop a Veteran's Boulevard. They are lining a stretch of one of the town's streets with trees, each honoring a local veteran. Families purchase the trees and members of the post donate the time and equipment needed to plant them.

Up in Colorado Springs, posts in district 5 caught wind that the widow of a Vietnam veteran was concerned that no one would attend his funeral because he had no friends. Taking action they quickly got the word out using email, social media and a media release. An estimated 500 people turned out for the

funeral and it was televised on a local channel.

With the holidays coming up we will have more opportunities to serve not only those that served but our communities. Opportunities like sponsoring Christmas parties for special needs children or a senior center luncheon and feeding Veteran's families through the Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) airlift.

Let's keep up the good work and don't forget to brag about it a little bit. Post your activities in social media and use the hash tags #vfwpostpride and #vfwco. There are future members out there who want to be a part of an active veteran's organization and they are watching what you do through social media. Remember that we are the Veterans of Foreign Wars where No One Does More for Veterans and nobody does it better than the Department of Colorado.

David Stone
Department Jr. Vice Commander

2017 - 2018 Council Meeting Schedule

October 28 - 29	Fort Morgan CO	VFW Post #2551
March 24 - 25	Pueblo West CO	VFW Post 5812
June 13 - 16	Thornton CO (Ramada Plaza & Conference Center)	VFW Post 7945

Sr. Vice Column Steve Kjonaas



I'm sure there are those reading this article who will decide that I'm all wrong and there is no reason to change. So be it. On the other hand, there might be some of you out there

who are asking a really good question: Can we do a better job? If so, let's get on with making the necessary changes. I would like to hope that there is some of the latter present in leadership roles.

I've heard that leadership is a skill that is learnt: sit in a few classes + some experience = be a leader! Yet some firmly believe that good leaders are made and no amount of training teaches what nature gave him or her. Then what is the true test of whether you are a leader? The down and dirty test that tells you a lot is:

1. Do you have support on what you want to do?
2. Are you getting things completed on time?
3. Do the things that you and the Post do move the VFW in a desire or planned direction?

Can you honestly answer "yes" to all three? That simply gauge means if you are, then you are undoubtedly performing on some level of leadership. Were there any "No" answers? A "No" answer can possibly mean you are fulfilling a position, but you can use some help in

providing leadership to the organization.

Think about acquiring these simply, yet significant terms in your leadership to help you focus

One of the words that I have found a lot of in the leadership literature lately is *accountability*. Accountability wouldn't normally seem to be much of a description for leadership, but it does lean in the direction of motivation to make sure things don't go wrong under your leadership. *Culture* is yet another word that often comes up in leadership literature. Our organizational values, norms, and convictions which forms our organizational culture, that is a source of our *pride*. I would argue that our culture can be a godsend, but it is also a limiting factor in how we move about in our community served.

The point is, keep your head in the game and focus on your responsibilities in the leadership position you were elected to by your peers. We have the capacity to help our worthy comrades, Veterans, and their families every day. If you keep focused on your accountability and our culture, the organizational pride stands evident as we serve the community and Veterans, then the positive effect is we move our organizational goals forward.

Steve Kjonaas
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Comrades,

I this finds everyone well. I also hope all who can have gotten you flu shot.

I am sure everyone has heard by now, one of the By-Law changes

at the National was to do away with the dues reserve at the Post level. This is a good thing. Now the quarterly audits won't be coming back to the Posts that forget how and what it was.

Speaking of quarterly audits, we are seeing a new trend. Signatures. The Quartermasters Manual on the National web site states the Trustees and Commander must sign the audit report. The Quartermasters name may be typed in, but the Trustees and Commander must sign. We are getting more and more audits without the Commanders signature. Please take the time to read the material explaining how the audits are done, or call Headquarters and ask for a copy of how to fill out an audit.

As of today, we have 3 Posts that have not bonded. Englewood (322), Commerce City (4444), and Mancos (5231) have not been bonded. The By-Laws are very clear on this. Each officer that is accountable for, must have a surety bond equal to the amount of liquid assets. This is normally the Quartermaster. Surety bonds are like an insurance policy paid for by the Post saying the Quartermaster will not steal from the Post. This is why we try and make sure the audits are done correctly. The bonding company requires the audits be done correctly in case a loss occurs. Believe me, it has happened in the past.

I would personally like to thank the following for their donation to the hurricane relief fund. Posts 41, 2121, 3471, 4331, 5061, and 7305. Auxiliaries 2601, 9644. And District 10. We sent a check to National for \$9675. Thank you to all who donated.

I hope everyone has great holidays.

Bruce R. Dolan
Department Quartermaster

Salute to Service

Awards Banquet will be

April 21, 2018
VFW Post #501, Denver CO

Make sure you send your
VFW Post and VFW Auxiliary
Nomination to VFW Headquarters

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

General Orders No. 2
November 1, 2017 Series: 2017-2018

1. Post & District Inspections should be completed by December 31, 2017. 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 District or 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 7th and you must be registered to exercise your right to vote.

4. Post Quartermaster and District Quartermaster Bonds expired August 31, 2017. 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 \$4.50 per thousand. All Accountable Officers that are responsible for Post and District funds must be bonded. Bond applications and instructions are available on the Colorado website under Forms.

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 2nd Post Trustee Report of Audit was due to be at Department Headquarters on October 25, 2017 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, or District exempt from tax under section 501 (c) 19 of the Federal Code. Starting in 2008 ALL VFW POSTS, and DISTRICTS with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less have to E-FILE, EVERY YEAR. All Posts exceeding \$50,000 in gross receipts must file on Form 990 or Form 990EZ. Forms and instructions are available from www.irs.gov.

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 2016-2017, 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 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the accounting year (November 15 for June 30 year end or May 15 for calendar year end).

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

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

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

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

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Edward Aitken

VFW Roster Changes

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A haircut at Sport Clips can "Help A Hero" now through Veterans Day

GEORGETOWN, Texas (October 16, 2017) – The annual Sport Clips Haircuts' "Help A Hero" campaign kicks off today, and you can help service members and veterans take the next step toward civilian careers through education when you visit a local store. Now through Veterans Day, November 11, you can "Help A Hero" when you get a haircut at one of the more than 1,700 Sport Clips locations across the U.S. The goal again this year is to raise \$1 million to benefit veterans through the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW)-administered scholarship program.

The VFW and Sport Clips established the Help A Hero scholarship program in 2013, but have worked together for more than a decade to support America's service members and their families. The "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" program provides up to \$5,000 of assistance to qualified individuals who have served in the military, are in need of financial assistance, and are pursuing an education at post-secondary institutions, including trade schools. To date, Sport Clips, clients, team members and product partners have raised more than \$3 million for the program, which resulted in more than 800 scholarships being awarded.

