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Charley Shoemaker

**National Inspector General
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the
United States**

**National Representative
Fall Conference
November 17 - 18, 2018
Colorado Springs, CO**

Charley Shoemaker was appointed National Inspector General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on July 25, 2018, at the 119th VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

He served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1967, earning his VFW eligibility by serving in Vietnam. In recognition of his service, he received the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Charley has been a member of the VFW for 52 years. He joined the VFW in 1966 at Post 56 in Leavenworth, Kan., later transferring to Post 12003 in Lansing, Kan., where he maintains his Life membership. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post,

District and Department levels, culminating with his election as Department Commander from 1993 to 1994. Charley served as Chairman of the Western Conference from 2007 to 2008. On the national level, he has served on several committees, to include serving as Chairman of the Homeless Veterans Committee from 2002 to 2003; serving on the By-laws Committee in 2004; Programs Committee from 2008 to 2009; Council of Administration from 2009 to 2011; Board of Appeals from 2010 to 2011, and most recently as Special Aide-De-Camp, where he has served eight times.

Charley is retired. He is also a member of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

Charley resides with his wife, Roberta, in Lansing, Kan.

**Colorado Springs Fall Conference
November 17 - 18, 2018**

**VFW Post #4051, 430 E Pikes Peak,
Colorado Springs CO.**

Colorado VFW & CABA teams up for 8th year to aid veterans across Colorado. Airlift scheduled for December 9, 2018.

Last year, December 10, 2017 CABA, the Colorado VFW, MSU Denver's Precision Flying Team, Aerobatic & Glider Team, and Veterans Club, as well as Cub Scout Pack 39 of Evergreen worked together to collect and transport donations to Centennial Airport, where they were loaded onto 33 aircraft for delivery to Montrose, Delta, Alamosa, Pueblo, Las Animas, Burlington, Fort Morgan, and Greeley. In Montrose, a portion of the cargo was transferred to two additional aircraft which were then flown by highly experienced mountain pilots for deliveries to Durango, Cortez, and Dove Creek. Aircraft were met at the destination airports by teams of VFW personnel who distributed the goods directly to veterans and families.

The VFW Congressional Charter, Sec. 230102 - Purposes.

The purposes of the corporation are fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and education, and are in part:

- 1. to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members;***
- 2. to assist worthy comrades;***
- 3. to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans.***

Our Commander's Special Project - CABA fills in part the needs of

our organization. We intend to make the holiday season a little less stressful for our fellow veterans by giving them donated food and toys and a little cheer during this holiday season. Over the past 7 years we have distributed over 18,000 pounds to these worthy veterans and their families.

How can your post be a part of this project this year?

1. Financial donation from your relief fund. (put CABA in the memo).
2. Canned or boxed food donations.
3. Toys, toys and more toys.
4. Request a plane or planes to your local airport on December 9, 2018.

We now have 11 posts distributing food/toys and 33 planes flew merchandise to these posts last year. We hope to increase to more posts this year. Another group of pilots have indicated they would like to be part of the program in 2018. This means we need more posts to deliver goods.

The next move is up to you and your post and auxiliary. All merchandise/food/monies must be delivered to Department Headquarters by December 1, 2018.

Contact Peter Buchanan, PDC, for additional information or to set up your post for the air drop to your local airport.

peterbuchanan@comcast.net
cell 303.981.1606



**In Memory of
Past Department Commander 2005 - 2006
Darrell Anderson
Passed away October 7, 2018**

**Past Department President 1963 - 1964
Roberta Novosad
Passed away September, 2017**

Rest in Peace - You will be missed

NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT NO.	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
1	11/03/18 Saturday	Post No. 5061 Denver	10:00 am Jt Mtg 11:00 am Meeting Lunch to follow	Robert Kidd Patsy Gilmore
3	11/04/18 Sunday	Post No. 1781 Fort Collins	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Kevin Reinhold Lucille Chavez
4	11/04/18 Sunday	Post No. 4671 Wray	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Barbara Green Kathy Carlson
5	11/04/18 Sunday	Post No. 3917 Security	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Memorial Srv Meeting to follow	Tony Wolusky Ron Boone
10	11/04/18 Sunday	Post No. 4171 Golden	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Meeting	Ron Davies NO AUX MTG
11	11/04/18 Sunday	Post No. 1247 Grand Junction	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Joint 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Kirk Rosa Ginny Rosa
13	NO SCHEDULE			

*****Western Conference Nov 01 – 04 Vancouver, WA

*****Stand Down Denver Nov 08

*****Denver Veterans Day Parade NOV 10

*****Thanksgiving Nov 22 (Office closed Thursday and Friday)

DECEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

6	12/08/18 Saturday	Post No. 4001 Springfield	11:00 am Jnt Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Kevin Reinhold Shelley Schlieman
12	12/01/15 Saturday	Post No. 4031 Durango	11:00 am Jnt Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	David Stone Shelley Schlieman

*****FOUNDERS DAY Dec 02 Denver

Hal J. Roesch II, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief will attend

MOC and MOCA Grand Of Colorado

1. MOC and MOCA Grand of Colorado, next scratch is scheduled for December 1, 2018, 12:00 noon for lunch and meetings to follow, VFW Post 501, Denver.
2. February 9, 2017 at VFW Post 4051, Colorado Springs, 12:00 noon for lunch and meetings to follow.
3. May 18, 2018 will be Grand Convention at VFW Post 3917, Security.
4. December 15, 2018 is Wreaths Across America Day, the day wreaths are placed on veterans' graves throughout the U.S. Pup Tents can sponsor wreaths and sign up to assist with the placement of the wreaths at www.wreathscrossamerica.org. Pup tents need to be actively recruiting new members to both the Post and Pup Tent. If your Post doesn't grow, your Pup Tent cannot grow. If neither grow then the good works you do will start to diminish. Let's get out there and increase and multiply.

Bob Green, Grand MOC Commander L.O.T.C.S.

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Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

Nov	4	Silver Follar PT #1 MOC	Denver
	11	Broomfield VFW #9565	Broomfield
	18	Frances Brown Lowry VFW #501	Denver
	25	Tollgate Creek DAR	Denver
Dec	2	Grand MOC & MOCA	Denver
	9	Pat Hannon VFW #4666	Littleton
	16	Paul Westover VFW #3471	Morrison
	23		
	30		
Jan	6		
	13		
	20		
	27		

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 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 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.

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.

It seems summer has come and gone. We are now in autumn which means we are seeing a change in the weather. We have been unusually busy these past couple of months. Assistance to date: July 1, 2018 through October 4, 2018, we have expended \$31,139.73 in assistance to 61 Veterans and their Families with Rent, Utilities, and Vehicle Repairs etc..... If the trend for assistance continues we will be out of funds before the end of November, and the cold winter weather has not reached us as of this writing (October 4).

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.

Colorado VFW Foundation
Board of Directors

Happy Holiday Season

from

Department of Colorado Officers, Chairmen, and Staff

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



We are on the way through a great year here in Colorado. Many have stepped up to the challenge to create Posts that fit in the community through Post Development and revitalization. I'm grateful for your help, the outlook you have toward helping Veterans and their families, plus the genuine welcoming atmosphere I feel whenever I visit one of your events.

I remember when I was asked years ago while I was the Senior Vice Commander of District 5, "when are you going to run the state chairs? It was a good question and one that took about three nanoseconds to answer; you see I had my answer already prepared. I responded without hesitation: "I already started." Then of course the question of "why." "I want to be the State Commander because I want to be in a better position to effect change, the position will afford me that opportunity."

To effect change

They say that Harold S. Geneen, past president and CEO for ITT Corporation wrote, "The essence of leadership is the ability to inspire others to work together

as a team, to stretch for a common objective." What's our objective? Our objective is really a goal; objectives build a goal and create the reason we are all together here. Well, let's call it a common goal, one that meets our needs, a purpose that is measurable, and lastly is attainable. Our overall goal is to serve Veterans and their family members. Your objectives to effect change within your Post and District are the building blocks to reach our goal.

Build a map out of your objectives

I highly recommend visiting our website at vfwco.org and follow these bread crumbs, Main Page > VFW Members > VFW Membership Program. Look over the membership program, as this will help you develop objectives for your Post and District. Your objectives can only be brought into play by you and other members. I didn't say it was going to be easy, but the tools that create the map that reaches our goal are on display for you, you just need to reach for the tools.

