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State Commander Robert Kidd Sr. and State President Dee Chappell-Haley 2020 - 2021

I would like to take this moment to say Thank You to my wife Barbara & my family for their support these past year in getting me here as the State Commander for the Department of Colorado VFW. I am also reaching out to the VFW and Auxiliary members of Post 3917 and of course everyone that put their faith and trust in me to be your State Commander for the 2020-2021 term of office. Thank you for your support going forward.



As I sit here trying to get my first article out as your State Commander, I have come to this realization. This year our organization needs to think out-

side the box. A major challenge that we are facing, is to start the year with meetings being accomplished in any way to make sure that our membership is staying healthy and safe in their homes and communities. Finding ways that will still enable our members to stay engaged and support our programs, projects and still be that extended family of working together and enjoying the camaradery we have.

With all the restrictions in place it is difficult to set events and functions into play. I know that some Posts and District are having a hard time dealing with the use of today's technology. I encourage you to find time to explain to your members (all of our members) the different options available and how we can utilize the technology we have, most programs out there are user friendly- just find the right person to help you understand how to use these programs. You might find that inclusiveness for the members that have not been able to attend meetings but still want to know how things are going and what they can do to help. We must embrace the changing times, because it is here to stay.

I am looking forward to working with the State Auxiliary President Dee Chappell-Haley as we plan and execute joint ventures throughout the VFW year. Over the years that I have been in the VFW I have seen that if a Post or District does not work with their Auxiliary they are destined to fail as a unit. Remember this is not an I or an Us -vs- Them organization. This great organization is a We and we are a Team. The only mission that we have as Veterans of Foreign

Wars and The Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars is to support the National organization, Department, District, Post, Veterans and families and our Communities.

There is a lot of information on the Department web site to assist you in getting your VFW missions accomplished. There are not going to be many changes on the web site. If you find something that needs to be updated or a suggestion to make something more user friendly, please email your suggestions to the Department HQ. Information is a two-way street. The Staff cannot fix an issue if we are not aware of it. The HQ's is here to support and assist all the Posts & Districts within the State.

Here are important dates for August:
7th-VFW Colo. Dept Staff Officer Meeting
10am until 12pm

15th - 16th Council of Administration
Golden Post 4171

Commanders & Presidents Homecoming -
Golden Post 4171 (canceled)

27th - 30th C-N-C Homecoming
Portsmouth, VA (canceled)

Remember that with changes almost daily, every Post and Auxiliary needs to find the best and safest way to conduct our business and looking out for our friends and Families.

I am setting up many of the events for the Department for the year, please keep an eye on the web site and calendar. Most of the events that will be scheduled are subject to change due to the changing times that we are living in today. In some cases, we may have to restrict the number of attendees. Let's hope that we can get the business of the Department accomplished.

Robert Kidd, Sr.

Hello Colorado,

I'll begin by offering my sincere thanks to everyone for their love, encouragement and support as I navigated my journey to become your Department President. I am honored and deeply humbled by your trust in me. It was a challenging ascent because of my dad's battle with dementia and his death two years ago. My dad Dave Chappell, was a WWII and Korean veteran who served first in the Army Air Corp then the United States Air Force. Dad was my personal veteran, hero, travel buddy and the first man I ever loved. He was the one who introduced me to this wonderful organization and the one who instilled in me a sense of duty to support veterans and the freedoms they served to protect, along with a genuine spirit of volunteerism. As I watched my dad slowly fall victim to this horrible disease, my heart broke into a thousand pieces. I am forever a changed person who views my life from a completely different perspective. This journey will be much different because my dad is not along with me for the ride. In spite of the fact that my dad no longer shares this earth with me, I am determined to work diligently with a clear purpose to continue my efforts which support this organization, veterans, families and communities.

As I prepared to accept this office, I began thinking and praying about this opportunity and wondering just what God has in store for us this year and what he wants us to accomplish. What first came to my mind was the thought that after every war or conflict and after each deployment, our soldiers return home to a *changed* environment. Those of us who remained behind also experienced *changes* while our loved ones were gone. I thought about the strength and resolve of both soldiers and civilians and our unique ability to adapt and accept change each and every time we faced our new normal. Wide-ranging changes are a fact of life for each of us. Often, it is our human nature to resist change because we choose to become comfortable with the feeling of familiarity. Each of us strives to find a comfortable existence that nurtures and appeals to us. When circumstances change, regardless of the force(s) that may cause it, we start to lose control and begin to feel uncomfortable and unsettled.

Because of COVID, we are facing



some of the most challenging times we've ever experienced. The historic extent of this pandemic is creating a new normal in nearly every area of our lives. Because our human nature leans towards resistance we fall into the comfortable and familiar rut that is solidly resistant to change. Just as our soldiers have been forced to accept the changes that occur when they return home, so must each of us. As an organization and department, I have faith that we will survive this pandemic and all the challenges that it presents. I believe we can and will adapt to our new normal and continue to seek out innovative ways to support our VFW and VFW Auxiliary missions. Our veterans, families and communities need and depend on us. I absolutely believe that if we work to accept the changes we face while striving to adapt our attitudes and practices, we can succeed. We must embrace new opportunities and methods that will challenge our thoughts and actions. We must seek out new ideas and processes that revive our sense of duty and love for others. We can motivate and drive our efforts with a renewed purpose that leaves no one behind.

Everywhere we look there seems to be so much anger, fear and uncertainty. In the midst of all of this, I see opportunities. Opportunities for us to be cheerleaders and encourage support and goodness. We are a TEAM! There is no room for dissension, negativity or bullying in our organization. We must be the best example of a veteran's support organization in order to survive, recruit and succeed. We must ignite the passion in each of us to accept the changes

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that we are facing. Just as our veterans once fought for us, we must also fight the good fight for them. I invite each of you to join me on this journey towards our future. Additionally, I humbly ask God to continue to bless our great nation, our citizens and our precious veterans.

My slogan for this year is *Mile High Smiles for Veterans*, and focuses on oral health care for our veterans. The *Hero's Clinic* is located at the School of Dental Medicine on the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. I look forward to introducing you all to this special place and the amazing people who work there. While I am very passionate about supporting this unique place and the amazing work they do, I also understand the depth and breadth of challenges that many of our Post's and Auxiliaries face. I understand that many of you will need and/or choose to support your local Post and

Auxiliary homes. In an effort to help you, I have chosen not to have a shirt or a veteran pin this year. I ask instead that you divide your donations between the Hero's Clinic and your local Auxiliary and Post if needed and I thank you in advance for that monetary support.

I am eager to get started and I feel I have chosen and been blessed with a fabulous TEAM that supports the changes, challenges and goals we are facing this year. They are dedicated, fun, positive and determined to WORK TOGETHER as a TEAM for the benefit of us all! Thank you, TEAM COLORADO! I also look forward to working with VFW Commander Bobby and his TEAM! Thank you once again, I will strive to do my very best for each of you. Let's get busy Colorado and show everyone what LEADERSHIP and TEAMWORK can accomplish!

Dee Chappell-Haley

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.

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

Grants processed FY 7/2019-6/2020
Total Grant funds expended \$67,640.72

helping 119 Veterans and their families.

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.

Thank You
Foundation Board of Directors

2020 - 2021 Voice of Democracy Theme

“Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?”

Thank You Colorado

For Helping Out Your Members During COVID-19

2020 - 2021 Patriot's Pen Theme

“What is Patriotism to Me?”