"The first Help A Hero Scholarship recipients are completing their studies and securing meaningful work. It's fulfilling to see them employed, helping others, supporting themselves and their families, and reaching career goals with the help of these scholarships. Even though the GI Bill has been recently updated, it still doesn't cover all the expenses many veterans have when they re-

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VFW 10721: 3rd Mon 12:00 noon

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December 15: Grand MOC & MOCA
Reception - Canceled

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Jan 20: Department Voice of Democracy
Banquet VFW Post 9644

Feb 24: Grand MOC & MOCA Council,
Englewood #322

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April 21: Salute to Service Awards
Dinner, Denver #501

April 28: changed to May 19, 2018
Grand MOC Grand MOCA Convention



Post 1: Gilbert E. Munson
Post 1771: William R. Calabrese
Post 2601: Keith Harber
Post 3820: George A. Chavez
Post 4051: Robert Combs, Louis Caulboy, Elmer Swift, Herb Swing, Kenneth Davis,
Art Christensen, Bruce Morrell, Larry McDermid, Loretta Struthers, Cloyd Brunson,
Alvin Simon, William Stephens
Post 4444: Edward Schoonover

VFW Post Membership by District as of October 19, 2017

Number/ City	2017	2018	%	Number/City	2017	2018	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	930	807	87	859 Leadville	37	26	70
501 Denver	334	257	77	1166 Buena Vista	130	120	92
2461 Denver	157	119	76	3820 Salida	90	68	76
2797 Denver	66	33	50	8661 Bailey	138	119	86
5061 Denver	308	254	82	10721 Minturn	102	78	76
TOTAL	1795	1470	82%	11411 Lake George	47	45	96
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
2788 Penrose	88	76	86	12009 Conifer	137	101	74
3641 Pueblo	152	134	88	TOTAL	681	557	82%
4061 Canon City	303	263	87	DISTRICT #10			
5812 Pueblo West	184	157	85	322 Englewood	107	92	86
7305 Colo. City	45	35	78	3471 Morrison	68	61	90
8898 Boone	43	36	84	3631 Aurora	335	288	86
12063 Westcliffe	54	47	87	4121 Idaho Spgs.	53	46	87
TOTAL	869	748	86%	4171 Golden	446	396	89
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	294	249	85	4266 Parker	76	67	88
807 Boulder	45	40	89	4331 Arvada	325	252	78
1771 Lafayette	309	253	82	4444 Cmmrc Cty	212	185	87
1781 Ft. Collins	324	272	84	4666 Littleton	139	127	91
2121 Greeley	168	154	92	7563 Black Hawk	24	18	75
2585 Johnstown	214	157	73	7945 Thornton	384	325	84
2601 Longmont	359	328	91	8449 Bennett	59	40	68
4334 Ault	66	55	83	9644 Fort Logan	446	397	89
6624 Evans	270	219	81	TOTAL	2674	2294	86%
9565 Broomfield	116	97	84	DISTRICT #12			
9741 Dacono	66	46	70	4031 Durango	223	202	91
TOTAL	2231	1870	84%	5181 Dove Creek	50	42	84
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	205	188	92	3411 Kit Carson	27	21	78
3378 Yuma	63	61	97	6491 Burlington	68	64	94
3541 Sterling	109	83	76	6612 Hugo	38	32	84
3551 Brush	37	26	70	9491 Deer Trail	20	18	90
3951 Ovid	24	19	79	9700 Chynn Wlls	28	28	100*
3961 Otis	19	19	100*	TOTAL	181	163	90%
4671 Wray	54	53	98	DISTRICT #14			
6482 Holyoke	56	50	89	15006 MAL	2642	2086	79%
7153 Fleming	28	25	89	TOTAL DEPT			
8064 Akron	40	36	90	16496	13935	84%	
TOTAL	635	560	88%				
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #15			
101 Colo. Spgs.	490	442	90				
3917 Security	636	573	90				
4051 Colo. Spgs	647	569	88				
5221 Calhan	111	85	77				
6051 Wldnd Park	49	44	90				
6461 Fountain	307	258	84				
7829 Monument	136	110	81				
10649 Elizabeth	50	49	98				
TOTAL	2426	2130	88%				
DISTRICT #6				DISTRICT #16			
336 Ordway	94	85	90				
2411 LasAnimas	98	90	92				
4001 Springfield	44	40	91				
4091 Rocky Ford	48	44	92				
4281 Holly	27	28	104*				
TOTAL	311	287	92%				
DISTRICT #7				DISTRICT #17			
899 Alamosa	110	96	87				
3228 Monte Vista	38	32	84				
4849 La Jara	56	46	82				
6101 San Luis	66	54	82				
8121 Del Norte	55	50	91				
TOTAL	325	278	86%				

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**Chaplain's Column
George Snyder**



Greetings Colorado;
**YOU CONTINUE TO
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!!**

Comrades, Auxiliary Members, Family, and Friends; the fall season is upon us. Did you ever stop to notice the changing of the colors across the Colorado landscape?? What peace and serenity it brings.

As we prepare for the Council of Administration in October, let us be thankful for all that each has accomplished. Let us not forget the victims and displaced personnel in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico who were affected by the devastating hurricanes. Hundreds of lives were lost, and countless more were left homeless, and though cities fall, they are rebuilt!! I am thankful for a grateful nation of heroes who serve their communities in a time when perils prevail. To the "first responders" I offer my sincere gratitude, and thank you for your continued service to your community in such perilous times. For the aide that continues to be rendered through our military services, I salute you!! To all who volunteered their time, services, and giving. Thank You.

For the remainder of this article I would like to Honor those Who Serve in Our Armed Forces!!

Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11th. Formerly known as Armistice Day, this holiday was originally created to commemorate the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11th was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" This new

legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

Many people confuse this holiday with Memorial Day. However, Memorial Day honors those members of the military who paid the ultimate sacrifice and gave their life in the service of our nation. This includes those killed in action or who died as a result of wounds or injuries received in battle.

Serving in the Armed Forces of the United States is more than a job; it is a commitment that in many ways resembles a calling. With military service there are inherent dangers, not only in battle but also in the very nature of service and training, as well as in the wars to defend our nation, our allies, and our way of life. The men and women in uniform accept this fact without hesitation. There is selflessness and a commitment to something larger than one's self that is at the heart of military service.

This Veterans Day please make it a point to say thank you to the veterans. I want to thank you to my son-in-law PFC Christopher Hempker who is serving in Afghanistan, answering the call for freedom. Thank you for your service and commitment to our nation, and our way of life.

I want each of you to know that I truly care, respect, and honor each of you for the service that you rendered to your country, and that which you continue to give with good measure.

I look forward to seeing all of you in October at the Council of Administration in Fort Morgan. God Bless, and thanks for all that you do.

George Snyder
Department Chaplain

**Surgeon's Column
Robert Kidd, Sr.**



I have been on the move for the last couple of months. I made my visitation to Cheyenne VA in July just before leaving for the National Convention. It

was a fun filled day interacting with the residents for their Picnic and BBQ.

