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Vincent “B.J.” Lawrence Commander-in-Chief Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States National Representative August Fort Morgan Conference

Vincent “B.J.” Lawrence was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on July 25, 2018, at the 119th VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

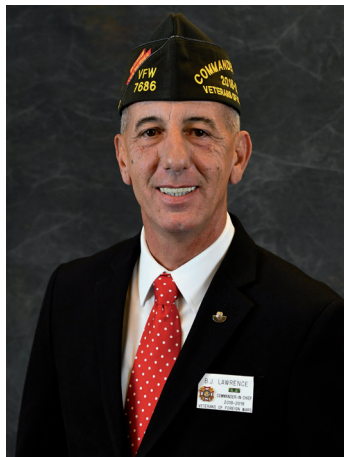
B.J. served with the United States Army from 1983 to 1986, earning his VFW eligibility by serving in Korea, where he earned the Korean Defense Service Medal.

Upon joining VFW Post 7686 in Alamogordo, N.M., in 2000, he immediately began to dedicate his efforts toward moving the organization forward into the new millennium and beyond. He has proven to be a highly effective and dynamic leader, serving in a myriad of critical leadership positions, to include being elected to command his Post, District and the VFW Department of New Mexico, as well as serving on the National Appeals Committee, and as Vice Chairman of the National Legislative Committee. He was also elected to the VFW National Council of Administration in 2009.

During the 2010 VFW National Convention, he joined the ranks of a select few when he was recognized for his distinctive membership recruiting achievements on the Post, District and Department levels by earning the coveted designation of “VFW Triple Crown Winner.”

Fort Morgan Conference August 18 - 19, 2018

VFW Post #2551, 208 W Beaver, Fort Morgan CO.



B.J. attended the New Mexico State Law Enforcement Academy, New Mexico Firefighters Academy, and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration Narcotics Enforcement School. He served his community as a police officer for several years, including time as an undercover agent. Prior to his retirement in 2015, he was a private investigator and owner of Lawrence Investigations.

In 2008 he became a Gold Legacy Life member. He is also a life member of the VFW National Home for Children and the Military Order of the Cootie.

B.J. and his wife, Mary, reside in Alamogordo, N.M.



Department of Colorado VFW Commander Steve Kjonaas and VFW Auxiliary President Shelley Schlieman were elected and installed June 16, 2018 at the State Convention held in the Ramada Plaza Inn, Northglenn, CO. Joseph J. Jacques Jr. VFW Post and VFW Auxiliary #7945, Thornton, CO., hosted the Convention. Department Commander Kjonaas is a Life Member of Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post No. #3917, Security, CO. Department President Schlieman is a Life Member of Joseph J. Jacques Jr. VFW Auxiliary #7945, Thornton, CO.

Spring Sweepstake Winners 2017-2018

Mark Milenkovic	Herndon VA	\$2500.00
W. H. O'Dell	Grand Junction CO	\$1000.00
Daniel Schaal	Millington TN	\$ 500.00
Keith Francis	Colorado Sprngs CO	\$ 300.00
Danny Raymond	Colorado Springs CO	\$ 200.00
Arnold Grimm	Cedaredge CO	\$ 100.00
Dennis Fischer	Nathrop Co	\$ 100.00
Peter Baca	Colorado Springs CO	\$ 100.00
Earl Havens	Colorado Springs CO	\$ 100.00
Gregory Thew	Colorado Springs CO	\$ 100.00

All checks were issued June 26, 2018 to the
2017-2018 Winners
Congratulations from the
Department of Colorado VFW

In Memory of Past Department Commanders

Harland E. Smith

1995 - 1996

Passed away May 21, 2018

James E. Mauck

1989-1990

Passed away June 22, 2018

Rest in Peace - Always Loved - Remembered Forever

AUGUST DISTRICT MEETINGS

7	8/26/18 Sunday	Post No. 8121 Del Norte	12:00 Noon Lunch Meeting to follow	
11	8/05/18 Sunday	Post No. 784 Montrose	10:00 AM Registration 11:00 AM Joint Mtg 12:00 Noon Lunch Meeting to follow	David Stone Shelley Schlieman

SEPTEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

1	09/15/18 Saturday	Post No. 501 Denver	10:00 AM Meeting 11:00 AM Lunch Meeting to follow	
2	9/22/18 Saturday	Post No. 5812 Pueblo West	11:30 AM Joint 12:00 Noon Lunch Meeting to follow	
3	09/16/18 Sunday	Post No. 1771 Lafayette	12:00 Noon Lunch Meeting to follow	
4	09/09/18 Sunday	Post No. 3541 Sterling	12:00 Noon Lunch Meeting to follow	
5	09/9/18 Sunday	Post No. 5221 Calhan	1:00 PM Lunch 2:00 PM Meeting	
6	NO SCHEDULE			
8	9/1/18 Saturday	Post No. 859 Leadville	12:00 Noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Shelley Schlieman
10	NO SCHEDULE			
12	NO SCHEDULE			
13	NO SCHEDULE			

OCTOBER DISTRICT MEETING

7	10/07/18 Sunday	Post No. 4849 Antonito	12:00 Noon Lunch Meeting to follow	
8	10/27/18 Saturday	Post No. 12009 Conifer	12:00 Noon Lunch Meeting to follow	
9	10/27/18 Saturday	Post No. 5843 Meeker	12:00 Noon Lunch Meeting to follow	

MOC Grand Of Colorado

1. MOC Grand of Colorado, next scratch is scheduled for Friday evening, 17 August, 7:00 pm, in conjunction with the 18 - 19 August Department VFW COA at VFW Post 2551, Fort Morgan.
2. What was formerly known as "All Patients Day" at the Pueblo VA Community Living Center will be held on 15 September. At this time no scratch is scheduled following this event.
3. Future scratch schedule will be discussed at the 17 August scratch.

Bob Green, Grand MOC Commander

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POSTMASTER
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406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111

Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

Aug 5	Golden VFW #4171	Golden
12		
19		
26	Golden VFW #4171	Golden
Sept 2	Silver Dollar PT #1	Denver
9	Skyline VFW #2797	Denver
16	Rocky Mountain #1781	Fort Collins
23	Eastern Star Oriental #98	Denver
30	Joseph J Jacques Jr, 37945	Thornton
Oct 7	Englewood VFW #322	Englewood
14	John S. Stewart #1	Denver
21	CW5 David R Carter #3631	Aurora
28	Dean K. Phillips VFW #5061	Denver

Please plan to bring 4 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 fruit 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, Charlotte Lattin 303-973-7894 or Betty Melsen at 303-237-6646 IN ADVANCE so they are aware of any changes.

Please contact Charlotte Lattin 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.

NOTE: The above is all at the Rocky Mountain VA Medical Center, 1700 N Wheeling St., Aurora, CO 80054. The Chapel at the VA Hospital on Clermont St is closed.

Colorado VFW Foundation

We would like to give a Special Thank You to Past Department President Caroline Gelatt, for selecting the Colorado VFW Foundation as her special project last year, donations were received from VFW Posts, VFW Auxiliaries, family members and friends. Every donation received makes a difference in the lives of Colorado's Veterans and their families.

The donations and grants we received for FY 2017-2018 allowed us to help 117 Veterans and their families expending \$49,808.84.

We are now accepting and processing applications for Eligible Veterans and their Families in the State of Colorado. All complete applications are processed in the order received.

Grant Applications should be submitted for assistance with utilities, medical expenses, travel/transportation in the event of an emergency, higher/continuing education course expenses, vehicle repairs/registration/insurance as determined on a case by case bases, and other basic needs, etc.

Any eligible Veteran in need of assistance across the State of Colorado

can apply for a one time Grant of up to \$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.

Board of Directors
Colorado VFW Foundation

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 Steve Kjonaas



I feel honored and privileged to be elected as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Colorado State Commander. I appreciate all the hundreds of hours all of you spent speaking with me as I moved up the chairs. My thoughts as I heard your words and the lessons of the past were nothing less than complete admiration and respect for your efforts and hard work towards delivering the promise to Veterans and their families.

What's coming this year are three opportunities wrapped up in many objectives. Firstly, *Homes for All Veterans*; a HUD/VA program with the goal of permanently housing homeless veterans their families while being self-sufficient. Find more information at bit.ly/HAV

Secondly, the 8th annual *Colorado Aviation Business Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars Annual Holiday Veteran Food and Toy Airlift*. At least 30 airlift missions will fly well over 20K pounds of toys and food to the further outreaches of Colorado for the benefit of Veterans and their families who otherwise might have a bleak Christmas. Find more information at bit.ly/

Steve's Special Projects

Lastly, *Post Development and Post Revitalization*. With professional input, the creation of this program from our National Membership Department will help create the VFW Post you and future members really want. The program covers new Post development and revitalization in a well thought out document that helps you develop a plan of action that best fits your Post area. Look for the document here at VFW.org > My VFW > VFW Training & Support > Membership Recruiting & Retention > Additional Training Material > New Post Development & Revitalization Manual.

Of course you will need to log in to VFW.org first. You will simply need your VFW membership number to create an account at <https://www.vfw.org/oms/CreateAccount.aspx>

The same boiling water that softens the potato hardens the egg. It's about what you're made of, not the circumstances. Creating the VFW as you want and need is on you, we will help with the resources, but in the end it is what you and the team are made of that will produce results.

Steve Kjonaas
Department Commander

Jr. Vice Column Robert Kidd Sr.



First let me thank everyone within this great Organization for allowing me to be your Jr Vice Commander for this great State of Colorado. I am excited

about the new Veterans of Foreign Wars year starting. I am looking forward to working with many of the new officers and members within the Department of Colorado.