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JULY DISTRICT MEETING

9 7/25/2020 Post 4265 Virtual
Saturday Craig

AUGUST DISTRICT MEETINGS

5 8/23/20 Post 5221 12:00 noon lunch
Sunday Calhan 1:00 Jnt Meeting
Meeting to follow

11 8/01/20 Post No. 1247 9:00 AM Registration
Sunday Grand Jct 10:00 AM Joint Mtg
10:45 VFW School of Instruction
Meeting to follow
No Meal

SEPTEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

3 9/13/20 Post No. 6624 12:00 noon lunch
Sunday Evans Meeting to follow

10 9/20/20 Post No. TBD

**Council of Administration Weekend
August 15 & 16, 2020**

Hosted by: VFW Post 4171 & VFW Auxiliary

**VFW Post 4171 • Phone: 303-279-2119
15625 W 10th Avenue • Golden, CO 80219**

COVID-19 STATE MANDATE FACE MASK/COVERING REQUIRED
IF YOU ARE SICK, HAVE BEEN EXPOSED PLEASE STAY HOME
VFW POST 4171 WILL HAVE PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE
& BUILDING ENTRY SIGN IN WILL BE REQUIRED

FRIDAY August 14, 2020

**VFW Post 4171 5:00 PM-9:00 PM Patriot Cafe:
Bar Meal Menu Burgers, Sandwiches and sides
(Canteen Opens 2:00 PM)**

**SATURDAY August 15, 2020
Breakfast Burritos \$4.00**

VFW Workshops @ VFW Post 4171

VFW MEMBERS CONFIRM ATTENDANCE WITH DEPT HQ 303-421-1630

VFW Auxiliary Trainings/ Parade of Programs LOCATION CHANGE TBA

12:00 PM -1:00 PM: Lunch at Post 4171 (Meal & Price TBA)

5:30 PM Post 4171 Dinner (Meal & Price TBA)

Homecoming Celebration- Will be Postponed New Date TBA

SUNDAY August 16, 2020

Complimentary Continental Style Breakfast Snacks (will have donation jar)

NO JOINT OPENING

8:30 AM VFW Council Meeting VFW Post 4171

Auxiliary Council Meeting LOCATION TBA

Times and Locations Subject to Change

updated 7/17/2020

POST & AUXILIARY CHANGE OF E-MAIL FORM

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR WILL BE MOVING

NAME: _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ VFW POST NO. _____

CURRENT E-MAIL: _____

MAIL TO: DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO VFW,
1400 CARR STREET, LAKEWOOD, CO 80214

EDITOR

Sr. Vice Column Barbara Green



First I want to thank David Stone for his leadership this year and wish him the best for years to come. Next congratulations to Robert Kidd Sr. our

new Commander. Finally thank you to all Comrades for your support of myself as I begin my year as your Senior Vice Commander. I realize how turbulent this year has been (and still is). Please let Bob or Department HQ know if your Post is in financial trouble. We know

what the Corona Virus has done financially to Posts when they have to close down – even for a short time. Hopefully Department can provide some help if needed. Congratulations to Districts 2, 4 and 5 for achieving 100% and to all the Posts who also met that goal. I hope to see you at the Golden Post for the Council of Administration meeting in August. Let's have a great year.

Sincerely
Barbara Green
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Chaplain Column Kevin Reinhold



Good Day Comrades,
We pray everyone is doing well through these hard times that have been placed before us. We all know that

being confined is not a good place to be, we are humans and are not built to be confined for long.

There is something that weighs heavy on my heart and I know weighs heavy on all your hearts. The increase in suicides in the United States. Whether they are Soldiers, Veterans, Family members or Civilians. The number of suicides is way too high and keeps rising.

We often look for signs and for what ever reason miss them a lot of the time. I would like to go over some of the signs.

Some of the symptoms or signs of suicide could be: withdrawal and wanting to be left alone, mood swings, feeling trapped or hopeless, increased use of alcohol or drugs, selling or giving away their belongings, saying goodbye to people as if they won't be seen again, there are many more, please take the time to look them up. Warning signs are not always obvious. Some people make their intentions clear, while others keep suicidal thoughts and feelings secret.

Most often, suicidal thoughts are the results of feeling like the person cannot cope when they are faced with what

seems to be an overwhelming life situation. If the person does not have hope for the future, they may mistakenly think suicide is a solution. They may experience a sort of tunnel vision, where in the middle of a crisis they believe suicide is the only way out.

If you know someone struggling in life, reach out to them and listen to what they have to say. Do not talk over them (LISTEN), then help them. If you cannot help, reach out to someone that can. Do not just walk away.

Every Post and District has a Chaplain. I am also available if needed. Chaplains need to remember they are not trained counsels with a degree, so try to get the professional help needed. If you are a Chaplain with a counseling degree, you will know what to do.

Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, or text to 838255 24/7/365, local Hospital, or local Pastor's. Let us all keep an eye on each other, especially in these trying times of being confined.

May our Lord Bless each of you every day.

I pray, I will be able to continue this topic in future articles.

God Bless,

Chaplain Kevin

Scout of the Year 2019-2020



**David M. Ross
Edwards, CO**

**Sponsored by Mt Holy Cross
VFW Post #10721**

**Scholarship donated by
Pioneer VFW Post 2121, Greeley CO**

David Ross is a Senior at Battle Mountain High School in Edwards, CO. He is now a student at Baylor University in Waco, TX.

David's real passion is the sciences and medicine. He has participated extensively with the Steadman Philippon Research Institute and the Steadman Clinic by interning, observing, shadowing, and sitting in on lectures and surgeries. His goal is to become an orthopedic surgeon. David was one of two students chosen from the junior class to intern for the entire junior school year. These internships involved reporting and presenting to many in the medical field. David

would come by the classroom with pure excitement after attending days with the surgeons. He found his passion.

Outside of class, David is a dedicated athlete, volunteer and Boy Scout leader. He has been a member of the BMHS cross country team for three years and the Nordic team for four years. He qualified for state his sophomore and junior years in Nordic skiing. He has contributed many hours to volunteering for his church, for Eagle County, for Boy Scouts and various Eagle projects, and tutoring students in the school.

Recommendation letter by
Battle Mountain High School Math Teacher

Jr. Vice Column Geraldine Rimpley



You never know when someone
May catch a dream from you.
You never know when a little word
or something you may do.
May open up the windows
Of a mind that seeks the light.
The way you live may not matter at all
But you never know....it might.

And just in case it could be
That another's life, through you.
Might possibly be for the better
With a broader and brighter view.
It seems it might be worth a try
At pointing the way to the right.
Of course, it may not matter at all
But then again...it might.

I do not know who will remember,
whom the longest, PFC Chad Nixon who
wrote this for me in the early 90s or may-
be I influenced him enough to remain
in the military and achieve success as I

have. Either way, I know
I learned as much from
him and his thoughtfulness
and tried to remember
this poem as I made
my way up the ranks in
hopes it influenced oth-
ers to be as successful.

I now plan to continue using this
theme as I make my way up the chairs
within the Department of Colorado
ranks. I wish to extend heartfelt thanks
to those who supported me to be elect-
ed Junior Vice Commander and let you
know your inspirations, mentorship and
professionalism will never be forgotten.
My goals now are to emulate those com-
mendable traits in hopes of inspiring oth-
er Veterans to be as successful as I have
been.

Many thanks,
Gerri Rimpley

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings.

I hope this finds ev-
eryone staying safe and
wearing a mask.

I would like to con-
gratulate all the recent-
ly elected and appointed

Officers and Chairman. I think this is go-
ing to be a very fun and interesting year.

We have a new reporting tool that has
been in place for a couple of years and
will be pushed this year a little more. The
All American Dash Board is a tool that al-
lows Post, Districts, and the Department
to track what they have accomplished for
their quest to achieve All American. As
soon as an election report is received by
National, the Adjutant at each level will
have automatic access to the Dash Board.
You can log into National and navigate
to the Dash Board to input your accom-
plishment such as VOD, Buddy Poppies,
Teacher, Service Officer, and other re-
quirements for All American. When you
log in, there is a tab that will lead you to
training on how to use the Dash Board.
As the year goes by, it will become easi-
er. You will not be notified you have ac-
cess, it will be automatic once the elec-
tion report is received by National.

In section 206 of the National By-
Laws states Departments may set an
admission fee for new members. The

Department of Colorado has set an ad-
mission fee of \$1 for each new member
recruited by a Post. Last year we had 529
new members and only \$49 in admission
fees sent to Department. This year Posts
will be notified if they have not turned in
admission fees.

When filling out your Audits, Line 5,
Dues Reserve is no longer required. It
was removed by the National Convention
3 years ago. And for those of you won-
dering why you weren't notified, it's in
the National By-Laws booklet which is
updated after each National Convention.
Finally, when turning in an Election
report, please ensure we have cor-
rect addresses, emails, and phone num-
ber for the Commander, Adjutant, and
Quartermaster. Last year there were
close to 30 incorrect contact on file.
Please try to give us correct contact in-
formation.