I started the month of September with a visitation to the Spanish Peaks Veterans Community living center in Walsenburg on the 8th with Dept. President Caroline Gelatt. The tour through the facility was very informative. I was told that if you are ever down that way to stop in and see them. They have a cafeteria where you can get breakfast and lunch. Then on the 9th we went to the Home Lake Veterans Community living center. We got a tour there also. There is so much history at that facility. They were having their annual activities day and picnic. Walking throughout the different stations with a couple of the residents made for a great day. On the 16th I was at the All Activities day and events at the Pueblo Community living

center. On the 23rd I was at the Veterans Community Living Center at Fitzsimons for their Fall Festival, where I had another facility tour. I have to say that all the Veterans Community living centers I have visited so far are outstanding places. The staff of the Veterans Community living centers that I have been to put the veterans first. Most of them have a County Service Officer helping the Veterans to get compensation and other support from the VA. It is heartwarming to see just what support all of the facilities get from all of the Veterans organizations within the State of Colorado.

I had not been to most of the Community living centers within the State until this year as your State Surgeon. But after making my visitations around Colorado, it will be my privilege to continue to visit them. It has been a lot of fun sitting around and talking to the old timers and listening to their stories. There is nothing like getting the stories first hand.

Robert Kidd, Sr.
Department Surgeon

**Happy Holidays
from
VFW Department Officers and Office Staff**



VFW Post 10721 Minturn Honor Guard opened the Public Safety Appreciation Awards Ceremony on 12 Sep 2017 at the Donovan Pavilion in Vail, CO to a standing room crowd of over 200 locals attending the ceremony that presented twelve (12) awards. Post Commander Zepeda was awarded the “Leadership Award”.



L-R: Department VFW Surgeon Robert Kidd, Sr., VFW Auxiliary Hospital Chairman Phil Reinbold, Eleanor Ford, MOCA President Ruth Gulden, and Admissions Director Fitzsimons Courtenay Giampaolo during a tour of Fitzsimons during their Fall Festival.



Jr Past VFW Department President Linda Reinbold presented a check for her Special Project, “Project Sanctuary” October 1, 2017. Ronnie Huddleston, Retreat Administrator accepted the check at a Luncheon with veterans and their families attending at a Retreat in Granby, CO.



House District 20 Representative Terri Carver presents VFW Post 7829 Monument Commander Joe Carlson with the State of Colorado The House of Representatives Certificate Commendation as an All-American Post and “the most accomplished VFW Post in District 5”.



Carbon Valley VFW Post 9741 and Auxiliary performed the Posting of Colors as a part of “The Showroom @ Furniture Row” Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Denver August 10. The 170,000 sq. ft mega store, located at 5445 Bannock Street, features Furniture Row’s top of the line designer furniture. The event was emceed by former newscaster Adele Arakawa. L-R: Dave Adams, Jim Whitlow, Barb Goettsch, Ric Payne, Greg Goettsch, Patrisa McHone, Allan Bossard, Russ Darnell. (Photo courtesy Chris Tone Images).



August 26th Metcalfe Park in Fountain, CO was the sight of the first annual District 5 Warriors Picnic enjoyed by the District 5 VFW Warriors and the District 1 and District 2 VFW Warriors as well. District 5 VFW Warriors Chairman Bill Byers was joined by VFW Warriors from Post 1, 101, 2788, 3917, 5812, 6461, and 7829 with their families to enjoy a great meal, pinata for the children, games and face painting - a truly great time.



Eagle County Law Enforcement Agencies, Eagle River Fire District, VFW Post 10721 Minturn members, and Eagle County Paramedic Services paid tribute to all the fallen New York City first responders, military and civil service personnel in the Pentagon, and crew and passengers of American Airline Flights that were lost on September 11, 2001.



Department Commander Ed Aitken, (right), and friend Ed traveled to Washington DC on the Northern Colorado Honor Flight to tour the Washington monuments. 122 Veterans, and caretakers traveled on 3 buses to DIA and on to DC. They were escorted by the Patriot Guard from Loveland to the Airport.



New Face for VFW Post #2411, Las Animas
By Kathleen Tomlin

In case you haven't noticed, the VFW Post #2411 has a new face on the building. The outside panels had been painted several years ago, by artist George Aan De Weil, (now deceased). The VFW Post moved into the building they now occupy in 1950 and have occupied the building for 67 years. The building was built in 1948 by J. H. Taliferro and then sold to the VFW Post. Their charter which hangs at the post is dated October 7, 1950. The original muster date for VFW Post #2411 is March 3, 1932, according to national records. They have been in existence for 85 years!

The Post decided they needed to replace the panels and complete a facelift on the building, so they hired Dara Harvey, artist, to repaint the eight panels. Dara came highly recommended after painting the mural at the Las Animas Elementary School cafeteria. The eight panels she completed for the VFW Post include: (1) A tribute to women veterans in the Armed Forces; (2) Desert Storm; (3) Omaha Beach in WWII – Normandy, France; (4) Marine's raising the flag at Iwo Jima; (5) Vietnam; (6) World War I; (7) Korean War; and (8) Mexican American War. Dara has always appreciated the service of veterans – her mom was a veteran and her Dad was a World War II pilot, and she was glad to be able to help with this project.

Dara was born in Breckenridge, Minnesota, and has lived in many states. She settled in the Denver area after graduating from Washington State University with a bachelor's degree in art. After some personal struggles, she came to heal at the Fort Lyon Colorado Homeless Coalition, where she graduated after two years. Dara lived in La Junta for a short time and now resides in Texas. Dara enjoys all kinds of art media including painting, dolls and sculptures. Dara even painted her car in an artistic style! Dara enjoys her artistic abilities and takes pride in her artistic accomplishments. Dara is always striving to be even better and recommends everyone be true to themselves.

I thoroughly enjoyed the interview with Dara and the VFW and VFW Auxiliary are proud that the panels are completed and the building looks awesome. This project was made possible by grants received from the VFW Foundation. Stop by the Post and thank a veteran for his or her service and enjoy the pride the veterans take in their Post.



L-R: Past State Commander Peter Buchanan 2015-16; State Commander Edward Aitken 2017-18; Past State Commander Allan Stone 2016-17. Pete is in the Vietnam green shirt; Ed is in the Vietnam Red shirt and Allan is in the Vietnam Yellow Shirt. Three State Commanders in succession served in Vietnam. Pete served in the U.S. Navy, Ed served in the U.S. Army and Allan served in the U.S. Army.



118th Annual VFW Post 1 Founders Day Banquet

Sunday, December 3, 2017
Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, CO.
No Host Cocktail Reception 5:00pm - Dinner 7:00pm

Featuring
Gen. (Ret) Ronald Fogelman
15th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force



Eugene (Gene) Kranz, Retired
NASA Flight Director

Keith E. Harman
Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars



\$70.00
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Tickets may be purchased starting 10/31/17 - 12/3/17
www.vfwpost1.org or
Contact admin@vfwpost1.org with questions



Harold "Huck" Hensley VFW Auxiliary #4334, Ault, CO., officers, members and families visiting Cheyenne VA Hospital.

Thank A Veteran For Your Freedom

Veterans Day
November 11, 2017

And Every Day

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

- How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?
21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.
- How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?
21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1.
- Why are his gloves wet?
His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.
- Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?
He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.
- How often are the guards changed?
Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.
- What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30". Other requirements of the Guard: they must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform (fighting) or the tomb in any way.