I know that there are a lot of changes happening within the Organization. Remember that we cannot always do everything as it used to be. So, I am looking for your good suggestions and ideas going forward to make this Department great. Always remember that it is the membership that makes the Organization great. We are here as officers to

guide and mentor.

I know that we are always talking about membership within the Veterans of Foreign Wars. But in reality, without the numbers within this great Organization it will lose that ability to push for the great many needs of the veterans. Let's not forget all of the great achievements that as an Organization we have accomplished for the veterans.

There are still a lot of things that need to be done. So, let's hit the ground running and remember what we are here for, Helping Veterans. I hope to see many of you at the first Council of Administration. Let's get this year started in a great fashion.

Robert M Kidd Sr.
Department Jr. Vice Commander

VFW Post 8898, Boone, Co., hosted a 104th Birthday Celebration

Henry A. Hess VFW Post 8898 recently hosted a birthday celebration for one of the VFW's oldest Veterans, Cirilo Razo on Saturday, July 7th. He turned 104 years old. 35 family members representing four generations traveled hundreds of miles to celebrate with each other and VFW members. Comrade Razo clearly enjoyed all the attention and is most proud of the support shown by his family. Post Commander Raul Montano said the honor of sharing this day with Razo's family and with the guest of honor was amazing and heartfelt. Montano said, "I can't get over the response from the family who clearly love and respect Cirilo!"

Born in Mexico and having immigrated to the United States, Razo spent much of his childhood in Bayard, Nebraska. He went to school until the 4th grade when the Great Depression forced him to quit and work in the fields with his father to help support his family.

After World War II began, Razo, despite not being an American citizen and

not having a full command of English, joined the hundreds of thousands of Mexican immigrants, Mexican-Americans and other Latinos who signed up for the US military during the war. In 1942, he joined the US army as a member of the 481st Anti-aircraft Battalion.

Mr. Razo landed on the beaches of Normandy during the D-day Invasion in 1944 where he fought hard while under fire from German fighter aircraft. His service earned him the World War II Victory Medal, European and Africa Campaign Medal, Middle East Campaign Medal, the Bronze Star, and Jubilee of Liberty Medal.

After the war, Cirilo Razo along with his wife Mary raised 13 children in Bayard. His Family, in which he instilled a hard work ethic, is the most important thing to him. Razo eventually relocated with some of his children to Colorado where he worked at the US Army Chemical Depot near Pueblo. Razo now lives in Boone, Colorado with his son Ben and his wife Vera.

Sr. Vice Column David Stone



Greetings comrades,

It is a great honor to have been elected as the Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Colorado VFW, thank

you one and all for your confidence in me. I know that this year's efforts not only will support Commander Kjonaas but will also make or break my year as the Department Commander, provided that I continue to earn your support.

Commander Kjonaas major objectives this year include a focus on Post Development and Post Revitalization. In support of the Post Development theme, I want to expand our use of the Department website to provide training resources to the Posts, Districts, and to some extent the Department council. The idea is to develop content that provides training, instruction and collaboration so our training and meeting times are more productive. Examples include the following:

District Commanders and members of the Department Council – use the website, in addition to email, to distribute council related documents such as meeting minutes and budgets along with instructional information such as how to read our budget, etc.

District officers and inspectors – provide detailed instructions on how to properly conduct an inspection. With

examples of forms like the 990 so inspectors know what they are looking for.

Program Chairman – use the website to document program chairman responsibilities, and information such as reporting requirements, budgeting and fundraising. This way documentation developed by one chairman can be easily handed off to the next.

Membership – Video how to for developing membership committees and programs. Detailed instructions videos on how to use memstats throughout the VFW year. Examples of welcome brochures and new member mentorship.

Community Service – Using a "what would this look like if we started over" approach I have been working with the Auxiliary and VFW to clearly define what the reporting requirements and develop a web-based solution that greatly simplifies data entry and program chairman reporting.

One of the things that I have learned is that people are willing to step up and help when they understand what the job involves and how important it is. Let's start using our digital resources to teach them.

See you on the trail.
David Stone
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



I hope this finds everyone in good health.

As we start the new VFW year, I would like to remind all Quartermasters of a few things while filling out your

quarterly report. Post's are no longer required to have a DUES RESERVE, but ARE required to have a relief fund. (See Section 219 of the National By-Laws). There is no set dollar amount, but some amount is required.

All Posts are required to have insurance if they have a building they own or rent. Make sure to have the Department and National Organization as

"Additional Insured". There has been a marked improvement in the accuracy of the quarterlies and I would personally like to thank you all.

There are 3 Posts that do not have an election report turned in. I have received word from National that Posts that do not turn in an election report may not be represented at the National Convention.

I am looking forward to this coming year. If there are any questions we can help you with, please feel free to contact Headquarters.

Bruce R. Dolan,
State Quartermaster

Chaplain's Column Kevin Reinhold



Comrades and Sisters,

May the love of our Lord Bless and keep you well this year.

I am honored to be in God's work. I thank our Lord for allowing me this opportunity to serve

each of you. It is also good to hear that some of our Chaplains are starting His work already by starting bible studies and reaching out to veterans and our communities.

If you are a Chaplain that thinks your only task is to say the Ritual Prayers at your meeting, you were misguided when you accepted the position. You need to start learning your full position. Your members look up to you for spiritual guidance and need to know of your sincere concern for them.

Mark 16:15, And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Colossians 3:17, And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Jesus.

I do look forward to visiting all of the District and Post Chaplains this year. Before I come to your District I will let your District Commander and District Chaplain know I am coming and pray that you will come so we can share in His word and teach each other through the year, sharing ideas to help each of us.

If you have any questions or need help let me know.

Kevin Reinhold
State Chaplain

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

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1
June 16, 2018 SERIES: 2018-2019

1. Having been duly elected and installed into the office of Commander, Department of Colorado, according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby assume command of the Department of Colorado. All previously appointed officers and committeemen s term of office is hereby declared expired and now ineffective.

The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 95th Annual Convention held June 13-16, 2018, Thornton, CO., and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

COMMANDER:
Steve Kjonaas, #3917
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Colorado Springs 80921
SR. VICE COMMANDER:
David Stone, #3917
6740 Goldfield Dr.
Colorado Springs 80911
JR. VICE COMMANDER:
Robert Kidd, Sr., #3917
4114 Morley Cr.
Colorado Spgs. 80916
QUARTERMASTER:
Bruce Dolan, #7945
1400 Carr St.
Lakewood 80214

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9705 Bar B Rd.
Fountain 80817
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T. A. Wolusky
6655 W Pimrose Dr Apt H
USAF Academy 80840

SURGEON:
Barbara Green, #4051
9025 Tuscany Way
Colorado Springs 80921
ADJUTANT:
Ronald Lattin, #5061
8912 W Radcliff Pl.
Littleton 80123

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Eric Veed, #4051
7625 Hammermesh Dr.
Colorado Springs 80920
719-238-6897

INSPECTOR:
Gregory Wawrytko, #101
2402 Parkview Blvd.
Colorado Springs 80909

SERVICE OFFICER:
(vacant)
PAST DEPT. COMMANDER:
Edward Aitken, #41
5000 Norwood Ave.
Loveland 80538

DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER:
Duane Johnson, #2797
2778 S. Ingalls Way
Denver 80227

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Mark Willison, #5812
551 N. Ramaldo Dr.
Pueblo West 81007

DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER:
Willard Wells, #807
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Boulder 80304

DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER:
Carol Thomas, #2551
32 Lake St.
Hillrose 80733

DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER:
Anthony Archer, #101
7318 Murdoch Dr.
Colorado Springs 80920

DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER:
Billy Deatherage, #2411
P O Box 254
Las Animas 81054

DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER:
William Flores, #899
20024 CO RD 6
La Jara 81140

DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER:
Kirk Rosa, #12009
416 S Pine Dr.
Bailey 80421

DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER:
Gary Hinaman, #4265
138 Pinyon Circle
Rangely 81648

DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER:
Leroy Chavez, #7945
10223 Pecos St.
Northglenn 80260

DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER:
Michael Davis, #9333
7544 Hwy 133
Somerset 81434

DISTRICT 12 COMMANDER:
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HC 63 Box 101
Monticello, UT 84535

DISTRICT 13 COMMANDER:
Rod Houser, #3411
P O Box 11
Kit Carson 80825

1. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:

The next Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, August 19, 2018. Joint Opening will be at 8:30 A.M. SHARP. VFW and VFW Auxiliary will be at Fort Morgan VFW Post #2551, 208 W Beaver, Fort Morgan, CO.

Training Sessions will be on Saturday August 18, 2018 at VFW Post #2551 Fort Morgan.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS OR THEIR PROPER REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT.

Any and all District and Post Officers and members are invited to attend. Uniform of the day will be black and white. All attending Officers must sign the roster with the Department Adjutant to record your presence at Council of Administration meeting and workshops.

2. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY: All Department Officers are instructed to comply with Sec. 515, Paragraph (c) "Proof of Eligibility". Such proof must be on file at Department Headquarters **prior to August 13, 2018.** Failure to comply will disqualify Council Members from participation in the Council of Administration and District Commanders for reimbursement of expenses.

3. 2018 SPRING SWEEPSTAKES: Prize winners of the Spring Sweepstakes are listed in this Colorado Veteran.

4. SUBSCRIPTION DUES notices will be mailed to the membership by National Headquarters. Call Department Headquarters with any questions.

5. NATIONAL CONVENTION: The 119th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. was held in Kansas City, MO July 21-25, 2018.

6. NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE: All Posts are reminded of the provision of the National By-Laws, which requires at least one registration from each Post. The registration fee of \$25.00 for the first Delegate and \$10.00 for the rest of the Delegates and a completed registration form must be sent to the Quartermaster General, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

7. 2018-2019 POST OFFICERS: Posts

**Surgeon's Column
Barbara Green**



For anyone who may have visited the Bruce McCandless State Veterans Community Living Center in Florence Colorado and wondered

"Who was this guy?" Here is the story of Bruce and the rest of the McCandless family. Bruce was serving on the cruiser USS SAN FRANCISCO in Pearl Harbor on December 7th 1941. Later the USS SAN FRANCISCO helped protect fast carrier task groups guarding reinforcements to the Samoan Islands. His ship led the formation the night of November 12-13 1942 to intercept 2 Japanese battleships, 1 light cruiser and 14 destroyers who planned to destroy Henderson Field on Guadalcanal. During the battle of Savo Island the cruiser came under fire from three directions and was damaged. Rear Admiral Callaghan and all but one of his staff were killed. Lt Commander McCandless became the senior officer on the bridge and took command. With his cruiser caught between 2 columns of enemy ships it took 45 separate hits by heavy shells. Although he was seriously wounded Lt Commander McCandless led the task group to victory. For

his actions, Lt Commander McCandless was awarded the Medal of Honor. Now Commander McCandless, he remained on the USS SAN FRANCISCO helping to drive the enemy from the Aleutians and assisted in the capture and occupation of the Gilbert and Marshall Islands. On March 8, 1944 he took command of the destroyer GREGORY and took part in the battle of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Commander McCandless retired on 1 September 1952 and advanced to the rank of Rear Admiral on the basis of combat awards. Other members of the McCandless family include Byron McCandless who served in the Navy during World War I. Captain Bruce McCandless II was a naval aviator who became an astronaut in 1966. He flew on two space missions – Challenger (3 Feb 1984) and Discovery (24 April 1990). As of 2014 Captain McCandless lived in Conifer Colorado. The city of Florence was named for Byron's mother Florence. Finally on 18 March 1972 the USS MCCANDLESS (named for both Commodore Byron and Rear Admiral Bruce) was commissioned.

Barbara Green
Department Surgeon

General Orders #1 - Continued

that have not submitted Report of Election forms will do so immediately. Posts that have not submitted their Election Report to Department will not be listed in the Department roster.

Posts who did not properly reported elected officers by July 1, 2018, were suspended for a period of ninety (90) days by the Department Commander. This suspension will automatically terminate when a properly completed Report of Election of officers is received at National Headquarters. At the end of ninety (90) days, the Commander-in-Chief may cancel the charter of any Post not properly submitting a list of officers to National Headquarters.

Please also send a copy of the Report of Election of officers to Department Headquarters.

8. QUARTERMASTER BONDS - AUDITS: It is the duty of Commander to see that the office of the Quartermaster is bonded and that Trustees Reports of Audits are completed, signed by the Commander, Trustees, and Quartermaster and mailed to Department Headquarters no later than 25 days following the close of each quarter. All Quartermaster bonds carried through Department expire **August 31, 2018.** The foregoing is a requirement of the National By-Laws. Bond Applications have been mailed to the Post Quartermaster and District Commander.

9. DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD: All requests for the State Color Guard Units or Ritual Teams will be directed by the State Commander to Chuck Cooper and will be handled in order of priority established by the Commander and recommendations from the District being considered. All requests will be submitted in writing to the State Commander, and it is requested that a copy be sent to Captain Chuck Cooper.

10. COMMUNITY SERVICE and OTHER REPORTS: Post Commanders are advised to send an **ORIGINAL report form - Community Service, Youth Activity, Americanism, Loyalty Day, Hospital and others pertaining to the Department Program report - DI-**

RECTLY to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO, 80214. Department Headquarters will duplicate same and send copies to the various VFW State Chairmen. The reporting year commences May 1, 2018. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2018-2019. Please make a copy of these forms for your Post files. Forms are available from Department Headquarters. **THERE MAY BE NEW FORMS FOR 2018-2019 REPORTING.**

11. VFW CAPS, OFFICIAL: All personnel are advised that there is only one official cap of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, namely, a cap of the overseas type, lettered with VFW initials, Post numerals, State, rank of office (when applicable), and bearing the Cross of Malta emblem. The color shall be regulation Army Shade 51 or Suntan, tropical worsted. Organizational echelons will be designated by the appropriate color of the braid and lettering on the cap. **Caps will not be worn while eating or seated during meals.**

All other types of headgear, i.e., baseball types, western types, sporting types, are not official headgear and will not be worn at meetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

12. 2017-2018 AWARDS: Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2017-2018 year, please notify Department, in writing, within Thirty (30) Days by applying for the appropriate awards.

13. MEMBERSHIP: The new membership year has started. Sign up a new and/or reinstated members and earn awards from Department.

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ Ronald J. Lattin
Ronald J. Lattin
Department Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:
/s/ Steve Kjonaas
Steve Kjonaas
Department Commander

VFW Post Membership by District as of June 30, 2018

Number/ City	2017	2018	%	Number/City	2017	2018	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	930	978	105*	859 Leadville	37	35	95
501 Denver	334	358	107*	1166 Buena Vista	130	128	98
2461 Denver	157	136	87	3820 Salida	90	87	97
2797 Denver	66	67	102*	8661 Bailey	138	131	95
5061 Denver	308	297	96	10721 Minturn	102	112	110*
TOTAL	1795	1836	102%*	11411 Lake George	47	48	102*
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
2788 Penrose	88	89	101*	12009 Conifer	137	144	105*
3641 Pueblo	152	158	104*	TOTAL	681	685	101%*
4061 Canon City	303	283	93	DISTRICT #10			
5812 Pueblo West	184	196	107*	322 Englewood	107	104	97
7305 Colo. City	45	43	96	3471 Morrison	68	75	110*
8898 Boone	43	44	102*	3631 Aurora	335	330	98
12063 Westcliffe	54	51	94	4121 Idaho Spgs.	53	51	96
TOTAL	869	864	99%	4171 Golden	446	450	101*
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	294	298	101*	4266 Parker	76	71	93
807 Boulder	45	44	98	4331 Arvada	325	297	91
1771 Lafayette	309	274	89	4444 Cmmrc Cty	212	212	100*
1781 Ft. Collins	324	337	104*	4666 Littleton	139	140	101*
2121 Greeley	168	187	111*	7563 Black Hawk	24	23	96
2585 Johnstown	214	193	90	7945 Thornton	384	368	96
2601 Longmont	359	377	105*	8449 Bennett	59	65	110*
4334 Ault	66	62	94	9644 Fort Logan	446	449	101*
6624 Evans	270	256	95	TOTAL	2674	2635	99%
9565 Broomfield	116	113	97	DISTRICT #12			
9741 Dacono	66	68	103*	4031 Durango	223	231	104*
TOTAL	2231	2209	99%	5181 Dove Creek	50	55	104*
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	205	224	109*	3411 Kit Carson	27	22	81
3378 Yuma	63	64	102*	6491 Burlington	68	67	99
3541 Sterling	109	99	91	6612 Hugo	38	37	97
3551 Brush	37	30	81	9491 Deer Trail	20	18	90
3951 Ovid	24	23	96	9700 Chynn Wlls	28	29	104*
3961 Otis	19	20	105*	TOTAL	181	173	96%
4671 Wray	54	55	102*	15006 MAL	2651	2604	97%
6482 Holyoke	56	55	98	TOTAL DEPT	16496	16362	99%
7153 Fleming	28	26	93	2019 dues are now DUE.			
8064 Akron	40	41	103*	Be 100% +1 in 2018-2019			
TOTAL	635	637	100%*	We are on Subscription Dues			
DISTRICT #5				Have you paid yours??			
101 Colo. Spgs.	490	492	100*	Buy a Life Membership			
3917 Security	636	641	101*	Thank You Thank You			
4051 Colo. Spgs	647	612	95	Thank You VFW and VFW Auxiliary members for all the cards, emails and calls during my recent emergency surgery. Every day when cards came in, they really helped my time both in the Hospital and at home. I am home and the Dr. says I am doing good and he did not want to see me again. Thank You!			
5221 Calhan	111	107	96	Dick Larson			
6051 Wldnd Park	49	50	102*	Note to Membership			
6461 Fountain	307	328	107*	If you need a notice to the membership of a member that is ill, in the hospital, or deceased, please give us time to get the notice out. We know that this is very important to all of us, and we do try to get the notice out as soon as possible.			
7829 Monument	136	151	111*				
10649 Elizabeth	50	54	108*				
TOTAL	2426	2435	100%*				
DISTRICT #6							
336 Ordway	94	94	100*				
2411 LasAnimas	98	92	94				
4001 Springfield	44	44	100*				
4091 Rocky Ford	48	45	94				
4281 Holly	27	28	104*				
TOTAL	311	303	97%				
DISTRICT #7							
899 Alamosa	110	102	93				
4849 La Jara	56	51	91				
6101 San Luis	66	59	89				
8121 Del Norte	55	54	98				
TOTAL	287	266	93%				

Membership 2018 - 2019

You probably hear that word non-stop, especially as we make a final push at the end of the fiscal year. However, membership breaks down into different levels and is vital to the sustainability and advancement of our organization. Membership includes both recruiting and retention, and starts at the Post level. The National Commander in Chief and the Department Commander set out different awards for obtaining different numbers of recruits. Every member in the VFW is capable of recruiting new members and finding a sense of purpose to keep other members in our organization.

