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## “Crushed by COVID - 19”



### Greetings comrades,

Wow! Did anyone catch the plates of that truck that just hit us? Wasn't it something like "COVID-19"? Here it is May and we have been unable to hold normal meetings; we can't operate our canteens or halls, our income has dried up but not our expenses, we can't purchase or distribute buddy poppies, we had to cancel our state convention as has the national organization and membership has mostly collapsed. How quickly our world can change! So, where do we go from here? Let's look at how we can move our mission forward.

**Priority 1 – Taking care of our members,** the Veterans in our communities and their families. We should be making our “buddy check” calls and offering help where we can.

**Priority 2 – Enable Post and District elections.** As of this writing Posts and Districts can meet in groups of 10 or fewer. This, and the use of electronic attendance should allow for the election of officers be-

fore 12 June 2020. My team and I will be working very closely with the District Commanders to help this happen. Please see the **Guidelines for Post and District Elections** for details.

**Priority 3 – Re-engage our membership efforts.** For the period of 24 March through 30 April we only had 164 renewal, new and reinstate members added to our rolls, roughly 4 per day which is half of what we were doing before the pandemic. At this rate the Department will be 430 members short of last year and will see a \$4,000 reduction of our income from membership.

As we begin to have meetings again, we need to reach out to our annual members and, if possible, help by paying the dues for those members that have lost their jobs. Even if we can't we should continue to keep in contact with these veterans.

There are several efforts being made by both National and the Department to encourage Posts to work on membership. Commander-in-Chief Doc Schmitz has laid down a challenge to all VFW Posts for the month of May. There will be a drawing to select three of the top fifteen Posts in each Division, based on the percentage of membership growth for the month of May, to receive a \$1,000 stipend deposited into the Post account. Also, I have extended my \$300 Commander's Challenge through the end of May. See [vfwco.org](http://vfwco.org) for more details on these incentives.

All American eligibility criteria has also changed. Post requirement

to purchase Buddy Poppies has been waived. The Department membership program has also been revised to exclude poppies and a couple of percentage quota has been adjusted to 98%. See <https://vfwco.org/index.php/members/vfw-membership-program> for details.

**Priority 4 – Transition the Department Officers.** The Council of Administration has cancelled our State convention, but we will also address a transition of Department officers. We have guidelines for a non-convention transition under VFW Executive Order No. 2 which is being presented to the Council of Administration for their action. Basically, this is what will happen with the Council's approval.

12 June 2020 – Department *pro-forma* Convention to fulfill the requirements of the Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order. The convention will be opened and closed due to not having a quorum and no business will be transacted.

12 June 2020 – The Department Council of Administration will end the terms of all Department Officers as authorized by VFW Executive Order No 2. The Department Sr Vice and Jr Vice Commander will succeed to Department Commander and Sr Vice Commander and the Department Commander will announce his appointments including Quartermaster Pro Tem and Adjutant. Next, the Department Commander will inform the new Council of the vacant offices.

27 June 2020 – The Department Adjutant will send the Council a ballot with the names of nominees for

the vacant elected offices for the council's vote.

Details will be posted to the Department website. Contact your District Commander if you have questions.

**Priority 5 – Financial stability of our Posts.** We know from the Posts that responded to our request for information that statewide the financial impact of the pandemic is a loss of over \$250,000 in revenue per month. We also know that many Posts may not qualify for the SBA loans due to a lack of payroll expense. We have challenged our Congressmen and US Senators to make changes to the programs. We are also looking at possibly offering bridge loans from the Department. We will inform the Quartermasters when we have the details worked out.

**Priority 6 – Closing out our programs for the VFW year.** I want to ensure that we recognize those individuals that have worked hard this year and those that we typically recognize at our Department Convention. I have asked Barbara Green, the State Jr Vice Commander to take on this task. Watch the website for updates.

See you on the trail when we can travel again.

David Stone  
Department Commander

(see page 3 for Post and District Guidelines)

### Colorado VFW Foundation

From the Board of Directors: We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Our Thanks to you our Members, Family and Friends for your contributions. We are still processing grant applications and helping our members and Colorado's Veterans and their families. Our funding however will not last much longer. We are still in need of donations if you can help. It would be greatly appreciated.

We are approaching the end of the Fiscal Year for 2019-2020: As of April 9, 2020 we have processed 130 applications

and have approved 109 applications expending \$61,542.21. Applications are still being screened and processed by the Board of Directors.

The Grant Application is available on the Department Website. Any eligible Veteran in need of emergency assistance across the State of Colorado can apply for a one time Grant of up to \$500.

As always we are asking for donations. Please make your checks payable to Colorado VFW Foundation and mail to 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214.



### In Memoriam

Past Department President

Jane Ledesma

1997 - 1998

Rest in Peace You Will Be Missed

## Veterans And Military Support

As I write this, our nation, our state, our counties, and our towns are currently under a stay-in-home order. Our daily schedules and lives are extremely different than what are all used to at the moment. However, my hope is that by the time you read this article, some, if not of our daily normalcy has started to return.

During this time, I hope all of our Post and Auxiliaries members are staying safe and doing what you can to help each other out without jeopardizing one another's health. This is a good time to call on our elderly members who are high risk to ensure they have everything they need. Maybe send a few "thinking of you" cards or if you are able to get a few gift cards and send them to members who you know are not able to work during this time. If you're willing and able to, maybe make a meal and drop off curbside to veteran who is homebound.

Lastly, don't forget to be a little kinder to all of our cashiers who are work-

ing extra hard to keep the shelves at your favorite grocery store stocked. Offer a prayer or two up for all the first responders who are working their hardest to protect the front line and all of us; especially our medical staff. Smile at your neighbor or wave as you pass them during walk. You never know which person is a Veteran, a Veterans spouse, sibling, child or distant relative. Please remember, that we represent one of the BEST organizations in this state and the country. We are the front line for the National VFW Auxiliary, please put on your best smile, use your manners, and remember that the more mountains we climb for our veterans, the more we make the world a better place.

I wish you all good health, I send love, and God willing, I will see each and every one of you soon.

Stephane Trujillo, VFW Auxiliary  
Department Veterans & Family Support

### 10 Tips for Working with Youth

When working with youth, it is important to consider their safety and needs. We would like to offer these tips and resources so that you can make sure that all youth you encounter have the best experience possible.