It may take months for a soldier to earn the right to TEST to wear the coveted silver Tomb Guard Identification badge, and even then, the award is temporary. Only after the sentinel has served at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for nine months does the award become permanent. One of the Army's rarest emblems, it features the inverted laurel and a replica of the East face of the tomb where Greek images represent the virtues of Victory, Valor, and Peace.

The Tomb Guard Identification Badge is awarded after the Sentinel passes a series of tests. The Badge is permanently awarded after a Sentinel has served 9 months as a Sentinel at the Tomb. Less than 550 have been awarded since its creation in the late 1950's. (The only badge awarded fewer times is the Astronaut Badge.) And while the Badge can be revoked, the offense must be such that it discredits the Tomb. Revocation is at the Regimental Commander's discretion. But you can drink a beer and even swear and still keep the Badge. The Badge is a full size award, worn on the right pocket of the uniform jacket, not a lapel pin.

The shoes are standard issue military dress shoes. They are built up so the sole and heel are equal in height. This allows the Sentinel to stand so that his back is straight and perpendicular to the ground. A side effect of this is that the Sentinel can "roll" on the outside of the build up as he walks down the mat. This allows him to move in a fluid fashion. If he does this correctly, his hat and bayonet will appear to not "bob" up and down with each step. It gives him a more formal and smooth look to his walk, rather than a "marching" appearance.

The soles have a steel tip on the toe and a "horseshoe" steel plate on the heel. This prevents wear on the sole and allows the Sentinel to move smoothly during his movements when he turns to face the Tomb and then back down the mat.

Then there is the "clicker". It is a shank of steel attached to the inside of the face of the heel build-up on each shoe. It allows the Sentinel to click his heels during certain movements. If a guard change is really hot, it is called a "smoker" because all the heel clicks fall together and sound like one click. In fact, the guard change is occasionally done in the "silent" mode (as a sign of devotion to the Unknowns). No voice commands - every thing is done in relation to the heel clicks and on specific counts.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

An average guard takes eight hours to prepare his uniform (which is solid wool--regardless of the time of year) for the next day's work. In addition to preparing the uniform, guards also complete physical training, Tomb Guard training, cut their hair before the next work day, and shave twice per day

Scholarships

Hello Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers!

I was so bummed to not be at the Parade of Programs in Craig, but I know June did a great job sharing about the scholarship program. In case you missed anything please read below.

2017-18
Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest

Theme: American History: Our Hope for the Future

This contest is open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades 9-12.

2017-18
Voice of Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

Theme: America's Gift to my Generation

This contest is open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades 6-9.

Deadlines for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen:

Entries to VFW Post - October 31
(Please note the date change from last year)

Completion of Post Judging - November 15

Completion of District Judging - December 15

Submission of District entries to Department - December 22

Completion of Department Judging January 10

Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters - January 15

Continuing Education Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any Auxiliary member (who has belonged for at least a year), spouse, son or daughter with a financial need. Entrant must be at least 18 years old, complete the application and submit an

essay of 300 words or less. Applications must be received at National Headquarters by February 15, 2018. They should be mailed to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters or email it to info@vfwauxiliary.org.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

This contest is open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades 9-12. No digital art will be accepted, and artwork must be on canvas or paper. It will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. One Department winner will be forwarded to the Auxiliary National Headquarters.

Deadlines:

Entries received by the local Auxiliary March 31

Entries received by Department - April 15

Entries received by National- May 5

Just as important as it is to get student participation, it is also equally important to recognize the students who participate and win in each one of these programs. You can use social media to recognize winners, have an award banquet, or even recognize the students at a school assembly.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

And of course REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!!!

Sabrina Feagaiga
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Thank You Colorado

Thank you everyone, for all the Get Well cards, notes of encouragement, thoughts and prayers. They were greatly appreciated. I am doing much better.

Cecilia Schoonover, Auxiliary 7945 Thornton

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thank you for all the cards I received after my surgery on my upper spine. Every day cards were in my Post Office Box and they helped me get through the day. I make a little progress each day, but the fusion is not complete and I have to be patient and let it mend. About Thanksgiving time, I should be able to start physical therapy. Thank you for all your prayers and thoughts of encouragement.

Michelle McDonald, Auxiliary 2601 Longmont



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Greetings to all our members:

It is an honor and a privilege to have been elected to serve as your Department President. I would like to thank all of you for

your confidence and support. I will do my absolute best to be worthy of this great honor. For as long as I have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary, the membership has been a constant source of inspiration to me. Your commitment to service and to furthering our great cause has kept me coming back time and again. No organization has a greater patriotic spirit than that of the VFW and it's Auxiliary. I'm looking forward to a very exciting year for our Auxiliary and if the places I have visited so far are any indication of what is to come I am sure it will be a journey of a lifetime. I plan to take you along for the ride, through Facebook, so I can share my experiences with each of you. I am sure I will witness some unique things that are happening within our auxiliaries and there might just be something out there that can give a boost to your own programs.

My travels so far have taken me to five VA Community Living Centers and Nursing Homes including the Cheyenne VA, Spanish Peaks in Walsenburg, Homelake in Monte Vista, Bruce McCandless in Florence and the Pueblo VA Nursing Home. Each exceptional and where I had a chance to visit with many of their residents and staff. I attend National Convention in New Orleans with my husband, Dave and for those of you who didn't know, this was his first National Convention and I was so happy he could attend and share this journey with me. I was honored to have our Sr. Vice President Shelley Schlieman and Jr. Vice President Sabrina Feagaiga present me as your Department President. I can't even begin to explain the feeling I had walking down that red carpet, with our colors bearer flags on each side of me, a memory I will cherish forever. The first weekend in August, Commander Ed Aitken and I held our joint homecoming in Evans Colorado at Adamson Warmuth Post 6624. We were pleasantly surprised to see so many Auxiliary and Post members from across the state in attendance. We truly appreciate everyone who made this event possible.

Upon publication of the November Colorado Veteran I will have made my official visit to District 10 hosted by CW5 David R Carter Post #3631 in Aurora and District 8 hosted by Mount Blanca Post #859 in Leadville, only 11 more Districts to visit but who's counting. Despite the pace and pressure of everyday life, I have seen that our members have formed strong bonds and consider their post and or their auxiliary as

a "second family." A common theme we all share is the fact we care. As volunteers, we donate our time and talent because we know it's important and we have experienced first-hand how we are making a positive impact on the lives of veterans and their families, our communities and the youth who live in them. Everyone, please keep up the great work you are doing and remember, we can disagree on issues without letting them interfere with our personal relationships and our common purpose: to improve the lives of veterans, active-duty military and their families and our communities. Every day I continue to gain a better understanding of our Department structure and a greater appreciation for the members who have accept positions in the past and present to benefit our organization.

