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David Stone

VFW Department of Colorado Commander



Comrades, Auxiliary Members, ladies and gentlemen.

I want to thank Past Department Commander Kirk Rosa for installing me. You know, leading requires followers who you can give a job to knowing that it will get down right. Kirk, you are one of the best.

I would also like to introduce my family, starting with my granddaughters McKinsey and Peyton, their mother, my daughter Trisha Anthony, her husband Chris Anthony, my son Mathew and my wonderful, lovely wife Laura.

Nearly 120 years ago groups of likeminded veterans of the Spanish American War and the Philippine Insurrection banded together to fight for benefits and medical care for their comrades. These groups became the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and it is because of these visionaries, these giants and those that followed that today's veterans have resources like the Veterans Administration, a national cemetery system, education benefits and so much more.

Today we are a nation entering unfamiliar territory with wars crossing generations in a way that has never hap-

pened before. For the first time in our nation's history the newest generation of warriors, those entering the service this very day, are being trained to fight in the same war that their warrior parents have fought in Afghanistan and Iraq. Our communities continue to see the impact that these wars have had on today's generation of warriors as they return to civilian life. Our VFW must continue to be on the front line of caring and advocacy for these warriors. Whether it's a cry to "just build the damn thing" or a buddy check phone call it is our VFW and our Auxiliary, made up of those veterans and auxiliary members standing in this very room who will continue to care and fight for today's generation of warriors.

Today I am privileged to have been elected as the Commander for the Department of Colorado. But this job isn't about me nor is it about you. It's about service through our VFW; service through our Auxiliary. We understand that the center of our organization cannot be the national headquarters in Kansas City, nor can it be our Department Headquarters in Lakewood. Instead, our VFW world must revolve around the over 90 "Centers of Caring" across Colorado that are our VFW Posts and Auxiliaries. It's there that our tradition of service takes place as we take care of the today's veterans in the communities where they live.

Join me as we stand on the shoulders of the giants that came before us, in lifting the banner of our VFW and our Auxiliary to care for those that continue to give so much to our country.

(Installation Speech June 15, 2019)

Patsy Gilmore

VFW Auxiliary Department President



Good Evening you all! Family, friends, brothers, sisters, and distinguished guests, thank you all for coming tonight. I am so honored to have you with me as I begin this new chapter in my book of life. First, I would like to introduce my wonderful family here with me tonight. If it weren't for all their support, I wouldn't be where I am. With your support, I believe I can and will accomplish anything I put my mind to. My wonderful husband Page, Gil you have taught me to except challenges and face them head on instead of going around to avoid them. My beautiful daughter, Ashley. Ash, you have filled my life with the love only a daughter can give. I was such a young Momma, it wasn't just me helping raise and teach you, you taught me to have patience, understanding and that there is no problem that is too big, that it can't be solved. My handsome son, Joshua. Josh, you have filled my life also, but with the love only a son can give. Although I had a little bit more experience helping raise and teach you, you taught me persistence, determination and that life should have laughter in it because *Ivan* said so. My awesome little sister Tammy Jo. TJ, just to let you know, I'm so glad you came along, even though everybody thought I was going to be the baby of the family. You have been through so much. But you've picked yourself up, dusted yourself off and moved forward. You have definitely taught me the true meaning of tenacity and perseverance. I'm so proud of all of you and am very thankful you are in my life. To my family who couldn't be here that have given me their support for years, I love you. You are a part of who I am. My brother Roger, you know me too well, I truly appreciate the support you have given me forever. My sister Connie, you encouraged me to continue my run through these

chairs, even though I was stuck in the hospital and was unsure of my future. You grew your wings and left us all way too soon. My Auntie Laura and Uncle Glen, you're both my rock when I feel overwhelmed and I know I can count on you to help guide me through anything.

To the members of the VFW, thank you for showing your support to me. You are all part of "my why" I am passionate about this organization. Nobody will ever know everything you and all Veterans have had to go through, in order for me to stand here today. To my Counterpart, Commander David, I look forward to serving in this position of leadership beside you for the ensuing year. Thank you for all the help you have given to me in the past couple months. Your words of wisdom were very much appreciated.

To the members of the VFW Auxiliary, thank you for standing by me and showing me your support as we continue to make sure our Veterans are taken care of. To all of you that have offered your "open - phone" policy, thank you. I appreciate all that have, are and will be a mentor to me. To all of you who have accepted a position, thank you. To the Line Officers, thank you for making the decision to be a Line Officer. Working together we will make a great team.

To all of you, I will do my best to fulfill my obligations. I realize that I can't change the world, but I can improve my little piece of it. Thank you again for all your support.

I would like to end with a quote from Maya Angelou, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

My Special Project is the Colorado VFW Foundation. I wanted my Special Project to be accessible to all Colorado Veterans that are in need of a little extra help, not a specific group of Veterans, but all Veterans. My Motto is Climbing Mountains for Veterans, my colors are red, white & blue and my flower is the Poppy. Thank you to all that accepted an appointed position for the 2019 - 2020 year. I believe as we work together and support each other, we can truly make a difference to our Veterans and their families. Please join me in *Climbing Mountains for Veterans* and *Serving Our Veterans with Aloha*.

(Installation Speech, June 15, 2019)

Voice of Democracy

Established in 1947, our **Voice of Democracy** audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 40,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of \$2.1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$16,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Want to apply? Read the rules and eligibility requirements, then download and complete the 2019-20 entry form.

All student entries submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31.
Post Student entries to District by Nov. 15
District entries to Department by Dec. 15
Department entries to National by Jan. 15

The 2019-20 theme is:
What Makes America Great

Patriot's Pen

Each year more than 132,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's **Patriot's Pen** youth essay contest. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$55,000, with each first-place state winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level.

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. Want to apply? Read the rules and eligibility requirements, then download and complete the 2019-20 entry form.

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Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Program

Each year three exceptional teachers are recognized by the VFW for their outstanding commitment to teach Americanism and patriotism to their students. The VFW annually recognizes the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach at least half of the school day in a classroom environment and promote America's history, traditions and citizenship education effectively. The Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award recipients are selected from entries submitted to local VFW Posts in every state and overseas.

The awards include the following items:

- A national \$1,000 Past National CIC John Smart award for the top K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 grade teachers for professional development expenses.
- \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school.
- Plaques for both the winning teacher and school.
- An all-expense-paid trip to attend the VFW National Convention.

Nominations must be submitted to a local VFW Post by Oct. 31.

Post Teacher Nominations to District by Nov. 15.

District Nominations to Department by Dec. 15

Department Nominations to National by Jan. 15

**Brochures are available on National VFW Web site www.vfw.org
 Colorado Web site has a link to the National Web site vfwco.org**

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William J. "Doc" Schmitz Commander-in-Chief

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William J. "Doc" Schmitz was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on July 24, 2019, at the 120th VFW National Convention in Orlando, Fla.

Doc served in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970. He served in Vietnam as a corpsman attached to the United States Marine Corps infantry and artillery. In recognition of his service, he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He joined the VFW in 1971 at Post 524 in Corning, N.Y., where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served as Department Commander, Post Commander, Southern Tier County Council Commander and District 5 Commander. He was also editor of the New York State Overseas Veteran publication for nine years. In 2007, he

was elected Department Surgeon for the Department of New York where he served for five consecutive years. He served at the national level as the Surgeon General from 2010 to 2011, and as the Inspector General from 2015 to 2016.

Doc worked for the Department of Corrections as a registered nurse and acting nurse administrator for 30 years before retiring. He currently is employed as the Director of Veterans Issues for Congressman Tom Reed of the 23rd Congressional District in New York. He is also a 32nd degree Mason.

Doc and his wife, Deborah, reside in Corning, N.Y.

Colorado VFW Foundation

Thank you to the VFW Posts, Auxiliaries, members and family members for your donations. Your continued support and contributions are greatly appreciated not only from us but from the Veterans and their families we are able to assist.

It is heart warming to know we do make a difference. Over the summer one of our grant applicants and his daughter stopped by the office to say Thank You and to show his appreciation to the VFW, because of his circumstances we were his only and last resort to get the financial assistance he needed.

We are now accepting and processing applications for Eligible Veterans and their Families in the State of Colorado. All complete applications are processed in the order received. Applications should be submitted for assistance with utilities, medical expenses, travel/transportation in the event of an emergency, higher/continuing education course expenses, vehicle repairs/registration/insurance as determined on a case by case bases, and other basic needs, etc.