1. Consider taking Youth Protection training. Many organizations working with youth provide and require training. One of the best known is done by Boy Scouts. You do not need to be a member or even involved with the program in order to take their free online training. Find it here: <http://www.scouting.org/Training/youth-protection.aspx>

2. Always respect the time commitments of youth. They are very busy. Be clear about when an event or project starts and how long it will go for. Parents also very much appreciate it when their child is finished at the stated time.

3. Parents should always be welcome to stay and take part in the activity.

4. No matter the project or event, make sure that proper safety measures are taken for everyone involved. Also, be sure that activities or projects are age appropriate.

5. Be extremely conscious of the location where you bring or meet the youths.

6. Do not smoke, drink or use drugs around them.

7. If you are taking youth somewhere other than the Post home or a school, consider getting permission slips from every parent, and make sure the parents understand that the children may be riding in personal vehicles.

8. Receive training from your local Child Abuse Prevention Council or Child Protective Center on the Mandated Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Laws in your State for those working with children.

9. Find out if you need to have individuals working with youth/children fingerprinted before working with youth. There may be laws in your state.

10. Maintain and model healthy boundaries with children -be a role model. Remember it is never appropriate to display acts of violence or abuse around or towards children.

Remember that it only takes a minute to make a difference in the life of a child. There are lots of small, positive things we can all do to help protect and nurture our children that only take a minute. A few words of praise and encouragement to a child, listening carefully to what a child has to say, showing a child you care, all are simple actions that added together have been shown to have a profound impact on a child's life. In these very real ways, we can all support children and strengthen families.

## Surgeon's Column Geraldine Rimpley



Greetings comrades.

What a whirlwind this last month has been! I know some folks may have felt like time has stood still with the stay-at-home orders but other comrades I have spoken

with, it has been a fast and furious cycle of renovations of post buildings. Some have updated paint/flooring as needed to improve the looks while others have completely renovated some or all their buildings to improve or add operations. Good job to everyone!

It is imaginative people like our VFW members that help make these times tolerable. My hopes are that in addition to post improvement efforts, you have maintained contact with all your members to know they are staying safe and, also provide any assistance as need-

ed with the limited travel restrictions in place. You have heard more than your share of what you can and cannot do so by the media so all I ask is you just stay safe.

The election processes at all levels will be challenging so I will ask for your support in my aspirations to move up the chairs at Department level. I have learned a lot as Department Surgeon and duly recorded that information for the next Surgeon. I also made a pest of myself picking the brains of many previous and current senior leaders to prepare for my next level of responsibility. Thank you to all who have encouraged so far, I am ready and ask for your vote as Colorado Department of VFW Junior Vice Commander.

Geraldine Rimpley  
State Surgeon

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

General Orders No. 4  
May 1, 2020 Series 2019-2020

1. **100<sup>th</sup> DEPARTMENT CONVENTION** has been cancelled by the Department Council of Administration due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As directed by VFW Executive Order No. 2 a *pro-forma* convention will be conducted on 12 June 2020 for the purposes of maintaining compliance with Section 503 of the National Bylaws; no business will be transacted due to the lack of a quorum.

2. **DELEGATE FEES WILL NOT BE ASSESSED** this year due to the Department Convention being canceled.

3. **NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICE** must be submitted in writing along with an acceptance letter to the Department HQ no later than 26 June 2020 Please check the department website <http://vfwco.org> for more information.

4. **POST QUARTERMasters:** Request the assistance of your members in completing the list of deceased members form and return to Department Headquarters no later than May 30, 2020.

5. **REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT** from 2019-2020 Council Members between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, must be submitted in writing and approved by the State Commander. If NOT submitted by July 10, 2020, the request will not be paid.

6. **POST ELECTION REPORTS:** It is the responsibility of the membership to insist that the responsible officer reports the elections of officers to Department immediately after the election is completed.

7. **POST AND DISTRICT ELECTION REPORTS:** Contact information from the Post and District Election Reports are used to publish the Department Roster. Please ensure that the contact information is correct including email addresses. If not sent to Department by July 1, 2020 your officers will be omitted from the Department Roster. No exceptions.

8. **POSTS SHOULD ARRANGE SPECIAL CEREMONIES** and all Commanders shall alert comrades to their obligations for appropriate commemoration of the following outstanding action dates in U.S. History: May 8<sup>th</sup>, VE Day; June 6<sup>th</sup>, D Day; June 14<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day. It is requested that all Posts and their members honor Memorial Day on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

BY COMMAND OF:  
/s/ David Stone  
David Stone  
State Commander

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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Commander's Column David Stone



### Guidelines for Post and District Elections

It is our goal to have all Post and District elections completed before **12 June 2020**. Otherwise, the

implementation of VFW Executive Order No. 2 by the National Council of Administration will force those Posts and Districts that have not held elections to transition their officers on 24 July 2020. Please consider the following guidelines:

### Establish multiple attendance options.

Posts must try to provide access to as many members as possible. Districts need to provide access to the District Convention (Sec 404, Bylaws). Options can include:

- Everyone physically in one location
- Limited attendance at one location plus electronic attendance
- Limited attendance in multiple locations plus electronic attendance
- Only electronic attendance

**Nominations and acceptance** must be made either in person while attending the meeting or in writing before the meeting (Sec 217, 417 MOP)

**Voting** – members must be in good standing and present (physically or electronically) to vote. Absentee or proxy voting is not allowed (Sec 217, 417 MOP)

**Installation of officers.** For District officers the installation must occur prior to the close of the District convention. Post officers must be installed before 12 June 2020. For Posts it is permissible to install prior to the close of the meeting in which elected, then have a second more formal installation later.

### Candidates for Department Office –

Nominations for elected Department office must be submitted in writing along with an acceptance letter to the Department HQ no later than 26 June 2020.

### Candidates for Department Office declared at COA in Grand Junction

**Robert Kidd Sr., declared for State Commander**  
**Geraldine Rimpley declared for Jr Vice Commander (and Katy) Bruce Dolan declared for State Quartermaster**  
**Kevin Reinhold declared for State Chaplain**  
**William Flores declared for State Surgeon**  
**John Keene declared for State Surgeon (in Fort Morgan)**

**Steve Kjonaas declared for Vice Chair of the Western Conference**

**Bruce Dolan declared for National Council Member 2020-2024**  
**David Stone declared for National Council Member 2020-2024**

## 2020 VFW Spring Sweepstakes

Closing Date - June 22, 2020

Awards will be paid within 10 days following the close of the program

Have you returned your Spring Sweepstakes Tickets?

