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“No One Does More For Veterans”



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## “Why My Vote Counts”

Allow me to introduce you to Sally. She is a very patriotic person; in fact, her grandfather and her brother served in the military. Her favorite holiday is the Fourth of July, and she always puts her flag out for national holidays. However, when it comes to voting it's not that simple. Of course, she knows she should vote. But when she looks at the polls she gets discouraged. Her state always votes Democrat, so she believes that her one Republican vote won't make a difference. In the middle of all of the chaos of the political world, she has convinced herself that her small voice will not be heard. “So what's the point of going to vote anyway?” she thinks to herself. How many other Americans like Sally take their right to vote for granted or have convinced themselves that their vote doesn't matter? There are about two hundred and forty million eligible voters in the United States, yet only around one hundred million of them exercised their power in the last general election. Although I am not old enough to vote yet, I have made up my mind to be a dedicated voter once I turn eighteen for three main reasons: voting is my way to directly participate in the government, my choice to vote can positively influence those around me, and my right to vote, especially as a woman, was won in a hard-fought battle.

First, I believe my vote counts because it is the primary way that I can directly participate in the government. One of the founding principles of American democracy is popular sovereignty, which means that the government receives its power from the people. If I choose not to vote, I really have no right to be discontent with the outcome or the actions of the government because I did not do my part to make my personal opinions heard, but instead chose to be silent and watch as other people made decisions for me. Choosing not to vote is depriving ourselves of a personal right. Franklin D. Roosevelt, our thirty-second president, stated, “Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.” Yet more than half of Americans do just that. Second, I will choose to vote because my decision can have a domino effect on those around me. If I don't believe that my single vote is important, my opinion may influence others around me. If I chose not to vote, then my apathy may multiply to those around me so that it is no longer just a single vote being lost. In close elections, especially local elections, this could radically change the outcome. On the other hand, my choice to vote can encourage others to do the same. People are more likely

to take a political stand if there are people around them that are doing the same. We should encourage others to take a political stand, even when it is different than ours because differences are part of what makes a democracy thrive.

Finally, as a woman, I believe that I must take my right to vote very seriously because it was hard-won by countless brave women. If I need any reason to convince myself that my vote counts, I look at the examples of women like Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucy Stone. In their quest for suffrage, they endured mockery, mob attacks, and being arrested, yet they refused to give up, eventually earning women the right to vote. My choice to exercise the right to vote is a way of paying my respect to them as well as to the women who came before them who desperately wanted to have a voice in the government but never got the chance. For them, voting was not even an option.

In conclusion, I believe that voting is every citizen's duty to themselves, to those around them, and to those that have come before them. Even though the numbers are often overwhelming, one vote really can make a difference. It can make a difference in the life of the one voting, giving them a voice to express their unique opinion. It can make a difference in the lives of those around them, giving them the courage to also stand up for what they believe in. It can make a difference in our country, even in the example we set to the younger generation of how important voting is. I will choose to vote to honor those that have gone before me, especially the women suffragists, and to honor those in the military who have fought to protect my rights, including the right to vote. Ultimately, I believe that even though there are a million different voices out there, one small, brave voice, like Sally's or like mine, can still be heard and make a difference.

Hannah R. Karg  
District #2 and Royal Gorge  
VFW Post 4061 and VFW Auxiliary



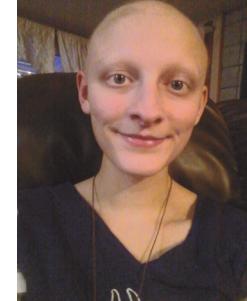
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Caleb Frazier, District 11 and Lee Marts VFW 3571 Delta and VFW Auxiliary

### FEBRUARY DISTRICT MEETINGS

5	2/10/19 Sunday	Post No. 101 Colorado Springs	1:00 pm Lunch Meeting to follow	Steve Kjonaas Ginny Rosa
7	2/17/19	Post No. 6101 San Luis	12:00 Noon Meal 12:45 Jnt Mtg Meeting to follow	Barbara Green Patsy Gilmore
11	2/10/19 Sunday	Post No. 3571 Delta	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Jnt Meeting Voice of Democracy & Patriot Pen/Teacher 12:00 noon Lunch Meetings to follow	David Stone Kathy Carlson
13	2/17/19 Sunday	Post No. 9700 Cheyenne Wells	2:00 pm Meeting Snack to follow	Robert Kidd Kathy Carlson
<b>MARCH DISTRICT MEETINGS</b>				
1	3/30/19 Saturday	Post No. 1 Denver	10:00 am Jnt Mtg Meeting to follow Lunch	David Stone Shelley Schlieman
3	3/10/19 Sunday	Post No. 4334 Ault	12:00 Noon Meal Meeting to follow	David Stone Shelley Schlieman
8	3/09/19 Saturday	Post No. 12009 Conifer	12:00 Noon Meal Memorial Service Meeting to follow	Eric Veed Lucille Chavez
10	3/17/19 Sunday	Post No. 9644 Sheridan	Breakfast 11:00 am Memorial Service Meeting=====	Steve Kjonaas Ron Boone

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March 2<sup>nd</sup> - March 6<sup>th</sup>   Voice of Democracy, Washington DC  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> - March 7<sup>th</sup>   Legislative Conference, Washington DC

### March Council of Administration Meeting

Greeley VFW Post #2121, 2514 7th Ave., Greeley CO  
March 23 - 24, 2019

Visit [vfwco.org](http://vfwco.org) for Workshop Agenda,  
Hotels and Sunday Agenda

### MOC and MOCA Grand Of Colorado

"Listen Up Cooties,

The next Grand Scratch will be held at VFW Post 4051, Colorado Springs, on 9 February. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Past Commanders meeting is at 1:00 pm followed by the Grand Scratch at 1:30 pm. Plan on a lousy time."

MOCA Audit will be at 1:00 pm and the meeting will start at 1:30 pm.  
May 18, 2019 will be Grand Convention at VFW Post 3917, Security.

Bob Green, Grand MOC Commander L.O.T.C.S.  
Judy McNeely, Grand MOCA President

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### Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

We have sad news: we will be canceling the Chapel Escort program at the Denver VA Hospital.

Over the past few months, many of the VFW Post and Auxiliaries have talked with us about the program. Several do not want to participate in the program if we do not have patients at the services.

When the new hospital opened, many procedures changed, one that affected the chapel program is the patients must have authorization and a nurse with them when they leave the floor. We cannot escort anyone to chapel, most Sundays we have only one person and sometimes not any patients are attending.

Chaplain Skaggs, Director for the chapel program, has been trying to work with the hospital to get more people to attend each Sunday, but to date we have very low attendance. The VA is to start the Video Chapel services in January so each patient can view services in their room.

In reviewing the Chapel program the VFW & Auxiliaries will not be providing refreshments any longer.

The VA Chapel will still have services each Sunday, and all are welcome to attend.

Thank You to the VFW & Auxiliaries that supported the Chapel program in the past few months.

Ronald Lattin, VFW VAVS

Charlotte Lattin, VFWA VAVS

### Colorado VFW Foundation

Thank you to the VFW Posts, VFW Auxiliaries, family members and friends for your donations. We have received donations and grants from outside sources, and we are greatly appreciative of their support and dedication to helping Colorado's Veterans and their Families.

Assistance to date: July 1, 2018 through January 8, 2019, we have expended \$51,915.14 in assistance to 83 Veterans and their Families with Rent, Utilities, and Vehicle Repairs etc..... As many of you know the cost of living has sky rocketed and affordable housing is not keeping pace with the fixed incomes most of our Veterans and their families are living on. As of today we have had to begin to turn veterans away as the funds are not available to keep up with the demands. Unfortunately we have not reached the peak of our winter months. We will continue to process applications and help where we can.

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.

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

### VFW Scout of the Year Program

Eligibility requirements are listed on the form.

Deadline for entry to VFW Post is March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. Posts must have their entries to the Department by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. Entries do not need to go through the districts and district certification is not necessary.

Department of Colorado Scouting  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80911  
719-339-9112 [davstone23@gmail.com](mailto:davstone23@gmail.com)

### 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



So, a young Veteran in your Post wants to try something new and fresh, what do you typically do? Some Posts will push back and tell the Veteran, no,

that's not going to work, no one wants to do it.

May I suggest that you let the idea flow and develop into a plan. Help build up the goals and objectives to create a project which helps veterans and their families. What about a project that helps your community?

### What to do?

I know you want to stay known as a vibrant and thriving Post and not one who lets the world spin by. Let's consider you may need to have some new and good ideas with some support to stay successful. You are a team, that is, it's not one person, but many. Build some momentum by supporting another person's project even though you do not like it upon first impression? You can also create some collaboration amongst other Posts or even other organizations and gain by the work of many, not just one or a few.

As the most elite Veteran Service Organization on the planet, I suggest you take a look at the changing traditional and cultural evolution. Moreover, nothing ever stays the same, no matter how many feet are dragging to stop it. We are more diverse, have young veterans

who have deployed many many times. The cultural of veterans is ever changing and it is change which makes us stronger. Now we are deeply involved with Student Veterans of America on a national level, and here in Colorado we have been collaborating with the Team Red White and Blue, Team Rubicon, Fisher House, and the Wounded Warrior Project.