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

apply for a one time Grant of up to \$500. We receive referrals from VA Social workers, Veterans Service Officers, and other non-profit organizations. In the event the need is greater than the assistance that can be provided, the veteran will be referred to outside resources for: additional assistance to prevent eviction/ or loss of shelter, help with employment/ interviewing/resume writing. Veterans will also be referred to our Veterans Service Officers for help with VA Claims and Benefits or, to their Local Human Services Agencies for any additional state assistance as they may qualify for.

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

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

Colorado VFW Foundation Directors

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**

Sr. Vice Column Robert Kidd, Sr.



It was nice to see everyone at the Department convention hosted by Post 9644. I believe that everyone that came had a good time.

Remember that the convention sets the rules that the Department works by for the new year. It is very important for the Posts and Districts to have representation at that event so that your voice can be heard.

I also need to thank everyone that has faith in me to be your Senior Voice Commander. There are going to be a lot of changes this year with how information is going to be distributed out to the Post and District Commanders. As you all should know by now that the Department Commander David Stone has started to move the Department

into the electronic age if you will. Lots of new ideas going forward. Please use the Department web site. The Department Staff is working hard to keep it up to date with the information that everyone sends to them.

Please remember to include your Auxiliaries in your planning for the ensuing year. The Auxiliary will also have a lot of good ideas to help both the Membership and the Auxiliary flourish. Plus, working together is always a good idea.

I am traveling to Orlando Florida for the National Convention. It should be a very informative event. Hope to see very one at the first Council of Administrations in August 2019.

Robert M Kidd
State Sr Vice Commander

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



I would first like to congratulate the entire Department on achieving 100% + last year. Now we need to get to work and do it again.

We have 95 Posts in this Department. Last year we had one Post that did not Bond. All Posts and Districts a required to have a surety bond in the amount equal to their liquid assets for all persons

responsible for handling these assets.

Of the 95 Posts, 21 were not inspected. That is 22%. This is why Posts get in trouble. The purpose of the inspection is to ensure Posts are current on items that are required. 990s, Secretary of State filings, etc. A few Posts had not filed a 990 in a few years and found out the expense of regaining their tax exemption. A proper inspection might have prevented this.

Bruce Dolan
State Quartermaster

Surgeon's Column Geraldine Rimpley



Happy, hot summer, my comrades. As the newly elected Surgeon for the Department, I struggled for days trying to decide what message I could share. I don't have any

medical background so I can't or won't try to enlighten you with medical information. I look forward to exploring our numerous Veterans care facilities, but I have nothing to report to date. But then an obvious topic was sitting right under my nose or should I say, under my feet. Many of you may not know I have received a service dog which I could talk for days about, but I'll keep this article short but informative to share my experience.

Through a request by my VA psychiatrist, I was referred to Customs Canine Service Dog Academy out of Madison, Wisconsin, for consideration to be provided a service dog. I completed the application on-line within their website in December and was notified in January that I met their curriculum, good news! The bad news was it could take 2-3 years for a match to be found but then I was truly blessed by God and told I would meet my new friend in April. What a great surprise!

I met my new friend, Katy the first week of April and kept her for the weekend to see how our relationship would work out. Katy is a two-year-old German Shepherd that is full of energy! She was raised in Wisconsin her first two years where she received initial level training of basic commands. With my experience

with military working dogs, I felt her high energy level would not be an issue but an advantage for me.

It was then agreed that I could take full possession of Katy the first week of June. This just happened to coincide with our VFW District 2 Warriors Vets for Pets Bike Run to raise funds for any organization that supports providing service animals to Veterans. How exciting! Not only did the participants get to meet my new friend but also see exactly where their donations went to as we raised over \$700 for Customs Canine Service Dog Academy.

I have had Katy now for two months and have been able to do things that were quite challenging previously due to my PTSD. She has attended Rockies games, flew with me back home to Illinois by myself, and even drove through the challenging traffic of Denver to attend monthly staff meetings. My only costs during this process were the application fee and buying the necessities to provide her a happy and healthy life.

There are numerous organizations out there just as worthy that can provide service animals not only to Veterans but all individuals in need due to various health issues. I highly encourage you to contact one of them if you or a loved one need support as you will be surprised at the doors that will open for you to get out there and enjoy life! I know I will as I begin my travels to posts and care facilities to see how VA facilities are providing for Veteran's needs and for you to meet Katy!

Gerri Rimpley
State Surgeon

Jr. Vice Column Barbara Green



Community Service Program

We now have two separate forms – one for the Post and one for the Auxiliary. The Post report-

ing year is from May 1st to April 30th. For the Auxiliary their year ends on March 31st. The form has a section for Post number; City; District number; and Reporting dates at the top. The form is then divided into sections for Veterans and Military support; VFW National Home for Children; Buddy Poppy; member benefits; Community Service; Americanism/Citizenship Education; Legislative; Scholarships and Youth Activities. Hospital and Nursing Homes section has a different chairman. For each of the sections Posts indicate Hours; Cash donations and Mileage. If filled out on line the form totals each column.

The report end date for the year is 30 April but I need to send in statistics to Ann at Department by May 10, so either save April hours for next year or estimate them so that the form may be submitted to Department on or about 1 May. I also need to determine the winners of awards in the five divisions by 10 May so that Ann may order the plaques to be ready by the Department convention.

Post divisions are determined by the number of members of each Post on 30 June. Division 1= 1-50 members; Division 2 = 51-125 members; Division 3= 126 -225 members; Division 4 = 226-399 members and Division 5 = 400 or higher members. First place in each division receives a plaque which second

and third places receive certificates. The awards go to both Post and Auxiliary members of the winning Posts.

Other items of interest:

Buddy poppies \$20 of the \$120 per 1000 poppies we purchase goes towards our service officer costs so this \$20 can be counted on the form. Under Community service do not count volunteering with your church unless your program is open to the public. For legislative watching debates or other political shows on TV does not count. Also please include the value of donating the Post Hall use to community nonprofit groups and other in-kind donations. But projects/activities benefiting VFW Post and Auxiliary members only cannot be reported.

Please mail the form to the Department office as it is then scanned and put on the Department website for all of the chairmen to look at.

If you are wondering why you should report Community Service/Hospital the VFW turns the cash, hours and mileage into cash and reports this volunteer income to Congress. On the most current VFW Fact Sheet 10.3 million volunteer hours annually and \$46.9 million amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members. It is also essential that the VFW Department establish and maintain a system of program reporting to enable the VFW to substantiate its tax exempt status and provide information about Post and Auxiliaries volunteer efforts in their communities.

Barbara Green
State Jr. Vice Commander

Chaplain's Column Kevin Reinhold



Brothers and Sisters,

I am very honored to be serving our Lord and the members of this great organization. I pray our Lord Blesses each of you as we go forward. If you need prayer call or email me or if you would like me to attend an event, send me an email and cc Department. If I am able to attend, I will be there.

Mark 16:15, He said to them, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all people."

Last year we connected with an organization that's donating Bibles and other material to help our veterans and their family members. If your Post and Auxiliary Chaplains would like to get involved in this ministry let me know. It has helped veterans and family members throughout our state and other states.

A Post Commander from Texas sent a message after receiving their first Bible shipment. His Chaplain is an 85-year-old Korean War Veteran who travels up to 3 hours one-way to perform his duties. The Commander said that when they received their Bibles, their Chaplain gained a renewed connection with the people he ministers to. This ministry is now in VFW Posts across the states. All of the glory goes to our Lord.

I would like to share with you a testimonial, Last year when our Lord

allowed me after, a lot of prayer, to become your servant as State Chaplain and we were moving forward with His ministry. I felt I could use more responsibility at work. So, I started praying again that he would enlarge my work area. The Lord does answer prayers. He gave me a position of responsibility that I had no time for my family or even the Lord Himself. I was pretty much working or on the phone with work 24/7. One day I was sitting at my desk at work and started praying, "Lord, you allowed me to be a servant for you, to our veterans and family members. Then I asked for a larger territory at work, that left me no time for Your work or my family." I prayed for several days and He heard my prayer. He placed me back in the same position that I left and now am back to serve Him and you.

These are just a few things the Lord has blessed us with. If you are a Post or Auxiliary Chaplain or a member of our great organization and want to be on an email list so we can help your ministry. Send me an email.

As we work to help our veterans and family members this year, put your whole heart into whatever you do. If we don't who will.

Kevin Reinhold
State Chaplain

"Doing our Lord's Work for All Veterans"

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(General Orders #1 Cont.)