If you do not return them, you cannot win! Thank You

## Chaplain Column Kevin Reinhold



Brothers and Sisters,

There has been a lot that happened at the start of the 2020 year. The COVID-19, we all need

to continue praying about this virus and look after each other as we go through this challenge in our history. Be a servant to those that are not able to help themselves.

We have had a lot of our members pass from this life, and with the passing comes a grief process. Grief is an emotional experience common to humans. Even Jesus mourned the death of Lazarus and when he saw Martha and other mourners weeping, He also wept being moved by their grief even knowing He had possessed the power to bring Lazarus from the dead.

An important step in overcoming grief is to share it with others. The body of Christ is designed to ease the burdens of its individual members (Galatians 6:2), and fellow believers have the ability to "mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:15). Often the grieving tends to shun others, increasing feelings of isolation and misery. It can be healthier to seek counseling. Groups offer lis-

tening ears and helpful encouragement, camaraderie, and guidance in walking through the grief. When we share our stories with God and others, our grief is lessened.

Sadly, grief is a part of the human experience. Loss is a part of life, and grief is a natural response to loss. But we have the hope of Christ, and we know He is strong enough to carry the burdens (Matthew 11:30). We can give our hurt to him because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). In grief, we cast our burdens on Him, rely on the community of the church, delve into the truth of the Word, and ultimately experience hope (Hebrews 6:19-20).

If you know of anyone that is grieving the loss of a loved one, reach out to them. The loss does not go away overnight, a month or even a year. The pain of the loss could go on for a lifetime. But sharing memories helping each other and listening can help the healing process. If you or someone you know needs prayer, let us know, we will pray with you. [reinholdvfw@yahoo.com](mailto:reinholdvfw@yahoo.com)

Kevin Reinhold, State Chaplain  
"Doing our Lord's work  
for all Veteran's"

## Sr. Vice Column Robert Kidd, Sr.



Hello to all my Brothers & Sisters in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary.

As I sit here at home thinking of what the day will bring, I realize how much the world and my life are changing due to the Covid-19 virus. As some would say you never know how good you have it, until you don't have it or cannot do it.

I hope to find all my fellow Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary members and friends staying healthy and doing everything that is needed to stay healthy. I find myself contacting people that I haven't talked to in a long time.

Although we cannot go to meetings or have normal events at the VFW, we all need to reach out to the membership to see how they are doing and if they need any assistance getting around for their everyday needs (Medical appointments, shopping needs, medications, etc) It is time to step up to the plate. Just because there is a stay at home order doesn't mean that everything just stops. We as a Veteran organization, we still must function and do our daily jobs.

I know that many of the Membership

did not want to communicate by email or hold Virtual meetings. VFW business on-line is now a reality for the operation at the Post, District, and even at the National level. I am here to tell you that the situation has changed. It doesn't matter if you don't want it, it's here. I have spent more time on Virtual meetings in the last week than I have ever done before. At Post 3917 we tried our House & Finance meeting on-line and found some issues. But the more that we practice the better we will get at it.

I need everyone that has an email account to please let the Department know if you change it. As the Commander announced at the last C of A, the Colorado Veteran is going away and the information within the Department will go out as an on-line bulletin. The staff is hoping that we can send this out with more current information and in a timelier manner. Remember that everything that we know is now changing and we must change with it.

Always doing what's needed for Veterans

Robert M. Kidd Sr.  
State Sr. Vice Commander

## Jr. Vice Column Barbara Green



Recently I attended the VW Legislative Conference for the first time. Thanks to our Legislative chairman, former state command-

er Steve, each of the Senators and Representatives we met (or their staffers) got thoroughly briefed on this year's VFW priorities – bills that need to be passed by Congress. Briefly stated these priorities are: identifying toxic exposures to include adding four more presumptive conditions to the Agent Orange exposure list. Under Veterans Health Care – expansion of military suicide prevention efforts and expanded VA care for women veterans. The VFW also wants to remove concurrent receipt for Chapter 61 veterans. The VFW

would like to see repeal of the 12 year limit on the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program. Finally they want to expand Transition Assistance Program (TAP). Hopefully by time this edition of the Colorado Veteran is published most of the bills connected to the above mentioned issues will be passed. In conclusion I want to thank everyone for supporting me as your Junior Vice Commander this year. See you at the State Convention in Canon City in June. Also please stay safe and at home during this Coronavirus Pandemic. The world will change in the next few months or years but VFW members are resilient and we will get through this.

Sincerely  
Barbara Green  
State Junior Vice Commander

## Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings,

I hope this finds everyone well. In these weird times, I hope it also finds all safe.

I need to ask everyone to go to the Department web site; [vfwco.org](http://vfwco.org), and go to the link [vfwco.org/covid19](http://vfwco.org/covid19) and read the information Commander Stone has been posting. This will give you guidance and how to conduct VFW business during the Shelter in Place time.

One of the important articles is titled Financial Relief for Posts. There are two programs. This is directed toward Posts with canteens or a payroll of some sort. Please read this and apply if necessary. If you have questions, call Headquarters on Tuesday or Thursday and we will try and help.

As far as Quarterly Audits, if possible whoever fills out the Audit should do

their best to fill it out, scan and send it to the trustees, and then the Commander. I have been trying to get guidance from National and will pass along what I learn.

A couple of comments on Audits. Posts are no longer required to have a Dues Reserve. I noticed several Posts still have one. All so, all Posts are required to have a Relief Fund. Please see the By-Laws, page 39 (yellow pages), Section 704, and page 96 (white pages), Section 704. There are a few Posts who do not have a relief fund. We will be contacting you if there is nothing in the Relief Fund Section of your Audit and ask you to correct this section.

Please wash your hands and stay away from each other.