And I would like to give a Special
shout out to my daughters, Brigitte and
Brandi, for achieving recognition from
the National Auxiliary for placing 2nd
and 1st respectively for their Department
Chairmanship work in Legislative and
Youth Activities. They are members of
VFW Post 7945 Auxiliary in Thornton.

Everyone enjoy the rest of the summer
and hope to see you in Golden shortly.

Bruce R. Dolan
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

2020 - 2021 VFW OFFICERS ARE IN PLACE

Please direct all requests through proper channels.
Rosters have gone to the printer, if there are any changes,
Please send to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street,
Lakewood CO 80214 vfw@vfwco.org

Everyone Stay Safe

Robert Kidd Sr., State Commander

Thank You Colorado

Thank You for the emails, phone calls and cards that I have received on the passing of my son Randi. Your show of concern and friendship helped the Ackerman family through a very difficult time. We will see you soon. Everyone one stay safe and remember to tell your family that you Love them.

Chuck Ackerman and family

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO
1400 CARR STREET
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO 80214

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1
June 15, 2020 SERIES: 2020-2021

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

The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 100th 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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JR. VICE COMMANDER:

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DISTRICT 13 COMMANDER:

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Kit Carson 80825
970-580-5510

1. **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:**

The next VFW Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, August 16, 2020. VFW will be at Golden VFW Post #4171, no Joint meeting with the VFW Auxiliary.

Training Sessions will be on Saturday August 15, 2020 at VFW Post #4171 Golden.

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. Agenda is posted on the Colorado Website.

2. **PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:**

All Department Officers are instructed to comply with Sec. 515, Paragraph (c) "Proof of Eligibility". Such proof must be on file at Department Headquarters **prior to August 10, 2020**. Failure to comply will disqualify Council Members from participation in the Council of Administration and District Commanders for reimbursement of expenses.

3. **2020 SPRING SWEEPSTAKES:**

ize winners of the Spring Sweepstakes are listed in this Colorado Veteran.

4. **SUBSCRIPTION DUES**

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

5. **NATIONAL CONVENTION:**

The 121st National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. was canceled due to COVID-19.

6. **2020-2021 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, 2020, 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.

7. **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, 2020**. The foregoing is a requirement of the National By-Laws.

Bond Applications have been mailed

to the Post Quartermaster and District Commander.

8. **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.

9. **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, by Email; vfw@vfwco.org or submit individual reports through the program reporting tool available on the Department website vfwco.org. Department HQ will prepare the reports for the various VFW State Chairmen. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2020-2021. Please make a copy of these forms for your Post files. **THERE WILL BE NEW FORMS FOR 2020-2021 REPORTING ON THE VFW WEB SITE.**

10. **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.

11. **2019-2020 AWARDS:** Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2019-2020 year, please notify Department, in writing, within Thirty (30) Days by applying for the appropriate awards.

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

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ Bruce R. Dolan
Bruce R. Dolan
Department Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:
/s/ Robert Kidd, Sr.
Robert Kidd, Sr.
Department Commander

Golden Saturday Training and Sunday COA is for VFW members only
See Agenda on Page 2 of this Veteran
Times and locations subject to change

VFW Auxiliary will be meeting at a place to be determined

VFW Post Membership by District as of June 30, 2020

Number/ City	2019	2020	%	Number/City	2019	2020	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	897	921	103*	859 Leadville	31	34	110*
501 Denver	320	328	103*	1166 Buena Vista	131	126	96
2461 Denver	142	114	80	3820 Salida	81	74	91
2797 Denver	70	40	57	8661 Bailey	123	119	97
5061 Denver	270	263	97	10721 Minturn	128	136	106*
TOTAL	1699	1666	98%	11411 Lake George	44	45	102*
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
2788 Penrose	89	90	101*	12009 Conifer	135	127	94
3641 Pueblo	121	106	88	TOTAL	673	661	98%
4061 Canon City	256	260	102*	DISTRICT #10			
5812 Pueblo West	188	208	111*	322 Englewood	107	97	91
7305 Colo. City	49	46	94	3471 Morrison	67	66	99
8898 Boone	36	37	103*	3631 Aurora	302	294	97
12063 Westcliffe	47	52	111*	4171 Golden	421	399	95
TOTAL	786	799	102%*	4266 Parker	74	75	101*
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	289	290	100*	4331 Arvada	270	257	95
807 Boulder	43	38	88	4444 Cmmrc Cty	194	182	94
1771 Lafayette	252	253	100*	4666 Littleton	129	122	95
1781 Ft. Collins	338	314	93	7563 Black Hawk	25	22	88
2121 Greeley	181	183	101*	7945 Thornton	334	320	96
2585 Johnstown	182	182	100*	8449 Bennett	68	55	81
2601 Longmont	343	317	92	9644 Fort Logan	440	412	94
4334 Ault	62	58	94	TOTAL	2431	2301	95%
6624 Evans	240	225	94	DISTRICT #12			
9565 Broomfield	102	100	98	4031 Durango	217	221	102*
12174 Brighton	35	35	100*	4181 Dove Creek	53	49	92
12189 Berthoud	46	39	85	5231 Mancos	135	133	99
TOTAL	2113	2034	96%	9058 Nucla	34	32	94
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	189	231	122*	3411 Kit Carson	21	19	90
3378 Yuma	60	61	102*	6491 Burlington	63	61	97
3541 Sterling	92	94	102*	6612 Hugo	32	33	103*
3551 Brush	37	37	100*	9491 Deer Trail	19	18	95
3961 Otis	18	18	100*	9700 Chynn Wlls	24	24	100*
4671 Wray	51	53	104*	TOTAL	159	155	97%
6482 Holyoke	50	50	100*	2021 dues are now DUE			
7153 Fleming	25	25	100*	Be 100% +1 in 2020-2021			
8064 Akron	46	46	100*	TOTAL DEPT 15498 15264 98.5%			
TOTAL	568	615	108%*				
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #6			
101 Colo. Spgs.	475	469	99	336 Ordway	89	84	94
3917 Security	591	605	102*	2411 LasAnimas	84	78	93
4051 Colo. Spgs	571	577	101*	4001 Springfield	39	33	85
5221 Calhan	102	103	101*	4281 Holly	24	24	100*
6051 Wldnd Park	50	50	100*	TOTAL	236	219	93%
6461 Fountain	313	317	101*	DISTRICT #7			
7829 Monument	156	158	101*	899 Alamosa	95	88	93
10649 Elizabeth	49	45	91	4849 La Jara	52	45	87
TOTAL	2307	2324	101%*	6101 San Luis	62	56	90
DISTRICT #6				DISTRICT #7			
336 Ordway	89	84	94	8121 Del Norte	43	43	100*
2411 LasAnimas	84	78	93	TOTAL	252	232	92%
4001 Springfield	39	33	85				
4281 Holly	24	24	100*				
TOTAL	236	219	93%				

Membership 2020 - 2021

Happy VFW New Year Comrades! While COVID-19 caused a variety of unforeseen circumstances, impacting our finances and membership, the Department of Colorado VFW stood strong. National HQ reduced the needed membership percentage for Departments to 98%; we finished with 94.49%, making Past Commander David Stone an All-American Commander. We have now been an All-American Department for two consecutive years, a standard we need to ensure we retain as we move into the future.

Despite the inability to hold membership drives from mid-March on and the difficulty of recruiting during the pandemic, we met and exceeded the required quota for membership. That is thanks to our members who worked hard, sharing their stories as well as the goals and purpose of the VFW. Unfortunately, retention greatly dropped this year; we need to take care of our members. We need to

help those who are unable to pay their dues, those that don't have a sense of purpose, and those that struggle with medical issues, as well as reward those who work hard to keep our Posts functional.

Last year, we had 529 new members and 112 reinstated members, but the percentage of recruiters is minute compared to the number of members in our Department, leaving room for improvement. We had 56 Posts and 10 Districts finish above 95%+1 (the adjusted quota), of which 42 Posts and 3 Districts were above 100%+1; I know this year we will exceed it because I believe in our membership. Please help ensure our Posts, Districts, and Department have a successful year by aiding in recruiting and retention; we cannot do this without our membership.