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1
June 15, 2019 SERIES: 2019-2020

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

The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 99th Annual Convention held June 12-15, 2019, Sheridan, CO., and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

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2. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:

The next Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, August 18, 2019. Joint Opening will be at 8:30 A.M. SHARP. VFW and VFW Auxiliary will be at Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post #3917, 4715 Clearview Dr., Security, CO. Sunday dress is Blue and Grey. **Training Sessions will be on Saturday August 17, 2019 at VFW Post #3917 Security.**

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS OR THEIR PROPER REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT.

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

3. **PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:** All Department Officers are instructed to comply with Sec. 515, Paragraph (c) "Proof of Eligibility". Such proof must be on file at Department Headquarters **prior to August 11, 2019.** Failure to comply will disqualify Council Members from participation in the Council of Administration and District Commanders for reimbursement of expenses.

4. **2019 SPRING SWEEPSTAKES:** Prize winners of the Spring Sweepstakes are listed in this Colorado Veteran.

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

6. **NATIONAL CONVENTION:** The 120th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. was held in Orlando, FL July 20-24, 2019.

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

8. **2019-2020 POST OFFICERS:** Posts that have not submitted Report of Election forms will do so immediately. Posts that have not submitted their Election Report to Department will not be listed in the Department roster.

Posts who did not properly reported elected officers by July 1, 2019, were suspended for a period of ninety (90) days by the Department Commander. This suspension will automatically terminate when a properly completed Report of Election of officers is received at National Headquarters. At the end of ninety (90) days, the Commander-in-Chief may cancel the charter of any Post not properly submitting a list of officers to National Headquarters.

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

9. **QUARTERMASTER BONDS - AUDITS:**

It is the duty of Commander to see that the office of the Quartermaster is bonded and that Trustees Reports of Audits are completed, signed by the Commander, Trustees, and Quartermaster and mailed to Department Headquarters no later than 25 days following the close of each quarter. All Quartermaster bonds carried through Department expire **August 31, 2019. The foregoing is a requirement of the National By-Laws.** Bond Applications have been mailed to the Post Quartermaster and District Commander.

10. **DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD:**

All requests for the State Color Guard Units or Ritual Teams will be directed by the State Commander to Chuck Cooper and will be handled in order of priority established by the Commander and recommendations from the District being considered. All requests will be submitted in writing to

the State Commander, and it is requested that a copy be sent to Captain Chuck Cooper.

11. **COMMUNITY SERVICE and OTHER REPORTS:** Post Commanders are advised to send an **ORIGINAL report form - Community Service, Youth Activity, Americanism, Loyalty Day, Hospital and others pertaining to the Department Program report - DIRECTLY** to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO, 80214. Department Headquarters will scan same and send to the various VFW State Chairmen. The reporting year commences May 1, 2019. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2019-2020. Please make a copy of these forms for your Post files. **THERE WILL BE NEW FORMS FOR 2019-2020 REPORTING ON THE VFW WEB SITE.**

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

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

12. **2018-2019 AWARDS:** Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2018-2019 year, please notify Department, in writing, within Thirty (30) Days by applying for the appropriate awards.

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

ATTESTED BY:

\\ Bruce R. Dolan
Bruce R. Dolan
Department Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:

\\ David Stone
David Stone

**Department Of Colorado
VFW Membership Program
2019 - 2020**

The membership program will be available on the Department website at <https://vfwco/index.php/members/vfw-membership-program> immediately following National Convention.

Copies of the program will not be printed for distribution unless specifically requested. Contact the department via email at vfw@vfwco.org or by phone at 303-421-1630, 1-800-965-1630.

David Stone
State Commander

VFW Post Membership by District as of June 30, 2019

Number/ City	2018	2019	%	Number/City	2018	2019	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	952	999	104*	859 Leadville	35	31	89
501 Denver	353	374	106*	1166 Buena Vista	123	139	113*
2461 Denver	136	147	108*	3820 Salida	87	82	94
2797 Denver	66	74	112*	8661 Bailey	126	131	104*
5061 Denver	290	295	102*	10721 Minturn	112	132	118*
TOTAL	1797	1889	105%*	11411 Lake George	48	44	92
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
2788 Penrose	85	90	106*	12009 Conifer	143	135	94
3641 Pueblo	152	144	95	TOTAL	674	694	103%*
4061 Canon City	272	288	106*	DISTRICT #10			
5812 Pueblo West	195	203	104*	322 Englewood	102	114	112*
7305 Colo. City	43	49	114*	3471 Morrison	71	73	103*
8898 Boone	43	44	102*	3631 Aurora	323	325	101*
12063 Westcliffe	51	52	102*	4121 Idaho Spgs.	51	50	98
TOTAL	841	870	103%*	4171 Golden	440	445	101*
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	291	300	103*	784 Montrose	139	138	99
807 Boulder	41	47	115*	1247 Grnd Jctn	269	277	103*
1771 Lafayette	270	279	103*	3571 Delta	64	58	91
1781 Ft. Collins	330	365	111*	3981 Grnd Jctn	129	132	102*
2121 Greeley	186	189	102*	4663 Clifton	70	75	107*
2585 Johnstown	189	190	101*	5485 Parachute	37	42	114*
2601 Longmont	369	373	101*	9221 Cedaredge	109	111	102*
4334 Ault	61	66	108*	9304 Rifle	33	33	100*
6624 Evans	253	254	100*	9333 Hotchkiss	28	28	100*
9565 Broomfield	109	107	98	TOTAL	878	894	102%*
9741 Dacono	67	60	90	DISTRICT #12			
12174 Brighton	0	35	0	4031 Durango	227	240	106*
12189 Berthoud	0	46	0	5181 Dove Creek	50	55	110*
TOTAL	2166	2311	107%*	5231 Mancos	144	147	102*
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	216	205	95	9058 Nucla	36	40	111*
3378 Yuma	64	66	103*	TOTAL	457	482	105%*
3541 Sterling	97	104	107*	DISTRICT #14			
3551 Brush	30	39	130*	15006 MAL	2627	2765	105%*
3951 Ovid	23	21	91	TOTAL DEPT	16065	16608	103%*
3961 Otis	20	19	95	2020 dues are now DUE			
4671 Wray	55	51	93	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
6482 Holyoke	54	52	96	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
7153 Fleming	26	26	100*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
8064 Akron	39	49	126*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
TOTAL	624	632	101%*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #15			
101 Colo. Spgs.	485	505	104*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
3917 Security	629	633	101*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
4051 Colo. Spgs	609	586	96	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
5221 Calhan	107	103	96	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
6051 Wldnd Park	50	51	102*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
6461 Fountain	322	325	101*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
7829 Monument	151	157	104*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
10649 Elizabeth	53	51	96	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
TOTAL	2406	2411	100%*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
DISTRICT #6				DISTRICT #16			
336 Ordway	93	93	100*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
2411 LasAnimas	88	89	101*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
4001 Springfield	43	43	100*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
4281 Holly	27	29	107*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
TOTAL	251	254	101%*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
DISTRICT #7				DISTRICT #17			
899 Alamosa	98	101	103*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
4849 La Jara	51	52	102*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
6101 San Luis	59	62	105*	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
8121 Del Norte	54	44	81	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			
TOTAL	262	259	99%	Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020			

Membership 2019 - 2020

Attention Comrades,
 Congratulations on a great year! Furthermore, congratulations to John Keene, All-American Post Commander (Post 1), Duane Johnson, All-American District Commander (District 1), and Steve Kjonaas, All-American Department Commander! Our Department finished the last fiscal year with 103.38%, over 5% higher than the previous year. It was also the first time since 1992 that the National VFW made over 100%.

As a result of the efforts of our membership, we had 12/13 Districts and 69/93 Posts (not including the 2 new Posts) finish at or above 100%. It was a great year for our Department and proof that we can work hard to make it happen. However, we need to work even harder this year, as we need to surpass our total membership of 16,608 by 1 member. Although 1 new member might not seem like a difficult task, there will be Comrades who choose not to renew and Comrades who move on to guard the Gates of Freedom. Thus, we must continue our recruiting and retention efforts

to continue the growth and advancement of our great organization.

While last year was a great year for the Department of Colorado VFW, we only had 175 recruiters (that is only 1.05% of our membership). Membership starts at the Post level where recruiting and retention are vital to the sustainability of our Posts. We need to continue to make our new members feel welcome and important and give our members a sense of purpose. Without our membership, our organization would not survive.

In closing, I challenge every member to recruit at least 1 new member, and those that do will get the nifty new Commander's Coin from our new Department Commander, Dave Stone. There are recruiting perks at both the Department and National levels, plus meeting new Comrades can be fun. I look forward to a great year with you all; if you need anything, please feel free to reach out at LexiFaulknerVFW501@gmail.com.