Good luck and send me an email commander@vfwco.org with questions.

State Kjonaas
Department Commander

Sr. Vice Column David Stone



Greetings comrades,

As most of you know I am often an outspoken proponent of leveraging technology to improve communication and dis-

seminating information throughout the department. I strongly believe that we can use technology to reduce costs and provide new resources such as online training and "how to" resources. But is technology always the answer?

Like most volunteer-organizations we have members from all walks of life. Our demographics are varied – including Baby Boomers, Millennials, Gen Xers and more; all of which have common and yet different life experiences. All of us are Veterans, or the family of a Veteran but we served during different conflicts, times and locations.

Common among us is our desire to continue to serve others. The challenge is that we have adopted the different technologies of our time. Where a Baby Boomer may prefer phone calls, letters and periodicals, Millennials may prefer email and electronic newsletters, and Gen Xers may only respond to texting and social media.

As we move forward with adopting technologies at the department, we want to focus on those areas where we can have the most favorable impact by either reducing costs or providing new resources that make us more effective. Using the website to distribute community service reports to program chairmen is a good example of both. This has greatly reduced the amount of time the Department staff has to devote to making copies and has eliminated the

expense of mailing reams of paper to the chairmen. It has also made it easier for the chairmen to capture their data. The last piece of this change will be enabling the Post and Auxiliary chairmen to enter their reports directly into the Department website. When, win and win.

On the new resource side how about viewing training videos for topics such as how to conduct a Post inspection? The instruction would include instructions on using the form, examples of what to look for such as a 990, how posts can correct discrepancies such as how to file a 990, and other recommendations to make the inspection successful.

We also have an opportunity to use our website to publicize our good works and disclose some of our best kept secrets like the National Home along with the numerous local community projects. We just need someone to take a few photos, write it up and send it in.

One thing that hasn't changed is that communications remain a two-way street. As members we must choose to be engaged and informed. An email that isn't read is no different than an unopened letter. Training resources that are not viewed won't teach, and reports that are not submitted will not earn credit.

But at the end of the day we have to care for each other and often times all caring needs is a simple "how have you been" call, card or letter.

See you on the trail.

David Stone
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Attention Colorado

I am once again asking you and your Post for donations for the Department's Voice of Democracy program. The Scholarship awards are donated by various posts and other generous organizations, within our great organization. The donations I am asking for are for the banquet weekend. The banquet weekend is where we bring the top 5 essay winners to the banquet and provide an entertaining and educational weekend.

In conclusion, I am asking you personally to donate or take it to your post meeting and ask you post membership to donate to this worthy cause. Please send all donations to: Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood Co 80214 earmarked for Voice of Democracy expense.

Thank You for your generous donation in the past, and even more in the future.

Fred Scheck, Department Voice of Democracy Chairman

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings. I hope this finds everyone doing well.

As of today, we have 13 Posts and one District that are not bonded. Posts 7305, 9741, 4671, 5221, 10649, 4849,

5261, 322, 3631, 4121, 4444, 7563, and 9491 have not bonded. Also, District 13 is without a bond. Please read Section 703 of the National By-Laws. They are very clear. "...shall be bonded..." All bonds expire on August 31 of the year following the purchase of the bond. You may buy a surety bond with any Company you want, but you must have one. The paper work for the bond is on the web site, vfwco.org. Go to VFW Members tab. The dropdown has a tab that says VFW Forms and Documents. Click this on. Click on Post Forms. The very top line says "2018-2019 Bond Application." Print this, fill it out and send to Department. And as always, if you have any questions, call Department and we'll help.

My favorite subject is "AUDITS". It is now into October and we have 10 Post and 3 districts that have not turned in the June Audit. This is a requirement

for the bonding Company to settle any claim you may have. Your Quarterly Audit must be done in a timely manner. That means within 30 days of the end of the Quarter. If the Quarter ends June 30, you have until the end of July to have a correct audit to Department. (July 25 to count towards All State.) We have even made it easy. You can do it online. No stamps, no blaming the Post Office for it being late, and, it's on the same web site as the Bond Application. This now makes it not only easy, but fun too. The audits have been getting better and better. For those who have not turned a June Audit, you now owe me a September Audit.

I had the pleasure of going to the Homecoming of our new Commander in Chief, BJ Laurence in Albuquerque a few weeks ago. BJ has been a friend to this Department for many years and will do a great job as C-I-C. We will try and announce his next visit to Colorado, so when he does come back, try and make a point of seeing and visiting with him. **DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR FLU SHOTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Bruce R. Dolan,
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Jr. Vice Column Robert Kidd Sr.



Well here we are already heading into the Fall. That means that the Holidays are just around the corner.

As I travel throughout the State making new friends and meeting fellow comrades, I am glad to see that a lot is happening within the State. It was nice to see a new Post instituted in Brighton. I have attended the ceremony for an Auxiliary before but never been to one for a Post; it was enlightening.

I will be attending the Jr Vice Commander Conference from the 11th to 14th of Oct 2018 in Kansas City. I am looking forward to the training and learning what the Ideals of this year's National Officer are going forward.

This is from the National Commanders Bulletin: V-mail: Go online to <http://www.vfw.com> to stay in communication with other Posts as well as with National Headquarters. Check in often for important VFW updates and news from national. The VFW Membership Department will be using this avenue for communication more regularly. If you need assistance logging in or your password, contact Leticia Cortez in the Membership Department at 816-756-3390, ext. 6292. I have found that it is very important for the Quartermaster to check the Post V-mail account often.

Yours in Comradeship
Robert M Kidd Sr.
Department Jr. Vice Commander

Minturn VFW 10721 Inaugural Memorial Golf Tournament

VFW Post 10721 Minturn, for over 20 years raised money for six local high school and follow-on college scholarships at a Rummage sale that was suddenly stopped when the local school Board condemned the building. To answer the call, Post members in May 2018 voted to host the 911 "Never Forget" Inaugural Memorial Golf Tournament at the local EagleVail Golf Course. The tournament was organized by Moses Gonzales and Buddy Sims to host 120 golfers (30 teams), to have a 911 Memorial Ceremony at 8:00 am, and followed by a scramble golf start at 8:30 am. To our benefit members and supporters knocked on doors and asked for donations resulting in local corporations donating the lunch menu. The golf tournament sold out four weeks before 911. Execution of the 911 event, like a full military OPS plan, was conducted with perfect Colorado weather and included EMS vehicles in the background with flashing lights, Post and EMS Color Guard in action, local musician Tony Gulizia singing the National Anthem, Post Commander CPO (Ret.) Al Zepeda, USN speaking on 911, and local Oktoberfest Band Star Helmut Fricker blasting out the start of golf with his Alpine Horn and hand-held organ music.

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

General Orders No. 2
November 1, 2018 Series: 2018-2019

1. Post & District Inspections should be completed by December 31, 2018. Send all three (3) copies to Department Headquarters for the Department Inspector to review. If he finds any irregularities he will confer with the State Commander and a letter of recommendation will be written to the Post Commander.

2. Section 709 of the VFW National By-Laws concerns Disposition of Real Property, i.e. Post Homes. Written notice of such proposal has first to be given to each member of said unit and the Department Commander ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and then only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those present and voting at such regular or special meeting.

3. It is the obligation of every member to GET OUT AND VOTE for the candidates of their choice. Take a friend or friends with you to the voting place. Election Day is November 6th and you must be registered to exercise your right to vote.

4. Post Quartermaster and District Quartermaster Bonds expired August 31, 2018. 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 vfwco.org VFW 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, 2018 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.

Attest:
Bruce R. Dolan
State Adjutant

By Command Of:
Steve Kjonaas
State Commander

Thank You Colorado

Thank You Colorado VFW members and VFW Auxiliary members for all the Thinking of You cards that I received during the latest health problem. Carol gave me the cards every day and we both enjoyed them and all of them helped us get through some tough days. Also received phone calls, and emails and we thank all of you for your concerns. Colorado VFW members and Auxiliary are always there when the call goes out.

PDC Darrell Anderson

Chaplain's Column Kevin Reinhold



Hello Comrades and Sisters,

I hope and pray all's well with each of you. Since our last article God has been working through some of our Chaplains. We can only

pray that He continues as we go forward doing His work. The Chaplains in our state have started to communicate through email. This is a good thing so we can help each other to better help our veterans and their families. Connect and Communicate. If you are one of the Chaplains that did not receive an email from me or another Chaplain in the state, send me an email and I can put you on the list.