With our collective energy and power by collaborating with other veterans organizations we possess influence within our communities, at the state capitol, and in D.C. where veterans are supported. The mantra of the *cost of war extends many years beyond the cease fire* is true as ever. Will we allow our influence to wain or will we take care of veterans, military, and their families? Why not thrive in your community and engage with other organizations, the community leadership, state and federal legislatures. Pick up the reins and take control, you still joined the VFW for the same reasons that young veterans are joining today. But just like you, the shifting culture and your response to it determines whether you will be a vibrant and thriving Post that succeeds in taking care of veterans or one who lets our membership and influence evaporate.

State Kjonaas  
Department Commander

## Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings,  
I hope this finds everyone warm and well.  
AUDITS, AUDITS,  
AUDITS!!!!!!

I'm findings a few things starting to creep into more and more

### Quarterly Audits.

Sections 219 of the By-Laws states "A relief fund WILL be established and maintained by the Posts." There is no set dollar amount. The By-Laws state only that there WILL be a relief fund. This has not changed in many, many years. Yet, so far this quarter there were close to 10 Posts with no relief fund. The funds in this account come from distribution of Buddy Poppies, "...and other such monies as may be solicited or donated for veterans relief purposes." Section 219 of the Manual of Procedure explains what the Relief Fund can be used for, and believe me, it's very broad. If you have any questions, please call Department

and we will be glad to help.

On the National web site there is a ton of training material for different officers. If you log in to the web site, go to My-VFW. To the right is a tab labeled VFW Training. Go to this tab and you will find another tab labeled Member and Officer Training. If you go there, there is a fairly large selection of training material. Scroll through and pick out what you want to know about.

Just a couple of reminders about Audits in general. The amounts you have in column 13 (Net Cash Balances attend of Quarter) is what you start with on your next Quarterly Audit. (Column 10). Also, you total in Column 13, Row 14, should match the total Cash and Investments in box 17 (Reconciliation of Cash and Investments).

Everyone be safe and remember, only 48 days until the first day of Spring.

Bruce Dolan  
Department Quartermaster

## State Convention Ditty Bags

**Donations for State Convention Ditty Bags would be GREATLY appreciated.**

Donations can be dropped off at Verle Huffman VFW Post 9644,

2680 W. Hampden, Sheridan, CO or

they will gladly pick them up in the Denver Metro area.

Items are needed by the middle of May 2019

Cash donations also accepted

Call or email Karen Davidsmeyer,

303-347-9401 neff1962@yahoo.com

Thank You

Hope to see everyone in June 2019

## Sr. Vice Column David Stone



Greetings comrades,

Tragedy swept by me the other day, soft like a gentle breeze, but sharply cold. I learned through social media that a fellow

State Sr Vice Commander was traveling to Wyoming to be with the family of a battle buddy, a young marine veteran who had taken his own life between Christmas and New Year's leaving behind a grieving wife and parents.

The tragedy touched me deeply. I did not know this marine, I barely know the Sr Vice, but his squad, this group of veterans, would gather again in the chill of a Wyoming winter to pay final tribute to a comrade who could not survive coming home and take care of the family.

As most of us know, the Veterans for Foreign Wars traces its roots to groups of veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection who formed local organizations to take care of their own by assisting in securing medical care and other benefits. For nearly 120 years this activism and service and that of our Auxiliary has accomplished so much for those that are placed in harm's way. But is it enough? Have we done everything that we can do?

As fellow veterans we must be willing to take time out of our busy life and do more than just talk about caring. We have a responsibility to look out for our fellow veterans. Sometimes through the simplest of things, the friendly phone call, visit, or even a "been thinking about you" card. And sometimes by raising your voice for what is right.

As a Veterans Service Organization, we must do everything possible to ensure that our veteran's needs, their health and welfare, are addressed. And when those needs go unmet we must raise our voice, our 1.6 million strong voice, and shout "enough already!"

So, you see, it really is about membership after all. Because it is through membership that we can gather the resources to help the veterans in our communities and it is through membership that we are heard when we raise our voices. We must work hard at membership. We must make our voice louder and we must be heard. It's the least that we can do for today's veterans.

Tragedy swept by me the other day, soft like a gentle breeze, but sharply cold. All I could do was cry.

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

## Jr. Vice Column Robert Kidd Sr.



The Holidays are over and hopefully everyone that went on trips has arrived back home safely and are ready to dig in for the second part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars year.

There are still a lot of things that need to be done. So with the new year and only having six months left, lets hit the ground running and remember what we are here for, Helping Veterans. I hope to see many of you at the Council of Administration in Greeley in March. Let's finish this year in a great fashion.

As the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the year programs come to a close, Thanks to all the Members and Auxiliary that help to make the

above programs a great success. Thanks go out to Post 2121 for hosting the Department awards banquet for this year.

As I travel around the State, I have found that there are a number of Commanders, Quartermasters and yes, members as well, that are still having problems finding items on the National web site. Perhaps we could start a training class at a C of A. There is so much information on that web site and everyone needs to be able to access it. I would like to see 1 or 2 people per district to attend training in order to assist their members. Please let me know if you're interested.

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

## Judge Advocate Column Tony Wolusky

One of the great strengths of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is that it represents the best of America. We stand for the ideals of selfless dedication to the protection of our country, no matter what the sacrifice, and take care of our fellow veterans, both on active duty in the combat zone and once we get home. Our members have served around the world, wherever we were needed.

We honor those who did not come home by continuing to serve as members of this great organization, providing effective veteran support and advocacy. Our membership, as well as that of our Auxiliary and those who share our values in the community come from every walk of life, creed, nationality, gender, orientation, age and frequently work despite physical and mental disabilities.

To make sure that all of us can count on these ideals, the Department of Colorado we passed a new policy against sexual harassment and other unlawful harassment. District Commanders will ensure their Posts have this new information. This policy spells out the procedures to address any incidents that might occur that compromise our ideals of equal treatment and respect for all members of the Department. In this way, we reaffirm how important it is that we stand together and take care of one another with proper respect at all times.

If there are any questions on our policy, please don't hesitate to contact me.  
Tony Wolusky  
State Judge Advocate jag.vfwco.org

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

### GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3

February 1, 2019      2018-2019  
Please remind all Posts that you MUST be 100% +1 to qualify for All State.

1. As prescribed by Sec 217 & Sec 221 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, Posts having two (2) meetings a month will hold nominations at the first meeting in April with elections at the next regular in April. While Posts with only (1) one meeting a month will hold nominations in March and elections in April and that all members must be notified of such elections.

(a) The officers of each Post will consist of a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Surgeon and three (3) Trustees.

(b) The Post shall elect the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and three trustees.

(c) The Appointed officers of each Post shall consist of at least an Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day, and/or Guard to be appointed as prescribed in Section 216 in the Manual of Procedure.

2. Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers: All Posts, Districts and Department should be reminded of the provisions of Sec. 216(c), 316, 414(c), and 515(d) of the National By-Laws and Manual or procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until such proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Adjutant for review.

3. Registration for the VFW National Convention: Each Post will pay, in advance, a national registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the national convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee, in accordance with the requirements of Sec 222 of the National Constitution and By-Laws. **Delegate fees should be sent directly to the Quartermaster General at National Headquarters.**

4. Attention is directed to Sec. 213 of the National By-Laws concerning arrearages of Posts for National, Department, or District Dues, National Convention registration, poppy money, supply money or other financial obligations, or failure to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703 of the National By-Laws, or failure to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit or Post Election Reports. Posts that are delinquent in any of the aforementioned shall be deprived of all representation in County Council meetings, District, Department and National Conventions.

5. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Sec. 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees. Trustees Report of

Audit must be completed by the Trustees, in detail, at the close of each quarter, one of which ends March 31st. Commanders are reminded that all funds are to be under the custody and control of the Post Quartermaster. Persons other than the Post Quartermaster who may handle Post funds, such as club manager, bingo chairman, or committee chairmen are responsible to the Post Quartermaster to maintain accurate records and accounts and should be properly bonded. Post Trustees are to ensure that the financial records of these special funds are also audited in the same manner as the other accounts of the Post Quartermaster.

6. Commanders on all levels should begin organizing their 2019 Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. To qualify for Post All American, VFW Posts must order a minimum of five (5) Buddy Poppies per member for the program year from Department Headquarters.

7. All-State Commanders and Quartermasters. Entry forms for All-State Commanders and Quartermasters **will be mailed to all qualified persons by May 18, 2019 via email**. Posts and Districts must be 100% + 1 in membership by **MAY 17, 2019**, in order for the Commanders and/or Quartermasters to be eligible for this award. The entry form, must arrive at Department Headquarters no later than close of business **Friday May 31, 2019**, to be judged. Post Quartermasters need only submit the entry form by the same deadline date. All State Teams will be presented at the August 2019 COA meeting at Joint Opening.

8. Council of Administration meeting will be March 24, 2019 at Pioneer VFW Post 2121, Greeley, 8:30 am for Joint Meeting. Workshops will begin March 23.

9. State Convention is scheduled for Sheridan High School, June 12 through June 15, 2019, hosted by Verle Huffman VFW Post 9644 Sheridan. See Page 8 of the Colorado Veteran for pre-registration, hotel, Convention Book ads and VFW Schedule of events.