It is the job of our members to push membership, be it through membership drives or educating the public on who we are, what we represent, and who is eligible. Every year, Posts are encouraged to reach 100%+1, and many Posts exceed it. Districts are encouraged to reach 100%+1 as well, to strengthen the District's numbers as well as our Department's numbers. Once again, this begins at the Post level. However, it is

not *just* about your Post, it is about our organization as a whole. We *need* to keep our members and keep recruiting new ones so that we can fulfill our mission at the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Every member we have on our books makes our voice that much stronger in Congress. Because of the VFW, we have the VA Hospital and the G.I. Bill. Because of the VFW, people can no longer protest at the funerals of our fallen. We cannot continue to create laws and programs for Veterans and advancement of our Veterans without our membership.

So volunteer to be on the Post's and/or District's Membership Committee. Spread the word of our organization to Veterans and their families. Help your Post create membership goals throughout the year to ensure your Post's success in membership, as well as that of your District and Department. We cannot do this without you.

Alexandria "Lexi" Faulkner
Department Membership

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKEND**August 18th and 19th, 2018****Hosted by VFW Post 2551 and VFW Auxiliary
208 W Beaver, Fort Morgan, CO.****Friday August 17, 2018****Starting at 3:00 pm to Sold Out****\$5.00 Hamburger w/side, \$3.00 Hotdog w/side****SATURDAY August 18, 2018****VFW Workshops
9:00 am****12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm LUNCH****\$7.00 Sub Sandwich, Potato Salad, Broccoli Salad, Dessert****Dinner 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm w/ Cash Bar
Meatloaf, Mashed Potato's & Gravy, Green Beans or Grilled Corn
Cobettes, Dessert: Assorted Cobblers & Ice Cream****\$12.00 / plate****RSVP by August 13, 2018 303-421-1630****SUNDAY August 19, 2018****8:30 AM****Joint Opening****VFW Council Meeting
to follow****Times and Subject to Change****Thank You Colorado**

Thank You to all of VFW Members and VFW Auxiliary Members who sent cards, made phone calls, sent emails, visited with PDC Jim Mauck in the Hospital and Nursing Homes. Attended Memorial Service at the American Legion in Longmont and Services at Fort Logan National Cemetery. I wish I could thank each and everyone individually. Thank you to the Past State Commanders for the Bible presentation. Thank you to the Navy and the American Legion for the Military Honors and to John Holland, Raul Shockley, VFW Post 2601 for their participation and to VFW Post 9644 for inviting us to the Post after Friday Services. Jim was proud to be a Veteran and an American. The VFW Family is always there when needed. Our Family "Thanks" each and everyone!
Ann Mauck and Family

TAPS

Post 1: Gary C. Wilkins
Post 1781: Harland E. Smith PDC
Post 2585: James E. Mauck PDC
Post 3820: Joseph O. Monserud



UL: Amber Jenkins, Cheyenne Mountain VFW Auxiliary 3917 and National President Dee Guillory; LL: 2nd Place Category 3 Buddy Poppy Display, National Convention; R: 2nd Place Ribbon Category 3. Thank You Amber for all your hard work.



Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary Officers and members attending National Convention in Kansas City, MO.



Department of Colorado VFW and VFW Auxiliary Officers and members attending the National Convention Patriotic Rally. All dressed up in Red, White and Blue and having fun.



Department of Colorado VFW Commander Ed Aitken prepares to pass the command of the Department of Colorado to Steve Kjonaas, who was being installed as Department Commander for Colorado 2018 - 2019.



Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary Officers and members relax after Shelley was escorted in by Ginny Rosa and Pat Gilmore for the Presentation of State Presidents at National Convention in Kansas City, MO.



This is a tradition that is carried out at Department of Colorado Conventions every year during the Installation of Officers. Department Color Guard presents the Department Banner to the retiring Commander, who in turn, presents the Department Banner to the incoming Commander, who in turn, presents the Banner back to the Department Color Guard. The Banner is then cased until the next Department Convention. There is also a tradition to have the spouses or a friend cap the installed officers and the Department Commander is presented with his State Commander pin, which is passed from Commander to Commander every year.



Department Color Guard will now case the Department Banner until the Department Convention June 2019. If your VFW Post would like to host the 2019 Convention, an application can be obtained by contacting Department Headquarters. All the requirements to host the Convention will be listed on the application. Takes a lot of advance planning and you need to start early to line up hotels, meeting rooms, meals, printing of convention book, registration, Golf Tournament and Military Banquet. Call 303-421-1630 for any further information and start planning.



Henry A. Hess VFW Post 8898 recently hosted a birthday celebration for one of the VFW's oldest Veterans, Cirilo Razo on Saturday, July 7th. He turned 104 years old. (See story on page 3 of this Colorado Veteran)



PDC Doug Raymond (red shirt) and Pam Gabarron, (blue shirt) at a recruiting booth to sign up eligible members for a new VFW Post in Brighton, CO. 10 new eligible members are needed to institute the Post and then members can transfer from other VFW Posts.



VFW Auxiliary 7829 Youth Group preparing to place flags on Veteran graves at the cemetery in Monument, 8 members, 17 kids.



Colorado Springs Fire Department A-Shift from Truck 4 and 8 extended their trucks "stick" to display the United States of America National Flag at Pikes Peak National Cemetery.



District 13 VFW Auxiliary Officers installation.



Truck 4 & Truck 8 crews with VFW Colorado State Sr. Vice Commander Steve Kjonaas at Pikes Peak National Cemetery. Cemetery construction is currently underway and VA held a dedication ceremony open to the public Friday May 25, 2018. First burials are expected to begin in October 2018. The initial phase of the project is anticipated to be completed in 2019.



Department of Colorado District Commanders are ready to be installed at Department Convention held at the Ramada Plaza Inn, Northglenn, CO., June 16, They all were elected by their respective District in May and are officially installed at Department Convention in June every year. Their year does not start until the Department Commander is installed at State Convention. Now their year of traveling and helping the VFW Posts in their District begins. They will also attend Council of Administration meetings, and all are a part of the Council of Administration for the 2018-2019 year.



Honor Bell Guard at Pikes Peak Cemetery Dedication.

At interment ceremonies, the Honor Bell is guarded and tolled by the Bell Guard.

Colorado Veterans Community Living Center Homelake's 17th Annual Summerfest

Our "New Look" to Summerfest that changed recently received such great feedback that we are going to continue that set-up. You can still sponsor a booth and have giveaways for the residents but we will have a game to go along with your booth. We will again have some carnival type booths and a food court. Rather than having the residents hurry through the line, we are going to have several areas for them to visit and our hope is that you will have more time to visit with our residents and staff.

Schedule of events:

Saturday, September 8, 2018

8:00 - 9:00 Set-Up then Cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee served in the Homelake Old Dining Room to all "HOMELAKE SUMMERFEST" participants

9:00 Flag Raising Ceremony

9:15 - 11:00 Tables/Booths will be open to the residents for the 17th Annual Homelake Summerfest!

11:00 - 12:30 Lunch will be served to all residents and Summerfest volunteers by Homelake staff. Awards/Certificate Ceremony (presented during lunch)

- * Nursing home residents with electric wheelchairs can maneuver around the entire campus with little effort.
- * 53 nursing home residents can ambulate or be taken to the event
- * 40 DOM residents are physically able to participate in the event
- * Homelake will provide cinnamon rolls and a veteran appreciation barbecue during Homelake Summerfest."
- * Monte Vista and Alamosa have several motels and other accommodations to meet the demands of housing for this event.

There are approximately 20 tables/booths available for sponsorship. If your Post or Auxiliary would like to sponsor a booth, please call Pam Self or Melanie Squire at 719-852-5118 or 888-838-2687. The DAV has graciously provided Homelake with the booths. Please call to reserve your booth prior to August 31st, 2018.

ALL ACTIVITIES DAY September 15, 2018 VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System 2600 Oakshire Lane Pueblo, CO 81001

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| 7:00 am - 7:30 am | Volunteer Registration. Parking will be provided on the west side of the Center and on the public street. |
| 7:30 am - 10:00 am | Volunteers Assemble Carnival Booths |
| 10:00 am | Opening Ceremony/Color Guard Flag Raising/
Volunteers Report to Game Booths |
| 10:15 am - 1:30 pm | Carnival Booths Open for Business |
| 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | Entertainment (various times during event) |
| 11:00 am | Veterans Go Through the Lunch Line |
| 12:00 noon | Volunteers Go Through the Lunch Line |
| 1:30 pm | Gift Presentations by Organizations |
| 2:00 pm | Volunteers Disassemble Carnival Booths |

ESCORTS: Volunteers will be needed to assist with escorting Veterans to the carnival. All volunteers wishing to escort, please come to the Nurses Station/Office area at 9:15 am.

NOTICE: Please plan on 60 Veterans to participate at each booth. Plan your prizes accordingly. We would appreciate all left over items from your booth be given to Recreation Therapy or Voluntary Service Staff after the carnival. We use these extra prizes throughout the year for impromptu parties and bingos. Any excess items not used by the CLC Veterans such as clothing & toiletry items are used for homeless Veterans in the annual stand-down event.

Alcohol, smokeless tobacco, cigarettes or other smoking materials are not acceptable prizes. Disposable razors, aftershave and mouthwash containing alcohol are not allowed as prizes.

A cart will be available to transport prizes to booths. Once the prizes are delivered to your booth, a member of your organization must stay with them.

Each booth will be furnished with two chairs. If more chairs are needed, volunteers are asked to bring their own lawn chairs from home.

Pictures of Veterans are prohibited. Our number one concern is our veterans' privacy. Please do not take their pictures. If you have any questions, contact a staff member.

MOST OF ALL..... HAVE A GOOD TIME!