The good Lord has been working to help us get free Bibles and materials for our ministries. If you would like the contact information so you can order these items, send me an email and I will send you the contact and information.

We are putting together a training program on Basic Chaplain Training. When the training is ready, we will let you know when and where the training will be held. This training will be for VFW and Auxiliary Chaplains. We do the same mission.

Matthew 18:12-14: 12 "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? 13 And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. 14 In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of those little ones should perish.

As a Chaplain you have a flock. Tend to your flock and don't let any of them wander off.

God bless you, your ministry and our membership.

Kevin Reinhold
Department Chaplain

Surgeon's Column Barbara Green



There is a new Dental and Vision plan open season 12 November to 10 December 2018. The Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance

Program (FEDVIP) are replacing the Delta Dental plan for active duty and retired military members starting 1 January 2019. A vision plan is also being added. Most military retirees and their families who are enrolled in Tricare will be able to enroll in FEDVIP for dental and vision coverage. Active duty family members are eligible for vision coverage under FEDVIP but not dental. They may still enroll in the Tricare dental program. The vision coverage is in addition to the routine eye examination benefit that many have currently under Tricare Prime or Select.

With the new FEDVIP dental plan some carriers have a waiting period of up to a year for major dental work or orthodontic services so read the fine print. Also if you are in the middle of in-progress treatment be sure that the new plan covers the service.

The change to the new plan is not automatic. Eligible members need to make choices. Check out the 2018 rates at <http://tricare.benefeds.com/InfoPortal/>

indexAction - however the rates will likely change. Also at Tricare.benefeds.com you can sign up for updates about the FEDVIP program by email and text.

The only way to enroll outside of the open enrollment period is for a qualifying life event like marriage or retirement from the military.

Eligible members will get to choose between 10 dental carriers and 4 vision carriers. But some dental providers provide only regional coverage while others provide national and international coverage. Some carriers offer standard coverage and more costly premium plans. If you need more costly dental procedures currently or in the future the higher-cost coverage might be more cost effective.

2019 rates and plan information should be available in mid-October.

To prepare: Make sure your information is up to date in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System commonly known as DEERS. If you have not received a post card about the new plans that may mean that officials do not have a good mailing address for you.

Barbara Green
Department Surgeon

Brighton VFW Post 12174

After a year of recruitment and monthly organizational meetings, PDC/New Post Chairman Doug Raymond under PDC Ed Aitken and Commander Steve Kjonaas, successfully formed a new Post in Brighton. Monday, August 20th at the Elks Lodge in Brighton, Commander Steve Kjonaas instituted the members followed by the election and installation by PDC Pete Buchanan who installed the new Commander Pam Gabarron of VFW Post 12174 and other new officers with the assistance of several PDCs, Department and District Officers.

In attendance of this event were several family members, VFW Auxiliary members, members of the Brighton Fire Department and the Mayor of Brighton, Ken Kreutzer.

A reception followed this event.

Congratulations to the new members and officers of VFW Post 12174 in Brighton. Congratulations also to the transfer members, as they will add to the strength of this VFW. The charter period is open for 90 days to join this Post. If you are interested in joining them, contact PDC Doug Raymond.

Be sure to watch them grow and prosper the rest of this year and years to come. We welcome them and the Department and District Officers and members will be there to help them with training, information and friendship.

VFW Post Membership by District as of October 19, 2018

Number/ City	2018	2019	%	Number/City	2018	2019	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	952	872	91	859 Leadville	35	24	69
501 Denver	353	277	78	1166 Buena Vista	123	132	107
2461 Denver	136	110	81	3820 Salida	87	72	83
2797 Denver	66	37	56	8661 Bailey	126	121	96
5061 Denver	290	246	85	10721 Minturn	112	89	79
TOTAL	1797	1532	85%	11411 Lake George	48	40	83
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
2788 Penrose	85	69	81	12009 Conifer	143	102	71
3641 Pueblo	152	127	84	TOTAL	674	580	86%
4061 Canon City	272	262	96	DISTRICT #10			
5812 Pueblo West	195	162	83	322 Englewood	102	98	96
7305 Colo. City	43	38	88	3471 Morrison	71	64	90
8898 Boone	43	37	86	3631 Aurora	323	297	92
12063 Westcliffe	51	48	94	4121 Idaho Spgs.	51	46	90
TOTAL	841	743	88%	4171 Golden	440	390	89
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	291	248	85	4266 Parker	71	71	100*
807 Boulder	41	40	98	4331 Arvada	294	255	87
1771 Lafayette	270	263	97	4444 Cmmrc Cty	207	186	90
1781 Ft. Collins	330	276	84	4666 Littleton	139	123	88
2121 Greeley	186	151	81	7563 Black Hawk	23	21	91
2585 Johnstown	189	157	83	7945 Thornton	362	339	94
2601 Longmont	369	320	87	8449 Bennett	64	41	64
4334 Ault	61	62	102*	9644 Fort Logan	441	396	90
6624 Evans	253	226	89	TOTAL	2588	2327	90%
9565 Broomfield	109	96	88	DISTRICT #12			
9741 Dacono	67	49	73	4031 Durango	227	214	94
12174 Brighton	0	27	0	5181 Dove Creek	50	45	90
TOTAL	2166	1915	88%	5231 Mancos	144	132	92
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	216	180	83	3411 Kit Carson	22	20	91
3378 Yuma	64	63	98	6491 Burlington	67	69	103*
3541 Sterling	97	92	95	6612 Hugo	36	31	86
3551 Brush	30	34	113*	9491 Deer Trail	17	17	100*
3951 Ovid	23	19	83	9700 Chynn Wlls	29	23	79
3961 Otis	20	19	95	TOTAL	171	160	94%
4671 Wray	55	49	89	15006 MAL	2627	2238	85%
6482 Holyoke	54	47	87	TOTAL DEPT	16065	14177	88%
7153 Fleming	26	24	92	2019 dues are now DUE			
8064 Akron	39	44	113*	Be 100% +1 in 2018-2019			
TOTAL	624	571	92%	DISTRICT #14			
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #15			
101 Colo. Spgs.	485	460	95	4031 Durango	227	214	94
3917 Security	629	582	93	5181 Dove Creek	50	45	90
4051 Colo. Spgs	609	544	89	5231 Mancos	144	132	92
5221 Calhan	107	84	79	9058 Nucla	36	34	94
6051 Wdln Park	50	49	98	TOTAL	457	425	93%
6461 Fountain	322	273	85	DISTRICT #16			
7829 Monument	151	110	73	3411 Kit Carson	22	20	91
10649 Elizabeth	53	48	91	6491 Burlington	67	69	103*
TOTAL	2406	2150	89%	6612 Hugo	36	31	86
DISTRICT #6				DISTRICT #17			
336 Ordway	93	85	91	9491 Deer Trail	17	17	100*
2411 LasAnimas	88	84	95	9700 Chynn Wlls	29	23	79
4001 Springfield	43	37	86	TOTAL	171	160	94%
4281 Holly	27	28	104*	15006 MAL	2627	2238	85%
TOTAL	251	234	93%	TOTAL DEPT	16065	14177	88%
DISTRICT #7				DISTRICT #18			
899 Alamosa	98	90	92	4031 Durango	227	214	94
4849 La Jara	51	48	94	5181 Dove Creek	50	45	90
6101 San Luis	59	52	88	5231 Mancos	144	132	92
8121 Del Norte	54	38	70	9058 Nucla	36	34	94
TOTAL	262	228	87%	TOTAL	457	425	93%

New Mission at the VA is Service

There is a new plan in the works to make customer service at the Veterans Administration (VA) priority one.

VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said that he has the commitment of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to work together on developing a new electronic "patient-centered health care system."

Wilkie referenced his late father, a severely wounded warrior, who had to hand-carry his 800 pages of medical records to ensure he received the proper care at the VA. Retired Army Lt. Col. Robert Leon Wilkie Sr. was severely wounded in the U.S. operation in Cambodia. The senior Wilkie had been a strapping 240 pounds before he was wounded in 1970. He returned home weighing 115 pounds.

"The VA is about serving veterans," said Wilkie. "My prime directive is customer service."