10. The Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Loyalty Day Parade will be in Calhan, CO., Saturday May 4, 2019 10:00 am line-up time. Please contact Jim Crim 719-541-2650 or Rowland Hannon 719-347-2522 for further information.

11. Applications for the Department State Convention Site for **2020** can be obtained by contacting State Qm. Bruce Dolan, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, CO. 80214, (303) 421-1630. A check for \$300.00 deposit must accompany the bid application.

ATTEST BY:  
Bruce Dolan, State Adjutant

BY COMMAND:  
Steve Kjonaas, State Commander

### Salute to Service

It is time to honor an outstanding volunteer VFW Post member. Salute to Service nomination forms are available on the Colorado Web Site. One nominee from each VFW Post will be honored at the Awards Banquet Sunday, April 28, 2019, held at Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917, Security, CO. VFW Posts please also advise your VFW Auxiliary that they also can nominate an outstanding volunteer from their VFW Auxiliary for this award. Prior nominees can be submitted.

## Chaplain's Column Kevin Reinhold



Comrades and Sisters,

We pray everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We want to thank everyone who stepped out of your home to celebrate with the less fortunate, people

that had to work, family members of the deployed soldiers and our deployed soldiers over this holiday season. This is the time of giving and even though we celebrate Jesus birth this time of year let's not forget that He gave us the greatest gift of all, He died on the cross at Calvary to take on the worlds sins, so we can have the opportunity to enjoy a new life in Him.

The Bible Ministry that was started this year went very well and with the Lords help it will continue. If any Chaplain, VFW or Auxiliary member still needs information on how to start your Bible Ministry, contact me through email. I will help you get started. I want to thank all the Chaplains, VFW and Auxiliary who participate in this Ministry. We are still working on getting the VFW logo on the Bibles.

**THE WORK OF THE CHAPLAIN:** Each Post has a Chaplain, but how many Post Chaplains know what they are supposed to do? Most of the works of the Chaplain takes place out

side of the Post, and if done well, goes unnoticed by virtually everyone in the Post.

First, the Chaplain nurtures the living. We do this by spending time with our fellow comrades, and when the need arises, we help them with life situations.

Second, the Chaplain cares for the dying. Whether in the hospital or at home, the Chaplain is there to offer supportive care to dying comrades and their families.

Third, the Chaplain honors the dead. Working closely with the immediate family, the Chaplain ensures there is a proper burial and memorial service for the deceased.

### WHAT DOES THE CHAPLAIN PROVIDE?

Spiritual Guidance, Assistance in Emergency Situations, Conducting and Assisting at Funerals, Counseling, Visitation, and Attending Functions.

Continue to watch over each other and our communities through the coming year. Pray for each other in our times of need.

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

Kevin Reinhold  
State Chaplain  
reinholdvfw@yahoo.com

## Surgeon's Column Barbara Green



In September I had the privilege of hearing Richard Casper, the founder of "CreatiVets" speak. CreatiVets' mission "is to provide combat veterans

struggling with post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury with opportunities to use art, music, and creative writing to heal their unseen wounds of war. Our goal is to empower veterans with tools they can use for the rest of their lives and enable them to see their own capacity for success in an arena outside the battlefield."

They offer a song writing program in Nashville and a three week art program at either The School of Art Institute (SAIC) in Chicago or Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond Virginia where the veteran learns ceramics, painting and photography. "Using art and music as a form of stress and anxiety relief, the students create incredible artwork and songs the veterans tell beautiful stories out of tragic events."

There was one piece of artwork shown that will stay in my mind (and

heart) forever. In Afghanistan a soldier got hit and was gravely wounded. The ambulance was summoned but before it arrived the soldier died in his friend's arms. The dying soldier kept saying "I Love My Life". All of this happened in a pomegranate field. The soldier who has PTSD because of this tragic incident got invited to the CreatiVets program. He painted a canvas where he painted in red paint "I Love My Life" over and over as long as it took the ambulance to arrive to help his buddy on the battlefield. The last "I Love My Life", "Life" trails off as to indicate "the end". The surviving soldier had not been able to even look at a pomegranate until he placed one on the floor in front of his artwork.

If anyone wants to learn more about "CreatiVets" please go to their website [www.creativets.org](http://www.creativets.org), and to see a photo of the "I Love My Life" artwork, google Creativets and find Creativets (@creativets) Instagram photos and videos. Scroll down quite a ways and the artwork is in the middle row.

Barbara Green  
State Surgeon

### VFW Roster Changes

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**VFW Post Membership by District as of February 27, 2019**

Number/ City	2018	2019	%	Number/City	2018	2019	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>							
1 Denver	952	936	98	859 Leadville	35	28	80
501 Denver	353	316	90	1166 Buena Vista	123	137	111*
2461 Denver	136	116	85	3820 Salida	87	80	92
2797 Denver	66	72	109*	8661 Bailey	126	125	99
5061 Denver	290	280	97	10721 Minturn	112	110	98
TOTAL	1797	1720	96%	11411 Lake George	48	42	88
				12009 Conifer	143	128	90
				TOTAL	674	650	96%
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>							
2788 Penrose	85	83	98	<b>DISTRICT #9</b>			
3641 Pueblo	152	138	91	4264 Steamboat Spgs	93	92	99
4061 Canon City	272	277	102*	4265 Craig	127	121	95
5812 Pueblo West	195	186	95	5261 Rangely	28	23	82
7305 Colo. City	43	43	100*	5843 Meeker	44	49	111*
8898 Boone	43	41	95	9374 Kremmling	31	32	103*
12063 Westcliffe	51	49	96	TOTAL	323	317	98%
TOTAL	841	817	97%				
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>							
41 Loveland	291	281	97	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>			
807 Boulder	41	43	105*	322 Englewood	102	111	109*
1771 Lafayette	270	273	102*	3471 Morrison	71	69	97
1781 Ft. Collins	330	337	102*	3631 Aurora	323	316	98
2121 Greeley	186	169	91	4121 Idaho Spgs.	51	49	96
2585 Johnstown	189	173	92	4171 Golden	440	419	95
2601 Longmont	369	336	91	4266 Parker	71	73	103*
4334 Ault	61	64	105*	4331 Arvada	294	273	93
6624 Evans	253	243	96	4444 Cmmrc Cty	207	197	95
9565 Broomfield	109	101	93	4666 Littleton	139	128	92
9741 Dacono	67	58	87	7563 Black Hawk	23	22	96
12174 Brighton	0	34	0	7945 Thornton	362	359	99
TOTAL	2166	2115	98%	8449 Bennett	64	58	91
				9644 Fort Logan	441	422	96
				TOTAL	2588	2496	96%
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>							
2551 Ft. Morgan	216	188	87	<b>DISTRICT #11</b>			
3378 Yuma	64	65	102*	784 Montrose	139	134	96
3541 Sterling	97	99	102*	1247 Grnd Jnctn	269	265	99
3551 Brush	30	37	123*	3571 Delta	64	54	84
3951 Ovid	23	21	91	3981 Grnd Jnctn	129	128	99
3961 Otis	20	19	95	4663 Clifton	70	74	106*
4671 Wray	55	49	89	5485 Parachute	37	40	108*
6482 Holyoke	54	49	91	9221 Cedaredge	109	106	97
7153 Fleming	26	25	96	9304 Rifle	33	29	88
8064 Akron	39	47	121*	9333 Hotchkiss	28	25	89
TOTAL	624	599	96%	TOTAL	878	855	97%
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>							
101 Colo. Spgs.	485	486	100*	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>			
3917 Security	629	605	96	4031 Durango	227	225	99
4051 Colo. Spgs	609	566	93	5181 Dove Creek	50	50	100*
5221 Calhan	107	95	89	5231 Mancos	144	140	97
6051 Wdlnd Park	50	49	98	9058 Nucla	36	36	100*
6461 Fountain	322	293	91	TOTAL	457	451	99%
7829 Monument	151	132	87	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>			
10649 Elizabeth	53	50	94	3411 Kit Carson	22	20	91
TOTAL	2406	2276	95%	6491 Burlington	67	69	103*
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>				6612 Hugo	36	33	92
336 Ordway	93	91	98	9491 Deer Trail	17	19	112*
2411 LasAnimas	88	88	100*	9700 Chynn Wlls	29	25	86
4001 Springfield	43	42	98	TOTAL	171	166	97%
4281 Holly	27	28	104*	15006 MAL	2627	2492	95%
TOTAL	251	249	99%	TOTAL DEPT	16065	15450	96%
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>							
899 Alamosa	98	95	97	<b>2019 dues are now DUE</b>			
4849 La Jara	51	51	100*	<b>Be 100% +1 in 2018-2019</b>			
6101 San Luis	59	57	97				
8121 Del Norte	54	44	81				
TOTAL	262	247	94%				

**State Convention Hotels**

June 12 - 15, 2019

**Best Western**  
3440 S. Vance Street, Lakewood CO 80227 303-989-5500 ext 305

**Holiday Inn Denver**  
7390 W. Hampden Ave., Lakewood CO 80227 303-985-4938

**LaQuinta Inn**  
7190 W. Hampden Ave., Lakewood CO 80227 303-969-9700 ext 5

**Courtyard Marriott**  
7180 W. Hampden Ave., Lakewood CO 80227 303-985-9696 (VFW)

**Hotel Lakewood**  
3605 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood CO 80235 303-989-6900

**Quality Inn**  
7240 W Jefferson Ave., Lakewood CO 80235 303-989-4600

**Flying Saucer RV Park**  
2500 W. Hampden #151, Englewood CO 80110

Make your reservations ASAP

Reservations made after 5/10/2019 will be on a space available basis

**Membership 2018 - 2019**

With the new year well underway, we are more than half-way into the VFW's fiscal year. This year has been a great year with membership, with more recruits and higher retention levels, setting us farther ahead than this point last year. This is thanks to the great recruiting and retention efforts of our membership.