Thank You Colorado

The family of PDC Harland E Smith would like to offer a heart filled Thank You to the Colorado VFW community for your caring friendship. All of the prayers, thoughts, and cards were a great comfort to us in Harland's passing. We appreciate all of the help from the Department Office, Ann, Rita, and Bruce you are a wealth of information and good advice. We would like to thank Lexi and Post 501 for allowing us to use your meeting room for the lunch after the service at Fort Logan. Thanks for your team that helped set up and cleaned up after the lunch. Past Department Commanders thank you for the beautiful Bible that you presented to Dorothy during the service. Harland loved the comradeship of his brothers. We can never repay the friendship of the Colorado VFW community but say this small Thank You for each and every one of you.

Dorothy Smith, Rena Smith, Kerry and Barbara Smith

RALPH EMERSON JACK GULDEN BLOOD CANCER FUND

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

For 2018-2019 our President's Special Project will benefit Colorado VFW and VFW Auxiliary members who are diagnosed with the dreaded Cancer. Let's take a journey back in time to learn about the Ralph Emerson Jack Gulden Blood Cancer Fund.

First established, by Jack Gulden, as the Ralph Emerson Blood Fund in 1998-1999 to assist members with high cost out of pocket expenses for blood transfusions. Both Ralph and Jack were members of Lambert Wright Roy VFW Post 8661. Ralph was diagnosed with a rare blood disease which required many blood transfusions. Blood could not be donated specifically to him to offset the high out of pocket costs of the time. The costs of the treatment were very hard on the Emerson family. Ralph passed at 65 years old on May 23, 1998. So, the Ralph W Emerson Blood Fund came into being to help other members.

Over the next few years, Jack continued to raise money for the "Blood Fund". He spent many nights cutting blood drops from red construction paper. These were given to Posts and Auxiliaries to collect a \$1.00 donation. Names were written on the blood drops and they were hung in the Post. There were 10 cent scoop dinners, dart and pool tournaments, cook outs, 50's Doo Wop parties, the Great Zarnack (ask about this), anything for a good time and to raise money. Jack was not without his own health problems during these years. Heart, vascular, diabetes and finally the Big C diagnosis in January 2009.

Cancer will put a strain on the family budget. Travel expenses for treatment, medical, food that is palatable and most important comfort measures. Jack had all the Wendy's chocolate frostys he wanted, the portable DVD player he wanted to watch movies during chemo and blood transfusions, everything he would decide he would try to eat including having lunch out with a friend. All comfort measures, travel expenses, medical, his every whim and wish were taken care of. Jack passed at 61 years old on February 25, 2009. So, the Ralph W Emerson Jack Gulden Blood Cancer Fund came into being to help other members ease the burden of fighting Cancer. This is what Jack would have wanted.

We still have Cancer Grants from National for VFW Auxiliary members. No contributions are required, no fundraising is required. None of us know what the future will bring. It is up to us to make sure a legacy is left that will help the Colorado VFW and VFW Auxiliary members now and in the future. Our Department President Shelly has made the Ralph W Emerson Jack Gulden Blood Cancer Fund her Special Project. Proceeds from her Veterans Pin will be donated to this project. Wear the Veterans Pin proudly, give them as gifts and purchase many! Use your imagination for other FUN Fundraising for this fund, report your donations and let your VFW and VFW Auxiliary members know you support assisting members now and in the future.

"Join Hands – Support Veterans"

Ruth Gulden,
President's Special Project Chairman



Auxiliary Name _____ No, _____

Number of Pins _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Send Pins to: _____

Mailing Address _____

Send Pin Order form with payment to: Ruth Gulden, 10658 Crystal Way, Morrison, CO 80465

Donation Amount \$ _____ sent to Dept Treasurer on _____

Fundraiser _____ \$2.00 per Member _____ Memorial for _____ Penny/Dollar March _____

Fine _____ email to: rockymountain star@hotmail.com or mail to above address



Auxiliary News

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Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



President's Column Shelley Schlieman



Good evening and thank you brothers and sisters, friends and family for being here this evening with me. I would like to begin by introducing you all to my family,

who have honored me by coming for this special event. From North Dakota, my daughter Lisa and son-in-law Paul, granddaughter Natalie and grandson Jared. My brothers Mike, James, sister Mary, sister Laurie and brother-in-law, Tom. From Pocatello Idaho, my sister Pam and brother-in-law Jim, United States Navy, Vietnam. From Denver, my son Marc and daughter-in-law Tami, grandsons Brandon and Kaleb. Because of work commitments, my grandsons Devin, Blake, Trevor and granddaughter Kaci couldn't be here. My sister Debbie, my nieces and their husbands, Tiffany and Joe, Tonya and Kyle, Brooke and Derrick, Brittany and Eric, and all their children. Last by not least – My Veteran – my husband Ron, USAF, Vietnam.

My Grandpa Joe served in the Army, WW 1. My uncles all served: Merle, USA, Korea; Herbert, USA; Ron, USAF; Donny, USAF Vietnam, Jerry, USA; Harold, US Army Air Corp, WW II B-17 pilot, German Prisoner of War; and my dad, Gene. My dad, upon hearing that his brother Harold had been shot down and taken as a prisoner of War, promptly quit high school and enlisted in the US Navy – so he could rescue Harold from the Germans. He was then sent to the Pacific fleet and never accomplished that job. My family has a history of service and, in honor of our family Veterans, I would like all of you who are life members of my Auxiliary to stand.

We are the village, comprised of many members who have stepped forward to help guide us on our journey. I would like to introduce you to some of them. Our District Presidents for next year are District 1, Ruth Gulden; District 2, Linda Reinhold; District 3, Jo Najera; District 4, Dee Chappell-Haley; District 5, Patsy Gilmore; District 6, Pam Valdez; District 7, Nadia Flores; District 8, Kathy Avery; District 9, Shana Merrill; District 10, Brigitte Dolan; District 11, Della Ware; District 12, Keith Huskey; District 13, Betsy Evans.

Next, I would like to introduce you to our Program Chairmen. Americanism, Brandi Dolan; Chief of Staff, Ginny Rosa; Historian/Media, Lennie Dolan; Hospital, Phil and Linda Reinhold; Legislative, Sara Robley; Membership, Kathy Carlson; National Home and Buddy Poppy, Ray Moelder; Scholarships, Stephanie Trujillo; Veterans and Family Support, Rena Cales; Youth Activities, Lucille; Chavez. Jackie New

Lander, Reporting. Marsha Harrison will be our Program Coordinator, Rosie Mitchell, District President Advisor, and Ruth Gulden, Special Project and Veterans Pins Chairman.

My Special Project is the Ralph Emerson, Jack Gulden Blood and Cancer Fund of Colorado. My Motto is Join Hands, Support Veterans.

My journey to this room tonight began fifty years ago, on a Sunday morning on the main street of my tiny farming community in North Dakota. Ron and I were saying good bye to my dad and mom, and leaving for under graduate pilot training at Reese AF base in Lubbock Texas. I cried through South Dakota, Nebraska, and most of Kansas. And so began our 21 years of being a part of a great Military family. 5 ½ year at Blythville Arkansas, with our B-52 crews on countless TDY's to SE Asia, wives left to man the home front, babies born, wonderful friendships and the tragedy of losing three B-52 crews, shot down as they flew to Hanoi during the Eleven Day War. 18 fathers, husband, friends and warriors, taken from us to soon, forever mourned, forever missed. Four years at Castle AFB, Merced CA, four years at SAC Headquarters, Omaha, NB; three years at Headquarters USAFE, Ramstein Germany, and finally 5 ½ years, back where it all started, Minot AFB, NDak. Along the way, making great friends, helping each other, saying good byes and then starting all over again.

Upon retirement, in 1992, we moved to Westminster. Civilian life – strange in its difference from the past 21 years - no common glue to bind us with our community. In 1995, we found the common glue again when we joined Post 7945 in Thornton. Veterans and their families, similar life stories, similar desires for service, similar and familiar, comforting and welcoming. I have come to love this great organization, our VFW's and Auxiliaries, always making new friends, talking, laughing, crying, and sharing. We all work for the greater good and to honor our hero's, our Veterans. All of you are my common glue that made my life whole again. Thank you, Ron, for taking me on this amazing journey.

I want to thank each and every one of you for what you do every day. I want to ask each and every one of you to stand by me and support me, as I pledge to stand by you and support you, and together, we will stand by and "Join Hands to Support Veterans". Thank you.

Shelley Schlieman
State President

(Speech from State Convention
Installation, June 16, 2018)

Youth Activities

Hello Everyone,

My name is Lucille Chavez and I am your Youth Activities Chairman for 2018-2019. First, I would like to thank Department President Shelley Schlieman for asking me to be the Youth Activities Chairman for her this year. I am honored for her entrusting me with this Program.

I look forward to getting involved with as many Auxiliaries as possible this year. I want to show, that even though we as Adults are very Patriotic, our children can be more Patriotic getting involved with our Auxiliaries, Communities, Veteran's and playing an important role in our future, as they are our Future. **BELIEVE WE CAN DO IT!!**

Your Reporting for your Auxiliary is very important. All Auxiliaries should be involved with Youth Groups to name a few, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Young Marines etc. I know that many Auxiliaries have Youth Groups helping with dinners, marching in Patriotic Parades, Memorial Services, the involvement is endless! Honor them with the:

Outstanding Youth Group of the Year Award:

All entries are due to the VFW Auxiliary by May 15, 2019, and all entries to the Department Youth Activities Chairman by May 31, 2019. The winner of this award will be awarded \$300.00 at the State Convention in June 2019.