Our first Parade of Programs and Council of Administration meeting was held in Craig at Samuel Havenga Jr. Post #4265. Our Program Chairmen did a great job presenting and I hope everyone took away information they will share with their fellow members so we will have a successful year. Our Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson held MALTA Training which was well attended and very informative even though all our members were still patiently awaiting its on-line arrival. Speaking of membership, we reached 100%+ in our 2016-2017 year thanks to each of our member's effort. This year we have been off to a slow start due to programing challenges in our new MALTA Membership system (Membership Auxiliary Leadership Technology Assess) but we are starting to see some movement in our numbers as annual membership dues roll in. It is my greatest hope that we will continue to grow as an organization and attract and retain a membership base that will help us achieve our program goals. If I had one piece of advice for each of you who serve our cause, it would be to find another individual and share your story and tell them why you became involved with the VFW Auxiliary and how your support makes a difference in the lives of veterans and their families. Having more members like you who care enough to make a difference is crucial to our organization. So, go out there, seize the moment and sign up members to help make our organization stronger for generations to come.

We are ONE VOICE UNITED FOR
VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

Caroline A Gelatt
Department President

Jeanette Cox
National District Council
Member #13
2017-2019



National Rep to Fort Morgan Council of Administration

Jeanette Cox, of McPherson, Kansas, represents Colorado and Kansas on the National Council of Administration, which governs the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary between National Conventions.

Installed at the 104th National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, she will serve a two-year term as one of the 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 Fred E., Ellis Auxiliary 2715, she has served in many capacities for the organization includ-

ing Auxiliary, District and Department (state) President.

She joined on the eligibility of her husband, Bobby, who served in the U.S. Army from 1965-1991.

In her spare time, Jeanette enjoys watching her grandchildren play sports, attending family functions and taking care of her great-grandson. She also has a lake house where she enjoys fishing and visiting with neighbors. She also enjoys baking and has a small catering business.

Jeanette and her husband have four children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

National Certified Recruiter Training Program

Membership Matters: Recruiting is a team effort and leads to increased membership in the Auxiliary. We need a positive and enthusiastic attitude as we go into the future. The more members we can recruit and retain provides more support and care for our veterans and their families.

New Members: Have membership applications and promotional material available at your Post. Always carry applications in your purse, wallet or have available in your car. The VFW Auxiliary Leaflet showing how we are helping our veterans can be ordered free. It is an excellent way to inform prospective members about our programs and can be used as an insert with the application.

Retain Members: Keep members informed and up-to-date about Auxiliary activities using different methods such as newsletters, social media, email and telephone – however they would like to be contacted. Do not give up trying to engage members to participate. Look at what types of experience they might have and ask them. New members are critical but do not underestimate the importance of retaining existing members.

Mentoring New and Existing Members and Building for the Future: We all CARE about our members.

C = Catch a new member when they first join.

A = Ask new and existing members to participate in activities and events.

R = Remember how it feels to be acknowledged.

E = Engage new and existing members in a program that fits them.

Our goal is to maintain contact with each member and always extend a hand of friendship. You can also teach new members about programs, answer questions and ask for new ideas they may have.

Recruiter Trainer Workshop: To retain and grow membership we need to be vigilant. Training is available and can be scheduled for the Auxiliary on planning a membership campaign, motivating prospects, presentation techniques and understanding eligibility. As your recruiter trainer, I will get you information and tools you need to reach your goals. There are many resources available. Please contact me with any questions you might have and to schedule a training session.

Thank you for your efforts toward membership growth and all that you are doing for our veterans and their families. We can work together to "Catch the Dream for Our Veterans" and have "One Voice UNITED for Veterans and Their Families".

Linda Reinbold
National Certified Recruiter Trainer

Historian

Good day, my name is Lennie Dolan and I am the Historian for this year. I would like to ask a favor from all the Posts and Auxiliaries. When you have a special program at your Post, I would like a few pictures so that Caroline can enjoy looking at her year's pictures for years to come. If you have a phone that can take pictures and they could be sent to me via email, my email address is: arlinedolan@comcast.net.

Thank you for your support

Lennie Dolan
Department Historian

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

GENERAL ORDERS #2

November 1, 2017

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

1. In accordance with Section 810 – President, Duties of (All Levels) Presidents are reminded:

a) Shall preside and maintain order at all meetings and enforce a strict observance of the Bylaws and Ritual of the Organization and all orders from proper authority.

b) Shall appoint all Officers and committees not otherwise provided for.

c) **Shall see that there is no disruption during the meeting and if so, has the right to have the member causing the disruption removed.**

d) Shall, within thirty (30) calendar days after assuming the duties of office, submit to the Commander of the corresponding unit of the VFW, a financial report and membership count of their Auxiliary

a. Such reports will be acknowledged by each respective Commander during the next regular meeting of the Post over which he/she presides and may be read to the members assembled.

e) Should register for the National Convention if attending.

2. Members are reminded of the traditions of the Auxiliary as printed on page 2 and 3 of the Booklet of Instruction taking particular note of item #6 – **“All remarks must be addressed to the President and not by one member to another. A member wishing to address the President, will rise and say “Mister/Madam President,” but shall not speak further until he/she has been recognized by the President.”** And item # 9 – **“No alcoholic beverages will be permitted during Auxiliary meetings.”** These items are also stated in the Member Obligation as printed on page 73 of the Ritual.

a. If two members stand at the same time, the President will determine who stood first and recognize that person first. The second person will be seated until the 1st person is done. (Demeter’s pg 27/chapter 3(I)(5) Recognizing members and assigning the floor

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

3. In accordance with Section 902 – Meeting Etiquette – members are to take note:

a) Cell Phones:

a. All cell phones and electronic messaging devices shall be set to the “off,” “mute,” or “vibrate” position during the entire meeting.

b. All calls shall be answered outside the meeting room.

c. The only exception shall be during the National Convention, where walkie-talkies or similar devices are used by the National President and National Headquarters staff for meeting purposes only.

b) Audio/Video Recording:

a. Individual members cannot record (video/audio) any portion of the Auxiliary meeting without prior knowledge of the body.

c) Smoking:

a. To include but not limited to tobacco products, e-cigarettes, etc., is not allowed during an Auxiliary meeting.

d) Alcoholic Beverages:

a. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted during Auxiliary meetings.

4. Department President Caroline Gelatt’s Special Project is Colorado VFW Foundation. The proceeds from the sale of her special Veterans pin will go to support the Colorado VFW Foundation.

5. District Presidents and Auxiliary Pres-

idents: Please be sure that all Districts and Auxiliaries have filed their 990-N reports and a copy sent to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.

6. In accordance with Section 211 of the National bylaws, Auxiliaries may establish Standing Rules to provide for specified operations, activities, events, expenses and disbursements between meetings provided such rules do not conflict with the National or Department Bylaws.

7. **October 31** is the deadline for student entries to the VFW Post/Auxiliary for both **Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen Scholarship** programs. Judging of these entries at the Post/Auxiliary level is to be completed by **November 15** and the results forwarded to the District. Judging at the District level and forwarded to the Department must be completed by **December 15**.

8. Western Conference will be held November 2 - 5, 2017 in San Diego, California.

9. Department Membership Chairman, Rosie Mitchell asks that Auxiliary Treasurers process 2018 dues for new renewals, reinstates, and life memberships and send copies to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson as soon as they are received.