Our Department is currently sitting at over 95% in membership and we need less than 800 members to give our state the minimum percentage required for All-American status. Our state has 20 Posts at or above 100%, with 58 Posts needing 10 members or less to reach 100%+1. Only 2 Posts are below 80% and all 13 Districts are well above 90%. Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars has recruited and reinstated just shy of 400 members, with only 119 recruiters.

(For more information on membership, visit [VFWCO.org](http://VFWCO.org))

Alexandra Faulkner  
Membership Director

**"Why I Honor the American Flag"**

"To survive in peace and harmony, united and strong, we must have one people, one nation, one flag."

(Pauline Harrison)

As an eighth grader, I pledge my allegiance to our American flag every morning of the school week. Before second grade, I was just reciting words, but I can remember when that all changed. My teacher taught our class how the fifty white stars represent the states of our union, and the blue field the stars proudly march across depicts the vigilance, justice, and perseverance of America. The thirteen stripes, standing for the colonies, are red, for hardiness and valor, and white for purity and innocence. My perspective on the American flag was altered completely. As it valiantly stood guard over my school, I remember not only thinking of the symbols and colors it represented, but of its individual threads as people of my America, interwoven but independent. I began to think of why I honor the flag.

Through raging wars, deaths, and terrorist attacks, the flag has come to amaze me more than I ever expected it to. It constantly stands waving, declar-

ing these hardships will not stop us from being proud Americans. The flag is a unifying factor between us all, young and old.

My great grandfather served in the war, and I am so grateful to him and all those who have defended my country. The flag he received was given to my family, and it has hung in our house for years. When I see that flag, I think of my great grandfather, along with other veterans, and what they have done for me, my family, and America. It's so amazing how that flag has brought me closer to them and my country. The flag is like glue, binding us together, regardless of small dividing factors that often cloud our vision. When I honor my flag, my prejudices leave me, because it unites us as Americans.

Every time I see a flag, I remember it represents our country as one, and as individuals. I remember we stand for our freedoms, and those who fought for them. The moments I see a flag are ones of pride, remembrance, and emotion. I try to focus not on the turbulent part of our country's journey, but that we worked together through those times and continued to smoothly pave our road, and for this, my flag will always wave.

**Patriot's Pen 1st Place State Winner**  
Amy A. Adams  
District 8 and Salida VFW Post 3820

**VFW National Convention**

Every year, thousands of VFW and Auxiliary delegates gather to represent the organization's total membership of nearly 1.6 million at the weeklong convention. While there, our mission is to approve new national priorities to guide our organization as we lobby Congress on issues important to the nation's veterans, service members and their families.

Convention delegates also elect new leadership, as well as recognize prominent individuals and organizations for their support of veterans and military personnel.

Save the date for the 120th VFW National Convention which will be held in Orlando, Fla., July 20-24, 2019.

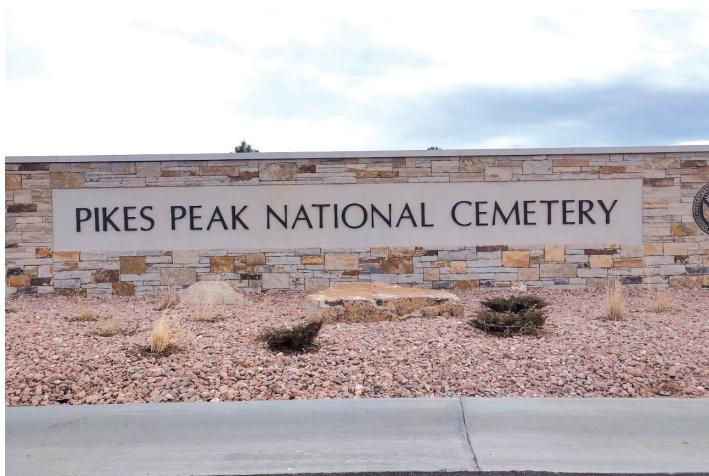
**120th National Convention Housing** will officially open February 15, 2019. Housing reservation information will be located on the convention website accessed through National VFW website, including a tentative agenda.



**TAPS**



Post 1781: Mauro B. Corral  
Post 2461: Curtis Mulder



Pikes Peak National Cemetery has been busy with Veteran services. December 15th was Wreaths Across America and MSG William J. Crawford VFW Post 7829 and VFW Auxiliary, Monument, made sure that all Veterans buried in the cemetery were honored with a wreath.



Minturn Mt Holy Cross VFW Post 10721 members spent time in the Vail Colorado Snowsports Museum. The 10th Mountain Div. Torchlight Ski Down and Legacy Parade in Vail brings history to life and pays homage to the founders of Vail.



District 10 President Brigitte Dolan attended Arvada VFW Post #4331 Christmas Party and sat on Santa's lap. Wonder what she told him she wanted for Christmas.



Norma Timmerman has been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for 60 years. She is a member of Jake Uhrig VFW Auxiliary, Sterling, CO. Norma has served in all capacities of the Auxiliary, local and District #4 and was a Department Floor Officer for many years. She is also a member of the MOCA and has served as Grand President, and all other offices and many years as a Trustee. Norma did not drive, until her husband Harvey was too ill to drive and passed away.



MSG. William J. Crawford Auxiliary 7829 participated in Wreaths Across America program. 122 wreaths were sponsored, and over 100 residents attended the ceremony helping with the placement of the wreaths.



Santa Claus dropped in for the Commerce City VFW Post 4444 and Auxiliary Christmas Party and the Auxiliary 4444 Elves were there to help him with the gifts. Then he was back on sled to another party. Busy man



Minturn VFW Post 10721 hosted the annual Christmas Party at the Edwards Colorado Mt. College to a crowd of over 80 attendees. Taste 5 Catering provided dinner and “The Fabulous Femmes”, had the party dancing, singing and parting to Christmas favorites.



VFW Post 10721 conducted a Veterans Day Ceremony with over 200 attendees from Eagle County at their Freedom Park Memorial. A special tribute was conducted thru the “Bells of Peace; A World War I Remembrance” which encouraged citizens and organizations across the nation to toll bells in their communities 21 times at 11:00 am local time on November 11th. Guest speaker was Doyle Cooper, U.S. Navy, Vietnam, lead Education Volunteer at the Center for American Values which honors Medal of Honor Recipients..

## VFW CHRISTMAS FOR SOLDIERS

On 13 December 2018 a group of several volunteers spearheaded by Ron and Charlotte Lattin delivered Christmas presents, cards and food to 13 Gold Star families of soldiers and 28 children in need.

These volunteers were assisted in this holiday endeavor by VFW's - Pat Hannon, Dean K. Phillips, Chew-Commons-Slocum, Skyline Posts, & Auxiliaries #5061 & 2797, also Littleton Elks ladies, King Soopers and donation from several individuals. The families may not have had a Christmas or very limited Christmas if not for the generosity of this group. Ron Lattin and this special group of volunteers (about 25) have been helping soldiers for many years providing for children and parents, food for the holiday meal and even gift cards for those things they may need to round out their Christmas. This year they provided about 40 pounds of food for each family including a ham, a turkey, and other needed items. These families were totally overwhelmed by the generosity of VFW and its Auxiliary and the other groups that helped them during holiday season. The Elks ladies club helps to wrap all the gifts and made a generous donation. Fort Carson's own came in to greet these spouses and children helping to make the party extraordinary for all.

These families were totally overwhelmed by the generosity of this group and seeing the children realize that Santa was real in their lives brought the true meaning this season to everyone involved in this project. The project consisted of food, toys, bikes, clothing, and gift cards given to each child and a small gift for the Moms. The volunteers work about 456 hours to complete this project. The VFW should be very proud of what this group of volunteers has done to give these families a special Christmas to remember.

This year we used some of our funds for a special request to send packages to 12 soldiers in the 627 medical units Operation Inherent Resolve in Afghanistan. We shop for items that each soldier asked for, and also added individual care articles, games, throws, books, cards and other items. We mailed boxes in November to make sure they would have everything by Christmas.

We are sincerely blessed to have the support of our Posts, Auxiliaries & individuals that help make this program possible.

Ronald Lattin, PDC



## VFW/CABA/METRO STATE PILOTS CHRISTMAS AIR DROP 2018

December 9, 2018 came for this years Veteran food and toy airlift to now 14 VFW posts in Colorado. After two days of staging food and organizing the food in the Signature Hangar at Centennial Airport, we were on the Ramp loading planes for their specific destinations. This year 34 aircraft (one helicopter) loaded and flew into airports for posts in; Burlington, Las Animas, Alamosa, Pueblo, Montrose, Delta, Durango, Greeley, Dove Creek, Fort Morgan, Cortez, Longmont, Lafayette and Loveland. Between donated and purchased food and toys we flew out 8,978#. This served 669 adults and 402 children totaling 1,071 as well as 43 homeless veterans at Fort Lyons.