Bruce Dolan  
State Adj./Quartermaster

**VFW Post Membership by District as of May 6, 2020**

Number/ City	2019	2020	%	Number/City	2019	2020	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>				<b>DISTRICT #8</b>			
1 Denver	897	878	98	859 Leadville	31	34	110*
501 Denver	320	310	97	1166 Buena Vista	131	126	96
2461 Denver	142	108	76	3820 Salida	81	72	89
2797 Denver	70	36	51	8661 Bailey	123	119	97
5061 Denver	270	261	97	10721 Minturn	128	131	102*
TOTAL	1699	1593	94%	11411 Lake George	44	45	102*
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>				<b>DISTRICT #9</b>			
2788 Penrose	89	89	100*	12009 Conifer	135	126	93
3641 Pueblo	121	105	87	TOTAL	673	653	97%
4061 Canon City	256	258	101*	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>			
5812 Pueblo West	188	206	110*	322 Englewood	107	97	91
7305 Colo. City	49	46	94	3471 Morrison	67	66	99
8898 Boone	36	36	100*	3631 Aurora	302	291	96
12063 Westcliffe	47	50	106*	4171 Golden	421	393	93
TOTAL	786	790	101%*	4266 Parker	74	75	101*
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>				<b>DISTRICT #11</b>			
41 Loveland	289	281	97	784 Montrose	131	122	93
807 Boulder	43	38	88	1247 Grnd Jcnctn	250	245	98
1771 Lafayette	252	252	100*	3571 Delta	54	56	104*
1781 Ft. Collins	338	306	91	3981 Grnd Jcnctn	129	147	114*
2121 Greeley	181	169	93	4663 Clifton	64	61	95
2585 Johnstown	182	175	96	5485 Parachute	39	39	100*
2601 Longmont	343	314	91	9221 Cedaredge	102	97	95
4334 Ault	62	58	94	9304 Rifle	30	27	90
6624 Evans	240	225	94	9333 Hotchkiss	27	19	70
9565 Broomfield	102	96	94	TOTAL	826	813	98%
12174 Brighton	35	34	97	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>			
12189 Berthoud	46	38	83	4031 Durango	217	219	101*
TOTAL	2113	1986	94%	4181 Dove Creek	53	48	91
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>				<b>DISTRICT #13</b>			
2551 Ft. Morgan	189	178	94	6491 Burlington	63	60	95
3378 Yuma	60	59	98	6612 Hugo	32	33	103*
3541 Sterling	92	84	91	9491 Deer Trail	19	18	95
3551 Brush	37	36	97	9700 Chynn Wlls	24	24	100*
3951 Ovid	19	17	89	TOTAL	159	154	97%
3961 Otis	18	15	83	<b>DISTRICT #14</b>			
4671 Wray	51	51	100*	15006 MAL	2617	2600	97%
6482 Holyoke	50	45	90	<b>TOTAL DEPT</b>			
7153 Fleming	25	23	92		15498	14864	96%
8064 Akron	46	45	98	<b>2020 dues are now DUE</b>			
TOTAL	587	553	94%	<b>Be 100% +1 in 2019-2020</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>				<b>DISTRICT #15</b>			
101 Colo. Spgs.	475	461	97	<b>DISTRICT #16</b>			
3917 Security	591	572	97	<b>DISTRICT #17</b>			
4051 Colo. Spgs	571	574	101*	<b>DISTRICT #18</b>			
5221 Calhan	102	103	101*	<b>DISTRICT #19</b>			
6051 Wldnd Park	50	49	98	<b>DISTRICT #20</b>			
6461 Fountain	313	311	99	<b>DISTRICT #21</b>			
7829 Monument	156	152	97	<b>DISTRICT #22</b>			
10649 Elizabeth	49	45	92	<b>DISTRICT #23</b>			
TOTAL	2307	2267	98%	<b>DISTRICT #24</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>				<b>DISTRICT #25</b>			
336 Ordway	89	83	92	<b>DISTRICT #26</b>			
2411 LasAnimas	84	78	93	<b>DISTRICT #27</b>			
4001 Springfield	39	33	85	<b>DISTRICT #28</b>			
4281 Holly	24	23	96	<b>DISTRICT #29</b>			
TOTAL	236	217	92%	<b>DISTRICT #30</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>				<b>DISTRICT #31</b>			
899 Alamosa	95	88	93	<b>DISTRICT #32</b>			
4849 La Jara	52	45	87	<b>DISTRICT #33</b>			
6101 San Luis	62	56	90	<b>DISTRICT #34</b>			
8121 Del Norte	43	43	100*	<b>DISTRICT #35</b>			
TOTAL	252	232	92%	<b>DISTRICT #36</b>			

**Membership 2019 - 2020**

Comrades,

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well right now, as times have been tough. Our Posts, Districts, and Department miss being able to enjoy your company. We are nearing the end of our fiscal year which means it's time to push membership as hard as we can. We need to continue building our membership so that it makes our Department stronger and more effective, as well as contributing to our National goals in legislation.

Times are difficult right now, but that does not mean they are impossible. At this time last year, we were above 100%; we are currently in the 96% range. Although the Commander in Chief, Doc Schmitz, lowered the Department criteria for All-American to 98%, we still need to push hard to go beyond our numbers last year. We all understand that COVID-19 has impacted our recruiting and retention efforts, but I know that we are strong enough to adapt and overcome.

Reach out to your membership to check on their well-being. Put fliers

up in your community (while complying with the current directives) and find ways to reach out to Veterans on social media. Aid in getting your Comrades dues paid if they cannot afford it. Host a virtual membership drive, help your community, and get the name and purpose of the VFW well known. We are currently limited in what we can do, but like our military, our Veterans always find a way. We need less than 400 members to reach 98% and near 600 recruits, renewals, and reinstates to reach 100%+1. I know we are capable of excelling beyond 98%.

This is the greatest opportunity to work on retention by showing our membership that we care. Now is the time to show the world that we will not be broken, that we will do what needs to be done to effectively continue our mission. Please do your part to help build our Posts, Districts, and Department; there is strength in numbers but we have the strength of Veterans. Keep your chin up and reach out if you need any assistance.

Lexi Faulkner  
Membership Director

**Fort Collins Clinic Opening  
Monday, May 4, 2020**

We are happy to announce that we are opening the Fort Collins Clinic office on Monday, May 4th, 2020. Pop Up Clinics in Denver, Colorado Springs, Longmont and Buckley AFB are expected to restart in June assuming no additional delays from the State Office of Public Health.

Fort Collins Clinic Appointments are limited to ensure sufficient distancing and to allow for the additional time needed for appropriate sanitation. If you were on the schedule prior to shut down, you would have received a rescheduling call already. Please call our clinic to schedule at (970) 776-8387.

Healing Warriors Program is following the guidelines designated by the State of Colorado Public Health and Environment, Safer at Home, Limited Health Settings which can be found here:

**We ask that you please follow these guidelines below for when NOT to come in:**

1. Have you traveled outside the state of Colorado in the last 14 days? There are no travel restrictions in place for WY. Current guidelines have travel restrictions designated for NY and WA, so please advise if you have traveled outside either CO or WY in the past 14 days.
  2. You have not adhered to the Stay at Home Orders
  3. If you have been exposed to any COVID-19 patients, essential workers included.
  4. If you have any symptoms of cold or flu
  5. If you are an individual identified as high-risk for severe illness by the CDC
- Please cancel your appointment if any of the above are true.