Lexi Faulkner
Membership Director

**Surgeon Column
John Keene**



When I first discussed running for surgeon with Barbara Green, about a year ago, one of the things that appealed to me was the opportunity

to travel around the great State of Colorado to visit with our fellow veterans at the Community Living Centers (CLCs). Unfortunately, like many of our 2020 plans, COVID has put such visits on hold.

According to the Colorado Department of Human Services website, "in order to protect our residents, we ask that you do not visit any of our Veterans Community Living Centers at this time. Only essential individuals are currently allowed to enter."

However, as the Department Surgeon, COVID has also presented me with an opportunity to bring relevant information to the membership. For example, as of July 15, the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System has 284 confirmed cases and 39 deaths, with an additional 78 confirmed cases among VA ECHCH employees (they do not report employee deaths). Nationally, the reports are a mixed bag with [Veterans Affairs COVID cases reaching the highest levels yet, but hospitalization rates keep heading downward.](#)

One thing is clear, COVID and our response to it is reminiscent of many mil-

itary operations. The intel is unclear, the directions we are given are always changing, and it appears those in charge don't know what they are doing. The phrase "stand by to stand by" often comes to my mind. So, it is up to us, as individuals, to keep ourselves and our brothers and sisters safe. The demographics of our membership, either by age, pre-existing medical condition or deployment history, put our comrades at higher risk. For example, [Gulf War](#) veterans (like me) or those exposed to [burn-pits](#) may face greater dangers from COVID. I wear a mask while in public, not because I am scared or to make a political statement. I wear one to keep [others](#) around me safe and I encourage you to do the same.

Another way to keep our at-risk members safe is to call them. The pandemic not only affects us physically, but there is the isolation and a metal component to what we are all going through. When the Stay-at-Home orders were first issued, Post 1 launched an outreach campaign with the goal of contacting each and every member on our roster. I especially wanted those members who may already be feeling alone to know they were not forgotten. Please make the time to conduct your own buddy checks. Your comrades will appreciate it.

John Keene
Department Surgeon

**We are now in the 2021 Membership Year
Please don't allow your dues to expire
Become a Life member and never pay dues again**



Western Slope VFW Post 3981 conducted a food drive in Grand Junction on Armed forces day, May 15th. Over 4,000 lbs of food and personal hygiene products were collected and will be distributed to Veterans on the Western Slope. The event was held at Western Region One Success. COVID-19 does not prevent the VFW from providing support to our fellow Veterans.

submitted by Len Ladue, VFW Post 3981 Post Commander

Spring Sweepstake 2020 Winners

1st Place	James Killion	Colorado Springs	\$2,500
2nd Place	Ken Callison	Lamar	\$1,000
3rd Place	Randall Horner	Lakewood	\$ 500
4th Place	David Mccuskey	Dove Creek	\$ 300
5th Place	Robert Valencia	Cortez	\$ 200
6th Place	Larry Mathena	Fort Collins	\$ 100
7th Place	Eric Koppelmaa	Littleton	\$ 100
8th Place	Jose Archuleta	Antonito	\$ 100
9th Place	Terry McReynolds	Golden	\$ 100
10th Place	Mark Hunter	Fort Collins	\$ 100

Congratulations to everyone

and

Thank You to all that participated

Closing date was June 22, 2020

Scholarships

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I would like to thank Department President Dee for appointing me as the Scholarship Chairman. I am so excited to see what this year brings in the Scholarship Program. Some of the information I will be tracking for the year-end report is promoting, supporting and participating by submitting applications for the Continuing Education Scholarship and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests. I will also be tracking the Auxiliaries that are assisting their Posts in the Patriot's Pen & Voice of Democracy contests, hosting/co-hosting awards ceremonies and using social media to promote the contests. The following programs are the ones I will be encouraging you all to participate in. Thanks for all your work in these programs.

Continuing Education Scholarship

Open to any Auxiliary member (who has been a member for at least a year), their spouse, son or daughter with a financial need. Entrant must be at least 18 years old, complete the application and submit an essay of 300 words or less.

Deadline:

Due to National Headquarters by 2/15/ 2021: Program Awards Administrator VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters 406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor Kansas City, MO 64111

Or email it to info@vfwauxiliary.org
Young American Creative Patriotic Art

This contest is open to all students, including home - schooled students, in grades 9-12. Student must be a resident of the state where entered. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

Deadlines:

Entries to Local Auxiliary – 3/31/2021
Entries to Department – 4/15/2021
Department Winner to National Headquarters – 5/5/2021

2020-2021 Patriot's Pen Essay

Theme: *What is Patriotism to Me?*

This contest is open to all students, including home -schooled students, in grades 6-8. Student must be a resident of the state where entered. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

Deadlines:

Entries to VFW Post – 10/31/2020 Midnight Post Judging Complete – 11/15/2020 District Judging Complete – 12/15/2020 Department Judging Complete–1/10/2021 Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – 1/15/2021

2020-2021 Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay

Theme: *Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?*

This contest is open to all students, including home - schooled students, in grades 9-12. Student must be a resident of the state where entered. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

Deadlines:

Entries to VFW Post – 10/31/2020 Midnight Post Judging Complete – 11/15/2020 District Judging Complete – 12/15/2020 Department Judging Complete – 1/10/2021 Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – 1/15/2021

Applications and brochures with more information/ requirements for each contest are available at: vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships. For more information or questions about each contest's rules/regulations, please feel free to contact me.

So, please join me in promoting our Scholarship programs and supporting our youth as they compete in the different contests. Remember...today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. I would like to encourage all Auxiliaries to share what they are doing by sending in program reports. So come on Colorado, let's show everyone those "Mile High Smiles for Veterans" as we continue "Honoring Our Mission to Serve Veterans".

Patsy Gilmore, Scholarship Chairman



Lois Callahan National Guard

Lois Callahan of Little Rock, Arkansas, was elected to the office of National Guard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary for the 2020-2021 Program Year.

She is now in the first of five offices leading to the National Presidency, which she is expected to hold in 2025-2026.

A Life Member of Thaddeus H. Caraway Auxiliary 2278 in Hot Springs, Arkansas, she has served the organization in many capacities including Auxiliary, District and Department President, National Youth Activities Ambassador and National Legislative Ambassador.

She joined on the eligibility of her father, Ruben Tamariz, who served in the U.S. Army in Korea and Vietnam. Lois has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary since 1990.

Lois retired after a 26-year career as a Pediatric Occupational Therapist. In her spare time she enjoys gardening, cooking and baking, and DIY home improvement projects. She is a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children, and is also a member of University of Central Arkansas Alumni Association and Gateway Church.

Lois and husband Terry's family includes two adult children and four grandchildren.

Staying Social in a Social Distancing World

Staying connected is even more important today as COVID-19 forces us to stay apart. That is true not just for us as individuals, but also for the organizations we support, like our VFW Auxiliary. Our mission has not changed – to support our Veterans and the programs of the VFW – but to do so is going to test our creativity – and our ability to move into a world brought together by Zoom, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

My name is Deb McBride and I will be working to provide those options to you as well as putting together President Dee's monthly newsletter. Although I am new to the VFW, I have been a volunteer supporting veterans through other organizations for over 40 years.

To help you stay connected, we are offering the following options.

Visit our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoVFWAuxiliary/> for latest news and events including a link to the President's newsletter. Comment on posts by the Auxiliary or post information and updates yourself.

Are you a fan of YouTube? I know I use it all the time to learn "how to" on a wide variety of things. So we now have our own YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYu5nbntSDBAk4tvsFw-Z_g. As we record educational videos or record a Zoom meeting to share, this is where they will go. If you have created a PowerPoint and you'd like to publish it as a video, this is where it can be shared. Read about uploading videos and pictures at the end of this article.

Twitter – not a tweeter? Well, now is a good time to start. We have our own Twitter account, @vfwdeptofco. We are already connected to VFW Twitter accounts around the country. If you tweet, please in-

clude our handle @vfwdeptofco and also the hashtag #vfwdeptofco. I've already tweeted it out so all our sister/brother auxiliaries around the country have it too.

I believe you are all familiar with the Auxiliary page supported by the Department of Colorado VFW, <https://vfw-co.org/>. If you select the Auxiliary from the menu, you will see the list of options and resources available for members.