There were, not including the CABA and METRO pilots and staff, 210 Veterans of Foreign Wars members and families helping with the project. These posts drove 5,680 total miles in support of the airlift.

Donations for the project came from the community to support the a whopping total of \$16,096.92 Our expenses were \$185.54 for were \$9,568.25 and we toiletries for the homeless



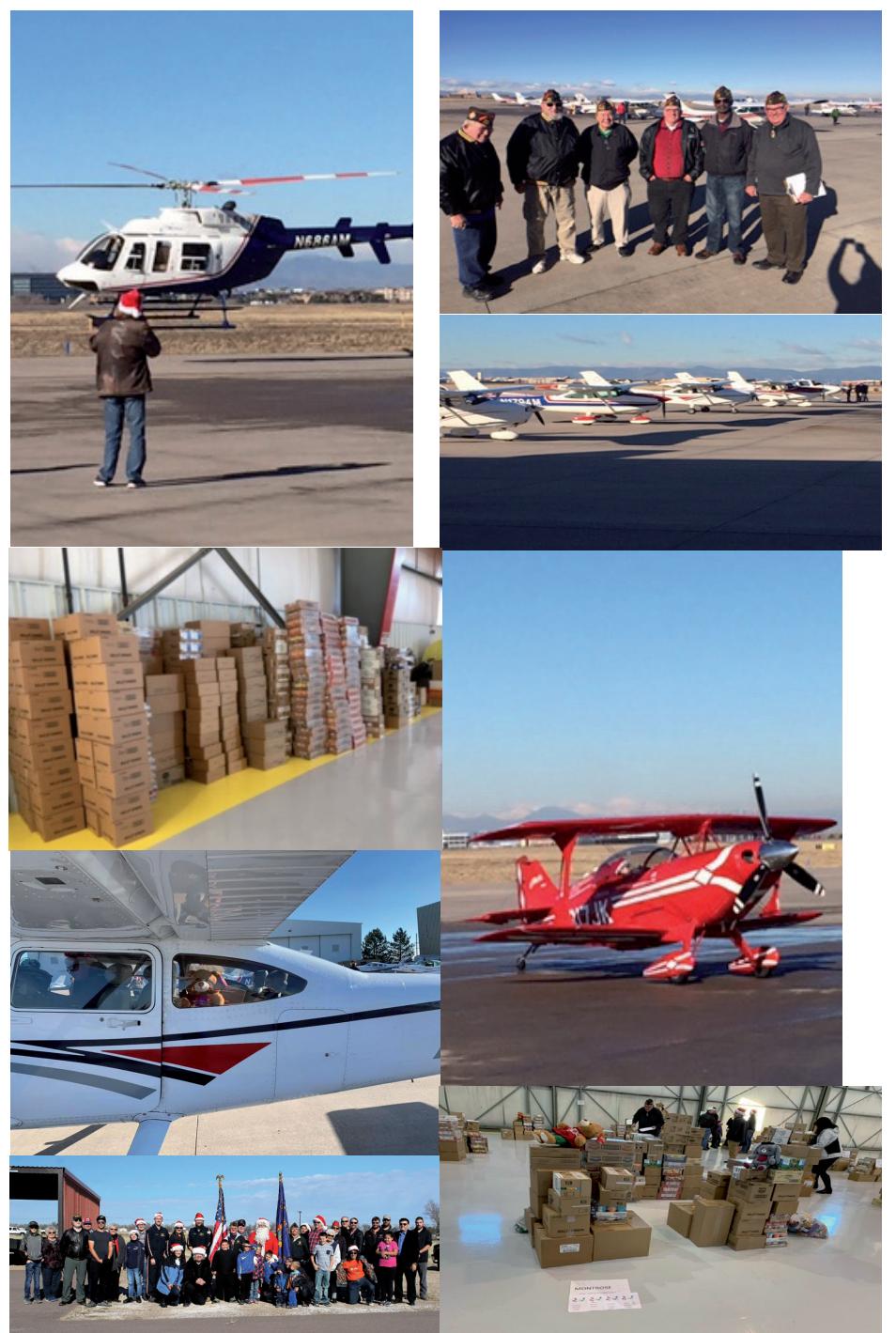
from many VFW and others in project. This year we received in donations for the airlift. tri-fold flyers. Food expenses purchased \$1,200 in toys and

Hearing back from the VFW posts, this the 8<sup>th</sup> year of this project, was very successful and the largest airlift to date.

This all comes from the individual donations from our caring veteran organization to help make Christmas a bit more happy for those in need each year. The many thank you and appreciation words from veterans receiving these goods makes this project very special.

If you would like to know more about the project and would like to be involved in the project as we plan our 9<sup>th</sup> year, Christmas 2019, contact Peter Buchanan, 303-981-1606 or [peterbuchanan@comcast.net](mailto:peterbuchanan@comcast.net).

PS Try it you might like it



**VFW Post Membership Convention Pre-Registration  
Sheridan, Colorado June 12 – 16- 2019**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

2018-2019 Officer Title \_\_\_\_\_

Pre- Registration is \$15.00 and will include a ditty bag and convention book  
**Early registration MUST be received on or before April 15, 2019 to be eligible to win  
A \$100.00 gift card.**

Make Checks payable to: VFW Post 9644

Mail to: VFW Post 9644 2680 W Hampden Englewood, CO 80110 ATTN: Convention  
*Registration at the door will be \$20.00*

Will you be attending the Military Banquet? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_  
Military Banquet Tickets \$25.00 each.

**Auxiliary Convention Pre-Registration  
Sheridan, Colorado June 12 – 16 - 2019**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

2018-2019 Auxiliary Officer Title \_\_\_\_\_

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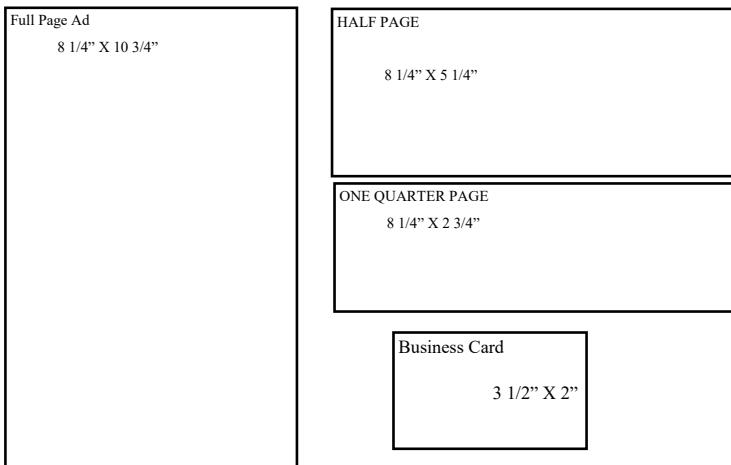
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**2019 VFW State Convention Ad Sheet**

FULL PAGE \$100.00	8 1/4 X 10 3/4
HALF PAGE \$75.00	8 1/4 X 5 1/4
FOURTH PAGE \$50.00	8 1/4 X 2 3/4
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Business name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Submit : Copy this form along with your Ad (JPEG FILE ONLY) to:  
M.J. Davies Email: [mommadavies59@gmail.com](mailto:mommadavies59@gmail.com) by 15 May 2019.

Payment must be received by May 15, 2019  
(Ad will not be printed if payment is not received)

Make Checks Payable to:  
VFW Post 9644  
Attn: Shelly Hall  
2680 W. Hampden  
Englewood, CO 80110

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

**Wednesday June 12**

8:00 am	Golf Tournament	TBA
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch for Golfers	VFW Post 9644
12:00 noon - 4:00 pm	Registration	VFW Post 9644
12:00 noon - 4:00 pm	Lunch	VFW Post 9644
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Service Officer Claims	VFW Post 9644
5:00 pm	Memorial Service Practice	Lakewood Vineyard Church
7:00 pm	Council of Administration	Sheridan High School

**Thursday June 13**

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration	Sheridan High School
8:00 am	Joint Opening Session	Sheridan High School
12:30 pm	Dept Commanders Luncheon <b>(by invitation only)</b>	VFW Post 9644
1:00 pm	General Resolutions	Sheridan High School
1:00 pm	Service/Rehab Resolutions	Sheridan High School
1:00 pm	Time & Place Committee	Sheridan High School
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Registration	Sheridan High School
5:30 pm	Joint Memorial Service	Lakewood Vineyard Church
7:00 pm	Past Post Commanders Banquet	TBA
8:30 pm	Theme Party	VFW Post 9644

**Friday June 14**

7:00 am	All American Cap & VFW Line Officers & Staff Breakfast	VFW Post 9644
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration	Sheridan High School
8:30 am	Business Session	Sheridan High School
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Open Houses - Caucuses	VFW Post 9644
2:00 pm	Patriotic Rally	VFW Post 9644
7:00 pm	Military Banquet	VFW Post 9644
7:00 pm	Patio Karaoke	VFW Post 9644