**What to expect at your appointment:**

- Please wear a cloth covering or mask. If you do not have one, we will provide one for you.
- When you come in, we will ask you to please wash your hands and apply a hand sanitizer.
- We will take your temperature; those with a reading of 100.4 or more will be sent home and asked to contact their primary care physician
- We will take a pulse oximetry reading (oxygen levels). Those below 90 will be asked to contact their primary care physician.

While we have been closed, we have been continuing to run our sanitation protocols and we have purchased additional EPA air purifiers as well as a UV sanitizer. We are sufficiently stocked with cleaning supplies and needed equipment. We will be running additional disinfection cycles throughout the day and meeting or exceeding standards designated by the Department of Regulatory Agencies for the State of Colorado. Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Karen Orlosky, Clinic Director, at (970) 776-8387

**What Have We Been Doing During Quarantine?**

We closed the clinic on March 19th in observance of quarantine orders. Our team immediately shifted into action to rollout a Telehealth model in support of our Service Members and their families. We started by calling everyone who had been at the clinic in the past 6 months. These were our wellness check-in calls to see how our service members were doing and challenges they might be dealing with. Since many of our service members see us for pain management and for PTS issues, we were very concerned about pain levels and increase in anxiety and sleep deprivation. In addition to the wellness calls, we also were able to provide 30-45 minute Telehealth calls to walk through acupressure points, breathing techniques and relaxation protocols.

We have received a number of calls thanking us for providing the Telehealth option, and for checking in with our veteran families. Additionally, we were provided some donations that we have been distributing, including everyone's favorite: Girl Scout cookies, thanks to Thornton Girl Scout Troop 63687. We will be distributing cookies to our veteran families for the next few weeks.

**Check your Membership Program Book  
for All-State Commander and Quartermaster Requirements**

**2020 - 2021 Voice of Democracy Theme**  
**“Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?”**

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**TAPS**

- Post 2121: Terry Adams, Ernest H. Anderson
- Post 3820: George D. Karis
- Post 3981: Karl Emerich, Ray Carlson, Williams Jewell, Charles McPeters, George Reid, Ryan M. Kimball, George D. Lynch, Verdian Fitzner
- Post 4334: Richard Wolf, George McPherson
- Post 7563: Dr. Donald Bennallack
- Post 9565: Richard Rule





Members of the Eagle Civil Air Patrol (CAP) & Minturn Post 10721 assisted local EMS & Masonic Lodge members to honor Eagle Town Fire Chief, “Jon Jon” Asper at his “Celebration of Life” Ceremony, Feb 15th at the Eagle River Center. CAP & VFW members provided a flag honor guard. Col. (Ret) Laura Johnson, USAF presented the U.S. Flag to family members & Capt. (ret) Gary Thornton, USCG played TAPs. Over 500 locals & state EMS & Masonic members attended the ceremony for the only blind Fire Chief in America for over 17 years in Eagle Town.



VFW Post 7829 Monument Commander Joe Carlson joins 7829 members Bill Byers, Rick Aragon & Service Officer Mike Dasso, to present March’s “Taste of Country” event at the Pueblo VA Community Living Center. VFW Post 7829 sponsors this Center activity the first Tuesday of each month which includes the Post co-ordinating with the Center’s nutritionist for a snack from the selected country, presenting the Center with the country’s flag and watching a video about the country..



District 3 Commander (far right) looks on while State Surgeon Geraldine Rimpley presents Ault 4334 VFW Post Commander David Sloan with the Post’s 75th Anniversary certificate from National.



Veterans from the Mt Holy Cross VFW Post 10721 in conjunction with Avon and Vail Police Departments delivered much needed food items to the Salvation Army on Tuesday from Wal-Mart. Post members raised over \$2,000 for the products.



A plea was posted State wide that there was an unaccompanied Veteran with no known family members that was being laid to rest at Pikes Peak National Cemetery on Friday (7 FEB 2020) at 0900. SSGT Clyde Baldwin (USAF Retired) served from 1950 to 1970. “Please help get the word out for a good showing.” USAF Honor Guard carried out their duty as Honorary Pall Bearers.

Despite treacherous driving conditions across Colorado on Friday due to snow, hundreds of people turned out to honor a veteran being laid to rest. People from all over Colorado made the trip to Pikes Peak National Cemetery. The people who attended may not have known Staff Sgt. Clyde Baldwin personally, but they wanted to honor the man who served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1970.



VFW National Auxiliary Mid Winter Conference in Hawaii. John Holland, Lennie Dolan, Marsha Harrison, State President Patsy Gilmore, Linda Reinbold, Jean Jaffe, Alan Jaffe all attended and had a fantastic time. John, Marsha, Jean and Alan stayed after the Conference for some R & R.



State President Patsy Gilmore and State Historian Lennie Dolan wearing Hawaiian shirts and beautiful Hawaiian Leis enjoying the National VFW Auxiliary Mid Winter Conference in Hawaii. Lennie took lots of pictures and a good time was had by all that attended.



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# Auxiliary News

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## President's Column Patsy Gilmore



Greetings Auxiliary Members,

Where has time gone? Lately, it sure has been flying by at warp speed! It seems we were just at the 2019 State Convention. I am sorry to say that the

2020 State Convention has been voted on by the Auxiliary Council to be canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks for what you do to support our Veterans and their families. Thank you to all the Districts I have visited who have made me feel so welcome. Seeing old friends and meeting new friends is truly an exciting experience that is filled with lasting memories.

A special thank you to all that planned, volunteered, and attended the Council of Administration weekend held in Grand Junction. Good weather, great food and awesome conversation! I appreciate all who bought tickets to support the State Commander and my fundraising "pie in the face" raffle for Uniting to Combat Hunger(UTCH). We raised a combined total of \$432. Thank you, Commander for agreeing to participate in the "outside the box" fundraising idea.

As most of you know we have gone through challenging times recently with the COVID-19 pandemic. It has deeply impacted our organization with all the procedures and mandates per National VFW & Auxiliary, state, county and local officials. All updates are available on the Department website homepage [vfw-co.org](http://vfw-co.org). There are additional links to articles of different topics that will explain how we have had to adapt and overcome to conduct our VFW and Auxiliary business, as we continue to "flatten the curve" of COVID-19. These articles are to assist all Posts, Auxiliaries and Districts during this time. Please visit the website and review these articles.

Please, complete and submit delegate(after voting at a meeting) and installation(after installation) reports as quickly as possible, to Department Secretary Ginny Rosa. Thank you in advance.