And customer service is what Wilkie is confident should improve under the VA Mission Act, which was recently signed into law. Increased funding as a result of the Mission Act, which is projected to cost more than \$50 billion over five years, should alleviate many of the problems associated with the previous Choice Program.

Wilkie, a former assistant secretary of defense under President George W. Bush and former undersecretary for current Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, replaced David Shulkin, who was fired amid ethics charges and internal rebellion over the role of private care for veterans. Wilkie is tasked with delivering on President Trump's campaign promises to fire ineffective VA employees and steer more patients to the private sector. But Wilkie also realizes that veterans need care from providers who can speak "in the language of veterans" and who "know what you've been through," an option that the private sector cannot provide."

The private sector also "cannot replicate" what the VA does on spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries, prosthetics, services for the blind, and suicide prevention, Wilkie said.

Military Connection by Debbie Gregory

Membership 2018 - 2019

As we enter the second quarter of the VFW's fiscal year, we need to remember that membership is the driving force of our great organization. District and Post Commanders and Quartermasters hear about membership on a constant basis, but it is not only up to them to recruit and retain. Membership starts at the Post level and works itself to the top; every one of our Comrades play a role in the successes or failures of membership. Thankfully, as Veterans, we tend to strive for success.

This year is off to a great start with membership, with 11 posts already surpassing 100%+1. We currently have more than 87.55% in membership, a feat which was not made until much later in the last fiscal year. This increase in membership is due to the over 700 life members that have been reactivated, as well as the hard work of recruiters. However, some of the reinstated members may be deceased, and the vast majority of them have undeliverable addresses. It is important that we track these comrades down and update their information; we cannot take care of our members if they fall through the cracks.

When our members fall through the cracks, it impacts our retention rates.

However, retention is not simply about numbers, it is about ensuring that our members are being taken care of. A lot of our Comrades need a sense of purpose, and mentoring them gives them the opportunity to advance within our ranks and do great things. A lot of members are here for the comradery—provide it. If you have not seen a Comrade in a while, check up on them. Let them know the VFW cares. If we took better care of *all* of our Comrades, retention would not be an issue.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a strong entity because of our membership; our strength in numbers has allowed us to improve the lives of Veterans. It is crucial that we continue to recruit, mentor, and retain our Veterans. If you would like to learn more about membership, a PowerPoint presentation is available on the Department website, <https://vfwco.org>. Help your Post out with membership drives, mentoring, special programs, and community efforts so that our motto, "No One Does More for Veterans" remains true.

Alexandria (Lexi) Faulkner
Department Membership Director

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKEND

November 17th and 18th, 2018

Hosted by VFW Post 4051 and VFW Auxiliary
430 E Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs, CO.

Friday November 16, 2018

6:00 PM Auxiliary Thanksgiving Dinner (RSVP Required)
7:00 PM Live Band and Dancing \$10.00 (RSVP Required)

SATURDAY November 17, 2018

VFW Workshops

10:00 am - Suicide Prevention - Phil Reinhold

10:00 - 11:30 am - Post and District Service Officer Training
(The Do's and Don't - new information)

10:30 am - Onward to Opportunity, Accredited Certification
Training, Joe V. Aldaz, Jr., Program Manager, Fort Carson
VFW Post 4051

12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm LUNCH
\$6.00 Sub Sandwich, Chips
VFW Post 4051

1:00 - 2:00 pm - Membership Program update-
Alexandria Faulkner and Kevin Reinhold
2:00 - 3:00 pm - Quartermaster Training - Robert Kidd Sr.
3:00 pm - Commander's Q & A

Dinner 6:00 pm - Prime Rib \$12.00 (RSVP required)
7:30 pm - Disk Jockey and Dancing (Free and open to all)

SUNDAY November 18, 2018 - 8:30 am
Joint Opening - VFW Post 4051
VFW Council Meeting to follow

All RSVPs to VFW 4051 - Christopher Linski 719-231-5094

TAPS

Post 1247: John Timar
Post 2551: Darrell Anderson PDC
Post 2601: David Pfannenstiel
Post 3411: Allen Naugle
Post 3820: William A. Gutheridge, Lawrence H. Johanssen, William H. Sustrich
Post 4051: James Hackett
Post 5485: Arthur T. Weaver
Post 10721: Hubert Peterson, Dick Froberg, Herbert Rubinstein, Larry Trotter



Members of Minturn VFW Post 10721 Flag Honor Guard opened the Vail Christian High School football homecoming game on October 5th at the Gypsum Football Stadium. L-R: Pat Hammon, Berne Krueger, Buddy Sims, Pete Thompson, and front center Sheryl Engleby, PTA Supporter.



USS Pueblo 50th Reunion was held in Pueblo at the Marriott Hotel. The USS Pueblo was a small spy ship - 83 crew members - sailing off the coast of North Korea on a wintry Jan. 23, 1968, eavesdropping on North Korea radio traffic.



Pueblo West VFW Auxiliary 5812 did the POW-MIA Ceremony on National POW-MIA Day at the USS Pueblo 50th Reunion banquet. L-R: June Bush, Pat Hipp, Phil Reinbold, Linda Reinbold, Jackie Gribble.



Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. December 15, 2018, Fort Logan Cemetery will also be observing Wreaths Across America Day and wreaths will be placed on veterans' graves throughout the cemetery.



VFW Post 10721, 911 inaugural "Never Forget" Memorial Golf Tournament was a success & earned over \$35,000 towards six high school and college scholarships.



Monument Family Freedom Festival for Colorado Veterans, El Paso County Voter Registration Officer were on hand to register voters and answer registration question. Festival was held in September 2018.



Monument Family Freedom Festival Veterans and Family Support table was visited by two wives of recently deployed soldiers with their children. VFW Auxiliary 7829 offers free babysitting and other assistance to deployed families. Almost out of the picture right, is Doug Lyons, VFW 7829 Chaplain.



Monument Family Freedom Festival also offered a place for children. Ihan Sharp, member of VFW Auxiliary 7829 Youth Group, read the book, A Poppy to Remember, to children that attended the Festival. If you have questions about Family Freedom Festival for your Auxiliary, contact Kathy Carlson, VFW Department Sr Vice President. Monument had a very successful event with flag ceremony for the community with the description of the 13 folds, education on the flag for children and many other events.



Many years ago Buddy Poppy Chairman held Buddy Poppy Car Races. Lots of fun and laughs. Above is a Car built by Golden VFW Post and Auxiliary 4171. Orlen Wolf is the driver. Does anyone recognize the Hotel??



Francis Brown Lowry VFW Post 501 and Auxiliary also entered the State Convention Buddy Poppy Car Race. Harold Hathaway and Mickie foot peddled this one.



VFW Post 1247 Grand Junction built this Buddy Poppy Car for the Races.



Verle Huffman VFW Post 9644 and Auxiliary built a truck for the Races.



State Adj./Qm. Bruce Dolan attended a Birthday Party at Francis Brown Lowry VFW Post 501, Denver, for Soloman Trujillo who turned 102 years young, September 4, 2018.



State VFW Auxiliary Membership Chairman Kathy Carlson presented 100% Certificates to representatives of Auxiliaries that have achieved 100% Membership for 2018-2019 at Fort Morgan Parade of Programs. Congratulations!!



Every VFW Auxiliary representative in the above picture, is holding a bag full of key chains to give to members that have renewed their 2019 VFW Auxiliary membership. State President Shelley Schlieman (4th from the right) joined State Membership Chairman Kathy Carlson (1st left front row) at Fort Morgan Parade of Programs for the presentation. Do you see a member of your VFW Auxiliary in the picture? Kathy will have more to present at Parade of Programs in the Springs.



Parade of Programs Fort Morgan in August, State Auxiliary Membership Chairman Kathy Carlson asked 10 Auxiliary members to come up and they each had to answer a question on the Membership Program. If you would like a list of the questions, contact Kathy and you can see if your membership know the answers. Parade of Programs is a lot of fun and very informative on all the Auxiliary Programs. Be sure to come to Colorado Springs VFW Post 4051 Saturday November 17th and attend the next presentation by all the Department Chairmen. If you have never attended, make this your first time. See you there!!