Alexandria Faulkner
 Department Membership Director

Department of Colorado is holding a travel raffle to benefit the Department Service Office and our scholarship programs. The prize is a \$1000 airline gift card and a \$500 gift card from a brand name hotel. Raffle tickets will be distributed to District Commanders during the August COA.

ALL ACTIVITIES DAY
September 21, 2019
VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System
2600 Oakshire Lane
Pueblo, CO 81001

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



TAPS



Post 3820: Harry H. Shepherd

Council of Administration
VFW Department of Colorado
August 16th and 17th, 2019

VFW Agenda

VFW Post 3917, 4715 Clearview Drive, Colorado Springs

Friday August 15th, 2019 5:00 to 8:00 PM
 Department Commander and President Homecoming at VFW Post 3917

Saturday August 16th, 2019
VFW Workshops at VFW Post 3917

9:00 AM 2019-2020 Membership Program - David Stone
 10:00 AM Membership Program How Too's - Alexandria Faulkner
 Kevin Reinhold
 11:00 AM - Noon Department Website Enhancements - David Stone
12:00 noon - 1:00 PM \$6 Sub Sandwich's (Auxiliary Fundraiser)
 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM Fall Scholarship Programs - Program Chairman
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Post Inspection Basics - Eric Hutchins

Sunday August 17th 2019

8:30 AM Joint Opening
 All State Presentation - Steve Kjonaas, Jr Past State Cmdr.
 VFW Council meeting - VFW Post 3917 Dining Hall
 VFW Auxiliary meeting - VFW Post 3917 Large Hall

Always well done - Never all done





Minturn VFW Post 10721 members and local supporters gathered at the Freedom Park Memorial on Memorial Day. More than 100 marked the 16th annual ceremony. A bagpipe presentation of “The End of the Battle” & Amazing Grace” by Sgt (Ret) Sean Taylor honored the fallen veterans from all American wars.



Canon City VFW 4061 members honored Navy Recruit Tristan Trantham with a shipping ceremony, who will become a nuclear engineer. He is the man wearing the Nike t-shirt in the middle of the group. Tristan reported to MEPS May 19, 2019. Chaplain Ed Williamson is standing by the U S Flag.



Alexendria Faulkner, VFW Membership Director, gave blood at National Convention, Orlando, FL. Lexi won a Loptop Computer from the VFW National Foundation and it was presented while she was donating.



Western Slope VFW Post 3981 recognizes a Mesa County Deputy Sheriff each quarter with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift certificate for dinner at a local restaurant.



Qm Bruce Dolan visited Boys Town after attending National Convention. July 29, 2019 they dedicated the Boys Town Alumni Memorial and are a Purple Heart Community and they salute their fallen classmates and combat wounded. Bruce is an Alumni member and returns every year. School is located in Nebraska.



Yuma VFW Post 3378 Commander Adam Beauprez (right) presents Gary Baucke with State and National VFW Public Service Awards. Gary was recognized for his outstanding service as Director of City of Yuma Ambulance Service. Gary was not able to attend State Convention to accept his award.



Jr Past State Commander Steve Kjonaas and Lennie Dolan relax at the National Reception Wednesday July 24th, Orlando FL. It is almost time to return home and all the meetings and parties are over.



National Reception Wednesday July 24th, Orlando FL. It is almost time to return home and all the meetings and parties are over. VFW members and VFW Auxiliary members attend and Congratulate the new National Officers.



2018-2019 State Commander Steve Kjonaas was awarded All-American Commander for the Department of Colorado VFW reaching over 100% in membership and the Department accomplishing all the criteria in membership growth and VFW core programs. Congratulations to Steve and the Department of Colorado VFW. Commander-in-Chief B J Lawrence presented the award at National Convention in Orlando, FL July 22nd.



2018-2019 State Convention 1st Place winner in Category 3 “Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies”, won by Verle Huffman VFW Post 9644 and VFW Auxiliary won 1st Place at National Convention, Orlando, FL., Category 3. Display was “IN Memory of Vietnam Vets Who Didn’t Return”. White tablecloth is all white poppies for the missing man table and a veterans cemetery with one red poppy at the entrance. 1,004 poppies were used in the display.



State Qm Bruce Dolan waves “Hello” from National Convention in Orlando, FL and VFW Auxiliary members, Lennie Dolan, Shelley Schlieman, Jana Kjonaas, and Shelley’s sister Deb are busy discussing the happenings of the day during their business session, in the Colorado Hospitality room. Jr. Vice Barbara Green, Bob Green and Barbara Kidd are sitting at the back table solving the problems of the day and planning what to do next. Chef Kirk Rosa is busy in the small kitchen fixing lunch for VFW members and VFW Auxiliary members.



National Convention Patriotic Rally, it is Parade time.

BLUE WATER UPDATE

OK we have heard the rumblings for a while now, but here is the latest information. Blue water was signed by both houses and the President;

HOWEVER, the VA has not yet started to process disability claims yet. They (the VA) are still figuring out how they will pay for this. They will probably have to go back to Congress and ask for the funds. Then they (the VA again) will probably come out with a new ships list, adding new ships that are eligible for VA benefits.

What Blue Water does is grant the Veterans presumption to Agent Orange during the Vietnam war. For those Veterans who served within 12 miles of the shoreline of the Republic of Vietnam otherwise known as the territorial waters of Vietnam. The presumption list for Agent Orange is as follows:

AL Amyloidosis: A rare disease caused when an abnormal protein, amyloid, enters tissues or organs.

B Cell Leukemias: There are several different types of lymphoid leukemias. (B-cell chronic Lymphocytic leukemia/small Lymphocytic lymphoma; Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, Mature B-cell type; B-cell prolymphocytic leukemia; Hairy cell leukemia) And, 14 kinds of lymphomas involving B-cells (Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; Follicular lymphoma; Mucosa-associated lymphatic tissue lymphoma (MALT); Small cell lymphocytic lymphoma; Mantle cell lymphoma (MCL); Burkitt lymphoma; Mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma; Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia; Nodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma (NMZL); Splenic marginal zone lymphoma (SMZL); Extranodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma; Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma; Primary effusion lymphoma; & Lymphomatoid granulomatosis.

Chloracne: A skin condition that occurs soon after dioxin exposure and looks like common forms of acne seen in teenagers. The first sign may be excessive oiliness of the skin. This is accompanied or followed by numerous blackheads. In mild cases, the blackheads may be limited to the areas around the eyes extending to the temples. In more severe cases, blackheads may appear in many places, especially over the cheekbone and other facial areas, behind the ears, and along the arms. *Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of exposure to Agent Orange.*

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia: A disease that progresses slowly with increasing production of excessive numbers of white blood cells.

Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2): A disease characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to respond properly to the hormone insulin.

Hodgkin's Disease: A malignant lymphoma (cancer) characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen, and by progressive anemia.

Ischemic Heart Disease: (IHD) is a condition in which there is an inadequate supply of blood and oxygen to a portion of the myocardium; it typically occurs when there is an imbalance between myocardial oxygen supply & demand. It includes but is not limited to, acute, subacute, and old myocardial infarction; atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease including coronary artery disease (including coronary spasm) and coronary bypass surgery; & stable, unstable, and Prinzmetal's angina. (It does NOT include hypertension or peripheral manifestations of arteriosclerosis such as peripheral vascular disease or stroke.)

Multiple Myeloma: A cancer of plasma cells, a type of white blood cell in bone marrow.

Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma: A group of malignant tumors (cancers) that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue. These tumors are relatively rare compared to other types of cancer, and although survival rates have improved during the past two decades, these diseases tend to be fatal.

Parkinson's Disease: A motor system condition with symptoms that include trembling of the limbs and face and impaired balance.

Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset: A nervous system condition that causes numbness, tingling, and motor weakness. This condition affects only the peripheral nervous system, that is, only the nervous system outside the brain and spinal cord. *Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of exposure to Agent Orange.*

Porphyria Cutanea Tarda: A disorder characterized by liver dysfunction and by thinning and blistering of the skin in sun-exposed areas. *Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of exposure to Agent Orange.*

Prostate Cancer: Cancer of the prostate; one of the most common cancers among men.

Respiratory Cancers: Cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus.

Soft Tissue Sarcoma (other than Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or Mesothelioma): A group of different types of cancers in

body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues.