I mentioned sharing pictures and videos. Do you have a picture you'd like to share on Facebook or make sure our historian gets? Do you have a video to post on our YouTube channel or you just want us to convert your PowerPoint to a video? Then upload them to our shared album on Google using this link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/nCALe3E5ZB2bJEfs6>.

Finally, we review everything. We encourage all our members to share pictures and posts, to comment on posts, to tweet and to share on YouTube. But as we all know, there are people out there who like to post malicious things just to get a reaction. So we review everything. If you post something and it takes a day or two to appear, that's why.

If you have questions, feel free to email me at dashissler@att.net. I'm happy to answer questions and help anyone with social media. Like everyone, I get a ton of email both personal and professional, so please put VFW in the subject line, it will help me respond to you faster. And watch for the President's newsletter. Don't know if you're on the list to receive it? Just follow this link and sign up: <http://eepurl.com/gypvqX>. Hope to "see" you all virtually on one of our social media outlets!

Deb McBride
Social Media Chairman

News from Homelake

Dear Friends of Homelake,

I sincerely hope that this letter finds you in good health. You have definitely been in our thoughts during these trying times.

We have decided that we will not be able to host Summerfest this year. Our campus is currently closed to visitors and of course we do not know when that will change.

We will definitely miss seeing you all. This would have been our 18th annual event. It will just mean that our next Summer fest will be even more special, to see our wonderful and supportive friends again.

Our staff and residents did make a fun video letting our families and supporters know that we are #HomelakeStrong and that we will get through this. If you would like to see some of the familiar faces that you've supported throughout the years please go to YouTube and type "We are #HomelakeStong" in the search bar.

If you would like to send cards or notes to our residents, I know that they would truly enjoy receiving them. Just send them to my attention and we will be sure to get them handed out.

Please take care and know that we look forward to seeing you again.

Pam Self, Admissions and Marketing Director

News from Pueblo Community Living Center

Hello Everyone!

I want to share with everyone that we are working towards bringing volunteers back in phases so please bear with us as we work with our leadership on guidance.

In the meantime, as you all know we usually have our "All Patients Activity Day" for our CLC residents in Pueblo. Unfortunately, we are not able to conduct this activity this year due to COVID-19. We are striving hard to keep them all safe and healthy with that said, since we can't have the All Patient's Activity day, we would like to have a drive by parade for our CLC residents. We can have all organizations participate with their families and decorate vehicles, have signs, and drop off any of the goodies you would have provided at your booths if you would like. We could have baskets for each resident to collect items and wipe them off before providing to them. We will have the residents 6 ft from each other - line them up as you pass by. The new Recreational Therapist, Keith, and I would also invite others from the community and families to participate. I'm proposing we do this, September 12, 2020, around 10:00 am. I will send out more information soon but want to reach out, so you can block your calendars if you are able to attend.

Please send me a separate message if you/organization would like to attend this drive by parade.

Tammy Wood, Voluntary Services Specialist

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Patsy Gilmore “Thank You” Speech at State Convention

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

First and foremost, thank you all for the unbelievable support you have given to me and my Special Project, the Colorado VFW Foundation, during my year as President. I am humbled by your generosity and hospitality as we all started “Climbing Mountains for Veterans”. If it were not for you all, I would not have had a memorable and successful year as I did. I have truly been blessed. No words can ever express the joy I feel deep down for all the good food, the great conversations and of course the times we have laughed so hard our bellies hurt. You all have helped me make so many amazing memories that will last a lifetime.

To my family, you have made many concessions in scheduling family events around my schedule. I am sure we will be able to go on more family fishing trips, making sure Daddy(Page) has adult supervision, at all times, so as not to break any other bones. Having your support has been invaluable. It has taught me not to take anything for granted. I love you all to the moon. My husband, Page, Gil, thank you for keeping the “home fires” burning while I was out doing my duties and a little bit of relaxing. My daughter, Ashley, Ash, thank you for letting me “rant”. Not interrupting me, but advising me “ok, Momma, so move forward with it”. My son, Joshua. Josh thank you for reminding me to always roll with it” because Ivan said so, and sometimes it is ok to take a “fishing break”. My little sister, Tammy. TJ thank you for listening to my feelings and putting a different spin on things. My big brother, Roger, thanks for always telling me “good grief, you can only do what you can do”. Auntie Laura and Uncle Glen, thanks for being there whenever I needed a “pep talk”. Without all of you, I would not be the person I am.

To the Auxiliary Members; thanks for letting me be your President. I really wanted to visit all Districts to see old friends and meet new friends, obviously COVID-19 had a different plan in mind. Although it has been a little challenging at times, we can adjust and adapt to this change. Keep up the hard work you all do to support our organization’s programs and taking care of our Veterans and their families.

To the VFW Members..., I cannot say thank you enough. I really appreciate the support you have given me this year. To have so many of you be willing to help me and work together with the Auxiliary. That is so awesome. Thanks for everything.

To my counterpart and partner, State Commander David, it has been one cra-

zy and unimaginable year, hasn’t it? Thank you for working with me so well and accepting me as your President from the very beginning. For also including me in the planning of our joint trainings, presentations and events representing Colorado, in our respective leadership positions. I appreciate you listening to my opinions and ideas. The Roundup was interesting and a lot of fun. Thank you for agreeing to do the “pie in the face” fundraiser with me and being gentle as you “pied” me. I was so honored and emotionally moved as we shared the experience of placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I am very blessed to have had the opportunity to serve not only with you, but beside you.

To my mentors, thanks for an your great advice and being only a phone call away. Please continue mentoring me, so that I may also pass on your information and knowledge to people I mentor in the future.

To the Line Officers, I am so grateful for an your support you have given me this year. If you ever have questions, please know that I am also just a phone call away. My advice to you, enjoy the experience for it passes way too quickly.

To everyone who agreed to be a Program Chairman or hold other appointed positions, thank you. I appreciate all the work you all did on my behalf.

To my Secretary, Ginny and my Chief of Staff, Linda, it seems so long ago, that Sunday when we had our first 5-hour meeting, that had me thinking, what have I agreed to and can I really do this? You have been there for me the entire year and I could not have done it without your experience, suggestions, guidance and knowledge.

And finally, as I bid you all adieu as Department President, and become a Past Department President, please know you all have a special place in my heart that I will always cherish. You have shown me by all your support, encouragement and kind words that I did have what it took to be a president. Even though I made mistakes and questioned my leadership, I can tell you all, I did my best at being your Department President.

HUGS
Patsy Gilmore



Americanism

What an honor to serve as the Americanism Chairman for this incredible organization! Thank you, President Dee Chappell-Haley, for this opportunity, challenge and your confidence in me! Americanism and Patriotism are both very dear to my heart.

Along with the end of the past year, this new year is going to bring HUGE challenges to our Posts, Auxiliaries and our Nation. Americanism and Patriotism need to play big parts in each of our homes, our towns and cities, our schools, our Posts and Auxiliaries and our lives. We are all Americans and we need to show our pride in our Flag and our Country.

“Americanism is an unflinching love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.”

What does Americanism mean to you? Have you ever put it into words? I encourage each of you to do so.

Colorado Posts and Auxiliaries have always been Patriotic. So let’s continue this quest and achieve the goals National has set for us:

1. Flag Education – A large part of showing Americanism and Patriotism is respecting and properly caring for the US Flag. Now is the time to contact the schools and set up times to go into the classrooms to help educate our youth in the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem and the proper salute, the meaning of each fold and crease that makes the triangle when the Flag is folded and what the colors and numbers of stars and stripes on the US Flag represent. Be sure to recognize their hard work with stickers, pencils or other patriotic items. Next we need to educate our communities and businesses about our Flag’s history, how to respect our Flag, Flag etiquette and how to properly retire the Flag. Seeing our US Flag, a living symbol of national pride and freedoms we hold dear, flying high in the breeze is a beautiful sight! Recognize those businesses and individuals with a Certificate for flying the Flag.