VFW November Roster Changes

Page 1
Adjutant: Bruce Dolan #7945, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood 80214 303-421-1630
bruce@vfwco.org

Page 3 & 17
District 2 Cmdr: Paula Price, #4061, 104 W Highland Ave., Florence 81226
719-429-6729

Page 5
Auditing Committee: Stephen Urbany #6461
remove Greg Goettsch, Lanny Clary, and Jack Roseman

Page 6
Fundraising: Kirk Rosa #12009, 416 S Pine Dr., Bailey 80421 720-226-1902

Page 9
Service Officer: Steven Drummond
Asst. Service Officer: John Johnson #3631, 155 Van Gordon Room 360, Denver 80225
303-914-5595

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Post 501 Ser. Off: Gilbert Gonzales, 1510 Osceola St., Denver 80204 303-477-9257

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Post 4266 Cmdr: Kenneth Evans, 27263 E Euclid Dr., Aurora 80016 253-753-0037

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Post 5221 Cmdr: James Crim, 719-541-2650
Post 5231 Cmdr: Tommy Endres, 1813 Aldridge St., Cortez 81321

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Post 5843 Qm: Tracy Perfors, P O Box 825, Meeker 81641 912-282-2227

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Post 6461 Cmdr: Mark Latham, 753 S Santa Fe, Fountain 80817
Post 6491 Qm: Robert Renfrew, 884 Rose Ave., Burlington 80807

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Post 7563 Cmdr: Russell Coshov, 661 Hwy 46, Black Hawk 80422 303-579-8809
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Please send ALL VFW Roster Changes to: Department Headquarters 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood CO 80214

“Join Hands, Support Veterans and Believe—We can do it!” Council of Administration Weekend Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary Agenda
VFW Post 4051, 430 E Pikes Peak Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Friday November 16, 2018

6:00 PM Auxiliary Thanksgiving Dinner \$10.00 (RSVP Required)
7:00 PM Live Band and Dancing \$10.00 (RSVP Required)
RSVP to Post 4051 Cmdr: Christopher Linski at 719-231-5094
7:00 PM Staff Meeting VFW Post 4051 Department Line Officers

Saturday November 17, 2018

Baby sitting provided by reservation at all meetings

RSVP to Post 4051 Cmdr: Christopher Linski at 719-231-5094

7:30 AM Audit VFW Post 4051 Department Audit Committee
9:00 AM District Presidents meet with Rosie Mitchell
9:30 AM Pre-Council meeting with Council Members only
10:15 AM Chairman meet with Marsha Harrison

All members can attend all workshops

10:30 AM Workshop MALTA and On-Line Academy - Cindy Anderson
11:00 AM Workshop Suicide Prevention with Phil Reinbold
11:30 AM Workshop Program Reporting with Jackie Newlander

12:00 - 1:00 PM Sub Sandwich, Chips \$6.00

1:00 PM Workshop - Parliamentary Procedure with Dee Chappell-Haley
2:00 - 4:00 PM Parade of Programs

6:00 PM Prime Rib Dinner \$12.00 (RSVP required) 719-231-5094
7:30 PM Disk Jockey and Dancing (Free and open to all)

Sunday November 18, 2018

8:30 AM Joint Opening VFW Post 4051
Following Joint Opening Auxiliary Council Meeting VFW Post 4051

Times and Locations Subject to Change

Auxiliary Roster Corrections and Changes

Page 2 Change Patriotic Instructor to: Corena Hampton (5231) PO Box 873, Mancos CO 81328 970-570-5755 corenahampton@yahoo.com

Page 7 Change National Home/Buddy Poppy Chairman to Patsy Gilmore (3917) 1719 Ascot Rd, Colo Sprgs CO 80906 719-661-6854 papajoash@gmail.com

Page 11 Correct Charlotte Lattin phone to 303-973-7864 hm add cell #303-909-6303

Page 13 Correct email for Peggy Martinez: peggymartinez66@yahoo.com

Page 15 Correct District 3 President the spelling of Najera and email to: jo.najera@centurylink.net

Page 22 Correct e-mail for District 11 Chief of Staff Crystal to cproffitt@dc2j.org
Change District 13 Sec/Treasurer to Rayetta Addy, PO Box 771, Cheyenne Wells CO 80810 719-342-5491 rayetta49@earthlink.net

Page 24 Change 101 President email to: pcooperpost101aux@gmail.com
Change President Auxiliary 101 Phone to 719-937-3178
Change 101 Treasurer email to: duganier1949@gmail.com

Page 30 Change Secretary 1781 to Amy Smythe, 6114 Carmon Ct, Windsor CO 80550 970-218-0405 1amylyn74@gmail.com

Page 31 Change Secretary 2411 to: Dianna Robinson, 405 Cottonwood Ave. Las Animas CO 81054 719-469-1689 cherokee1243@yahoo.com

Page 34 Change 2788 Presidents email to: dolfin809@yahoo.com

Page 35 Auxiliary 3411 remove Treasurer and change Secretary to Sec/Treasurer
Change e-mail for 3411 Sec/Treasurer to rayetta49@earthlink.net
Dues \$28.00

Page 38 Auxiliary 3631 Switch Esther Kast to Secretary and Pamela Anguilm to Treasurer

Page 38 Change 3641 Secretary email to hund5736@gmail.com

Page 39 Remove Kathy Boatman as Treasurer of Auxiliary 3917

Page 43 Change meeting time for Auxiliary 4265 to 6:00 pm

Page 45 Change 4444 President to: Robyn Teti, 5580 Holland Dr, Arvada CO 80002 720-606-1339 robyn.teti@yahoo.com

Page 46 Change 4444 Treasurer to: Sandy Seader 8861 E 104th Ave, Henderson CO 80640 303-829-7283 sandyseader@gmail.com

Page 48 Change spelling President 5181 to: Crystal cproffitt@dc2j.org

Page 50 Change 5231 Secretary last name to Lobato

Page 51 Change President for 6461 to Monica Garrison 45 Lazy W Road, Fountain CO 80817 907-306-3503 daizeys@gmail.com

Page 52 Change the dues for Auxiliary 6612 to \$25.00

Page 59 Change 9644 Treasurer address to: 6867 W Jewell Dr, Lakewood CO 80227

Page 61 Change e-mail for 12009 Secretary to cholt85@hotmail.com

Page 65 Change Charlotte Lattin phone to 303-973-7864

Page 66 Correct the spelling of Najera and email to: jo.najera@centurylink.net

Page 75 Correction: Denver Stand-down is November 8, 2018

Page 78 Change the dates listed for the Department Convention to June 12 - 16, 2019

Page 79 Change the Department Service Office main phone number to 303-914-5595
Claims Consultant: virginia.rosa@va.gov
Change title of Asst. Claims Consultant to Asst. Service Officer (no phone) (use the main phone number for all calls)

Please send ALL VFW Auxiliary Roster Changes to State Secretary: Cindy Anderson 8281 Clay St Unit A, Westminster CO 80031

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President's Column Shelley Schlieman



Hello Brothers,
Sisters, and
Comrades.
Where has the
past four and
a half months
gone? It seems
like yesterday
that you bestowed the great

honor of electing and installing me as your Department President, a day I will carry forever in my heart. National Convention in Kansas City was also another memorable event, as I was escorted down the aisle by Ginny Rosa and Patsy Gilmore to be part of the parade of Department Presidents.

The August Parade of Programs and Council meeting in Fort Morgan was very well attended and I hope to see all of you, and many more newcomers, at our November Parade of Programs and Council meeting on November 17-18th at Pikes Peak Post 4051 in Colorado Springs. Our Department Program Chairmen have a wealth of information to share with all of you and I hope our workshops are educational. Check the Department website for hotel and schedules.

I have already been out and about visiting. I attended District 9's meeting the end of August because I know Rabbit Ears Pass loves to snow on me later in the year. District 11 came next, again an

effort to dodge snowy, icy I-70. Then on to District 7, District 2 and District 13. I can only say that each visit involved really tasty food, really good bonding. I also visited Homelake for their Summerfest and Pueblo for All Patients Day. It was wonderful to see our members bringing goodies and offering our Veterans an opportunity to play games, enjoy music and visit with us.

Our membership chairman, Kathy Carlson, is doing a great job inspiring you to get those reinstates, continuous, and new members sent in. We reached our 80% goal and I know you will continue to work hard to get us to that 100% + in the remaining months. Members are what keep us a viable organization and NEW members bring us new ideas, new friendships, and renewed inspiration to help our Veterans, Active Duty, their families and our communities.