Young Volunteers through your Community and Auxiliary. I also know there is one Youth out there that goes on and Beyond to help Veterans' Elderly or even Auxiliary's. Honor them with the:

Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award:

Youth must submit entries to the VFW Auxiliary by February 1, 2019 and VFW Auxiliary must submit all entries to the Department Youth Activities Chairman by February 15, 2019. Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year will be awarded \$200.00 at the State Convention in June 2019.

The Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation:

This citation is from National and available to any youth group. All entries will be due to Department Youth Activities Chairman by April 10, 2019.

The Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.):

These cards or coins are given out to any youth showing patriotism, whether placing their hand over their heart, helping others or thanking a Veteran. This is a good way to engage today's youth and encourage them for their Patriotism.

I will at our Council of Administration in Ft. Morgan have R.A.P. Coins and Cards for Auxiliary's to purchase (coins) if needed. I will hand out the R.A.P. cards to anyone who needs them and cannot load them from the Template on the Web. I will have all Award Forms available at the COA.

I also will have Reporting forms for you to fill out while you are picking up these Cards/Coins. What better way to report than to do it right there as you get these. I will keep a record of who has reported on purchasing these Coins and what Auxiliary has reported on giving them out to our Youths. My goal is to have Auxiliary's report, report, report. **BELIEVE WE CAN DO IT!!**

My Goals for this year are:

To have at least 3 Auxiliary this year report of submitting Awards and Citations from our Youths.

To have 4 program reports from every Auxiliary.

I don't think these are very BIG GOALS, **"REMEMBER BELIEVE WE CAN DO IT!!"**

Finally, there will be a contest for Auxiliary's to Create for Students Grades K-5.

This is something that the Auxiliary's can create with these Grades to have fun and go with it.

I have many ideas and at our COA I will be discussing all these ideas and hopefully your ideas to see what Auxiliary could do to have a contest. Could be a talent show, coloring/painting contest, Essay or writing contest. Again, the ideas are endless. So, think about this and come to the COA with your ideas and input.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at luvthosedenverbroncos2@yahoo.com. I will happily help you in any way.

Until next time, thank you all for what you do for our Veteran's and keep up your Great Work.

With Loyalty,
Lucille Chavez
Department Youth Activities Chairman

Plan on coming to Fort Morgan for Parade of Programs and COA - August 18-19, 2018

Thank You Thank You

On behalf of all my family, "Thank You" everyone for your support and generous donations to Austin's cancer fund. But more importantly, "Thank You" all for your prayers and love. Although there will be regular tests for many more months, Austin has completed his chemo treatments and final hospital stay. Thanks to your prayers our family is whole once again. God Bless You Everyone

Carolyn Simon, Evans-Hilton family and Howlin Family

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

GENERAL ORDERS #1

June 17, 2018

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

1. Having been duly elected and installed into the office of President, Department of Colorado, according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary, I hereby assume command on June 17, 2018. All previously elected, appointed and committeemen's term of office is hereby declared expired and now ineffective.

The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 94th Annual Convention held in Thornton on June 14 – 17 and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

PRESIDENT:

Shelley Schlieman (7945)
3537 W 113th Ave Westminster CO 80031

SR. VICE PRESIDENT:

Kathy Carlson (7829)
19527 Kershaw Ct Monument CO 80132

JR. VICE PRESIDENT:

Patsy Gilmore (3917)
1719 Ascot Rd Colorado Springs CO 80906

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Cindy Anderson (4331)
8281 Clay St Unit A Westminster CO 80031

CHAPLAIN:

Davina (Dee) Chappell-Haley (2551)
1103 State St Fort Morgan CO 80701

CONDUCTRESS:

Lucille Chavez (4171)
669 Miller Ct Lakewood CO 80215

GUARD:

Ronald Boone (2121)
2906 57th Ave Greeley CO 80634

2. Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents:

All communications must be answered promptly, using the proper channels as listed on page 12 of the Booklet of Instructions.

3. Following are the Program Chairs for the 2018-2019 year:

Program Coordinator: Marsha Harrison (1) 7762 E Phillips Circle Centennial CO 80112

Achievement/All State President: Caroline Gelatt (6624) 3201 Claremont Ave Evans CO 80620

All State Treasurers: Cindy Anderson (4331) 8281 Clay St Unit A Westminster CO 80031

Americanism: Brandi Dolan (7945) 16439 E Center Dr, Aurora CO 80017

Auxiliary News & CO Veteran: Ann Mauck (2601) 2130 Squires St Longmont CO 80501

Buddy Poppy/National Home: Ray Moelder (6624) 3201 Claremont Ave Evans CO 80112

Courtesy: Dee Chappell-Haley (2551) 1103 State St Fort Morgan CO 80701

Extension: Ginny Rosa (12009) 416 S Pine Dr Bailey CO 80421

Games & Raffles: Glenna Medina (2121) PO Box 874 Platteville CO 80621

Hospital: Philip/Linda Reinbold (5812) 834 W El Portal Dr Pueblo West CO 81007

Legislative: Sara Robley (5812) 571 E Paradise Dr Pueblo CO 81007

Membership: Kathy Carlson (7829) 19527 Kershaw Ct Monument CO 80132

President Special Project/Veteran Pins: Ruth Gulden (1)10658 Crystal Way Morrison CO 80465

Program Reporting: Jackie Newlander (3631) 3218 S Andes St Aurora CO 80013

Scholarships: Stephanie Trujillo (6624)

636 S Ursula Ave Milliken CO 80543
Veterans & Family Support: Rena Cales (6461) 7461 Fortman Ave Fountain CO 80817

Ways & Means/Fund Raising: Queenie Barz (5231) PO Box 533 Mancos CO 81328; Amber Jenkins (3917) 5135 Quill Dr, Colorado Springs CO 80911

Youth: Lucille Chavez (4171) 669 Miller Ct Lakewood CO 80215

4. Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents: Please place the names of Shelley Schlieman, Department President and Cindy Anderson, Department Secretary on your mailing list so all activities will be reported to this office.

5. All Auxiliary Presidents, District Presidents and Treasurers: In accordance with the Bylaws, all Installation Reports must be at National Headquarters and received by the Department Secretary by June 30, 2018. All Treasurers and Presidents must be bonded no later than August 31, 2018.

6. Auxiliary Presidents and Treasurers: In accordance with the Department Standing Rules, dues notices will be sent by the Department Treasurer to all unpaid annual members and the cost of postage billed to the Auxiliary unless the Auxiliary Treasurer has notified the Department Treasurer in advance that they have sent out their own Auxiliary Dues Notices.

7. Auxiliary Secretary and District Secretary: Please send the names and addresses of the Auxiliary and District Chairmen to the corresponding Department Chairman and Department Secretary.

8. District Presidents: Please send a complete schedule of your District meetings including dates, time, and location to Department Secretary, Cindy Anderson 8281 Clay St. Unit A Westminster CO 80031 or email to codept.secretary@gmail.com. Please do not schedule any District Meetings during Western Conference to be held November 1–4, 2018 in Vancouver, WA.

9. District Presidents: Annual Official Visits are very important and must be conducted. The Visiting Official should sign the Secretary's and Treasurer's books only if they are kept according to procedures outlined in the Booklet of Instructions. Every question on the Official Visit Report should be answered. A copy of the W-9 sent to National Headquarters and a copy of the filed 990 or 990N should be provided to the visiting Official.

10. Auxiliary Treasurers: Membership dues should be processed promptly through Malta or sent to the Department Treasurer for processing. Do not hold dues. A copy of the application for all new and rejoined members should be sent to the Department Treasurer.

11. Auxiliary and District Trustees: Audits for the quarter ends of June, September, December, and March must be sent to the Department Treasurer. Audits must be accepted by vote of the Auxiliary before being placed on file with the Department Treasurer within 30 days after the end of the quarter.

12. Hospital Reporting: When filling out the Hospital Section of the Program Report forms, you must indicate if volunteer hours are provided by a VFW or Auxiliary member.

13. Minutes of the 94th Department Convention held in Thornton, June 14 – 17, 2018 will be mailed or emailed to the members of the Convention Composition with the exception of the Delegates. See Section 812D.

14. Fall Council of Administration and Parade of Programs: Are scheduled for

Scholarships

Hello All of you beautiful people!!

The 2018-2019 has started and it is time for all of us to start reaching out to any and all students regarding scholarships. First and foremost, I *highly* encourage all Auxiliary and District Presidents to attend the Council of Administration in Fort Morgan, CO this month (August 18 to August 19). During parade of programs, I will be providing some critical information **verbally**. It will be beneficial for you to attend to not only hear this information but to hear any discussion that pertains to the information I provide.

For those who are new Auxiliary Presidents or new Scholarship chairman, please read the information that I wrote and will be provided in the Department of Colorado Auxiliary Program Book. There is information in there that you want along with homework for Auxiliary Presidents and Chairman. Yes, I said homework...I would suggest that as President or Chairman you make sure that anyone who plans to help or promote any scholarship that is provided completes the homework. What's the homework I'm talking about? You will need to come to Fort Morgan to find out.

VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

Hello fellow Colorado VFW Auxiliary members. There is another year ahead of us and why would this one be any different without change? Change is inevitable and that is obvious with our VFW Auxiliary National leaders decision to combine these two programs under one chairmanship.

Therefore my theme this year will be CHANGE.

Both of these worthwhile programs are supported by our efforts to collect the spare CHANGE from people we come in contact with. I challenge you to at a very minimum have a collection point for "Buddy" Poppy donation cans (which seem to be everywhere) and VFW National Home donation houses (which are out not so much). Both of these programs demonstrate our commitment to veterans and their families and should have equal representation at our individual post homes.

Most people outside our community of members are at least familiar with a "Buddy" Poppy. As far as the VFW National Home for Children most people have never heard of it. Our membership needs to CHANGE that. Please familiarize yourself with the history and benefits of these programs so that you can share with your friends how the programs have enriched the lives of our veterans and their families.