10. Using the **“Officers Change Form”** please notify **National Headquarters and Department Secretary, Ginny Rosa** of any changes in Auxiliary President, Secretary or Treasurer. Please notify above of changes in meeting dates, places, times and dues amounts.

11. Please make your donations to the Ralph Emerson/Jack Gulden Blood/Cancer Fund and the Department Service Office to VFW Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood CO 80214. Health and Happiness and Hospital donations should be sent to National and/or Department based upon your June 30 membership. Presidents please share the information from your Colorado Program Book with the Treasurer for instructions in making out the checks **and mailing them to the correct address.**

12. Please place your orders for Poppies with the Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood CO 80214. Auxiliaries are required to purchase 250. If the Auxiliary and Post order together, be sure to note on the Order Form the amount purchased by each. Order forms may be found on the VFW website at www.vfwcolodept.org and in the Colorado Program Book.

13. Please notify **Department Secretary, Ginny Rosa** of any upcoming special events and celebrations so that Department and District Officers may attend if available.

14. A special thank you to all those attending the Parade of Programs in Craig Colorado. The Program Chairmen did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that you were able to take something back to your Auxiliaries.

BY ORDER OF:

/s/ Caroline Gelatt
Caroline Gelatt, President

ATTEST:

/s/ Ginny Rosa
Ginny Rosa, Secretary

Youth Activities

Greetings to all Auxiliary members!

With the holiday season quickly approaching, time seems to be running short to accomplish all tasks that we would like to finish. Continue the great volunteer work you all have been doing in your communities. Thank you to everyone for reporting. For those that did not make it to Council of Administration in August, I would like each Auxiliary to report at least once a quarter and to submit a Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation for a youth group that volunteers their time helping our Veterans.

With the youth taking a break from school for the upcoming holidays, there will be more opportunities in which we will be able to work with them by involving our youth in more projects, helping to build a stronger bond with them. Taking the time to mentor our youth today will create quality leadership skills for them tomorrow. Rewarding youth for doing the “right thing” might also encourage them to continue doing positive actions in the future. One of our National Program goals is giving out Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.) cards and coins. If you happen to see a youth performing a Patriotic Act, please reward them with a R.A.P. coin or card. Coins can be purchased at www.vfw-store.org. There is a new R.A.P. card template and three different youth patriotism award certificates (fillable) that are available at www.vfwauxiliary.org under the Youth Activities Program. Another program under Youth Activities is the Veteran History Project (VHP) where Veteran’s personal accounts of war are shared for future generations

Hospital Program

This was a very busy and active period at many of our hospitals and CLCs. I had the privilege with our Department President Caroline Gelatt, and my Co-Chair Linda Reinbold, to visit with residents and participate at the All Patient’s Day at Pueblo Veterans Care Facility and CLC, Spanish Peaks Veterans CLC at Walsenburg, Veterans CLC at Homelake (Summerfest), Fitzsimons VA State Hospital / CLC (Fall Festival) and Bruce McCandless Veterans CLC in Florence. There are so many activities and so many volunteers that benefit our veterans and their families. These events make such a difference in the lives of the residents and their families. Thank you so much to everyone that participated and assisted. Thank you also to those who visit and provide services regularly to our veterans—care and support that they have come to depend on and appreciate. As noted previously, if you have an event or activity (Christmas party, patient’s day, community day, etc.) that you think would be good for Department Hospital Representatives to attend, please send me a note and we will make an effort to be there. There are 10 facilities within the Department of Colorado, and if possible we would like to make it to at least one special function for each one.

I was asked by an Auxiliary member if all volunteer hours must be completed within one year to be counted and credited toward pins and other awards. The answer is most definitely NO! Please contact me or my Co-Chair if you have any questions regarding the awarding of pins and other volunteer recognition. We would like to see our volun-

teers recognized more for the incredible work that they do and will be happy to clear up any questions or concerns that you might have. We received word that the new Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center in Aurora may be looking for volunteers and may begin to hire for some positions. Please contact them if you have any interest in these areas for further information.

September was Military Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month and I hope that each member is doing all that they can to become more aware and informed about how to combat this. I will be giving a 1 hour presentation and training about this subject at the upcoming COA in Fort Morgan during the month of October. Please try to attend if you can. We must become informed about how we can help on the personal level, at the Post level and at the Department level. If you cannot attend, please know that you can pass on information to the Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 to connect to a specially trained and experienced person, text 838255 to connect to a VA responder or go on-line to www.veteranscrisisline.net.

- * *The Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award*
- * *The Outstanding Youth Group of the Year Award*
- * *The Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation*

Please continue to let me know all that your Auxiliaries are doing in your communities and all the different youth groups you work with through your program reporting. Enjoy the holidays! And remember.....

REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!

Patsy Gilmore
Department Youth Activities Chairman

Thank you again for your incredible support and assistance! If I or any of my team can assist you in any way to make the Hospital Department the best that it can be, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Phil Reinbold
Department Hospital Chairman

Membership 2017-2018

We are now in the month of November, hopefully all auxiliaries have sent out a dues reminder to all continuous members. Encourage members to get activated on MALTA where they can update their information and pay dues online if they wish.

Have you recruited a new member or a rejoined member? "JUST ONE", I challenge each of you to recruit "JUST ONE" I wouldn't challenge you if I couldn't do it myself, and I did recruit a rejoined member. We need our organization to grow so we can have more helping hands to assist our Veterans and work our programs.

Each auxiliary received a packet about membership. Those were given out at our Council meeting in August and I mailed all those that weren't picked up. Please share that information with the auxiliary members.

Please be aware of the National awards. Each auxiliary that attains 100%+ in membership by June 30, 2018 (based on their June 30, 2017 membership) will receive \$40.00 from National. I believe every auxiliary can use \$40.00.

"New" Retention Award \$250 to one Department in each Program Division with the highest percentage of ANNUAL continuous members who pay their dues online using MALTA through their

Chief of Staff / Extension / Mentoring

This morning I was greeted with the sad news of the loss of yet another auxiliary in our Department.

Reflecting and pondering on the chain of events, there are questions that we must ask ourselves. Where would "your and my" auxiliary be headed if officers were to become unable to fulfill their duties? Is there someone who would be willing to step into that vacant office and move forward, keeping the auxiliary functioning? Do we depend on just a few members to do everything or do we share the load and the joy of a job well done? Are we giving information to all members so that they can be part of our mission. Sharing knowledge makes our organization stronger and sustainable. After all, how many of us will be holding the same office in another 20 years? And yes, I hear the collective groan, followed by the words ooh no.

As we enter into the fall, I am asking that we take some time and look around our meeting room. Are these the same people at every meeting? Are there different age groups in attendance and people from different backgrounds? In other words, is there diversity in your meeting? Does your meeting encourage male and female members? Are we all listening to discussions, in the meeting room, in the social meetings and perhaps over coffee? Are we extending our hand in friendship and asking for help? One of our very good tools is the "Member Questionnaire". Please consider spending some time and post-age and mail this questionnaire to your members. Remember that no names

individual profile. Percentage will be based on their prior year's total number of annual members paid.