You know you all are the glue that keeps us such a special organization. We will stick by each other, stick to business and stick to the belief that together we can make a difference. I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving, a joyful and blessed Christmas, and please ring in the New Year with kindness, love, and faith that we are doing all we can for our heroes.

“Join Hands, Support Veterans“

Shelley Schlieman
Department President

Jeanette Cox
National District Council Member #13
2017 - 2019

National Representative
Fall Conference, Colorado Springs



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 including 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.

**Make your plans to attend
Fall Conference in Colorado Springs
and meet Jeanette Cox, National District Council #13 Member
Lots of information will be available**

Youth Activities

Hello Everyone,

Hope all is well with you and you had a wonderful summer. Now with Fall setting upon us, we will be gearing up for that cool brisk air.

I had a great time at our COA in Ft. Morgan and was able to speak to a few new members and with members I have known for years.

I want to thank all the Auxiliaries that have Reported on the Youth Activates Program. I look forward to receiving more as the months go by. Please remember, to Report everything you do and if you are not sure it qualifies to be reported, report it anyway, it may be used and then again you may be told that it cannot but then at least you will know for your next Reporting.

Remember our dates for these Programs below:
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.

Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award:

Youth must submit entries to the VFW Auxiliary by February 1, 2019 and VFW Auxiliaries must submit all entries to the Department Youth Activities Chairman by February 15, 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.):

I still have some RAP coins and will have the RAP Cards at our next Council of Administration in November. These are great items to give to all the Children that do Random acts of Patriotism. (Salute the Flag, help a Veteran, helping a neighbor, etc.)

Please think about the contest for Auxiliary's to Create for Students Grades K-5: this could be a talent show, coloring /painting contest, essay or writing contest. The ideas are endless. So let's get together and create something fun for these great children. I had many Auxiliary's ask me about information at the last Council but have not received any phone calls. If needed I am always willing to come to your meetings and explain all information that you may have not understood or if you were not there to receive the information.

Please try to attend the Council of Administration in November in Colorado Springs, it is a great way for me to speak with you one on one.

If you have any questions or want to contact me, 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

VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

Greetings Auxiliary Members!

First, let me thank Madame President Shelley for asking me to be the Buddy Poppy / National Home Chairman. I look forward to the experience. I will do my very best to represent the Buddy Poppy and National Home Programs. Ray, we will miss your presentations at the Council of Administration Parade of Programs. I truly have big shoes to fill!

May I *GIVE* you a Buddy Poppy? As Veteran's Day comes closer, we all usually hold a Buddy Poppy Drive. Donations we receive from Buddy Poppy Drives replenishes our Relief Fund so that we are able to help more Veterans and their families. Good luck and please remember that any day is a good day to have a Buddy Poppy Drive! Just a friendly reminder to order Buddy Poppies if you haven't done so this year. Order forms are available in the on-line program book on the Department web site. Wearing or displaying a Buddy Poppy is a great way to show your support of the program and it could also lead to great conversations with perspective members. It's never too early to start thinking about ideas for the Buddy Poppy Display contest.

The National Home Program was designed to help Military families who are

going through hard times and mentoring these families on improving the quality of their life as they participate in the four-year program. They live on the National Home for Children Campus. It's a program that requires a commitment of hard work by the family to make successful changes in their life. Your Health and Happiness and other donations is one way to show your support of this program. Becoming a Lifetime member, giving a membership as a gift to someone or having a dinner where all profits are donated to the National Home are other ways.

As the holiday season approaches and 2018 comes to a close, please keep up all you do to support the Buddy Poppy and National Home programs. All your hard work is very much appreciated. Thank you for reporting all you do to support these programs. I would like to challenge each Auxiliary to display a donation can for Buddy Poppies and create or purchase something to display for National Home donations. Have a great holiday season! Remember... REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!!

Hugs
Patsy Gilmore
Buddy Poppy /
National Home Chairman

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

GENERAL ORDERS #2

November 1, 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. Presidents on all levels are reminded that their duties in accordance with Section 810 of the National Bylaws are to preside and maintain order and enforce a strict observance of the Bylaws and Ritual of the organization; appoint all officers and chairman not otherwise provided for; see that there are not disruptions during the meeting and has the right to have the member causing the disruption removed from the meeting.

2. Members should address all remarks to the President, not to other members in attendance. Members should stand and be recognized by the President and, if two stand at the same time, the President will decide who is recognized first.

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

4. Department President Shelley Schlieman's Special Project is the Ralph Emerson/Jack Gulden Blood and Cancer Fund. Proceeds from the sale of Veteran Pins and donations will go to support this fund which is open to all Colorado VFW members and Auxiliary members.

5. Suggested donations to Health and Happiness should be processed through MALTA or mailed directly to National Auxiliary Headquarters in Kansas City. Department Hospital donations should be mailed to Department Treasurer Cindy Anderson. Both donations are based on your June 30, 2018 membership number.

6. District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents: Please be sure that all Districts and Auxiliaries have filed their 990N or other appropriate 990 return by November 15, 2018. A copy of the acceptance confirmation for the 990N should be sent to the Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.

7. Standing Rules: In accordance with Section 211 of the National Bylaws, Auxiliaries and Districts 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. Standing Rules should be reviewed annually.

8. VOD and Patriot Pen Entries are due to the Post/Auxiliaries by October 31, 2018. Judging of these entries at the Post/Auxiliary level should be completed by November 15 and the results forwarded to the District. Judging at the District level should be completed, and winners forwarded to Department by December 15.

9. Change in Officers: Using the Officer Change Form, please notify National Headquarters and Department Secretary, Cindy Anderson of any changes in Auxiliary or District officers. National Headquarters must be notified of a change of the Treasurer. The above should also be notified in any changes of meeting dates, places, times, and

dues amounts. This form is available on the Colorado Department website at www.vfw@vfwco.org.

10. District and Auxiliary Officers: All Officers must hold a 2019 dues card or life dues card by December 31, 2018. Any officer or chairman who has not renewed their membership ceases to be a member in good standing on January 1, 2019 and cannot hold an office or chairmanship unless dues are paid.

11. Buddy Poppy Orders: Please place your orders for poppies with the Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr St, Lakewood CO 80214. Auxiliaries are required to purchase a minimum of 250 poppies. If the Auxiliary and Post order together, be sure to note on the order form the amount purchased by each. Order forms can be found on the Department website at www.vfw@vfwco.org and in the Colorado Program Book.

12. Special Events: Please notify Department Secretary, Cindy Anderson of an upcoming special events and celebrations so that Department and District Officers may attend if available.

13. Auxiliary Treasurers: Membership Chairman Kathy Carlson asks that you please process 2019 dues for continuous members at least weekly. Send all new, re-join and transfer applications to the Department Treasurer as soon as they have been accepted. Be sure that all applications are completely filled out and include the signatures of the investigating committee and the date elected.

14. District and Auxiliary Treasurers and Trustees: The second quarter audit for the period July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018 is due by October 31. The audit should be completed and accepted by motion within 30 days after the end of the quarter. If this is not possible due to meeting schedules, an extension of 30 days can be requested from the Department Treasurer.

15. Parade of Programs and Council of Administration: The VFW Auxiliary, Department of Colorado will hold its next meeting November 17 and 18, 2018 at VFW Post #4051, 430 E Pikes Peak Ave. in Colorado Springs. A full schedule of activities is on the Department website. Workshops will be held on Saturday morning beginning at 10:30. The Parade of Programs will begin at 2:00 pm. The Council of Administration meeting will be held on Sunday following the Joint Session which opens at 8:30 am at VFW Post 4051. All members are invited to attend.

16. A special Thank You: To all of those who attended the last Parade of Programs in Fort Morgan. 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: Shelley Schlieman,
Department President

ATTEST: Cindy Anderson,
Department Secretary/Treasurer



Scholarships

Hear Ye, Hear Ye--

The deadline for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy entries has passed and judging of these should be commencing at the local levels. Please be mindful that local level chairmen are responsible for verifying the word count on Patriot's Pen, for verifying that the Voice of Democracy entries work and do not exceed the limits. Also, local level chairmen must ensure that the applications that are moving on to the District level are completely filled out by the student, parents, there is a short bio and good headshot picture with them. If you need judging sheets you can find them on either the VFW or VFW Auxiliary national website or you can email me. All local entries need to be District Chairman by Thursday, November 15, 2018. District Chairmen get ready as you are the second line gatekeepers for these applications. Please verify all information. Your deadline is quick and short,

please make sure district winner applications are turned in by Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Please send Patriot's Pen applications go to Dept. of Colorado VFW Chairman Alan Jaffe and Voice of Democracy applications can be sent to Dept. of Colorado VFW Chairman Fred Scheck or me. Please do not send them to the Department office.

Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman—your jobs are not over. Please start to focus and promote the two National Auxiliary Scholarships: 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: <http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/>. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope to see all at the next Council of Administration which is November 17 and 18 at VFW 4051 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Stephane Trujillo
Department Scholarship Chairman

**Happy Holidays
from all the
VFW Auxiliary Department Officers and
Chairman**

Veterans Pins / President's Project

VFW and Auxiliary Members, have you had the opportunity to wear one of the Awesome Veterans Pins for 2018-2019? When you purchase a pin for \$3.00 you are supporting the Ralph W Emerson Jack Gulden Memorial Blood Cancer Fund, The President's Special Project, which provide Grants to our own Colorado VFW and Auxiliary members to help with the high costs of covered illness. You are also showing our members how much we care about each other. Ask your Auxiliary if they have Veterans Pins—if they don't please encourage them to place an order today.


Now is the time to plan a FUN Fund-raiser too. Dinner, parties, dances-use your imagination to come up with something different and FUN to happen. Donations will 100% be used for Grants for our own VFW and Auxiliary members who require treatment for Cancer or covered blood work. Other ways to donate are \$2.00 per member (remember when the Auxiliaries were required to send this to National), Memorial do-

nation, fines for swearing, cussing, obnoxious acts, Penny/Dollar March at meetings and fines using Ladies when referring to the VFW Auxiliary or VFW members eating with their hat on.

The Ralph W Emerson Jack Gulden Memorial Blood Cancer Fund, the President's Special Project, support our members who are fighting serious illness, let's support them with our donations.

Veterans Pins and more information on the Ralph W Emerson Jack Gulden Memorial Blood Cancer Fund will be available for pickup Council Meeting Weekend November 17 and 18 in Colorado Springs. Please email or mail your order form now to pick up and pay for your Veterans Pins at that time. If you are not joining us then or need your Veterans Pins now, mail your order form and payment for pins to be mailed. Look forward to seeing you in the Springs!

Ruth Gulden, 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: rockymountainstar@hotmail.com or mail to above address

Membership 2018-2019



MEMBERSHIP

Why is it important?

...because we all know that many hands make light work. Membership numbers are declining

all over the United States. During our Joint Memorial Service last year, we honored **238 wonderful auxiliary members.** We miss them and the service they gave to our organization. We must find new members to take up the work they left behind, so we can continue to **SERVE OUR VETERANS.**

How do we recruit? Where do we look for new members?

...personal contact works best! Here are some suggestions.

- Go to the local grade school and get acquainted. The Secretary to the Principal is the “boss” of the school, in most cases. Introduce yourself. Ask if your members can volunteer to read patriotic books to the students during “Read & Relax”, an activity most schools have following lunch, or at another time. Make friends with the kiddos. They will volunteer, as you read to them, if their parent or grandparent was in the military. Follow up by having a reading after school in tents, with lots of pillows, where the children return to the school in their pajamas with their favorite stuffed animal. Read to them patriotic stories. Offer apple cider, meet the parents. Recruit! **Once you have a member with children, that person can recruit**

other parents! Believe me, it works!

- Wear a poppy or group of poppies in a fun shape every day you are out running errands. It will draw attention, and can start a conversation about veterans... and MEMBERSHIP!

- Do not overlook lapsed members. Their circumstances may have changed. Their contact information is in MALTA.

Okay, I met someone interested, now what do I say and do?

- Make a list of what you enjoy doing as a member. Keep that list with you and refer to it. Carry a business-type card with the information of your Auxiliary on it. Print on the back activities your Auxiliary enjoys doing. Use one of the templates available in Resources! Laminate the card. Carry a Membership Application, free from National.
- Have a system to write down the prospective member’s information. Whether it is a small notebook you carry, or you use your phone, be deliberate where you put the information. I hand my phone to prospective members and ask them to text me with their name. I then have their phone number and the proper spelling of their name!

- Follow-up by phone. Offer to pick up the application and fee. If they are unsure, invite them to a meeting, or to an event.

We can do this!

Kathy Carlson,
Dept. Membership Chair

Legislative News and Updates

Every day it is the same thing – did they get here yet? I can’t wait to see how many pages it is! What do you think of this amendment or candidate? These and other questions swirled around my house over the past month. We knew the ballots were coming and to him it was like waiting for Santa Claus!! By the time you read this the midterm election day of November 6 will have passed the votes will have been counted and the incoming mail will have returned to holiday catalogs.

I hope you as members of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary VOTED and got involved in your community by holding town halls or registration drives. The VFW and Auxiliary must continue to work with our members of Congress to improve veteran and military quality of life programs, we must focus on sequestration, budget cuts and deficit reduc-

tions now that November 6 has passed. All these issues affect veterans, the military and their families. Our work is not done. The 2018 VFW Priority Goals can be found on the website (www.org./advocacy/national-legislative-service). Please take a minute to look at these goals and if you can take ownership of just one of them to work on our veteran community will be better off.

Remember it does not matter which candidate (s) you support as long as they know you are a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member and are concerned about veterans, our military personnel and their families. The key is to stay informed on the issues and use your influence to urge new candidates and those up for reelection to support VFW and VFW Auxiliary issues.

By getting involved with an election you can make a difference!

Historian/Media Relations

Greetings to all VFW Post and VFW Auxiliary members.

When you have a special program or event at your Post, that you would like to share with Shelley, if she is unable to attend your event, please send pictures, flyers and any correspondence to me. My email address is: arlinedolan@comcast.net. My home address is 1170 Fulton St., Aurora, CO 80010. Since I also cannot attend every event in the state, this will help me also.

Thank You for your support,
Lennie Dolan
Department Historian/Media Relations



Aux 1771: Jennie Batchelor
Aux 2411: Donald W. Kuhns
Aux 4061: Dorothy Striegel, Wilhelmina Wagner
Aux 6461: Lorinda Brazil
Aux 9644: Roberta Novosad, PDP

Auxiliary Membership by District as of October 19, 2018

Number	City	2018	2019	%	Number	City	2018	2019	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #8				
1	Denver	186	167	90	859	Leadville	26	26	100*
501	Denver	142	117	82	1166	Buena Vista	65	0	0
2461	Denver	106	99	93	11411	Lake George	46	46	100*
2797	Denver	46	34	74	12009	Conifer	32	32	100*
5061	Denver	133	95	71	TOTAL	169	104	62%	
TOTAL		613	512	84%	DISTRICT #9				
DISTRICT #2					DISTRICT #10				
2788	Penrose	36	27	75	322	Englewood	87	58	67
3641	Pueblo	79	59	75	3471	Morrison	46	40	87
4061	Canon City	133	131	99	3631	Aurora	97	85	88
5812	Pueblo West	48	26	54	4171	Golden	313	275	88
7305	Colo. City	227	14	52	4331	Arvada	142	124	87
TOTAL		323	257	80%	4444	Cmmrc City	183	183	100*
DISTRICT #3					DISTRICT #11				
41	Loveland	120	85	71	7945	Thornton	258	235	91
1771	Lafayette	296	278	94	9644	Fort Logan	333	306	92
1781	Ft. Collins	115	83	72	TOTAL	1459	1306	90%	
2121	Greeley	94	85	90	DISTRICT #12				
2585	Johnstown	75	59	79	4031	Durango	97	67	69
2601	Longmont	219	195	89	5181	Dove Creek	39	20	51
4334	Ault	38	38	109*	5231	Mancos	60	46	77
6624	Evans	218	176	81	TOTAL	196	133	68%	
9565	Broomfield	38	21	55	DISTRICT #13				
9741	Dacono	23	11	48	3411	Kit Carson	25	17	68
TOTAL		1236	1031	83%	6491	Burlington	19	14	74
DISTRICT #4					DISTRICT #13				
2551	Ft. Morgan	127	63	50	6612	Hugo	41	34	83
3541	Sterling	67	25	37	TOTAL	85	65	76%	
4671	Wray	27	27	100*	15006	At Large	462	503	109%*
TOTAL		221	115	52%	TOTAL DEPT.	6,403	5,374	84%	
DISTRICT #5					DISTRICT #7				
101	Colo. Spgs.	79	66	84	899	Alamosa	78	32	41
3917	Security	188	159	85	3228	Monte Vista	51	0	0
4051	Colo. Spgs	264	236	89	4849	La Jara	40	37	93
5221	Calhan	27	27	100*	8121	So Fork	109	93	85
6461	Fountain	144	135	94	TOTAL	278	162	58%	
7829	Monument	41	41	100*	Please send in your 2019 Dues!				
TOTAL		743	664	89%	Be 100% in 2018 - 2019				
DISTRICT #6					“We Can Do It”				
336	Ordway	80	61	76	Chief of Staff / Extension / Mentoring				
2411	LasAnimas	102	105	103*	Happy Fall Sisters and Brothers:				
TOTAL		182	166	91%	Congratulations, to the new Brighton VFW Post 12174. It is always great to get and see a new Post started. They have already voted to start an Auxiliary also. Great news. We have news that another Post is very interested in starting an Auxiliary and I will be traveling to visit with them soon.				
DISTRICT #7					Now let’s talk about the extension program for this year. At our Council meeting in August, I handed out the information on the extension program. There are a couple of Auxiliary members that believe this program is not important. They could not be further from the truth. This program is extremely important. By both the Post Auxiliary and District Auxiliary reporting, it lets the Department President know how the Auxiliaries are doing at both levels. The reports are needed quarterly. The Healthy Auxiliary Toolkit on the National Auxiliary website is a great				