August 18 – 19 at Fort Morgan Post 2551. The full schedule will be posted on the Colorado Department web-site. Workshops will be held starting at 10:30 AM Saturday August 18 on Social Media, Web-sites, Membership, and Secretary/Treasurer/Trustees prior to the Parade of Programs which begins at 2:00 PM. Joint meeting will be held on Sunday August 18 starting at 8:30 AM at VFW Post 2551. Separate meetings to follow. Meals will be served at the Post. ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS.

15. Joint Homecoming will be held October 6, 2018 VFW Post 7945, 10217

Under the scholarship program there are two National VFW Scholarships that the Auxiliary assists in promoting and completing *and* there are two National Auxiliary Scholarships that the Auxiliary promotes and completes on their own. The two National VFW Scholarships are Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. Any and all information for these two scholarships, including the applications, can be found at www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships

The two National Auxiliary Scholarships are Continuing Education and Young American Creative Art Patriotic Art Contest. Any and all the information that you need for these two scholarships, including the applications, can be found at: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/> Please go to these websites to download all the scholarship applications *before* parade of programs.

See you all soon and I can't wait to tell you all my exciting information as I'm sure what I will tell will blow your mind!

Stephane Trujillo
Department Scholarship Chairman

These selfless acts of kindness toward others for others will CHANGE you. Why deny yourself the joy and happiness of giving a "Buddy" Poppy to a person and sharing with that person the other positive things we do for veterans? Have a brief explanation on our VFW National Home and see their eyes brighten as they begin to consider helping us help the veterans. Whether they reach in their pocket or not for a donation, thank them for their time and consideration for these worthy causes.

More CHANGE will be announced at our COA in August.

Please familiarize yourself with the information about these programs at: vfwauxiliary.org

More Information can be obtained at: vfnationalhome.org

I wish each of you success in the ensuing year and thank you for everything you do to help our veterans and their families. I value your input. Any questions, ideas or comments for your Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary "Buddy" Poppy - VFW National Home for Children Chairmen can be e-mailed to raymond.moelder@gmail.com

Raymond Moelder
Department "Buddy" Poppy - VFW National Home for Children Chairman

General Orders #1 continued

Quivas St, Thornton, CO 80260. Festivities begin at 4:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

16. To Department Commander Steven Kjonaas, Department Officers and VFW Members, I hereby pledge the continued support of all the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary, Department of Colorado.

BY ORDER OF:
Shelley Schlieman, President

ATTEST:
Cindy Anderson, Secretary

Membership 2018-2019



RECRUIT RETAIN***GROW

That's a great key-chain, right? You should see it in color! Red and white stripes and shiny

stars on a blue enamel background. Would you like one? Well, you can have one! How?

1. **Renew** your continuous membership **early** or become a Life member by **9-30-2018**

2. **Recruit** at least **1 new member** or rejoin member by **6-30-2019**

3. **All new members** will receive one!

Would you like to have an **Uncle Sam Hat Pin?** National will give you one when you **recruit 5 new** or rejoin members by **4-30-2019!** How about a **Patriotic Vest Pin?** Well, just **recruit 5 more new** or rejoin members by **4-30-2019** and National will give you one! **Why stop there!!!** If you **recruit just 10 more new** or rejoin members by **4-30-2019** you will receive the highest of honors the **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD!**

Find out more information at the State Parade of Programs/COA meeting, Saturday, August 18 in Ft. Morgan. Renew/recruit by the meeting, and receive your keychain!

Auxiliaries, would you like **\$25? Reach 100% plus** by **6-30-2019** and National will deposit \$25 in your account, and you will receive a **100% Certificate** from us!

Auxiliaries, would you like to compete for **\$50** and a ***We Believed You Could Coin*** given to your Auxiliary Membership Chair? **Share** with me, by **12-31-2018**, details of how you **recruited members!** The **most outstanding** training and promotion **effort** will then be forwarded to National for judging!

Auxiliaries, would you like to compete for an **additional \$50?** Prepare a **fact sheet or brochure** and use it as a membership recruiting tool. Send me a copy by **12-31-2018** and you may be chosen as the creator of the **most outstanding** fact sheet or brochure, which will be forwarded to National for judging!

Wow! Are you ready to **GROW** our Auxiliary? I am! Let's work together to increase our membership as we all **JOIN HANDS & SUPPORT VETERANS! BELIEVE...**

WE CAN DO IT!

Blessings,
Kathy Carlson
Dept. Membership Chair

Legislative

Hello!

First I would like to say how happy I am to be your legislative chairperson again this year. There will be so many important things happening this year and it will be up to us to be a part of the change we want to see in our government.

As you know, there are many ways for us to be active in progressing the legislative goals the VFW has identified. The most powerful way is to let your voice be heard by your legislators. We need to stand strong to help our veterans and their families get the benefits, services and assistance they need. If you would like more information on what the Legislative Priority Goals are, please visit: www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service

It is critical to our success that we stay informed on the issues. An easy way of doing this is to register for the Action Corp emails. We also gain access to Action Alerts that help us act on important issues facing our veterans and our government. The issues facing our veterans include VA Health Care Bills, rate increases to TRICARE, VA staffing shortages, and veteran suicide prevention. While this is not a comprehensive list, it does show some major areas of concern as well as identify key points for the VFW and Auxiliary to direct its attention and actions toward.

This is an important year. We are once again in an election year and will be having midterm Congressional elections. This is a time to let those in Washington really hear what we need from them...support for our veterans and their causes. Here is an opportunity

to get out, vote, and make a difference. Please make sure that you are registered to vote in your area; help others to make sure they are registered. It is only if we act together that we will get those people in public office to answer the call of our veterans. So, go out and Rock the Vote this year!

To accomplish all of our goals, it is important to stay active in legislative activities. Now is a great time to focus on **Submitting Auxiliary Legislative Reports**. While it is still early in the year, these reports are crucial and play a key role in our legislative efforts. Let our state and national Auxiliary know what you are doing - how you are contacting your legislators (phone calls, emails, letters, social media, personal contacts).

Continue your Grass Roots Advocacy. Reach out to your legislators and ask them to support legislation that benefits our active duty military as well as veterans and their families.

Join the VFW Action Corps! Stay up to date with what is going on - the current legislation that will affect our military, veterans and families. You can be a legislative warrior by responding to the special action alerts that the Action Corps puts out. Let your voice be heard!

Let us work together to advance our legislative agenda. Let us work together to be heard by our Congress men and women. Let us Join Hands for Veterans and really show this great nation just what it is we can do for veterans and their families.

Sara Robley
Legislative Chair

Attention VFW Auxiliary Treasurers

All New Members have to be submitted to State Treasurer Cindy Anderson
8281 Clay St. Unit A, Westminster CO 80031
Do not transmit or send to National
This is a change for New Membership Applications
2019 Memberships are now due

Auxiliary Membership by District as of June 30, 2018

Number	City	2017	2018	%	Number	City	2017	2018	%					
DISTRICT #1														
1	Denver	184	186	101*	4849	La Jara	46	40	87					
501	Denver	142	142	100*	6101	San Luis	28	0	0					
2461	Denver	120	106	88	8121	So Fork	109	109	100*					
2797	Denver	42	46	110*	TOTAL		318	278	87%					
3971	Denver	32	0	0	DISTRICT #8									
5061	Denver	132	133	101*	859	Leadville	26	26	100*					
TOTAL		652	613	94%	1166	Buena Vista	88	65	69					
DISTRICT #2														
2788	Penrose	35	36	103*	11411	Lake George	51	46	90					
3641	Pueblo	79	79	100*	12009	Conifer	36	32	92					
4061	Canon City	144	133	92	TOTAL		201	169	83%					
5812	Pueblo West	51	48	94	DISTRICT #9									
7305	Colo. City	24	27	113*	4264	Stmbt Spgs	33	32	97					
TOTAL		333	323	97%	4265	Craig	47	49	102*					
DISTRICT #3														
41	Loveland	124	120	97	5843	Meeker	31	33	106*					
1771	Lafayette	319	296	93	9374	Kremmling	22	19	86					
1781	Ft. Collins	107	115	107*	TOTAL		133	133	99%					
2121	Greeley	102	94	92	DISTRICT #10									
2585	Johnstown	75	75	100*	322	Englewood	106	87	82					
2601	Longmont	228	219	96	3471	Morrison	49	46	94					
4334	Ault	35	38	109*	3631	Aurora	113	97	85					
6624	Evans	217	218	100*	4171	Golden	326	313	96					
9565	Broomfield	44	38	86	4331	Arvada	142	142	99					
9741	Dacono	22	23	105*	4444	Cmmrc City	192	183	95					
TOTAL		1273	1236	97%	7945	Thornton	258	258	99					
DISTRICT #4														
2551	Ft. Morgan	127	127	100*	9644	Fort Logan	343	333	97					
3541	Sterling	72	67	93	TOTAL		1529	1459	95%					
4671	Wray	30	27	90	DISTRICT #11									
8064	Akron	9	0	0	784	Montrose	47	0	0					
TOTAL		238	221	93%	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	88	79	88					
DISTRICT #5														
101	Colo. Spgs.	84	79	94	3571	Delta	60	66	107*					
3917	Security	215	188	87	3981	Grnd Jcnctn	18	25	133*					
4051	Colo. Spgs	286	264	92	4663	Clifton	54	50	94					
5221	Calhan	28	27	96	9221	Cedaredge	59	59	100*					
6461	Fountain	133	144	108*	9304	Silt	13	0	0					
7829	Monument	35	41	117*	9333	Hotchkiss	20	24	115*					
TOTAL		781	743	95%	TOTAL		359	303	83%					
DISTRICT #6														
336	Ordway	82	80	98	DISTRICT #12									
2411	LasAnimas	114	102	89	4031	Durango	98	97	89					
4001	Springfield	26	0	0	5181	Dove Creek	40	39	95					
4281	Holly	9	0	0	5231	Mancos	64	60	95					
TOTAL		231	182	79%	9058	Nucla	20	0	0					
DISTRICT #7														
899	Alamosa	85	78	92	TOTAL		222	196	88%					
3228	Monte Vista	50	51	102*	DISTRICT #13									
TOTAL DEPT.		6,697	6,403	96%	3411	Kit Carson	28	25	93					

Chief of Staff / Extension / Mentoring

Welcome to a new year. I'm excited and hope that you will be also. There are a lot of new changes to the Extension program and I hope that each of the Auxiliaries will attend the Parade of Programs in Fort Morgan. There will be a packet for each Auxiliary President and even a drawing for one of the "Welcome bags". See you all in Fort Morgan.