### Games and Raffles

April 28th a Zoom meeting was held, the Scholarship Raffle was discussed. Even though we are unable to hold the Department Convention this year, those in attendance decided to go forward with the raffle.

If you attended the COA in Grand Junction, I had a packet of tickets to give you. If you picked yours up there, please go ahead and sell them.

Please get the money and the ticket stubs back to me by June 1st. My address is: Glenna Medina, P O Box 874, Platteville, CO 80651. Checks made

Now that the 2019-20 reporting year is over, please continue to keep track of events to be able to report for the next reporting year. Thanks for sending all your reports to let everyone know what your members and Auxiliaries have been doing to promote our programs and all you do for our Veterans. Keep up the hard work you all do!

Our reporting year may have ended March 31, 2020, but our membership year does not end until June 30, 2020. As some of our members have been or still going through financial hardships, please think about being a "membership angel" or vote at your Auxiliary meeting to help those members. Maybe they are going through a hard time and nobody knows that they are. How long does it take to make a call or send a text? Not only supporting our Veterans, but each other. I challenge all Auxiliary members to make phone calls to reach out to members you have not seen or heard from in a while to see if they need any kind of assistance. Or maybe someone to talk to. I know in the last few weeks, it has been hard to recruit new members, but you never know if that person in front of you in the checkout line is eligible to become an Auxiliary member unless you get your "ASK in gear", as the National Membership Ambassador says. Recruitment is very important, but retention is also important. Please help to keep the VFW Auxiliary both strong and continuing to grow in membership as an organization by paying a current or a new member's 2020 dues. Be a "membership angel" for someone.

Thanks for all your support for my special project, the Colorado VFW Foundation, by purchasing my Veteran pin, the Army boot print. I appreciate it very much. If you would like to purchase more, let me know. Stay safe and healthy!

It takes us all to continue "Serving Our Veterans with Aloha" as we're "Climbing Mountains for Veterans".

HUGS,  
Patsy Gilmore  
Department President



payable to: VFWA DEPT. OF CO.

If you did not attend and do not have tickets, they will be mailed to you.

An option that was mentioned during the discussion was to have your Auxiliary purchase the tickets. If individuals in the Auxiliary want to purchase tickets they can do so from the Auxiliary Treasurer. Proceeds are used to provide awards to winners in our Youth Scholarship Programs.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 970-380-0137.  
Glenna Medina, Games & Raffle Chair.



Lucille has been a member of the Auxiliary since 2000, joining under the eligibility of her father Patrick A. Chavez who served in Korea and Vietnam. She became a life member in 2004. She has held many offices and chairmanships including Auxiliary President 6 times, and named All State President 2000-2001 and 2006-2007. She has also held Offices with District 10 including President for 2 years and being name Outstanding President 2012-2013. Lucille is currently serving as Department VFW Auxiliary Jr. Vice President.

We feel Lucille is an asset to our



What an honor it is for me to endorse Ron Boone for Department VFW Auxiliary Jr. Vice President 2020-21. As the Auxiliary President of Pioneer Post 2121, I have observed a very determined and dedicated member. Ron has been involved and held many positions for our Auxiliary: Pro-Tem Treasurer, Jr. Vice President, Sr. Vice President, Conductor, and Buddy Poppy Chair. He was appointed the Department Buddy Poppy Chair and selected as Outstanding Volunteer for the Salute to Service Award during the 2017-18 membership year. Ron has continued to learn and has served the Department as Guard, Conductor, and Chaplain.

This current membership year-2019-2020-Ron has been incredibly busy, accepting the challenges of being Department Chaplain. Under Ron's leadership, the prayer request notifications has improved, and the list has increased to 207 people. Ron has represented the Department as the Department Representative at 6 District meetings, attended all Department activities, includ-

Golden VFW Auxiliary #4171  
and  
VFW Post #4171

proudly endorse  
Lucille Chavez  
Department Sr. Vice President  
2020-2021

Auxiliary and members. She is always willing to help with fundraising, encouraging and mentoring members to fill positions and chairmanships within the Auxiliary and District.

Lucille has the full support of her family and Auxiliary members as she sets out on this journey of moving up in the chairs of the Department of Colorado Auxiliary VFW. We ask you to join us in supporting Lucille with your Vote at the Department Convention.

Respectfully  
Officers & Members of Golden 4171

Pioneer VFW Auxiliary #2121

proudly endorse  
Ron Boone  
for  
Department Jr. Vice President  
2020-2021

ing the Voice of Democracy banquet. He was humbled at being able to give the closing prayer. Ron has attended all of the Council of Administration meetings and is a member of the Department Audit Committee. Besides all the Department activities, meetings, and programs that Ron has attended, he still has been very involved in our auxiliary and District 3. He has attended and participated in Memorial Day services and set up the sound system for our Americanism program.

Ron is a United States Army veteran. He served in the Army Reserve/National Guard from 1970-76. He became a life member of our Auxiliary through his brother.

Above all, I am deeply honored to support Ron Boone as the Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary Jr. Vice President for 2020-2021. Thank you for your sincere consideration.

Respectfully,  
Jo Ann Kelley  
Pioneer Post 2121 Auxiliary President

### Thank You Colorado

My family and I would like to thank all the VFW Post and Auxiliary members who were so kind and caring during Warren's long illness and after his passing. All your emails, cards and calls went a long way to keep our spirits up during this time. I wish I could give each of you a big hug, but since I cannot please know that you are in my heart always.

Cindy Anderson and Family

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

**GENERAL ORDERS #4**

**May 1, 2020**

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

1. **Department President, Patsy Gilmore's Special Project** is the Colorado VFW Foundation, where eligible Veterans can receive a one-time grant up to \$500.00, please forward your donations to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson

2. **In accordance with the Booklet of Instructions, page 14 "Matters of Concern",** all members are asked to use the **Proper Channels** when reporting concerns or problems within the Auxiliaries. The Auxiliary President should take concerns to the District President who will then take to the Department President. If the Department President feels the concern should be taken to the National President, she will do so.

3. **Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary Convention** has been cancelled by a vote of the Council of Administration. Further instructions to complete the year will be forthcoming.

4. **Delegates** to the Department Convention should be elected in accordance with National Executive Order #3. **Secretaries** be sure to send Department Delegate Forms along with email addresses of the Delegates to the Department Secretary Ginny Rosa immediately following delegate elections. **NO** Delegate cards will be mailed to the Auxiliaries. Remember – elected delegates serve for one year.