Conditions Recognized in Children of Vietnam Veterans

Spina bifida (except spina bifida occulta): A neural tube birth defect that results from the failure of the bony portion of the spine to close properly in the developing fetus during early pregnancy. Certain other birth defects in the children of women Vietnam Veterans that served in Vietnam from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975. These conditions must have resulted in permanent physical or mental disability, must be due to the herbicide exposure, and not inherited. **Vietnam** – on land or on the inland waterways of Vietnam from Jan. 9, 1962 to May 7, 1975. **Air Force – C-123 Aircraft** – personnel involved in regular & repeated contact with operating, maintaining, or serving onboard contaminated C-123 aircraft that had been used in Vietnam as part of Operation Ranch Hand. This includes active duty AF & AF Reservists between 1969 to 1986.

PRESUMPTIVE LOCATIONS FOR AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE

Vietnam – on land or on the inland waterways of Vietnam from Jan. 9, 1962 to May 7, 1975

Korea – served in a unit along the DMZ from April 1, 1968 to Aug. 31, 1971

Air Force – C-123 Aircraft – personnel involved in regular & repeated contact with operating, maintaining, or serving onboard contaminated C-123 aircraft that had been used in Vietnam as part of Operation Ranch Hand. This includes active duty AF & AF Reservists between 1969 to 1986.

Thailand Military Bases – Duty must have been on or near the perimeters of military bases in Thailand anytime between Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975. Service member must have provided perimeter security, such as an MP (military police).

Veterans must show factual basis that they were exposed to herbicides during their military service as shown by evidence of daily work duties, performance evaluation reports, or other credible evidence.

Please stand by, once we (the Service Office) get word from the VA on how we will accomplish this task we will get the word out to our Veterans.

On behalf of the VFW Service Office, I want to thank all the Veterans who have served this great nation!

Steve Drummond
Department Service Officer

Spring Sweepstake Winners

1st Place - \$2,500
Harry Lewis
Colorado Springs

2nd Place - \$1,000
William H. Lavoie
Colorado Springs

3rd Place - \$500
Milton W. Griggs II
Steamboat Springs

4th Place - \$300
Eugene M. Parker
Boulder

5th Place - \$200
June M Moore
Las Animas

6th Place - \$100
Robert E Clements
Central UT

7th Place - \$100
Jim Zimmerman
Federal Heights

8th Place - \$100
Henry P. Fear Jr
Salida

9th Place - \$100
George Portice
Canon City

10th Place - \$100
Robert Frederick
Penokee KS

2018-2019 All-American Department of Colorado VFW

Department Commander
Steve Kjonaas
Department Quartermaster
Bruce Dolan

District 1 Commander
Duane Johnson

VFW Post #1 Commander
John Keene

Department President
Shelley Schlieman
made the
VFW Auxiliary
Circle of Excellence

Congratulations from the
Department of Colorado
Officers and Members

All State Commanders 2018-2019

John Keene	1
Dwayne Windisch	41
Alexandria Faulkner	501
Damien Berg	2585
Duane Johnson	2797
Dan McGrew	3471
Jeffrey Buchwalter	3917
Leonard Ladue	3981
George Grose	4171
Johnny T. Garcia	4265
Mark W. Latham	6461
Charles Mills	6624
Joseph E. Carlson	7829
Alfredo "Al" Zepeda	10721

Commanders & Quartermasters have been notified & All-State will be awarded at August COA Opening Session.

All State Quartermasters 2018-2019

Murphy Phanhdone	1
Steven A. Rylant	41
Deborah Wolf	501
James Davies	1771
Steven Kroh	2585
Geraldine "Gerri" Rimpley	2788
Terrance "Terry" Jacobson	3471
Robert M. Kidd Sr	3917
Darold J. Stafford	3981
Edward Williamson	4061
Gail Perry	4171
Mark Wick	4265
Stephen Urbany	6461
Robert J. Renfrew	6491
Ronald "Ron" Schlieman	7945
Carl McGuire III	8064
Dennis Marty	9333
Theron "Buddy" Sims	10721

August 2019 Commander-in-Chief's Challenge

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all our VFW Posts, Districts, and Departments, we are coming off of the first 100%+ membership year in nearly three decades – and we're not about to let that momentum stop! Commander-in-Chief Doc Schmitz is laying out the first Commander's Challenge of the 2019-2020 membership year, for the month of August.

From August 1st to August 31st, the challenge is to recruit and reinstate the most Annual members for your Post – for each Division, the ten Posts who accrue the most New and Reinstated Annual members in August will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 prize to be deposited into the Post account!

This time of year is perfect for getting out into your communities and spreading the word about what your Post is doing for veterans, and the mission of the VFW as a whole. Perhaps you may look into getting a phone campaign going to contact lapsed members and let them know how important their membership is to the VFW and what we do for veterans, to work on bringing them back into the fold.

Let's make sure this membership year has a strong start, build upon the momentum we have and keep the wave of membership excellence going! It's time to show that we DARE TO CARE about our membership mission!



Auxiliary News

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Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



President Special Project Pins

This year Department Auxiliary President Patsy Gilmore has selected for her special project the "Colorado VFW Foundation". The Colorado Foundation aide's veterans and their families with one time grant of \$500 to assist with assistance for utilities, medical expenses, travel/transportation in the event of an emergency, higher/continuing education course expenses, vehicle repairs/registration/insurance as determined on a case by case bases, and other basic needs, etc. Any eligible veteran in need of emergency assistance across the State of Colorado can apply. The Grant Application is available on the VFW Department Website to download with the requirements.

This is a very special project we are asking all the Auxiliaries to make a difference in a veteran's life by supporting this program. I am requesting the auxiliaries to purchase the innovative pin Patsy designed with the slogan "Climbing Mountains for Veterans". Let's get creative and have lots of exciting fundraisers with our shoe climbing mountains to new heights for Veterans. The pins are \$3.00ea, a form is below, send pin order forms with the number of pins and payment to me, I will send pins to the Auxiliary or person that ordered. I will have the pins at the first Parade of Programs in August.

Auxiliary can also send a donation "marked President Special Project to: Department Auxiliary Treasurer Cindy Anderson, 8281 Clay St. Unit A, Westminster, CO. 80031.

Lets get our shoes Climbing Mountains
Charlotte Lattin
Special Project Chairman
e-mail Charlattin@att.net

CLIMBING MOUNTAINS FOR VETERANS	
PRESIDENT SPECIAL	PROJECT PIN
 \$3.00 EACH	
Auxiliary Name _____	No. _____
Number of Pins _____	Amount Enclosed \$ _____
Send pins to: _____	
Mailing Address _____	
Make checks to Dept. CO. VFW Auxiliary Send order form to: Charlotte Lattin 8912 W Radcliffe Pl. Littleton, CO 80123-1130 questions --e-mail to: charlattin@att.net	

Department Treasurer

Welcome to the 2019-2020 fiscal year. I am always excited to see the first lists of new officers to see who has stepped up to manage the finances and work on membership for our Auxiliaries. This year we have many new officers. Thank you to those who have taken on this responsibility.

As new officers there is a lot to learn. Your first responsibility should be to get to your bank and update the information there. Remember, only the President and Treasurer should be signers on any accounts that the Auxiliary has. Next, you should complete IRS form 8832 and mail it to the IRS. This is supposed to be completed within 60 days of taking office so you should already have done this. If you have not, then please get it done. The responsible party in your Auxiliary for this purpose is the Treasurer. Lastly, where do you find out what your job includes? You have two wonderful sources of information that should carry you through the process. This year there is a new Treasurer Handbook provided by the National Headquarters which is available within the Malta program and we have our Building on the Auxiliary Foundation book. Please check these out.

If you are new to this job it is worth the paper and ink to print out both and keep them handy.

This year my focus in training will be on audits and Trustees. I have found over the last few years that we have many Trustees and Treasurers that do not fully understand how this process should work. It is our fiduciary responsibility to be sure that the funds of the Auxiliary on all levels are being handled appropriately and audited correctly. This is the basic job of the Trustees and it is an important one. I am looking forward to doing this training and will be glad to come to you if your Auxiliary or District needs my help.

Again, this year all new and rejoin member applications will be sent to me for processing in Malta. Please, please be sure that all necessary information is filled in and that it is readable. If you have a hard time reading the application I will too!

With all of us working together we will be climbing mountains for our veterans!

Cindy Anderson
Department Treasurer

VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

Well, here we go into our second year with the Buddy Poppy and National Home program's United and it's all beginning to make sense now. Buying and using poppies in every way possible benefits National Home.

1 penny for every poppy purchased goes to National Home, so if you purchase 1000 poppies \$10 is automatically sent there. National Home supports and houses active veterans in need and receives no government funding and relays on donations to maintain this program for Veterans.