source of information.

With this New Year comes recruiting. Are you mentoring your new members? Helping them understand what the Auxiliary is all about? Helping them understand our bylaws and our ritual? The changes that happened at the National Convention? This helps to make our new members become more acquainted with our Auxiliary. I look forward to seeing many of you at the next Council of Administration in November on the 17th and 18th. For the Deputy Chiefs of Staff, we will have a meeting sometime during this next Council meeting so bring your questions. If you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is humming657@gmail.com. Let’s work to make this a great year.

Ginny Rosa
Department Chief of Staff
Extension Program

Fall Conference

Visit vfwco.org for the complete Agenda
Hope to see everyone in Colorado Springs
Travel Safe

Americanism

Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Fall, Everyone! As the weather turns colder and our thoughts turn to the upcoming holidays, I hope you are in full swing with your Americanism goals and reporting. Let's take some time to incorporate our thoughts and ideas for Americanism goals in our own celebrations, and to help make celebrations happen for those not as fortunate.

The deadline for the **Smart Maher Teacher of the Year** nominations was October 31st. We encourage every auxiliary to have at least one teacher to forward on to the district level and hope you are all busy judging all those wonderful teachers.

As winter approaches, what better time to focus on the program goal of **Disaster Preparedness/Safety in America**? You can make up backpacks or other containers of items that you would need in case of an emergency. Every household should have one of these kits. While you are at it, why not also collect items to make a few extra

boxes for those not able to make their own? We'll talk much more about this at the next COA.

We have several **patriotic days** coming up in the next couple of months, including: *Veteran's Day, Bill of Rights Day, Election Day, the Marine Corp Birthday, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day* and the *National Guard Birthday*. These important dates are great occasions to hold programs, hand out flags and patriotic items, speak to local media, and educate others about the history and meaning of these patriotic observances.

I look forward to seeing you at the COA in Colorado Springs on November 17th and 18th. In addition to Disaster Preparedness, we'll talk in depth about Flags Across America. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything at all, and remember to "report, report, report."

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

Disaster can come in many forms! You can use your 'Relief Fund' to help with natural disasters per our Relief Fund section in the Booklet of Instructions. For the VFW Disaster Relief Fund make your check out to VFW and earmark it 'Disaster Relief', send it to Veterans of Foreign Wars Quartermaster General, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111. Emergencies such as auto repairs, rent, food etc... can make us feel like we are in a disaster. This is where Unmet Needs comes in and helps the military family while the soldier is overseas. Check out www.vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants. Have you printed and put out the Auxiliary Resource Rack Cards that you can find at MALTA under Resources <https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources/>

Remember, we are here because we CARE; we are Concerned, we Aid & assist, and Report Everything! When you are reporting, ONLY the things you have done or completed since April 1st will be counted. I have many report forms turned into Dept. (in May) that have the date of Jan 1, 2018 (or even last year) as the start date. I can not use this information for the 2018-19 year. If you are working on a project that takes a few months to complete it, do not report any of the work until it is completed, to include any \$\$ that is sent out. An example is, my Aux. has a project we do in June, but wait until Feb. to see what the special project is, then send in the funds raised. Nothing gets reported until this is all done.

Thank You! for all that you do in helping and supporting our Veterans and Family members.

Rena Cales, Department
Veteran & Family Support Chairman

Hospital Program

Another busy and exciting quarter for Hospital! With the help of President Shelley and the Hospital Team, we were privileged to attend and help serve the residents of three facilities within our area. We were able to serve lunches and provide treats and useful gifts to residents of the Cheyenne VA Hospital (VAMC Picnic), Homelake (Summerfest) and Pueblo (All Activities Day) facilities. In addition, your very generous response to the call for socks netted over 700 pairs of men's, women's and children's socks, some of which were divided and given to residents of all three of these facilities. We have made it a priority to attend hospital activity days throughout the state and so far this effort is going well. If your hospital or CLC has an upcoming event, please let us know so that we can make an effort to be there to help you celebrate.

Again, 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, verify 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—Due March 15, 2019. Please contact me early for applications.

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. An update to the current Suicide Prevention presentation will be given at the upcoming COA in November.

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

Dear Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters, Hope you all had a great summer! But, October is here and the holidays are just around the corner!

Amber and I have 2018/2019 Auxiliary calendars, All Occasion cards, Christmas cards and lots of those fabulous dish rags for sale! Any of these would make great stocking stuffers. See us at COA in November or call and we will ship them to you.

Also, at COA in November we will have a neat Holiday basket with lots of goodies and a wreath to raffle off.

Don't forget – Amber and I have also issued a couple of challenges this year to the Auxiliaries and to the individual members:

Each Auxiliary put aside \$0.25 per day or \$7.75 per month or \$93.00 per year and send that to the Department of Colorado. If each Auxiliary participates, that would earn over \$5,500 for our Department.

Then we have asked EACH member (and Colorado has 6,330 members) to donate \$1.00 per month or \$12.00 for the year to the Department. That would earn our Department over \$75,960

if we all participate. I can't imagine what we could do for our Veterans with \$75,000!!! I know that I spend over \$12.00 on foolishness and I think I would like it to help a Veteran – what about you??? Currently over 50 members have paid their \$12 for the year. You can send it to me or Amber or you can send it directly to Cindy Anderson, Department Treasurer. Just mark on your check what it is for.

Amber and I are also working on some NEW ideas to raise money for both the Department and your Auxiliaries. See us at our table at COA and watch for our little blurb in the Colorado Veteran.

If you don't make it to COA in November, we hope you all have a Spooky Halloween, lots of turkey gobbles on Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Queenie Barz, Ways & Means
Chairman

Amber Jenkins, Ways & Means
Co-Chairman

Can't make the Parade of Programs or Council of Administration Meetings? Want the opportunity for a chance to win a beautiful Quilt or original Pansy Oil Painting?



Now you have the chance to win, support the president's special project and it's easy too. Send this order for Tickets to Ruth Gulden, 10658 Crystal Way, Morrison, CO 80465. Enclose your payment, sit back, relax & hope your name is drawn!

Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Total Number of Tickets _____ Amount \$ _____
Now choose one per ticket: Red White & Blue Quilt _____ Pansy Picture _____
(Both total number of tickets above)

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Total Number of Tickets _____ Amount \$ _____
Now choose one per ticket: Red White & Blue Quilt _____ Pansy Picture _____
(Both total number of tickets above)

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

**Your Name & Contact will be put on each ticket purchased
for the drawing at the March COA meeting
Thanks for supporting the Ralph W Emerson Jack Gulden Blood Cancer Fund**

Thank You Colorado

The family of Mary Camp would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary members for your support, cards and prayers during this time of loss.

June Lay, Darel Camp