Ginny Rosa
Department Extension

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Joint Homecoming for State President Shelley Schlieman
and
State Commander Steve Kjonaas

Saturday October 6, 2018

VFW Post 7945
10217 Quivas St, Thornton, CO 80260

Festivities begin at 4:00 pm

Everyone is invited to attend.



TAPS



Aux 4061: Frances Elmore, Frances Scenger

Americanism

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

I am honored to serve as your Americanism Chair this year, and would like to thank President Shelley for giving me this opportunity. I really look forward to serving in this chairmanship, and to having a great year promoting patriotism with all of you.

National has provided us with six goals for the *Americanism program* this year, and I will give you a brief overview of each. The first is *Safety in America/Disaster Preparedness*. This is, as the name suggests, being prepared for events when things might go wrong. The second is *Flags Across America*, which emphasizes placing flags in prominent places on patriotic holidays. Third is *Flag Education*. Many of the things we currently do fit this category, such as providing certificates to businesses and homes who properly fly their flags, holding flag retirement ceremonies, and going into schools to teach our youth patriotism and respect for the flag. The fourth is to *Promote Patriotism*. While there are a multitude of ways to accomplish this, most of us probably think first of our celebration of patriotic holidays. Some notable upcoming examples are: Independence Day (July 4); Patriot Day (September 11); Constitution and Citizenship Day (September 17); POW/MIA Recognition Day (September 21); and Gold Star Mothers and Family Day (September 30). The fifth is *POW/MIA Recognition*. POW/MIA Recognition day is the third Friday in September, which falls on the

21st this year. A great way to recognize the day is to set up a Missing Man Table and hold a ceremony. The sixth is the *Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award*. This annual program honors teachers who impart citizenship education and promote patriotism. Nominations for awardees are due to posts by October 31st. The form can be found on the website, or please contact me at any time for them.

This is only a brief overview of some common actions we can take for each of these goals. The possibilities are certainly endless - be creative and don't limit yourself to these ideas! Remember that *everything that you do counts*. There are also lots of resources available if you need help getting the creative juices flowing. At the first COA, August 18-19 in Fort Morgan, I will have information and ideas to expand on the six program goals on hand. The program books will also be available and given to auxiliary presidents. If you will be unable to attend, please make sure that you receive that information from your president.

I look forward to working with all of you this year. As always, please remember to report. If you have any questions on reporting or anything relating to Americanism or just need some inspiration or help, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help you.

Loyally,
Brandi Dolan
Department Americanism Chair

Veterans And Military Support

PROGRAM GOALS:

1. VFW National Veterans Service
2. VFW Veterans and Military Support Programs
3. Assisting Veterans, Military and Their Families

VFW Veterans & Military Support Program (VMS) which was known as National Military Services (NMS) still includes: 1. Military Assistance Program (MAP), helps us give more to our local military units by providing financial assistance for Posts, Districts and Department to sponsor moral-boosting send-offs, homecomings & casual get-togethers. For guidelines to apply for MAP funds, contact the VFW Veterans & Military Support office at 816-756-3390.

2. Unmet Needs, for when the family of an overseas soldier has an emergency happen, such as home & car repairs, rent-mortgage issue, insurance, utility costs, food & clothing. To learn more, www.vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants
3. VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero

Scholarships", VFW and Sport Clips are giving the gift of scholarships to our nation's heroes as a way to thank them for their dedicated service to our nation. To learn more www.vfw.org/student-veterans-support

4. Operation Uplink is still a way to help the soldier stationed overseas & their family stay connected. Free Call Days and unlimited calls home three days each month are provided via more than 450 Internet cafes. You can even request them for hospitalized veterans.

For reporting, National wants to know the numbers/counts of "Thank You" Coins and Auxiliary Resource Rack Cards you gave out, how many did you help and/or benefited from your project. Also, what your project(s) are that supports and/or serves a veteran and his/her family.

I'll have more information at the COA, Aug 18-19 in Ft. Morgan.

Rena Cales
Veteran & Family Support Chairman

Auxiliary News - Colorado Veteran

Four issues a year

July 1, 2018, August issue; October 1, 2018, November issue; January 1, 2019, February issue; April 1, 2019, May issue

If all articles and pictures are not in by the above dates, your article and picture may be held until the next issue.

Please submit COLOR pictures. Digital camera is the best picture. Please identify the event and who is in the picture. We don't always recognize everyone and what is happening. Please look at the background of the picture and also what is on the table. Alcoholic beverages on the table or in

hand are not desirable for print.

DO NOT send articles from your local newspaper. These cannot be re-produced in the Colorado Veteran. The article and pictures are the property of your newspaper and the reporter that did the article.

Pictures will not be returned. The Editor has the right to NOT print a submitted article if it is submitted late or is controversial.

Hospital Program

Welcome to everyone as we begin this new hospital year! Were you aware that the Hospital Program was one of the very first programs adopted on a national level by the VFW Auxiliary? It is not a surprise that it has been so successful and received such outstanding support. First, a final brief update on the new Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center. The clinic portion is open and in operation at this time and the Grand Opening date is now set for July 21, 2018. This facility is still accepting applications for positions and volunteers for over 150 openings. We will continue to keep you informed as additional details become available.

My deep appreciation goes out to all the Auxiliaries that took the time and effort to make sure that their volunteers received the volunteer pins and awards that they deserved for their incredible and dedicated service to our veterans. It was a source of pride to us all to be able to distribute these awards at the CO State Convention to those who had contributed hundreds (and for some thousands) of hours to the support and comfort of those in VA hospitals and CLCs. Please make every effort to tally and submit the hours and contributions of your volunteers for this (and previous) years. Also, give some thought to submitting a candidate for Outstanding Hospital Volunteer—please contact me early for an application.

Recruitment of new volunteers has been made a priority this year. Community Volunteer Recruitment Weeks are scheduled for November 5-11, 2018 and April 7-13, 2019. So many new and amazing opportunities are available. A

Hospital Volunteer Recruitment Kit is available from the National website at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Veterans Voice Writing Project is a therapeutic way to help vets express themselves in a creative way. You can go to www.veteransvoices.org - Check these out!

The National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic will take place March -April 2019 in Snowmass, CO. Consider helping with this worthy event. Every member should obtain and read the VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program Guide (includes the VAVS Participation Guide). It contains a wealth of information that you need to know about our program and the many ways that you can participate.

Military Suicide Awareness and Prevention continues to be a high priority for the Hospital Department and for the VFW and Auxiliary. A new program, Objective Zero, instantly and anonymously connects veterans, their families and caregivers, to suicide prevention resources and a support network. Investigate this app at www.objectivezero.org Remember, September is Suicide Awareness Month—more info to follow.

You continue to make such a difference in helping to improve the lives of our veterans and their families--Thank you again for your incredible support and assistance over this past year! If I or any member 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

Department Fundraising

First if all, Amber and I would like to thank President Shelley Schlieman for asking us to serve as co-chairs of Fundraising this year. We are excited and have some great ideas but we are also VERY open to your ideas and would love if you shared any of your fundraising ideas with us. We are up for the challenge, but know that we need everyone's help to have a successful year.

Things are a little different this year, as Ruth Gulden will be in charge of this year's Veterans Pins as the money collected from those sales will go directly to President's Shelley's Special Project, the Gulden/Emerson Blood & Cancer Fund.

BUT Amber and I will be busy thinking of creative ways for you to raise money for both your Auxiliaries and the Department of Colorado. We will have the usual cards and calendars for sale at each COA and in between - but check out our table for some new, fun, exciting items.

A couple challenges:
Try putting aside 25 cents each

day - or \$7.75 a month or \$93 a year. If each of the 71 Auxiliaries in Colorado gave \$93.00 each year to Department - that would be \$6,603.

Or - there are 5,875 Auxiliary members in the State of Colorado that belong to an Auxiliary and another 455 At Large members, for a total of \$6,330 members. If EACH member gave \$1.00 each month or \$12 a year that would add up to \$6,330 per month OR \$75,960 in a year!!! Can you even imagine what your Auxiliary or the Department could do for our Veterans with \$75,960???? WOW!!! I know that I spend more than a \$1 a month on foolishness ---- I think I would rather support a Veteran!

Amber and I both look forward to working with all of you this year. If you have questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to call, text or e-mail us. We are excited to see how much money we can raise this coming year.

Queenie Barz
Amber Jenkins
Department Fundraising Chairmen

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO FORT MORGAN

AUGUST 18 - 19, 2018

FOR

WORKSHOPS, PARADE OF PROGRAMS ON SATURDAY

AND

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING ON SUNDAY

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN OFFICER TO ATTEND