"Catch Five Member" Recruiter Award. Each Auxiliary or VFW Post member who secures 5 new and / or rejoined members from July 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018 with the official form received at National Headquarters no later than May 31, 2018 will be honored with a Catch Five Member Recruiter pin (you can only earn this pin once, no matter how many you recruit). The official form can be found in our Department Program Book.

The National Membership Achievement Award (NMA), you must recruit 20 NEW Auxiliary members before April 30, 2018.

I mentioned all the Department Awards in my last article and they can be found in the Department Program Book. If I can help in any way, please feel free to contact me.

I know we can "Catch the Dream For Our Veterans" if we remain "One Voice UNITED for Veterans and their Families"

Loyally,
Rosie Mitchell
Department Membership Chairman

are used. This is simply an information gathering tool so that you can become more aware of members feelings and what can be done to enhance our auxiliary and to better assist our veterans and their families. We do not always want to hear the negative things and yet there can be no change if we only hear positive comments.

When someone does a good job are you giving them not only a thank you, but also a small certificate or a "Good Job" card. If someone has a better way or more efficient way of doing a task, look, listen and most of all appreciate that they are willing to share.

Social media: Wow what a great tool, using the different forms of communication that we literally have at our fingertips. Some words of caution. Once something is put out either on e-mail, facebook, twitter etc. it is there for the whole world to see. Even if a message is sent personally, it can be shared. We can use these tools to get news to members and also share about upcoming events. Remember that negative comments on social media can be very damaging and have far and wide consequences. Use discretion and most of all be courteous.

Please fill out your "Are you Healthy" form and return to me. Your Auxiliary may win a \$25. Award. Two awards will be given at October Council in Fort Morgan.

Loyally,
Colleen Rylant,
Department Chief of Staff

Auxiliary Membership by District as of October 19, 2017

Number	City	2017	2018	%	Number	City	2017	2018	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #7				
1	Denver	184	162	88	899	Alamosa	85	32	38
501	Denver	142	98	69	3228	Monte Vista	50	46	92
2461	Denver	120	93	78	4849	La Jara	46	43	93
2797	Denver	42	37	88	6101	San Luis	28	0	0
3971	Denver	32	0	0	8121	So Fork	109	89	82
5061	Denver	132	81	61	TOTAL		318	210	66%
TOTAL 652 471 72%					DISTRICT #8				
DISTRICT #2					DISTRICT #9				
2788	Penrose	35	21	60	859	Leadville	26	26	100*
3641	Pueblo	79	36	46	1166	Buena Vista	88	62	70
4061	Canon City	144	82	57	11411	Lake George	51	47	92
5812	Pueblo West	51	29	57	12009	Conifer	36	23	64
7305	Colo. City	24	8	33	TOTAL		201	158	79%
TOTAL 333 176 53%					DISTRICT #10				
DISTRICT #3					DISTRICT #11				
41	Loveland	124	69	56	322	Englewood	1106	64	60
1771	Lafayette	319	269	84	3471	Morrison	49	40	82
1781	Ft. Collins	107	75	70	3631	Aurora	113	89	79
2121	Greeley	102	79	77	4171	Golden	326	259	79
2585	Johnstown	75	60	80	4331	Arvada	142	119	84
2601	Longmont	228	196	86	4444	Cmmrc City	192	174	91
4334	Ault	35	33	94	7945	Thornton	258	232	90
6624	Evans	217	153	71	9644	Fort Logan	343	294	86
9565	Broomfield	44	24	55	TOTAL		1529	1271	83%
9741	Dacono	22	11	50	DISTRICT #12				
TOTAL 1273 969 76%					DISTRICT #13				
DISTRICT #4					"100 Years of Serving Veterans"				
2551	Ft. Morgan	127	91	72	VFW Auxiliary				
3541	Sterling	72	49	68	Department of Colorado				
4671	Wray	30	21	70	15006	At Large	334	434	130%*
8064	Akron	9	0	0	TOTAL DEPT.		6,697	5,207	78%
TOTAL 238 161 68%					Buddy Poppy Happening				
DISTRICT #5					Howdy All, Can you believe that summer is already gone? Our Auxiliary year has begun busy...full of energy...and working very hard to spread the Buddy Poppy word. Now that we are moving into the fall & winter seasons we have a great deal of work ahead of us!! Please encourage your auxiliary to make this November extra, extra special and to include more activities to honor our veterans. We are designating November as National Military month. We should honor our veterans more than one day... Veterans Day...and honor them each day!! November is also the birthday of the Marines and December is the anniversary of Pearl Harbor.				
101	Colo. Spgs.	84	56	67	We need to be visible at Post, Auxiliary, and Community events to support our veterans. We need to be there with our Buddy Poppies.				
3917	Security	215	167	78	During the holiday season, please think of creative ways to decorate with poppies...on the Christmas tree, making beautiful wreaths, decorating Tom turkey (No, not the real turkey!). More than anything...use your imaginations,				
4051	Colo. Spgs	286	249	87	be creative, enjoy!!				
5221	Calhan	28	26	93	We encourage you to advertise your events through newspapers, radio, and social media formats.				
6461	Fountain	133	127	95	During this time, please remember our veterans in the hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, libraries, schools, etc., during the holidays and really all year long. Leave a basket of poppies and brochures to educate.				
7829	Monument	35	27	77	Please make sure that your auxiliary have plenty of buddy poppies on hand!! Order early, order more than you think you'll need. Don't limit the possibilities of use!! Please report any activities, projects, and drives completed...We need your numbers...especially how many drives, how many purchased, projects, and brochures distributed.				
TOTAL 781 652 83%					Remember our mission is to support the veterans! Please work hard to distribute and spread the Buddy Poppy story and inform ALL of the goodness that the little red poppy does for our veterans. Above all, have Fun!!				
DISTRICT #6					Ron Boone, Department Buddy Poppy				
336	Ordway	82	66	80					
2411	LasAnimas	1104	102	89					
4001	Springfield	26	0	0					
4281	Holly	9	0	0					
TOTAL 231 168 73%									



- Aux 1771: Wanda Renzelman, Pauline Dalpra, Joyce Hendrex, Alphonse Ferris, Shirley A. Sayre, Stella Schweitzer
- Aux 2411: Fontella Gardner
- Aux 2797: Ernestine Duran
- Aux 4171: Venita Martin, Margaret Zinanti
- Aux 9644: Patricia Crater
- Aux 11411: Judy Boles

Americanism

Did you honor the Teachers of our youth? Don't forget to get your Winning Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Applications to your District Chairmen no later than Nov. 15th as they have to be at Dept by Dec. 15th. Then don't forget to report every thing you did for this, even if you had no Applications to turn in.

Are you working with your Patriotic Instructor? You should be working together. What & when they "instruct the members in the proper use of and salute to the Flag" (Sec. 820, Bylaws, 2017), at your meetings. Again, report it. How many attended, how much time for just that portion. Not your miles, as you were going to the meeting anyway.