Poppy drives fuel our relief funds that we use locally to aid Vets and their families. You can also use relief monies to donate to National Home. As you can see they both work quite well together.

As your chairman this year I want to put an emphasis on National Home. We all have our Health & Happiness minimums of .10 a member but I think that's pretty easy to meet. It's only around \$30 for the largest Auxiliaries in the state. I would like to see every Auxiliary to go above and beyond that.

To promote this in a fun way, I'll be handing out little paper mache house shaped boxes at the August 17th COA Parade of Programs in Security to each President to take back to their Auxiliaries and decorate and create a mini National Home/Buddy Poppy display. The roof comes off the house

and you can bring it out at events or dinners to collect donations, then bring it to the next COA in October (Hopefully full of cash or check).

We'll have a little parade of homes and some awards for the prettiest, silliest, most poppies, presidents theme etc. Last year 29 Auxiliaries donated other than the Health & Happiness minimums.

I would like to see 100 above. I know we can do that and no donation is too small.

There are also other National awards for different uses of poppies. One is incorporating Buddy Poppies into another national program. I'll have literature available with lots of ideas at the 1st Parade of Programs.

In the meantime, it's never too early to gear up for the next poppy drive or start planning your poppy display for 2020 state convention. I was blown away with all the beautiful and creative entries at this year's convention. Have not seen that many entries in a while. I hope all the winners will be able to get them to the National convention. This article will probably come out after that's over so good luck to everyone.

See you all at August COA.- 8/17/19 Security.

Shelly Hall
Buddy Poppy/National Home Chairman

Legislative

Hello and happy summer everyone. I am happy to be your Legislative Chairman this 2019-2020 year. I am sure everyone knows there is a lot going on in Legislation right now. One of the ways we can continue to get our voices heard for our veterans is to contact our legislators. Contact our senators (R) Cory Gardner at www.gardner.senate.gov, (D) Michael Bennet at www.bennet.senate.gov and our House Representatives at www.house.gov/representatives. Let's continue to let them know what is important to our veterans and their families. If you

have not done so sign up for the Action Corps Weekly. This weekly email has the important issues and links to contact our senators. At the August COA in Security I will have hand outs with the important issues we want for our veterans. There will be facts and fun things to take back to your Auxiliaries. Let's all start "Climbing mountains for our veterans". Please feel free to contact me for anything I can assist you with. Happy Legislating!

Brigitte Dolan
Department Legislative Chairman

Historian/Media Relations

Hello, my name is Lennie Dolan and I am very happy to be your Historian/Media Relations Chairman again this year. The Auxiliary member responsible for Historian/Media Relations duties compiles and chronicles memories and events in written format, photographs, memorabilia and print news/video clips. The New Year has just begun and it's time to get back to taking pictures of Auxiliary events and promoting our Auxiliary through social media.

Please share your pictures with me, I have two email addresses: arlinedolan@comcast.net or linebrd@aol.com

CLIMBING MOUNTAINS FOR OUR VETERANS

Lennie Dolan
State Historian/Media Relations Chairman

Be sure to share your pictures with Historian, Lennie Dolan

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO
GENERAL ORDERS #1**

June 15, 2019

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

1. Having been duly elected and installed into the office of President, Department of Colorado, according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary, I hereby assume command on June 15, 2019. All previously elected, appointed and committeemen's term of office is hereby declared expired and now ineffective.

The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 95th Annual Convention held in Sheridan on June 12 – 15, 2019, and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

PRESIDENT:

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

SR. VICE PRESIDENT:

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

JR. VICE PRESIDENT:

Lucille Chavez (4171)
669 Miller Court
Lakewood CO 80215

SECRETARY:

GINNY ROSA (12009)
416 S Pine Drive
Bailey CO 80421

TREASURER:

Cindy Anderson (7945)
8281 Clay Street, Unit A
Westminster CO 80031

CHAPLAIN:

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

CONDUCTOR:

Phil Reinbold (5812)
834 W El Portal Drive
Pueblo West CO 81007

GUARD:

Shauana Merrill (4265)
1272 Barclay Street
Craig CO 81625

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

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

3. Following are the Program Chairs for the 2019 – 2020 year:

Program Coordinator – Shelley Schlieman (7945), 3537 W 113th Ave, Westminster CO 80031

Achievement – Caroline Gelatt (6624), 3201 Claremont Ave, Evans CO 80

All State Treasurers – Cindy Anderson (7945) 8281 Clay St, Unit A, Westminster CO 80031

Americanism – Gayle Stockwell (6624), 2038 27th Ave Ct Apt 4, Greeley CO 80634

Auxiliary News – Ann Mauck (2601), 2130 Squires St, Longmont CO 80501

Nat'l Home/Buddy Poppy – Michelle Hall (9644), 3647 W Union Ave, Denver CO 80236l

Parliamentarian – Dee Chappell-Haley (2551), 1103 State Street, Ft Morgan CO 80701

Historian – Lennie Dolan (7945), 1170 Fulton Street, Aurora CO 80010

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

Chief of Staff/Extension – Linda Reinbold (5812), 834 W El Portal Dr, Pueblo West

CO 81007

Games & Raffle – Glenna Medina (2121), P O Box 874, Platteville CO 80621

Hospital – Rena Cales (6461) 7461 Fortman Ave, Fountain CO 80817

Legislative – Brigitte Dolan (7945), 10792 E Mexico Ave, Aurora CO 80012

Membership – East – Jackie Newlander (7945), 3218 S Andes St, Aurora CO 80013

West – Queenie Barz (5231), P O Box 533, Mancos CO 81328

Mentoring for Leadership – Linda Reinbold (5812), 834 W El Portal Dr, Pueblo West CO 81007

GINNY ROSA (12009), 416 S Pine Dr, Bailey CO 80421

Program Reporting– Jackie Newlander (7945), 3218 S Andes St, Aurora CO 80013

Scholarships – Cynthia Heater (2551), 617 N 3rd Ave, Sterling CO 80751

Social Media – Pam Valdez (2411), 8555 Rd GG, Las Animas CO 81054

Veterans & Family Support – Stephanie Trujillo (6624), 636 S Ursula Ave, Milliken CO 80543

Youth Activities – Brandi Dolan (7945), 16439 E Center Dr, Aurora CO 80017

Ways and Means – Sandy Baker (3571), 1767 1300 Rd, Delta CO 81416

4. Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents: Please place the names of Patsy Gilmore, Department President and Ginny Rosa, Department Secretary on your mailing list so all activities will be reported to this office.

5. All Auxiliary Presidents, District Presidents and Treasurers: In accordance with the Bylaws, all Installation reports must be received by the Department Secretary no later than June 30, 2019 and at National Headquarters by July 31, 2019. All Presidents and Treasurers must be bonded no later than August 31, 2019.

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

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

8. District Presidents: Please send a complete schedule of your District meetings including dates, time and location to Department Secretary, Ginny Rosa, 416 S Pine Drive, Bailey CO 80421 or email to humming657@gmail.com. Please do not schedule any District Meetings during Western Conference to be held October 31, 2019 – November 3, 2019 in Anchorage, Alaska.

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

10. Auxiliary Treasurers: Membership

Scholarships

Hello! My name is Cynthia Heater (I go by Cindy) and I am pleased to be the new Scholarship Chairman for the Department of Colorado. Summer is almost over and it is time for us to start reaching out to all the students regarding scholarships some are in school and some are just starting.

I really want to urge all of you to attend the COA in August at Security. Anything coming from National will be available to you then and you can get it out to your Auxiliary right away. This is my first Chairmanship so I am also learning everyday about new things we can do to get the word out. If you have something that you could share with everyone to help them spread the word about our programs please contact me and I will share it immediately with everyone.

You can email me at heatercindy@yahoo.com or you can call me at 970-522-1445 I would love to talk with you.

So we have the Continuing Education Scholarship, Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. Please go to : <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships> for information and applications.

For Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen please go to: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships> for information and applications.

So I hope to see you soon and share information with all of you. Let's have a great year!

Cindy Heater
Department Scholarship Chairman

**Colorado Veterans Community Living Center
Homelake's 18th Annual Summerfest**

Schedule of events:

Saturday, September 14, 2019

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

9:00 Flag Raising Ceremony

9:15 - 11:00 Tables/Booths will be open to the residents for the 18th Annual Homelake Summerfest!