5. **Any Auxiliary in arrears** for submission of audits shall be deprived of their vote at the Department Convention. Audits covering the months of July 2019 through March 2020 must be completed and on file with the Department Treasurer. All rights shall be promptly restored upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

6. **Audits** for the months of January, February and March 2020 are due by April 30, 2020. Audits must be read on

the Auxiliary floor and voted to be approved before sending to the Department Treasurer. If an extension is required, please contact the Department Treasurer as soon as possible.

7. **District Presidents:** Annual official visits to the Auxiliaries should be completed. The District Officer making the visit should sign the Secretary and Treasurer books to verify that they are being kept in accordance with procedures. Copies of bonds, audits and verification of 990 filings should be available for review. All questions on the visit form should be completed. A copy of the visit form should be sent to Department President, Patsy Gilmore, Department Chief of Staff, Linda Reinpold and Department Secretary, Ginny Rosa.

8. **Membership:** For those who have not yet paid their 2020 dues will end July 1, 2020. Keeping your membership current is the easiest way to keep our organization membership whole and healthy. Dues for lapsed members can be paid up to June 30. Any member who has not yet paid by that time will be dropped from the rolls and must re-apply for membership.

9. **Department Officers and Chairmen** must have their yearend convention book reports to Department Secretary Ginny Rosa by May 30. This is a correction to what was announced.

10. **A special thank you** to all those who attended the Parade of Programs in Grand Junction. I hope everyone was able to learn something new to take back to your Auxiliaries from the training sessions. The Program Chairmen did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that you were able to take something back to your Auxiliaries.

BY ORDER OF:  
/s/ Patsy Gilmore  
Department President

ATTEST:  
/s/ Ginny Rosa  
Department Secretary



**Pueblo West VFW Auxiliary 5812  
VFW Post and District 2  
proudly endorse  
Phil Reinpold  
for  
Department Chaplain  
2020-2021**

Pueblo West VFW Post and Auxiliary 5812 and District 2 proudly support Phil Reinpold for Department of CO Chaplain. He is a Life Member and has held a wide range of Auxiliary and District Offices. Phil helped charter the Pueblo West Men's Auxiliary and served as Quartermaster for 5 years. He serves on the POW/MIA Ceremony Team at Aux 5812. Phil served as Department Auxiliary Hospital Chairman for 3 years and received the Western Division National Hospital 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award in 2019.

Phil has received the Salute to Service Award. He received a National Award each year as Department Hospital Chair and a Runner-up as Department Outstanding Auxiliary Treasurer. He has

been active in developing and presenting a Suicide Prevention and Awareness program at the state and local levels. This presentation has been now expanded to include the VFW, the American Legion and hopefully soon other veteran organizations.

Phil is a committed and energetic member, takes on multiple tasks, and is committed to supporting the Auxiliary, veterans and their families. We believe that he will serve the Department of Colorado in a dedicated and conscientious manner, and respectfully ask for your support at the Department Convention in June.

Officers & members Pueblo West 5812

**Joseph J Jacques Post  
and VFW Auxiliary 7945  
Proudly Endorses  
Cindy Anderson  
for  
Department Treasurer  
2020-2021**



We, the members of Auxiliary 7945 are proud to endorse Cindy Anderson for the office of Department Treasurer.

Cindy has been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for 29 years joining under the eligibility of her husband Warren who was a Vietnam veteran serving with the Air Force. Her background includes serving at an Auxiliary President for 3 year, going through the chairs of District 10 and serving as District President in 2005-6. She then held each chair in the Department officer line and served as Department President in 2011-12. She has held many chairmanships on all levels. Cindy has held the po-

sition of Treasurer for Department of Colorado for five years and will continue to do a wonderful job of overseeing the Department finances and training members and Treasurers alike on the traditions and responsibilities of the Auxiliary.

We have seen her dedication to the job and to the organization over the years and we respectfully ask you to join us in supporting Cindy at the Department Convention with your vote.

Loyally,  
Kathy Trickler  
VFW Auxiliary 7945 President

**Chief of Staff and Extension**

Thank you to all of you for making our Colorado VFW Auxiliary an exceptional one and to Department President Patsy for allowing me to serve as Chief of Staff/Extension. It has been an honor has given me the opportunity to meet so many members and work with them during the past year.

My sincere thanks for all that you have done in caring for our Veterans and their families. Your dedication and commitment make such a difference in helping them improve their lives. Thank you for using so many of the resources on the National website. You have used the Good Job Award for appreciating members and the Healthy Auxiliary Toolkit resources to make your Auxiliaries better.

District Presidents made exceptional efforts to have their District Inspections done by December 31 and to contact bachelor posts to have an Auxiliary. We have an Auxiliary at Berthoud Post 12189 waiting to be instituted and will be completed when the Covid-19 health concerns are alleviated. There are also several other bachelor posts who are considering an Auxiliary.

Your hard work has been appreciated and everyone of you should take deep satisfaction in the work you have accomplished this year! I wish all incoming officers and chairmen best wishes for their upcoming year.

Linda Reinpold  
Department Chief of Staff/Extension

**2020 - 2021 Patriot's Pen Theme**

**"What is Patriotism to Me?"**

**2020 - 2021 Voice of Democracy Theme**

**"Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"**

**VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children**

Greetings and thanks for a great year.

I'm writing this as I sit at home isolating with the rest of the world. I hope everyone out there is playing it safe too.

I'm using the extra time to work on a poppy display and hat for this year's convention. Yes, I'm still optimistic that this will be over soon and we can get back to norm. If not I'll have a beautiful display to exhibit at my post when it reopens.

My last "social" gathering was right before the lock down at the COA in Grand Junction, March 14 and 15. We had 3 new entries into my parade of national homes mini display competition and they were really spectacular. Almost big enough for a convention entry. The

prizes weren't spectacular but it was fun seeing everyone get creative and raising funds for National Home.

The final stats aren't all in yet but as of March 14th over \$7,000.00 has been sent to National Home this year from our combined Colorado auxiliaries.

Thanks for all the work every auxiliary does out there and keep on thinking of new ways to use poppies in all our day to day events.

Hopefully by the time you read this it will all be over and we can get back to the business of helping our Vets.