Days to fly 'Old Glory'; Nov: 7 Election Day, 10 Marine Corps Birthday, Veterans Day, 23 Thanksgiving Day. Dec: 7 (half-staff) Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 25 Christmas Day. Jan: 1 New Year's Day, 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Have you held or are planning a 'Family Freedom Festival' at your Post? This is new, for this year. This is one way

that ALL of your Aux & Post Chairmen and members are able to participate in. What a great way to host a Membership drive and letting the community know what all we do and are involved with. I would be more than happy to answer any questions and assist if I can. Questions? My contact info; 1-719-290-0164 or RLCALES88@yahoo.com

Reporting, I know... sometimes it seems that is all we want you to do. Have you looked at this years report form? How many youth & adults attended your events? How many Aux & Post members assisted? Describe what your 'team' did. What hand outs did you give out? From the reports I've received so far, it looks like many are all ready doing good things! Keep up the great work!!!

Many of our Holidays are approaching, and I hope all of yours are good ones!

"Patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime"- Adlai Stevenson

Rena Cales

VFW National Home for Children

What has an active 4H program, a military and veteran helpline, a freshly dredged fishing pond and its own water treatment plant? Your VFW National Home!

Please familiarize yourself with the VFW National Home website. It's a wonderful tool to help you understand the mission and the facility that is so important to veteran & military families. For these families in crisis there are many paths to recovery that passes through this important VFW program. It could be as simple as a phone call to the helpline that got them assistance navigating the bureaucracy of VA.

For a onetime fee of \$35 you can become a life member to the VFW National Home. It is one way you can show your commitment to helping veterans and their families. I am actively recruiting life members this year. Each life member I sign up will be entered in a drawing to receive a VFW National Home Life Member shirt to be awarded at our 2018 VFW State Convention. Wow! I already have nine new members signed up.

There is a new video out that is very inspiring. It very effectively

demonstrates how your VFW National Home helps families in crisis. A link is on their website.

As you know I recently visited our VFW National Home. There is a slide show of photos taken during my visit on the VFW National Home website. How many pictures am I in on this slide show? Send an e-mail to me with the answer. All correct answers will be entered into a random drawing for one prize at our March COA in Pueblo West.

On a personal note. I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers while I recovered from my surgery. Your well wishes brightened my day and made my recovery less painful. I am truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful organization.

More Information can be obtained at: vfwnationalhome.org

Any questions, ideas or comments for your Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary National Home for Children Chairmen can be e-mailed to raymond.moelder@gmail.com

Raymond Moelder, Department VFW National Home for Children Chairman

Courtesy

Happy Fall! Thanks to everyone sending cards and providing comfort to our members in need.

We are no longer using the Courtesy Report. Please report chaplain activity under **Hospital** on the **Program Reporting Form**. Cards being sent no longer need to be broken down by category. Just report the total number of cards sent under **Hospital**. Hours, dollars and mileage incurred as you perform your duties will also be recorded under **Hospital** on the **Program Reporting Form**. If you feel a member in his/her time of need would benefit by receiving cards, please notify me at covfwiacourtesy@netzero.net and I will send out the request. For a death, please send the family's mailing address information.

A fillable "Taps" form located at <http://www.vfwcolodept.org/Forms/>

Forms.shtml, under the column **VFW & Auxiliary Documents/Forms/Links**, may be used to report a deceased member. The member will be listed in the Colorado Veteran, and honored at the Joint Memorial Service at State Convention. In addition, please ask your Auxiliary Treasurer to notify National through MALTA of the member's death; or send the VFW Auxiliary Membership Update Form to our Dept. Treasurer, Cindy Anderson. Don't forget to also notify your District of the member's death so that person can be honored at the District Memorial Service.

Thank you for serving our Veterans as **One Voice United for Veterans and their Families!**

Kathy Carlson
Department Chaplain

Veterans And Military Support

At COA in Craig I talked about this program, Veterans and Military Support, being all about HOPE!! We Auxiliaries are meant to offer hope. With Veteran's Day soon approaching, we need to step up our efforts and see what else we can do!!

Our National Ambassador has declared the month of November as Military Family Month. Our Ambassador, Karen Dotson, compares the Veterans & Military Support Program to the hoop of a Dream Catcher where the hoop is the circle of life. Likewise, the Veterans & Military Support Program is the flagship program that embodies the circle of life for our veterans and their families. So, what can we possibly do to make this month extra special? This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our entire community and inform them of our intentions...to recognize our heroes and provide simple acts of kindness so that all are able to "Catch the Dream for Our Veterans". Get your community tuned in to what you want to do...and I am quite sure they will either want to help or genuinely appreciate what you are doing!!

Spread the word!! Spread the Love!! This is a huge challenge, as I know many of our Auxiliaries are stretched to the max...some with only a few dedicated members doing a large portion of the work. But, please, find that project that you love!!
Could you...

- ~Have a baking day...quick breads, muffins, cookies
- ~Have a dinner...spaghetti, tacos, etc.
- ~Ice Cream social
- ~Pizza night
- ~Pancake supper
- ~Game night
- ~Thank you cards
- ~Thinking of you cards
- ~Certificates of Appreciation

Try incorporating all Auxiliary programs to support our veterans and their families. There is no better way to promote patriotism, our freedom and love of our country than to celebrate the love of our military family during this time period. Please make sure you visit the schools, hand out and educate the public on the significance of the buddy poppies, teach the folding of the flag and the proper etiquette in handling the flag.

What a challenge!! I know you will do an awesome job...And please remember to report all the wonderful activities that your auxiliary has done!!

Questions?? Call, write, email. I would love to hear from you, and suggestions..Yes, I need all the help I can get!!

We are: "ONE VOICE UNITED FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES".

Loyally,
Rose Naughton,
Department Veterans and
Military Support Chairman

Department Fundraising

Hello!!

I hope this finds you all excited for the fall season and getting your pumpkins ready for Halloween. As the weather changes we start to pull out all the warmer clothing and essentials. The long sleeve shirts, pants, leggings, sweaters, coats and even quilts!

Speaking of quilts have you seen the quilt that the Department has up for grabs? It's a beautiful red, white, and blue quilt that will probably fit a king size bed. If you donate \$5 then you get a ticket for a chance at this quilt. If you donate \$20 then you get five (5) tickets also known as 5 chances at taking the beautiful quilt home.

If would like to see pictures of this one-of-a-kind quilt please feel free to email me and I'll send you a picture.

If you are interested in getting a

ticket and/or tickets then make out a check with your donation and send it to me. Please include a note that the donation is for the quilt, your email address, and phone number.

Please remember that any checks you send to me; whether for the veterans pins and/or quilt must be made out to: Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary. Also be sure to write in the memo line what the check is for i.e. Veterans Pins, Quilt Tickets, calendars etc.

If you have any fun ideas that would help the department raise some money, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Stephane Trujillo
636 S. Ursula Ave.
Milliken, CO 80543
970-396-4197
stephane.trujillo@gmail.com



2017 - 2018 Veteran's Pins Order Form

Auxiliary Name and Number: _____

Ship To: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip: _____

Quantity: _____ Pins x \$3.00 each=\$ _____ Enclosed (Check, Money Order)

Ordered by: _____ Phone: _____

Make check payable to **Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary**

Mail Veteran's Pin order to:

Stephane Trujillo
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