2. Promote Patriotism – Patriotic holidays are an opportune time to involve the whole family and bring community attention to the Patriotic holidays. National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29; Loyalty Day, May 1; Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May; Memorial Day, May 30; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; Korean War ended (1953), July 27; World War I began (1914), July 28; Vietnam War began (1964), August 7; World War II ended, Japan surrendered (1945), August 14; National Navajo Code Talkers Day, August 14; Labor Day, September 7; Patriotic Day, September 11; US Constitution Approved (1787), September 17; POW/MIA Recognition

Day, third Friday in September; Gold Star Mother’s & Family’s Day, last Sunday in September. More dates will be listed in the next Colorado Veteran issue.

3. Work with your Post on promoting the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Recognize teachers that are educating our children how to become good citizens and stewards of our democracy and our country. Posts and Auxiliaries will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Posts submit winner’s to District level, then those winners selected are forwarded to Department level for judging. Each Department then forwards their winners to VFW National Headquarters for judging.

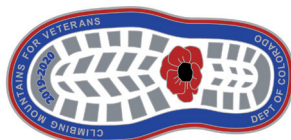
4. Recognize and Honor Blue Star, Gold Star, Silver Star and White Star families. Service members don’t serve without the support of their families. Blue Star Families have family members serving during any period of war or hostilities. Gold Star Families have a family member who died during military operations. Silver Star Families represent a family member who was injured, wounded or became ill in combat. The Secretary of Defense has yet to approve the banner for the White Star Families; these represent a family member who served and lost their life to suicide. Hold celebrations in honor of these families.

5. Auxiliary members are passionate about honoring our former Prisoners of War and those Missing in War, POW/MIA, by holding ceremonies to educate our communities and to honor these special veterans. One way is to hold a Missing Man Table Ceremony at the school, community center, churches or Post Home. Samples can be found at vfwauxiliary.org/resources.

National will be recognizing each Auxiliary that promotes patriotic holidays in their communities. Criteria and entry for (required) is available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2021. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters. They will also give a Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding promotion of patriotic holidays in the community. The Department Americanism Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department winning entry form to the National Americanism Ambassador by April 30, 2021 for judging.

Get out your RED, WHITE and BLUE and let’s show National that Colorado is proud to be American!!! And remember to report, report, report.

Queenie Barz
Department Americanism Chairman



Thank You Colorado
For Helping Out Your Members During COVID-19

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

GENERAL ORDERS #1

June 13, 2020

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

1. Having been duly elected and installed into the office of President, Department of Colorado, according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary, I hereby assume command on June 13, 2020. 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 96th Annual Convention held in Canon City on June 13 and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

PRESIDENT:

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

SR. VICE PRESIDENT:

Lucille Chavez (4171)
669 Miller Ct, Lakewood CO 80215

JR. VICE PRESIDENT:

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

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

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

CHAPLAIN:

Philip Reinhold (5812)
834 W El Portal Drive, Pueblo West CO 81007

CONDUCTRESS:

Shauana Merrill (4265)
1272 Barclay Street, Craig CO 81625

GUARD:

Arline Boone (2121)
2906 57th Ave, Greeley CO 80634

2. **Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents:** All communications must be answered promptly, using the proper channels as listed on page 13 of the Booklet of Instructions.

3. **Following are the Program Chairs for the 2020-2021 year:**

Program Coordinator: Philip Reinhold (5812) 834 W El Portal Dr, Pueblo West CO 81007

Americanism: Queenie Barz (5231) PO Box 533, Mancos CO 81328

Auxiliary Achievement: Patsy Gilmore (3917) 1719 Ascot Rd, Colorado Springs CO 80906

Aux. News & CO Veteran: Ann Mauck (2601) 2583 W 82nd Ave Unit A, Westminster, CO 80031

Buddy Poppy/National Home: Ron Boone (2121) 2906 57th Ave, Greeley CO 80634

Chief of Staff/Extension: Shelley Schlieman (7945) 10001 Alcott St, Federal Heights CO 80260

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President Special Project: Penny Monte (2551) 1025 Linda St Apt 38, Fort Morgan CO 80701

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Youth: Nadia Flores (899) 20024 County Rd 6, La Jara CO 81140

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

5. **All Auxiliary Presidents, District Presidents and Treasurers:** In accordance with the Bylaws, all Treasurers and Presidents must be bonded no later than August 31, 2020.

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

7. **Auxiliary Secretary and District Secretary:** Please send the names and addresses of the Auxiliary and District Chairmen to the corresponding Department Chairman and Department Secretary using the Chairman 2020-2021 Form provided on the VFW Department website.

8. **District Presidents:** Please send a complete schedule of your District meetings including dates, time, and location to Department Secretary, Cindy Anderson 8281 Clay St. Unit A Westminster CO 80031 or email to codept.secretary@gmail.com. Please do not schedule any District Meetings during Western Conference to be held November 5-8 in Cheyenne, WY.

9. **District Presidents:** Annual Official Visits are very important and must be conducted. The Visiting Official should sign the Secretary's and Treasurer's books only if they are kept according to procedures outlined in the Booklet of Instructions. Every question on the Official Visit Report should be answered. A copy of the W-9 sent to National Headquarters and a copy of the filed 990 or 990N should be provided to the visiting Official. Inspections should be completed by December 31, 2020 if possible.

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

11. **Auxiliary and District Trustees:** Audits for the quarter ends of June, September, December, and March must be sent to the Department Treasurer. Audits must be accepted by vote of the Auxiliary before being placed on file with the Department Treasurer within 60 days after the end of the quarter.

12. **Auxiliary Presidents and District Presidents:** A copy of the audit for the

VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

This is the first of the new year 2020-2021 Colorado Veteran-Auxiliary News Articles for Buddy poppy- National home, this year will be full of challenges on how we spread the word and promote both programs, hopefully by years end we can congratulate our self's for a job well done.

Buddy Poppy

The Buddy Poppy got it's association with the great loss of life in the great war (WWI) 1914-1918, in the battle fields of Belgium, France and Gallipoli, by it's brilliant red color in battle fields of torn up brown dirt. This red flower caught the attention of Canadian soldier named John McCrae. It is reported that he wrote his famous poem "In Flanders fields", which some of the most famous lines read " In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely signing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below".

November 9th 1918 "The poppy lady" Moina Michael, took a few minutes to read a magazine article which caught her attention by the vivid illustration with a poem named "We shall Not Sleep" which was another name for "In Flanders Fields."

At this moment Moina Pledge to keep the Faith, she wrote her own poem at that time titled "We Shall Keep The Faith" which reads "Oh! You who sleep in Flanders Fields, sleep sweet- to rise anew! We caught the torch you threw And holding high, we keep the faith With All who died." She also vowed to always wear a red poppy in remembrance.

In 1922 after the French-made poppies were introduced, the VFW formally agreed in 1923 that American veterans of WWI could also benefit from selling the red Memorial poppy.

Now that's a brief history of the Buddy poppy in America, so much more took

place in counties all over the world.

Poppies are assembled by disabled and needy Veterans. Did you know that from sales to posts

1.5 cents goes to the Department's Veterans Service Fund.

1 cent goes to VFW National Headquarters Veterans Service Fund.

1 cent goes to VFW National Home for Children.

Also, the disabled and needy Veteran workers are paid.

Other money raised from donations goes to support veterans' programs across the nation.

For more information on the valuable programs please see the VFW and VFW Auxiliary web sites.

National Home for Children

The VFW National Home for children was founded in 1925 in Eaton Rapids, Michigan as a place for families left behind by wars so families can remain together. They offer case management services to help Families establish plans for the future and set goals, education, recreation, and enrichment opportunities for parents and children, as well as free housing and daycare. Familiarize yourself with more info about these programs at vfwauxiliary.org and at vfwnational-home.org

Lifetime membership cost \$ 50.00 visit vfwnationalhome.org/membershipformoreinfo

I would like to continue at the COA's the small parades of homes that was started last year, using the theme of national Home and poppies.

Stay well and safe till we all can meet again

Ron Boone
Department Buddy Poppy
National Home Chairperson

2020 - 2021 Voice of Democracy Theme

"Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"

Continued - General Orders

period ending June 30 must be provided to your corresponding Commander along with your yearend membership totals as soon as it has been accepted by the membership.

13. **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.

14. **Minutes** of the 96th Department Convention held in Canon City, June 13, 2020 will be mailed or emailed to the members of the Convention Composition with the exception of the Delegates. See Section 812B.