**Saturday June 15**

7:00 am	Past State Commanders Breakfast	VFW Post 9644
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration	Sheridan High School
8:00 am	Business Session /Election	Sheridan High School
11:00 am	VFW Warriors Meeting	TBA \
2:00 pm	Installation Practice	Sheridan High School
5:00 pm	Joint Installation of Officers	Sheridan High School
	State Commander/President Reception	VFW Post 9644

**Sunday June 16**

10:30 am	VFW Warriors Ride	TBA
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**State Convention – Department Auxiliary  
Hosted by Verle Huffman #9644**

**Wednesday June 12**

8:00 am	Golf Tournament	TBA
12:00 noon to 1:30 pm	Lunch for Golfers	VFW Post 9644
9:00 am	Staff Meeting	VFW Post 9644
12:00 noon - 4:00 pm	Registration	VFW Post 9644
12:00 noon - 4:00 pm	Lunch	VFW Post 9644
2:00 pm	Floor Work Practice	TBA
5:00 pm	Memorial Service Practice	Lakewood Vineyard Church
7:00 pm	Council of Administration	Sheridan High School

**Thursday June 13**

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration	Sheridan High School
8:00 am	Joint Opening Session	Sheridan High School
12:30 pm	Dept Presidents Luncheon <b>(By invitation only)</b>	VFW Post 9644
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Registration	Sheridan High School
5:30 pm	Joint Memorial Service	Lakewood Vineyard Church
7:00 pm	Past Dept. Presidents Banquet	TBA
8:30 pm	Theme Party	VFW Post 9644

**Friday June 14**

7:00 am	Past District President's Breakfast	VFW Post 9644
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration	Sheridan High School
8:30 am	Business Session	Sheridan High School
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Open Houses - Caucuses	VFW Post 9644
2:00 pm	Patriotic Rally	VFW Post 9644
7:00 pm	Military Banquet	VFW Post 9644
7:00 pm	Patio Karaoke	VFW Post 9644

**Saturday June 15**

7:00 am	Past Auxiliary President's Breakfast	VFW Post 9644
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration	Sheridan High School
8:00 am	Business Session / Election	Sheridan High School
2:00 pm	Installation Practice	Sheridan High School
5:00 pm	Joint Installation of Officers	Sheridan High School
	State Commander/President Reception	VFW Post 9644

**Sunday June 16**

9:00 am	Department Officers Breakfast	TBA
10:30 am	VFW Warriors Ride	TBA

**Buddy Poppy Displays and Community Activities Scrap Books  
Sheridan High School - Rooms will be Posted  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



# Auxiliary News

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Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman

## President's Column Shelley Schlieman



Welcome Brothers, Sisters and Comrades to 2019, with new beginnings and renewed commitment to our Veterans, Active Duty, their families and our Com-

munities. As I reflect on the 2018 year, I see what a wonderful organization we belong to. I see our Auxiliaries renewing annual members, recruiting new members, growing our organization and working the National Programs. I hope that we continue to invest our energies in these efforts and in making our Auxiliaries welcoming places where everyone is treated with respect and as valued members, working as volunteers to honor the memory of those who have passed or those present, who have served or serve our country with valor. We are fast approaching the year end reporting date of March 31<sup>st</sup>, so I hope you have all been reporting on the good works, miles driven, donations made, and hours spent in each of the programs. Our Department Chairmen are looking forward to seeing all that you have accomplished this year.

The National President's directive this year to all the Departments is to promote the Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation. It was put together with input from a Committee of members, from across the states, appointed by Sandi Kriebel, and contains such valuable information. Our own Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson, was asked to help with information directed to Treasurers and Trustees. Our focus for the second half of the year will be on bringing this information to you at our District visits and the Foundation will be the workshops at our March COA. This is something that can't be accomplished in one year but something that will continue to guide us for some time.

If you haven't had the opportunity to look at this document, it is very easy to access. Go to the VFW Auxiliary National website and sign in under Mal-

## Historian/Media Relations

I hope that the New Year is going well for everyone!

The National VFW Auxiliary would like for all Auxiliaries in Colorado to launch a **Community Outreach Project** as part of the **Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation**. It is the educational part, where we educate our own members and the community on the WHO and WHY we are members of the VFW Auxiliary.

The goal is for members and commu-

ta. Click on Resources at the top of the page and then click on the Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation book. The book is broken into: Guidebook 1, Officers Duties; Guidebook 2, Programs and Reporting; Guidebook 3, Extension Membership Recruiting; Guidebook 4, National District Council Members; Guidebook 5 Financial Responsibilities (Treasurers and Trustee's). You can address any area of interest to you or, better yet, take the time to peruse all of it. We would welcome your comments or questions at the March COA. This is a valuable tool for newer members, those thinking about stepping into an Officer or Chairman position, or refresher for older members on what our Foundation is.

Thank you to all of you who worked so hard on our VOD/Patriots Pen program and attended our banquet in January to honor our students.

The National Mid-Year Conference is March 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> in Tucson and all members are encouraged to attend, information is on the National VFW Auxiliary website.

You are all invited to our March 23-24 COA at Post 2121 Greeley where we hope to provide a time of welcoming, learning, and friendship.

Our National President will be visiting Colorado April 16-18 and a schedule of activities will be provided soon. We would love to have all of you attend any and all events to meet Sandi Kriebel.

Remember to get your nominations for your Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year to Department by the deadline and plan on attending the Volunteer of the Year banquet April 28 at Post 3917 Security

We would like to remind you that any and all Department events are open to ALL members and we can't thank you enough for your attendance.

2019, a new year to "Join Hands, Support Veterans" because we "Believe, We Can Do It".

Shelley Schlieman  
State President



nity outreach teams to speak to as many groups as possible during the month of March.

All the information you need to get started is in the VFW Auxiliary Outreach Tool Kit at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources).

Our National President Sandi Kriebel will be visiting Colorado in April, please stay tuned for updates.

Lennie Dolan  
Historian/Media Relations Chairman



MSG William J. Crawford VFW Post and Auxiliary #7829

**proudly endorse**  
**KATHY CARLSON**  
**for**  
**Department President**  
**2019-2020**

plates, titles, as well as drivers licenses. Agency was 13<sup>th</sup> largest in the State.

General Manager of a turnkey computer program of a publicly owned company, working nationwide as well as internationally.

Kathy leads our Auxiliary with purpose, grace, and integrity. Many of our Auxiliary members were recruited by Kathy. Her warm, welcoming spirit makes everyone she meets feel important. Countless times Kathy has dropped everything to help a fellow member and/or Veteran in their time of need, demonstrating a genuine concern for others.

With a deep love for her family. Kathy is a wonderful example to her children, Michael, 15, Andy, 13, and Lily 11. Together, with her husband, she serves Veterans and promotes patriotism, demonstrating love and respect for God and Country.

Kathy's enthusiasm and respect for the VFW Auxiliary is contagious. If elected Department President, she will be a blessing and true asset to the State. Please join us in supporting Kathy Carlson for the office of Department President.

Lorna Kemper  
VFW Auxiliary 7829 Secretary

## VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

It seems like we were just starting the 2018-2019 Program year, and it is already more than halfway over! Where has the time gone? Thank you all for supporting the Buddy Poppy and National Home Programs. Your continued support of these programs and our Veterans is truly appreciated.

The Buddy Poppy is such a recognizable flower of our organization. Every day is a great day to have a Buddy Poppy drive to replenish your Auxiliary Relief Fund. This allows your Auxiliary to help more Veterans and their families. I would like to encourage each Auxiliary to order Buddy Poppies if you haven't ordered any this year. Order forms are in the Program book and available on the Department website. The Department Convention is quickly approaching. This is an excellent time to start planning your Buddy Poppy display and hat. I look forward to seeing all the displays and hats this year at Department Convention. Please display the Buddy Poppy cans for collecting donations for this program.

The National Home has helped so many Veterans and their families throughout the years. The Military & Veteran Family Helpline number is **1-800-313-4200**. Any Veteran or fam-

ily member is encouraged to call the Helpline for any reason. The Helpline helps Veterans and their families find the right kind of assistance. The National Home has many different projects that could always use donations. Please remember to earmark the project your Auxiliary has decided to send a donation to. For those of you that could not attend the Council of Administration Parade of Programs in November, I challenged each Auxiliary to be creative and make something, or you can purchase something, that you can display to collect donations for the National Home.

Thank you for all the hard work and continued support you give to both programs. Please remember to report all that you and your Auxiliary has done. I also appreciate the endless hours of volunteering you all do, and the support given to our Veterans and their families by you and your Auxiliary. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Looking forward to seeing you at the Council of Administration weekend in March to be held in Greeley at Post 2121.

Hugs,  
Patsy Gilmore  
State Buddy Poppy/National Home Chairman

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

**GENERAL ORDERS #3**

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

**1. The Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary** will hold its Parade of Programs, Workshops, and Council of Administration meeting on March 23 and 24, 2019 at Pioneer VFW Post 2121 Greeley, 2514 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Greeley, CO 80631. A complete schedule of programs and work-shops will be available on the Department website. Joint Council of Administration meeting will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 8:30 am and the Auxiliary Council meeting will follow.

**2. Department President Shelley Schlieman's special project** is the Ralph Emerson Jack Gulden Blood and Cancer Fund. All Colorado VFW and Auxiliary members are eligible to apply for a grant from this fund. Please forward all donations to Dept. Treasurer, Cindy Anderson. In addition, proceeds from the sale of the Veteran Pins will benefit this fund.