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

Facts about Homelake that are important for hosting the SUMMERFEST;

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

There are approximately 20 tables/booths available for sponsorship. If your Post or Auxiliary would like to sponsor a booth, please call Pam Self or Melanie Squire at 719-852-5118 or 888-838-2687. The DAV has graciously provided Homelake with the booths. Please call to reserve your booth prior to August 31st, 2019.

General Orders #1 (continued)

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

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

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

13. Minutes of the 95th Department Convention held in Sheridan, Colorado, June 13 – 15, 2019 will be mailed or emailed to the members of the Convention Composition, except for the Delegates. See Section 812D.

14. Fall Council of Administration Meeting and Parade of Programs: Are Scheduled for August 17 – 18 at Cheyenne Mountain Post 3917. The full

schedule will be posted on the Colorado Department website. Workshops will be held on August 17 beginning at 11:00 am. The Parade of Programs will begin at 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 18. Joint meeting will be held on Sunday, August 18 starting at 8:30 at Post 3917. Separate meetings to follow. Meals will be served at the Post. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS.**

15. Joint Homecoming will be held August 16, 2019 at VFW Post 3917, 4715 Clearview Drive, Security CO 80911. Festivities begin at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

BY ORDER OF:
Patsy Gilmore, President

ATTEST:
Ginny Rosa, Secretary

Membership 2019-2020

GET YOUR "ASK IN GEAR"

Wow, Colorado you did it, great job, Shelley our Past Department President is in the Circle of Excellence Congratulations. So let's keep up the good work and go for another year of a 100%

We have been using the 3R's Retain, Reinstate and Recruit. Now we have new words we can use, and they begin with I's. 1. **Invite** while doing crafts, standing in long lines, co-workers, let people know what we are doing for our Veterans GET YOUR "ASK" IN GEAR.

2. **Include** All members, it's important to include all new members, help in the kitchen, work the Buddy Poppy Drive, Utilize your members' talents.

3. **Invest** Listen. Don't listen to respond – Listen to understand.

4. **Imagine** how successful your Auxiliary will be and the rewards when you invest in your members.

Mentoring For Leadership *New Program*

National VFW Auxiliary has added a new Program for the 2019-2020 year called "Mentoring for Leadership". It is intended to take our Auxiliaries into the future by building a stronger relationship among all levels of our organization through mentoring.

Mentoring As members, officers and chairmen we can actively mentor our current and newly joined members. Mentoring is an on-going process that many of us do sometimes without knowing it. We can share our knowledge, skills and experience. Respect and good communication can lead to positive experiences and continued Auxiliary involvement.

Leadership Through mentoring some individuals may decide to become more involved in a leadership role. They may decide to become a committee member

Chief of Staff and Extension

Thank you Department President Patsy for giving me the opportunity to be your Chief of Staff this year. I am looking forward to actively working with our Auxiliaries, District Presidents, their Deputy Chiefs of Staff, and Department Officers.

The National Chief of Staff/Extension Ambassador states "A working Chief of Staff offers good counsel in the spirit of serving members with Aloha, trust and respect". She further remarks that the Chief of Staff is the main contact who works closely with the Department President, District Presidents and their Deputy Chiefs of Staff, members and Auxiliaries to maintain that they are healthy and in good working condition.

This year there are many new changes

Change a negative into a positive When inviting others to join: "Get your ASK in Gear" you can invite people to Social Events, Fundraisers, Dinners make them welcomed so that they want to join.

We have some exciting things that we will be promoting this year so stay tune and we will be giving details as we go along.

You all know Queenie Barz she will be taking care of the Western Slope and I will be helping with the Eastern Slope. If you have any questions or need help please feel free to call either one of us.

Jackie Newlander
Department Membership Chairman

Queenie Barz
Dept. Membership (Western Slope)

or chairman, an officer at the Auxiliary, District or Department level because of their positive experiences and involvement in volunteer activities.

Mentoring for Leadership By providing mentoring and leadership to our members we can maintain and recruit members, increase VFW Auxiliary knowledge, have more active involvement and build more leadership opportunities to take the Auxiliary into the future. This program can be at the member, Auxiliary, District and National levels. It takes all of us to make a difference.

We are here to help you in any way you we can - "**Climbing Mountains for Our Veterans**" and "**Serving Our Veterans with Aloha.**"

Linda Reinpold, Department Chair
Ginny Rosa, Department Co-Chair

to the Extension Program that are available to help establish a new Auxiliary by working closely with VFW Posts, maintain a healthy Auxiliary, assist Auxiliaries that need help to be revitalized and those that might be in jeopardy of losing their Charter.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year to continue strengthening our Auxiliaries, use our knowledge of the organization, and mentor our members as we continue into the future. Educating our members in our traditions, programs and through our volunteerism will enable us to better serve our veterans into the future.

Linda Reinpold
Department Chief of Staff / Extension

Auxiliary Membership by District as of July 30, 2019

Number	City	2019	2020	%
DISTRICT #1				
1	Denver	186	145	78
501	Denver	141	102	72
2461	Denver	109	92	84
2797	Denver	44	30	68
5061	Denver	141	94	67
TOTAL		621	463	75%
DISTRICT #2				
2788	Penrose	45	18	40
3641	Pueblo	80	34	43
4061	Canon City	127	79	62
5812	Pueblo West	46	6	57
7305	Colo. City	25	9	36
TOTAL		323	166	51%
DISTRICT #3				
41	Loveland	112	65	58
1771	Lafayette	296	218	74
1781	Ft. Collins	122	62	51
2121	Greeley	96	80	83
2585	Johnstown	74	52	70
2601	Longmont	206	177	86
4334	Ault	38	38	100*
6624	Evans	209	153	73
9565	Broomfield	33	19	58
9741	Dacono	23	8	35
TOTAL		1209	872	72%
DISTRICT #4				
2551	Ft. Morgan	122	61	50
3541	Sterling	64	25	39
4671	Wray	26	10	38
TOTAL		212	96	45%
DISTRICT #5				
101	Colo. Spgs.	80	62	78
3917	Security	172	142	83
4051	Colo. Spgs	251	218	87
5221	Calhan	26	26	100*
6461	Fountain	151	119	79
7829	Monument	60	36	60
TOTAL		740	603	81%
DISTRICT #6				
336	Ordway	74	39	53
2411	LasAnimas	103	107	84
TOTAL		177	126	71%
DISTRICT #7				
899	Alamosa	56	30	54
4849	La Jara	42	37	88
8121	So Fork	115	76	66
TOTAL		213	143	67%
DISTRICT #8				
859	Leadville	26	24	92
11411	Lake George	48	68	96
12009	Conifer	32	25	78
TOTAL		106	95	90%
DISTRICT #9				
4264	Stmbt Spgs	30	28	93
4265	Craig	47	35	74
5843	Meeker	33	27	82
9374	Kremmling	22	19	86
TOTAL		132	109	83%
DISTRICT #10				
322	Englewood	81	52	64
3471	Morrison	47	30	64
3631	Aurora	101	84	83
4171	Golden	321	256	80
4331	Arvada	142	110	77
4444	Cmmrc City	185	151	82
7945	Thornton	269	224	83
9644	Fort Logan	331	299	90
TOTAL		1477	1206	82%
DISTRICT #11				
1247	Grnd Jcnctn	82	65	79
3571	Delta	61	47	77
3981	Grnd Jcnctn	32	5	16
4663	Clifton	50	33	66
9221	Cedaredge	56	42	75
9333	Hotchkiss	24	7	29
TOTAL		305	199	65%
DISTRICT #12				
4031	Durango	106	67	63
5181	Dove Creek	38	20	53
5231	Mancos	61	45	74
TOTAL		205	132	64%
DISTRICT #13				
3411	Kit Carson	24	12	50
6491	Burlington	16	14	88
6612	Hugo	39	16	41
TOTAL		79	42	53%
15006	At Large	526	471	90%
TOTAL DEPT.		6,325	4,723	74%

Please send in your 2020 Dues!