15. **Fall Council of Administration and Mini Parade of Programs:** are scheduled for August 15 at Verle Huffman Post 9644. The full schedule and hotel information will be posted on the Colorado Department website. Please note that this schedule has been shortened to one day to limit the large group contacts and keep everyone healthy. Lunch will NOT be served at the Post on Saturday. The Council of Administration meeting will begin at 2:00 pm on Saturday August 15. All events on Saturday will be available via Zoom. The invitations will

be posted on the Department Website. ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS.

16. **Council of Administration members** please try to attend the COA meeting either in person or by Zoom. We must have a majority of the Council present to have a quorum and be able to conduct business.

17. **The Commander and President's Homecoming** has been postponed to a later day when restrictions have been relaxed. An Announcement will be made when the event is rescheduled.

18. **To Department Commander Bobby Kidd, Department Officers and VFW Members,** I hereby pledge the continued support of all the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary, Department of Colorado.

BY ORDER OF:
Dee Chappell-Haley, President

ATTEST:
Cindy Anderson, Secretary

Membership 2020-2021

Membership is important to all of us. Without the members, we could not help our Veterans, Seniors and our Youth in our Community. We are starting a new year so let's get going. Lots of fun this year with the program. It is going to be with lots of participation. Let's all lead with a Mile High smile for Veterans, Talk to your neighbors and family about eligibility to be members of the greatest organization in the country.

Pat Garcia
Department Membership Chairperson

Mentoring For Leadership

A new year beginning. Oh my where do I start with our mentoring? The best place to start is at the beginning. Look to your auxiliary and count how many members are acting as mentors already. You will probably be surprised to find that everyone is mentoring our new members. Some with experience and sage advice, others helping with your auxiliary's unique personality and those who silently show how to do things. Whatever your style may be, YOU, are helping our new members.

This year we are going to encourage all auxiliaries to educate members. Training everyone makes our organization run much smoother. We need to help members learn how to utilize our By-laws book and the Ritual. Who can tell, it may spark some great ideas. Knowledge is only useful if it is shared. Start small with baby steps and make sure that it is a fun and challenging experience.

One idea that comes to mind is a question and answer session to last approximately 10 minutes before your meeting. The President could ask one member to bring a question to that meeting and rotate this among seasoned and newer members. Showing our members how to find information is crucial so that everyone feels comfortable with the book of rules and rituals. Let's make this a fun year and our meetings fun so that all members feel welcome and enthusiastic. I look forward to working with all auxiliaries and all members. Together we can put "Mile High Smiles" on our Veterans by "Honoring our Mission to Help Veterans".

Any questions, please call, text, e-mail or flag me down.

Colleen Rylant
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Chief of Staff and Extension

I would like to thank our Department President for the honor of serving as Chief of Staff/Extension for the 2020-2021 year. As Chief of Staff, it will be my privilege to work with the District Presidents and Auxiliaries, to carry out our mission of service to our Veterans. We can accomplish this by making sure that we to keep our Auxiliaries in good working order. There are many tools available to accomplish this. Our Podium book is a wealth of information and pretty much has the answers to nearly every question that may arise. The National website has online tutorials, resources, blogs, and the National

program book, as well as the "Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation" for guidance. I look forward to working with bachelor Posts and "Extending" our Auxiliary family, and, on that note, I want to "Extend" a warm welcome to Berthoud 12189 Auxiliary, which was instituted May 30, 2020. Any day, any time, with any question, any request, any problem, any triumph – I am your person. I am so excited to be able to reconnect with all of you and I know that, working together, we can make this a year of sharing, caring, and good works!

Shelley Schlieman
Department Chief of Staff/Extension

Hospital Program

We are already 1/3rd of the way through Colorado's Auxiliary reporting year since it runs April 1 - March 31st. Plus, COVID-19 has not been kind to us on what we can do. But, we will have a Great Year!!

The electronic reporting sheets have been updated for what National wants us to report on this year. If you do not see the segment you want/need to put it under, please use "Other" and explain it, but if you need more space, please email the info to me and in the explanation box, write e-mail so I will know to be looking for it. Just do not duplicate info in both places. This is the same for if you are doing the current year's report sheet and sending it in.

Each year the Ambassadors have different things that are important to them and that is what they want to see re-

ported. Please report all Hospital things you do and put into "Other" if you need to. Everything we do is very important as, You can and do make a difference in so many lives!! Two big items that have been included this year are "National Salute to Veterans Patients Week" and the "VA's Women Veterans Health Program". I will have more information at the upcoming COA at Golden Post 4171.

Please, give me your Hospital Chairman's information (Aux or District #, Name, Phone, email, Address) so I can pass any updates or information as I receive it.

Rena Cales
Department Hospital Chairman
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Auxiliary Membership by District as of June 30, 2020

Number	City	2019	2020	%	Number	City	2019	2020	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #8				
1	Denver	186	191	103*	859	Leadville	26	25	96
501	Denver	141	143	101	11411	Lake George	48	47	98
2461	Denver	109	105	96	12009	Conifer	32	32	100*
2797	Denver	44	40	91	TOTAL		106	104	98%
5061	Denver	141	142	101*	DISTRICT #9				
TOTAL		621	621	100%*	4264	Stmbt Spgs	30	29	96
DISTRICT #2					4265	Craig	47	45	96
2788	Penrose	45	40	89	5843	Meeker	33	33	100*
3641	Pueblo	80	78	98	9374	Kremmling	22	22	100*
4061	Canon City	127	128	101*	TOTAL		132	129	98%
5812	Pueblo West	46	53	115*	DISTRICT #10				
7305	Colo. City	25	23	92	322	Englewood	81	81	100*
TOTAL		323	322	99.9%	3471	Morrison	47	46	98
DISTRICT #3					3631	Aurora	101	100	99
41	Loveland	112	120	107*	4171	Golden	321	310	97
1771	Lafayette	296	284	96	4331	Arvada	142	133	94
1781	Ft. Collins	122	118	97	4444	Cmmrc City	185	174	94
2121	Greeley	96	101	105*	7945	Thornton	269	271	101*
2585	Johnstown	74	68	92	9644	Fort Logan	331	329	99.4
2601	Longmont	206	204	99	TOTAL		1477	1444	98%
4334	Ault	38	39	103*	DISTRICT #11				
6624	Evans	209	208	99.5	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	82	82	100*
9565	Broomfield	33	0	0	3571	Delta	61	56	92
9741	Dacono	23	0	0	3981	Grnd Jcnctn	32	37	116*
TOTAL		1209	1163	96%	4663	Clifton	50	0	0
DISTRICT #4					9221	Cedaredge	56	57	102*
2551	Ft. Morgan	122	122	100*	9333	Hotchkiss	24	22	92
3541	Sterling	64	56	88	TOTAL		305	254	83%
4671	Wray	26	26	100*	DISTRICT #12				
TOTAL		212	204	96%	4031	Durango	106	107	101*
DISTRICT #5					5181	Dove Creek	38	36	95
101	Colo. Spgs.	80	80	100*	5231	Mancos	61	60	98
3917	Security	172	192	112*	TOTAL		205	203	99%
4051	Colo. Spgs	251	249	99	DISTRICT #13				
5221	Calhan	26	26	100*	3411	Kit Carson	24	22	92
6461	Fountain	151	139	92	6491	Burlington	16	16	100*
7829	Monument	60	63	105*	6612	Hugo	39	39	100*
TOTAL		740	749	101%*	TOTAL		79	77	97%
DISTRICT #6					15006	At Large	526	603	115%*
336	Ordway	74	73	99	TOTAL DEPT.		6,325	6,262	99%
2411	LasAnimas	103	113	110*	Please send in your 2021 Dues!				
TOTAL		177	186	105%*	Be 100% in 2020 - 2021				
DISTRICT #7					"You Can Do It"				
899	Alamosa	56	51	91	Community Outreach ***New/Updated Program***				
4849	La Jara	42	41	98	community soup kitchens, Meals on Wheels, Alzheimer's events, animal rescue groups and working with the elderly just to mention a few.				
8121	So Fork	115	111	97	At our August Parade of Programs and COA, I will be giving out other ideas on how we can become more involved in the community. As we increase public awareness on what the VFW and VFW Auxiliary does in the community in addition to helping veterans and their families, we can generate interest in our organization and promote Auxiliary membership.				
TOTAL		213	203	95%	I am looking forward to the upcoming year to promote community outreach and VFW Auxiliary awareness as we continue into the future to help our communities while providing more awareness about how the VFW Auxiliary provides support to our veterans and their families.				