**3. Members in Good Standing** are those who are life members or those who hold a 2019 annual membership card as of January 1, 2019. A member who is not in good standing is not eligible to attend meetings, vote, or hold an office. They are also not eligible for a cancer grant from National. All rights and benefits are restored immediately upon payment of the current year dues. Proof of payment may include a paper or digital copy from MALTA.

**4. Membership:** Members who have not yet paid their dues for 2019 are requested to send dues to your Auxiliary Treasurer or pay them directly through the MALTA system. Membership cards will be sent to paid annual members from National Headquarters. Members should always carry an application in order to recruit new members. The VFW Auxiliary may fix an admission fee. This entitles each new member to a copy of the National Bylaws and Book of Instructions and a membership pin. (See Section 102 of the Bylaws.)

**5. Audits** for the months of October, November and December 2018 are due by January 31, 2019. Audits must be read on the Auxiliary floor and voted to be approved before sending them to the Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson. If an extension is required, please contact the Department Treasurer as soon as possible.

**6. District Presidents:** Annual official visits to the Auxiliaries should be

**February 1, 2019**

completed in a timely manner. District Officer making the visit should sign the Secretary and Treasurer books to verify that they are being kept in accordance with procedures. Copies of bonds, audits and verification of 990 filings should be available for review. All questions on the visit form should be completed.

**7. Voice of Democracy Banquet** was held at VFW Post 2121, Greeley, CO on January 26, 2019. The Department VFW Auxiliary would like to extend congratulations to all the winners throughout the state and thank you to all the Auxiliaries for their hard work to promote this program.

**8. Hospitalized Veterans** will receive special recognition during the week of February 11 though 15, 2019. Consider planning a special event or activity to honor our hospitalized veterans during this time.

**9. Salute to Service nominations** are due to VFW Department Headquarters by March 31, 2019. The Department Award Banquet will be held on April 28, 2019 at Cheyenne Mountain VFW 3917, 4715 Clearview Dr. Security, CO 80911. RSVP's must be made with Department Headquarters. Please visit the Department website vfwco.org for further details.

**10. Program Report Forms** should be filed with the VFW Department Headquarters in a timely manner so that Auxiliaries will receive credit for their hard work. The reporting year is April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. All reports are due to Department Headquarters by April 15, 2019. Be sure to use the Auxiliary Report for to list your activities.

**11. National Presidents Official Visit** will be April 16 to 18, 2019. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in welcoming Sandi Kriebel to Colorado. Details of the events being planned will be posted to the Department website. All members are welcome to join in the activities.

**12. A special thank you** to all of you who attended the Parade of Programs in Colorado Springs. The Program Chairman did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that you were able to take some good information back to your Auxiliaries.

BY ORDER OF:  
/s/ Shelley Schlieman  
Department President

ATTEST:  
/s/ Cindy Anderson  
Department Secretary

**ROSTER CORRECTIONS**

- Page 24 Change President 101 to: Linda Byes, 6968 Kassen Dr, Fountain 80817  
719-440-7364 [lindabyes@gmail.com](mailto:lindabyes@gmail.com)
- Page 37 Change Treasurer 3541 to Louise Jones, 13270 County Rd 370,  
Sterling 80751, No Email  
New telephone number 3571 Treasurer, Gloria McCurley 970-783-8454
- Page 39 Change Treasurer 3917 to Barbara Kidd, 4114 Morley Cir,  
Colorado Springs 80916 719-648-6819 [bekidd1@hotmail.com](mailto:bekidd1@hotmail.com)
- Page 46 Change Treasurer 4444 to: Joy Montoya, 7141 Jasmine St, Commerce City  
80022 720-468-8503 [melendezjoy65@gmail.com](mailto:melendezjoy65@gmail.com)
- Page 50 Change President 5812 to: Linda Reinbold, 834 W El Portal Dr.  
Pueblo West, CO 81007 719-320-1394 [lindareinpold@q.com](mailto:lindareinpold@q.com)
- Page 54 Change Secretary email 7829 to: lkemper@gmail.com
- Page 56 Add Secretary 9221 Connie Tollefson, 10368 Highway 65 Austin, CO  
81410 970-835-3825 [tolle2@kaycee.net](mailto:tolle2@kaycee.net)
- Page 57 Add Treasurer 9333: Susie Finley, PO Box 184, Crawford, CO 81415  
720-318-7383 [lukensnooze@yahoo.com](mailto:lukensnooze@yahoo.com)

Please send ALL VFW Auxiliary Roster changes to State Secretary, Cindy Anderson

**Scholarships**

Welcome to 2019!!

It was great to see everyone who attended the Voice of Democracy Banquet at the end of January. Thank you again to Pioneer VFW Post 2121 for hosting and doing an outstanding job on the banquet. To everyone who helped set up the weekend and throughout the weekend with the students, thank you. But the biggest THANK YOU goes out to each VFW and Auxiliary who did an outstanding job this year with promoting and getting entries for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. This is the first year in a long time that there was a Voice of Democracy entry for *every* district in Colorado!!

If you all remember back at our first C.O.A, I challenged the District Auxiliary President's to get at least one entry from their district turned in to Department. I specifically said, make it hard for our Department Judges to select a winner and boy oh boy did you all deliver. All ten of our Department judges had a great first experience and said some of those speeches blew their minds. Good Job and pat yourselves on the back!

With the new year upon us, I hope that **all** the Auxiliaries have been promoting and working on the last two

scholarships we are offering this year: Continuing Education and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.

Remember all entries for the Continuing Education scholarship must be to National by February 15, 2019. Remember entries for Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest can now be two-dimensional or three-dimensional art. Two-dimensional art can be watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil or marker. Three-dimensional art can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, clay, meta work, fabric, etc. Just a reminder digital art, photography and jewelry are not accepted. All entries need to be to local Auxiliaries by March 31, 2019. All finalists from local level need to be given or sent to me by April 15, 2019. Of course, all the information for both these scholarships is on the National VFW Auxiliary Website: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. See you all in March 2019 at Council of Administration in the Greeley/Evans area! Hugs!

Stephanee Trujillo  
State Scholarship Chairman

**Attn: VFW Auxiliary Members**

**Please check Page 8 of this Colorado Veteran for the State Convention Schedule, Pre-Registration form, and Convention Book Ads. Hotels are listed on Page 5.**

**If any Auxiliary wishes to donate for the Ditty Bags, they can be dropped off at Post 9644. It will be GREATLY appreciated. Thank you in advance. You may also email or call Karen Davidsmeyer, 303-347-9401, neff1965@yahoo.com.**

**Veterans Pins / President's Project**

WOW, it is February already. Time sure flies when we are having fun raising money for the Ralph Emerson Jack Gulden Memorial Blood Cancer Fund for our Colorado VFW Veterans and Auxiliary members. Have you had a FUN fundraiser in your Auxiliary? If not, better get going and get it done! At the Council Weekend in March, we will be drawing for the beautiful Patriotic Quilt and Pansy Oil Painting. If you will not be attending you can still have a chance to win. Complete the form, include your money and I will make sure your tickets are purchased. You can't win if you don't enter.

Veteran Pin sales have been great. We did a reorder so, pins are still available. Sorry to say, some Auxiliaries have not purchased. Members, you can

complete the form and order for yourself. The Veteran Pins will be mailed to you. To all Auxiliaries that have purchased Veteran Pins—THANK YOU! Some have gone above and beyond and to them we are especially grateful. Wear your Veteran Pin at the Parade of Programs, who knows something special may happen there.

If we "Join Hands, Support Veterans" because we "Believe.....We Can Do It" imagine how the grants provided to our Colorado VFW Veterans and Auxiliary Member will help to ease a little of the financial burden of cancer. Do your best to support the Ralph Emerson Jack Gulden Memorial Blood Cancer fund.

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](mailto:rockymountainstar@hotmail.com) or mail to above address

## Membership 2018-2019



### How are we doing Statewide?

We are doing great! Since we finished the calendar year at 94.89%, we have continued to grow our membership! We are closing in on finishing the 2018-19 year at 100%!

### Awards to recruit new members!

If you recruit 2 or more new members, not only do you get a Patriotic Ribbon Keychain for both you and the new member, but YOU also get a Patriotic Ribbon Pin!

A drawing will be held at the March COA meeting for the following:

**DRAWING #1 - \$10** for auxiliaries who recruited 1 new member

**DRAWING #2 - \$25** for Auxiliaries who recruited 2-3 new members

**DRAWING #3 - \$45** for Auxiliaries who recruited 4-5 new members

**DRAWING #4 - \$75** for Auxiliaries who recruited 6 or more!

### Wall of Honor!

Thanks to PDP Ruth Gulden for donating her **Wall of Honor** to Membership! All Auxiliaries who have reached 100% or better will be featured on the Wall. Please send me a group picture of your members to [carlsonmke@gmail.com](mailto:carlsonmke@gmail.com). Your Auxiliary photo will then be placed on the Wall and displayed at the March COA!

### Believe - We can do it!

Our goal is to reach 100% in Colorado! Let's get those new members so they can JOIN HANDS with us as we SUPPORT VETERANS!

Kathy Carlson,  
Dept. Membership Chair

## Youth Activities

Greetings to you all,

Hope you all had a Wonderful Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year!