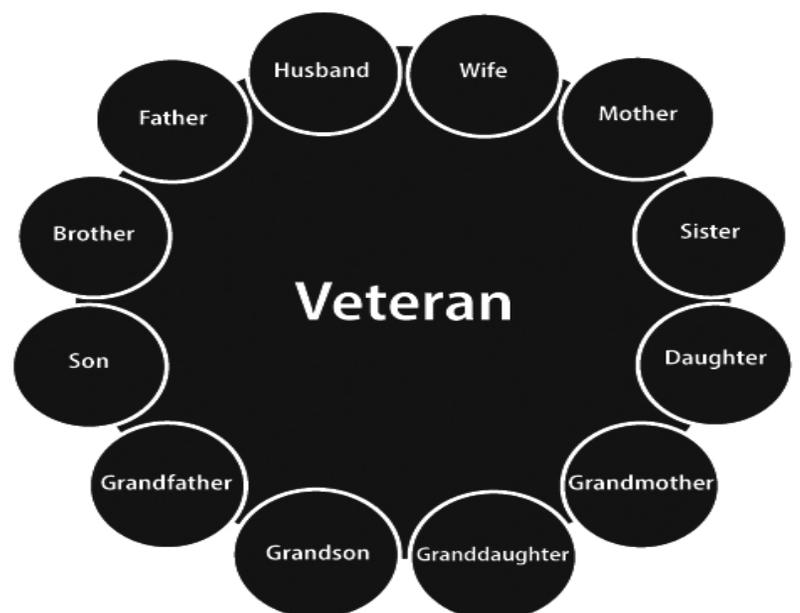
Council of Administration Weekend August 17-18-19, 2019

Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917 Security

Friday August 17 - 5:00-8:00 PM Dept. Commander and President Homecoming
Saturday August 18 - VFW Auxiliary Workshops and Parade of Programs
Sunday August 19 - Joint Opening with the VFW 8:30 AM
Council of Administration meeting to follow

Complete schedule on the Colorado Web Site

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility



*Step - and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.

Aux 1771: Norma Ross, Lois M. Bolyard
 Aux 2797: Agnes Medina
 Aux 2601: Jennifer C. Miller

TAPS

Americanism

Hello to all my VFW Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters. Thank you to our Dept. President Patsy Gilmore for asking me to be your Dept. Americanism Chairperson for the Year 2019-2020.

Alright members here we go!!! It's that time of year again and it's going to be an exciting one.

Once again, we're going to roll out with Patriotism. It's summer time and a lot of parades around Colorado. Walk the parade routes and hand out flags. Make sure to keep track of how many flags you hand out and report it. As you set up a table at your local business for your membership drives be sure to hand out flags. Also, don't forget you can hand out POW/MIA flags.

Let's try to get into our Elementary, Middle, Charter, and our Home Schools to teach Flag Etiquette, and the reasons for the 13 folds of our National Flag. I feel this is very crucial that we start with the younger youths. Eventually, they will be our leaders in the future.

We also, need to pick up the pace on our Flag Citations to our local businesses and our community members who display their flags. It's amazing how 1 Citation in a neighborhood will spark talk among the neighbors. Then watch how many Flags go up!!

Work with your Post on promoting the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Which recognizes the teacher's who are educating our children on how to become great citizens and supporting our country.

I have been in contact with our National Americanism/Patriotic Ambassador, Jason Estell. His main goal this year is to set Americanism on fire with Social Media and Technology. He feels 77% of Americans have a smart phone now, and this is a great way to share with other people about Americanism. The National Ambassador is asking for every Auxiliary to do a 90 second video of your Auxiliary handing out Flags or Citations or doing something Patriotic. If you don't have the means to do a video send in a Photo Collage, no smaller than a 11x17 and no larger than a 24x36. Display can be horizontal or vertical. These will all be forwarded to the National Ambassador.

Remember, anything you do for Americanism report. Let's all work together and make this a fantastic year, "Climbing Mountains for our Veterans"!

Gayle Stockwell
Department Americanism Chairperson

Veterans And Military Support

It is time that we start to climb mountains and say Aloha! to all our active military, veterans and of course their families. National has asked that Auxiliaries host or co-host activities for National Veterans Service (NVS), and Veterans and Military Support Programs (Unmet Needs, "Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship"). They want to see us do community projects for homeless veterans such as stand downs or clothing drives. They are asking us to provide direct aid to veterans, active duty service members and/or their families (meals, transportation, cards, care packages etc.).

I know, I know—these are things we have done, already do and will always do. Why? Because we are the Department of Colorado, made up of 13 districts, and of 60+ individual auxiliaries—We are a force to be reckoned with at the

National level. We have rallied to reach huge goals before, we *will* rally to reach national goals for Veterans and Family support this year. So, what do you say? Are you with me this year? Ready to raise money for these National programs and our local programs? Ready to try out those new fundraising ideas?

Get your climbing shoes one because come August at our Council of Administration meeting in Security, we are going to climbing for our Veterans!! (metaphorically of course!) I will have this National Citation and award information available along with what I'll be looking for in your reports this year. Until I see you stay safe, stay cool, and keeping climbing!

Stephane Trujillo
Department Veterans & Family Support



Announcing a Changing of the Guard

The VFW National Home for Children Board of Trustees has selected Fred Puffenberger to replace retiring Patrice Green as the new Executive Director.

A Michigan native and graduate of Michigan State University, Green worked for many years in youth services, leaving her position with the State of Michigan's Office of Children and Youth Services to join the National Home team in 1989. The last 15 years of her 30 year tenure was as Executive Director.

Sharing her sentiments upon her retirement, Patrice stated, "I am very proud to have served this wonderful organization, and I'm confident our excellent staff team and all our faithful donors and friends will continue to work in support of the Home's worthy mission. Best wishes to Fred as he takes over the helm!"

Puffenberger, an Eaton Rapids, Michigan native and graduate of Central



Patrice Green



Fred Puffenberger

Michigan University, has spent 30-plus years in leadership roles in the higher education auxiliary services field, where he served schools in Michigan, Maryland and Tennessee.

When asked about his new position. Fred enthusiastically replied, "I've personally witnessed the impact that that National Home has had on generations of families, and I look forward to continuing this fine tradition.

Best wishes to Patrice on her retirement and congratulations Fred!

Hospital Program

Our reporting year started April 1st and goes through March 31st. Our life is full of changes, and what National requests of us is no different. They want to know not only what we are doing, but how are we recruiting and recognizing our Volunteers. Check the CO and National Program book and the 2019-2020 report form for these. Come see me at the COAs and if you have questions, please contact me.

September is Suicide Awareness Month! Through MALTA - Program & Publicity Resources - Hospital, your can

still get the Teardrop Sticker Template. MALTA is the site where the VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program Guide is located as well as: Hospital Volunteer Recruitment information and Awards, Veterans Voices Writing Project and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Research & Development. All of this can help you in fulfilling what National is asking of us.

Rena Cales
Department Hospital Chairman

Youth Activities

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

I am honored to serve as your Youth Activities Chair this year, and would like to thank President Patsy for giving me this opportunity. We have all heard the saying – the youth are our future. And it is so very true, so let's do everything that can to help put them on the right path to becoming patriotic citizens of our society. We have so many opportunities to do that! I will briefly outline the goals that national has given us this year, and will provide much more information as the year goes along. Please keep an eye out for communications from me, including these articles in the Veteran as well as at Council of Administration (COA) meetings among other places.

One area that I think we are all familiar with is the **Random Acts of Patriotism (aka R.A.P.)** program. National has both cards that can be downloaded from their website and coins that can be purchased to give to youth when you witness them doing something patriotic. These can be handed out anywhere really, and what a great way to make them feel special and see their faces light up!

Illustrating America – this is a patriotic art contest that students in K-8 will be eligible to enter. The deadline is in March, so I'm not going to provide all the details here now but again please keep your eyes out for more information and be thinking about potential students you can get to enter this contest.

Creating, sponsoring, and working with youth groups is another portion of youth activities that we'll focus on. There are so many youth groups out there, and they are usually thrilled to be teaming with the auxiliaries. Take one, or more if you have ability, under your wings and

let them help you with one of your programs, guide them and provide mentorship.

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations – this allows for youth groups to receive a citation from national for service to veterans or assisting active-duty military and their families. These forms are available online and must be sent to me to then send on to national. I will also have these forms available at the COA meetings.

Patriotic Youth Award – this one is similar to the youth group's citation, but it is for individuals for the same reasons, which are service to veterans and/or active duty military and their families.

Patriotism through Literacy. This is a new area of youth activities this year. What is it? Promoting and supporting reading among youth. Easy right? Think about books that may have helped shaped your knowledge base on America and its history, or research possible newer books and then think of different ways you can encourage kids to read these books.

Please remember, as always, that you need to make sure to report anything that you do for youth activities, or any other program for that matter. We only know you've done it when we see it on the community service report.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you this year. Please don't ever hesitate to contact me if you have questions, concerns, ideas, or all of the above.

Loyally,
Brandi Dolan
Department Youth Chairman



Save the Date!!!!!!!
Our National President,
Peggy Haake'
Official Visit
October 13 - October 15, 2019
More Information coming soon
On the Department website