2020-2021 Patriot's Pen Essay Theme

"What is Patriotism to Me?"

Reach Out to your Community

Linda Reinpold
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Veterans And Military Support

I thank you President Dee for intrusting me with this chairmanship. Veterans and Family support is at the heart of everything our organization stands for.

This is going to be a tough year what with the pandemic so be prepared to "ZOOM" into what's expected of our Auxiliaries this year.

Think about all the trials our veterans and their families have gone through. It makes wearing a mask and social distancing seem like child's play.

National President Sandra Oustwedder's Special project is "Stars and Stripes and Support" Combating food insecurity among our nations military personnel and their families.

Department President Dee's special project is "Mile High Smiles for our Veterans" promoting free dental care for our Vets.

National Veterans Service(NVS)
Military Assistance Program(MAP)
Unmet Needs

VA Caregivers Support Line

All of these programs and projects need our support. More information is

available on the national website and I will have handouts and ideas at the 1st COA In August.

So, start planning events to support all of the above and think creatively.

National will be giving awards to the most outstanding events on food insecurity awareness and supporting Veteran and Military caregivers.

Our Veterans and their families went through many trials for our freedom: separation, combat and death.

We won't let a little inconvenience stop us. Get your knitters, crocheters, and sewers making those hats, socks and blankets to drop off at care centers. Raffles and fundraisers at your posts can support NVS, MAP and Unmet Needs.

Attend a COA meeting via "Zoom" if you can't physically be there or just buck up. Put on a mask and make it work for our Vets. That's what we're here for.

Thank you,
Shelly Hall
Veterans and Family Support
Department Chairman

Legislative

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

I am Martine Arndt, your Legislative Chairman for 2020 – 2021. I am honored that Department President Dee has selected me for this extremely important program.

2020 is an election year. This may be the most important election in recent memory that most of us will participate in, and maybe in our lifetimes. There are many contested elections this year, 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, 34 out of the 100 seats in the U.S. Senate, plus the office of the President. Please take the time to do due diligence to research the candidates to determine which ones that truly support our heroes and their families. We need to promote, and vote for those that have the veteran issues at heart, and not just those who give "lip service" to the media outlets to promote themselves. Check with your county election officials and volunteer to work a Voter Registration in your area, or as an election judge for the General Election early or that day voting. We are fortunate to have mail in voting in Colorado, which will keep many of our citizens safer in this time of Covid 19.

All State Achievement Program

The All State Achievement Program is being revised. Under the new requirements, all Auxiliaries and District Auxiliaries will have the opportunity to qualify for the award. Please join us at the Council of Administration hosted by Golden Post 4171 & Auxiliary on August 15 - 16, 2020. We will unveil the requirements for the Auxiliary and District Auxiliary to earn this award right before the Parade of Programs on Saturday. A lot of time and thought is going into the changes of this program. The All State Achievement Committee members that have been helping with this project are PDP Charlotte Lattin, PDP Cindy Anderson and PDP Linda Reinbold. The goals the Committee has for revising the report are:

- 1) All Auxiliaries and Districts may earn All State Achievement.
- 2) Improving Auxiliaries and Districts by completing tasks.
- 3) Making the All State Report simpler.
- 4) Having the President, Secretary and Treasurer fill out All State Reports together.

The changes that are being made are meant to reward all Auxiliaries and Districts that are completing tasks that

are required in the VFW Auxiliary By-laws. Examples are completing these tasks on time, Installation reports, audits, purchasing bonds, filing the IRS 990 form and Officer dues paid. Other tasks that are on the report that we feel will help improve the Auxiliary or District is attending the Council of Administration weekend to share program information/updates and other Department information. Finally, to make the report simpler. This report will replace the former All State President's Report, the All State Treasurer Report, the Auxiliary Achievement Report and the President's Resume. All these will be replaced by a one-page report that gives Auxiliaries and Districts points earned for completed tasks. =

The new forms will be available on the Department website, vfwco.org and in the Colorado Program Book.

Patsy Gilmore
All State Achievement Chairman

Youth Program

Salutations Auxiliary Members!

First, WOW, thank you to Dept. President Dee Chappel-Haley for the honor of being your Youth Activities Chairman. I am beyond excited to see all the wonderful activities that the auxiliaries will have planned for this year. There are so many ways to get our youth involved and engaged with the veterans in our communities and within the communities themselves, and the programs that National has outlined for our auxiliaries gives us endless opportunities to be creative and think outside the box, especially during a time where our traditional ways of involving youth can be hindered by social distancing restrictions. Let's take a quick peek at what excitement awaits us this year, and don't forget to be on the lookout for more information as our year progresses.

Do Re Mi Fa Sol La Ti Do..... how many of you remember warming up your voices with this scale while in music class? National has an exciting new contest for our youth this year, called **Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue!** And if the musical scale or music class hint didn't give it away, this a musical contest for our youth to showcase their musical talents while performing our beloved national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," in the musical genre of their choice. More information on deadlines, contest rules, judging, awards, and ways to get the information out to our youth will follow in the coming weeks.

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. - Dr. Seuss. Oh, how this is such an important time to introduce our youth to the love of reading, while also beginning to expand their knowledge of American history, and **Patriotism through Literacy** is the perfect opportunity to do that. This program was introduced to the auxiliaries last year and I loved seeing how everyone was able to reach out to our youth, with this program, but I am even more excited to see this program grow and

Historian and Media Relations

Hello my name is Cindy Heater. It is my privilege to be the Historian and Media Relations Program Chairman this year. My Auxiliary is #2551 in Ft. Morgan Colorado and we proudly look at the history of our Auxiliary and love to show it to our community with every event we have.

That's what we want each of you Auxiliaries to do too. Each of you have an appointed historian and they need to take pictures and cut out newspaper articles and write articles to put them in books for you to look back at and smile at the job you all did. Memories!

Now my job is to gather things that are done by each of you and to keep logs on Dept President activities, the National Presidents Visit. Photographs and newspaper clippings will be saved. And of course I will take a lot of pictures and tons of notes.

My privilege is also to help your unit

expand this year. Fun fact: I was once grounded from my books during my early teens.....so you can say that I'm a bit of a bookworm, and I hope to see our youth grow a love for reading as great as mine.

Know a young and budding artist? Or know a family that could use an activity for kids that are bored at home? **Illustrating America** is such a fantastic way to get younger students involved, and even become a version of a patriotic "Sip & Paint" for the family for a family night. Deadlines, eligibility, and criteria will be forthcoming, so keep on the lookout for that information.

With many of our veterans now staying at home, or not being allowed visitors, have you or any of your auxiliary members noticed your local youth groups getting creative in how they support our veterans or active military members? If you answered yes or your auxiliary has the ability to assist these youth groups, keep the **Youth Groups Supporting Veterans National Citation** in mind. The forms can be accessed online, and I will make them available to the auxiliaries at our COAs.

It is absolutely AMAZING, with just how many ways, we, as auxiliary members and individuals, can engage our youth to become patriotic citizens, creative individuals, and how we can begin to help mold and shape our future leaders, just within the programs and contests within our organization. So, get out there and have fun with it! Remember to also report all the fun and creative things that your auxiliary is doing, so you don't miss out on the chance to showcase all that fun.

I look forward to an exciting and creative year and working alongside all of you. If you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas, please don't ever hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Nadia Flores
Department Youth Activities Chairman

historian with the five W's: who, what, where, when and why! Please fill out your monthly report telling me what you have done. Do you have face book? Do you have a website? Do you use the VFW Auxiliary Publicity Guide? Do you give out Communication Awards? Did you submit a Historian/Media Relations Report?

If you have any questions or need help or want to share some special event you have held you can send pictures, newspaper articles to me at heatercindy@yahoo.com. Lets show our community how much we honor our veterans and how much fun we have. Who knows you might get a few new members! Also please send Deb McBride our Social Media Chairman the items too at dash-issler@att.net.

Cindy Heater
Historian and Media Relations



Aux 1771: Josephine Villegas

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