I can't believe that this year is almost over. I have had a wonderful time speaking and meeting with all Auxiliaries that have reached out to me. I am looking forward to our next COA and hope that I will be able to speak with more members on a one to one basis.

Again, I want to thank all the Auxiliaries that have reported on the Youth Activities Program. I have received many from Auxiliaries that have reported but also do not have some from Auxiliaries that have not reported. Please if you have not reported any Programs, please do it soon, as our deadline is nearing, and I know that you have done lots of Events and special things for our Veteran's that you should Report. So please turn in your reports.

**Our Deadline is nearing for these Awards, please send them as soon as you can:**

**Outstanding Youth Group of the Year Award:**

All entries are due to the VFW Auxiliary by May 15, 2019, and all en-

tries 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 Auxiliary 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.

If you have any questions or want to contact me, please feel free to email me at [luvthosedenverbroncos2@yahoo.com](mailto:luvthosedenverbroncos2@yahoo.com). I will be happy to help you in anyway.

Until next time, keep up your Great Work. I especially give you all a BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR VETERAN'S!!

With Loyalty,  
Lucille Chavez  
State Youth Activities Chairman

## Council of Administration Weekend March 23 and 24 2019

Hosted by VFW Post and Auxiliary 2121  
2514 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631

**Friday March 22, 2019**  
6:00 pm Staff meeting - VFW Post 2121

### Saturday March 23, 2019

7:00 am Department Audit - VFW Post 2121  
8:45 am District President Meeting w/counselor  
9:15 am Pre-Council Meeting  
9:45 am Program Chairman with Coordinator  
10:00 – 12:00 Foundation Workshop-Open to all members  
12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch  
1:00 pm Workshop Department Service Officer  
1:30 pm Workshop – Delegates and Installation Reports  
2:00 – 4:00 pm Parade of Programs  
6:00 pm Dinner Menu TBD

### Sunday March 24, 2019

8:30 am Joint Opening - VFW Post 2121  
Auxiliary Council of Administration to follow

## TAPS

## Auxiliary Membership by District as of February 27, 2019

Number	City	2018	2019	%	Number	City	2018	2019	%										
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>																			
1	Denver	186	181	97	859	Leadville	26	26	100*										
501	Denver	142	131	92	1166	Buena Vista	65	0	0										
2461	Denver	106	106	100*	11411	Lake George	46	48	104*										
2797	Denver	46	44	96	12009	Conifer	32	32	100*										
5061	Denver	133	133	100*	TOTAL		169	106	63%										
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>																			
2788	Penrose	36	37	103*	4264	Stmbt Spgs	32	30	93										
3641	Pueblo	79	72	91	4265	Craig	49	47	96										
4061	Canon City	133	130	98	5843	Meeker	33	33	100*										
5812	Pueblo West	48	44	92	9374	Kremmling	19	19	100*										
7305	Colo. City	227	24	89	TOTAL		133	129	97%										
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>																			
41	Loveland	120	108	90	322	Englewood	87	80	92										
1771	Lafayette	296	297	100*	3471	Morrison	46	46	100*										
1781	Ft. Collins	115	121	105*	3631	Aurora	97	97	100*										
2121	Greeley	94	94	100*	4171	Golden	313	298	95										
2585	Johnstown	75	72	96	4331	Arvada	142	137	96										
2601	Longmont	219	204	93	4444	Cmmrc City	183	183	100*										
4334	Ault	38	38	109*	7945	Thornton	258	265	103*										
6624	Evans	218	197	90	9644	Fort Logan	333	329	99										
9565	Broomfield	38	35	92	TOTAL		1459	1435	98%										
9741	Dacono	23	22	96	<b>DISTRICT #11</b>														
TOTAL		1236	1188	96%	1247	Grnd Jnctn	79	74	94										
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>										3571	Delta	66	62	94					
2551	Ft. Morgan	127	127	100*	3981	Grnd Jnctn	25	30	120*										
3541	Sterling	67	61	91	4663	Clifton	50	49	98										
4671	Wray	27	27	100*	9221	Cedaredge	59	55	93										
TOTAL		221	215	97%	9333	Hotchkiss	24	17	71										
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>										303	TOTAL	303	287	95%					
101	Colo. Spgs.	79	80	101*	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>														
3917	Security	188	168	89	4031	Durango	97	94	97										
4051	Colo. Spgs	264	249	94	5181	Dove Creek	39	32	82										
5221	Calhan	27	26	96	5231	Mancos	60	62	103*										
6461	Fountain	144	150	104*	TOTAL		196	188	96%	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>									
7829	Monument	41	56	137*	3411	Kit Carson	25	24	96										
TOTAL		743	729	98%	6491	Burlington	19	16	84										
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>										6612	Hugo	41	41	100*					
336	Ordway	80	77	96	TOTAL		85	81	95%										
2411	LasAnimas	102	102	100*	15006	At Large	462	512	110%										
TOTAL		182	179	98%	TOTAL DEPT.		6,403	6,156	96%	<b>Please send in your 2019 Dues!</b>									
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>										<b>Be 100% in 2018 - 2019</b>									
899	Alamosa	78	51	65	<b>"We Can Do It"</b>														
3228	Monte Vista	51	0	0															
4849	La Jara	40	42	105*															
8121	So Fork	109	112	103*															
TOTAL		278	205	74%															

## Chief of Staff / Extension / Mentoring

Has each Auxiliary President completed their Quarterly Report? How about nominating someone from your Auxiliary for the Mentor of the Year Award?

From the reports that Sr. Vice President Kathy Carlson is sending, I know that we have all been working hard on Membership. Congratulations!!!! Are we mentoring those continuous and new members? Please don't leave them where they do not understand the functions of the Auxiliary.

Even though we had bad weather at the Council meeting in November, several of the Deputy Chiefs

## Americanism

Greetings! I hope you all had wonderful holidays and are now getting adjusted to writing 2019 on everything. I want to give a big thank you to all the Auxiliaries that have reported something under Americanism. We are getting close to the end of our reporting year, so this is the perfect time to make plans for any of the Americanism goals you may not have had time to work on yet. If your Auxiliary has not reported, I will be reaching out to the president and Americanism chairman to see if I can help you in any way. Each Auxiliary should be reporting under each of the six goals from national.

As a reminder, those six goals for this year are – 1) Safety in America/Disaster Preparedness (I presented on making up a kit for this at the last Council of Administration meeting in November. Please contact me if you'd like information). 2) Flags across America (placing flags in prominent places on patriotic holidays). 3) Flag Education (now that

the bustle of the holidays is over, this is a great time to go out and get into the schools). 4) Promote Patriotism (there are so many patriotic days throughout the year to do this). 5) POW/MIA recognition (POW MIA day is in September, but that doesn't mean you can't still do a recognition ceremony) and 6) Smart/Maher Teacher of the Year Education Award (this deadline was in October).

I hope to see all of you in March when the Council of Administration meeting will be held in Greeley at Post 2121. Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> will the Parade of Programs where I will present some further information on Flags Across America and do a general review of the other goals so we can make one last push at meeting our goals! The Council of Administration meeting will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Loyally,  
Brandi Dolan  
State Americanism Chairman

## Veterans And Military Support

### VETERAN AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM GOALS:

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

February! Valentines Day! Two months left to report on and to get them submitted

National Salute to Veteran Patients Week is to: pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans; increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center; encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and to become involved as volunteers. The week of February 14 each year is your opportunity to say thank you to a special group of men and women, more than 98,000 Veterans who are cared for every day in Department of VA medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliaries, and nursing homes as well as other

medical facilities.

March is the Month of the Military Caregiver and the 29th is Vietnam Veterans Day.

April is the Month of the Military Child. Yes, it is on next years reporting, so everything you are doing for it gets reported when it is totally completed (April 2019-20 report)

Along with VFW & VFW Auxiliary this is another excellent site to find Special Dates <http://www.operationwearehere.com/SignificantDaysObservances.html>

We have had a few Auxiliary Thank You coins handed out and some that have put out Resource Rack Cards. Keep on Supporting Our Veterans & their Families! Hope to see you March 23-24 at #2121 Greeley for COA

Rena Cales  
State Veteran & Family Support  
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 patriotic 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

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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

## Hospital Program

Recruitment of new volunteers has been made a priority this year. Another Community Volunteer Recruitment Week is scheduled for 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.objectivezero.org)

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 Reinold  
State Hospital Chairman

## Department Fundraising

Dear Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

The holidays are over and we hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! So, looking forward to the New Year

Don't forget – Amber and I have 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. Can you 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 several mem-

bers have paid their \$12 for the year! Let's see how many members pay and how much we can raise for our Department! 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.

At the last two COA's, we have had some fun baskets that we raffled off. Hope the winners enjoyed them! Look for a new basket at the next COA – who knows what goodies will be in it????

Remember that we have 2019 calendars, patriotic CD's, cook books, cards and those great crocheted dish cloths for sale. Look for us at our table at the next COA.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Greeley!!!

Sincerely,  
Queenie Barz  
Ways & Means Chairman

Amber Jenkins  
Ways & Means Co-Chairman

## Thank You Colorado

Many thanks to each of you VFW and VFW Auxiliary Members for your cards and thoughts of my beloved Darrell. He SO appreciated your friendship and leadership

Carol Anderson