Shelly Hall  
Dept. Buddy Poppy/National Home

**Send Deceased members to  
Department of Colorado VFW,  
1400 Carr Street, Lakewood CO 80214.**



**TAPS**



Aux 1771: Sylvia Kilker, Lavon Lommatsch, Elsie Webster, Gladys Anderson, Joanne Bickerton  
Aux 2797: Jane Ledesma, PDP, Frances Chavez  
Aux 5231: Sophie Stevenson, Janet Lobato, Lena Cordova  
Aux 8121: Samie Smith  
Aux 9221: Mary Beth Arnold, Betty Jo Maxwell



## Membership 2019-2020

### Fill the Gap

GO 100% Renewable Energy  
We need New Members or Rejoined to Reach our 100% +1 Goal.

### JUST ASK

This time of year, where we struggle to get those last few members to pay their dues.

Remember if it is a financial hardship, illness or an Auxiliary can decide to "Adopt the Member" by paying the per capita as a kind gesture of brother or sisterhood.

### This can be paid from the relief fund)

This is also an ideal time to INVITE (recruit) New Members! Work as a TEAM and INCLUDE all members to recruit new and rejoins. New and rejoins members are INVESTments in making the Auxiliary stronger to carry out our programs and continue our work for our VETERANS!

It takes TEAM WORK Lets "Fill the GAP" to a 100% + 1

### Mentoring For Leadership \*New Program\*

As we end our 2019-2020 year, Ginny and I would like to thank all of you for your mentoring efforts during the year. This was a new program and we thank you for sharing your knowledge, experience and for the support you provided to our existing members and the new members.

Thank you for using the resources available on the national website. In talking with many of you who are using the VFW Auxiliary Mentoring Guide, the Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation and your use of the many Membership Moments, your positive comments are appreciated. Please continue to use your mentoring skills and the



We, the members of Samuel Havenga, Jr. VFW Post #4265 Auxiliary, are proud to endorse one of our most treasured members, Shauana Merrill, for the office of Department Conductress.

Shauana Merrill has been a life member of VFW Post 4265 Auxiliary since 2016. She joined under the eligibility of her father, Francis Avery Morton, who served in the U.S. Army in Korea. Shauana has been active since becoming a member serving at the Post, District and Department levels. She has served as Post President, District Junior Vice, District President, and Department Guard. She has also been a chairman of Scholarship, Membership, and Program Reporting for her Auxiliary.

Shauana is committed to helping our veterans and their families and she never hesitates to volunteer for VFW,

### Hospital Program

Wow! What a year we have had. Just because March 31st is the end of CO's Auxiliary reporting year, it does not say to stop reporting. Everything from April 1st will go towards the upcoming year.

With this epidemic, it has put some brakes on what we as an organization do. But, how did you step up and do other things? Much of what has been done in this time can fall into other program ar-

### Members Matters Get Your ASK In Gear IF

All the sleeping members will wake up, and all the lukewarm members will fire up, and all the disgruntled members will sweeten up, and all the discouraged members will cheer up, and all depressed members will look up, and all the estranged members will make up, and all gossiping members will shut up, and the dry bones will shake up, Then we can have a VFW and Auxiliary that measures up for our Veterans!

Jackie Newlander  
Dept Membership Chairman

Queen Barz  
Dept Membership Co-Chairman

new skills you have learned from others into the future.

We would like to thank Department President Patsy for the opportunity to be a part of this new mentoring program and all of you for your dedication encouraging members to become more actively involved in supporting our veterans and their families. We wish all incoming officers and chairmen best wishes for their upcoming year.

Linda Reinhold  
Department Chairman

Ginny Rosa  
Department Co-Chairman

Samuel Havenga, Jr. Auxiliary #4265  
proudly endorses  
Shauana Merrill  
For  
Department Conductress  
2020-2021

Auxiliary, and community activities and events. She is willing to share any information she gains, seek out answers to questions, mentor those who need help, provide guidance when needed, seek counsel when necessary, give encouragement, and is committed to fairness.

Shauana continually learns and grows in her duties with the Auxiliary, endeavoring to help each member of her local auxiliary and District 9, learn and grow as members and servants to our veterans. Shauana surrounds herself with well organized, dedicated, and helpful individuals in order to make her journey as our leader productive and worthy of the honor to serve our veterans.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Belleville  
VFW Post Auxiliary #4265 Member

eas too. Did you make masks, go shopping, make meals, drive to Dr., or many other things for neighbors or Seniors and Veterans and their family members?

Thank You for all that you have done for our Veterans, friends and others in the hospitals and nursing homes.

Rena Cales  
Department Hospital Chairman

## Auxiliary Membership by District as of May 6, 2020

Number	City	2019	2020	%	Number	City	2019	2020	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>					<b>DISTRICT #8</b>				
1	Denver	186	190	102*	859	Leadville	26	26	100*
501	Denver	141	140	99	11411	Lake George	48	47	98
2461	Denver	109	104	95	12009	Conifer	32	32	100*
2797	Denver	44	40	91	TOTAL		106	105	99%
5061	Denver	141	137	97	<b>DISTRICT #9</b>				
TOTAL		621	611	98%	4264	Stmbt Spgs	30	29	97
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>					4265	Craig	47	45	96
2788	Penrose	45	37	82	5843	Meeker	33	33	100*
3641	Pueblo	80	71	89	9374	Kremmling	22	19	86
4061	Canon City	127	128	101*	TOTAL		132	126	95%
5812	Pueblo West	46	53	115*	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>				
7305	Colo. City	25	23	92	322	Englewood	81	78	96
TOTAL		323	312	97%	3471	Morrison	47	46	98
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>					3631	Aurora	101	99	98
41	Loveland	112	118	105*	4171	Golden	321	304	95
1771	Lafayette	296	288	97	4331	Arvada	142	131	92
1781	Ft. Collins	122	113	93	4444	Cmmrc City	185	173	94
2121	Greeley	96	98	102*	7945	Thornton	269	273	101*
2585	Johnstown	74	69	91	9644	Fort Logan	331	330	99.7
2601	Longmont	206	204	99	TOTAL		1477	1434	97%
4334	Ault	38	39	103*	<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				
6624	Evans	209	207	99	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	82	74	90
9565	Broomfield	33	0	0	3571	Delta	61	53	87
9741	Dacono	23	23	100*	3981	Grnd Jcnctn	32	37	116*
TOTAL		1209	1158	96%	4663	Clifton	50	47	94
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>					9221	Cedaredge	56	57	102*
2551	Ft. Morgan	122	120	98	9333	Hotchkiss	24	18	75
3541	Sterling	64	52	81	TOTAL		305	286	94%
4671	Wray	26	24	92	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>				
TOTAL		212	196	92%	4031	Durango	106	100	94
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>					5181	Dove Creek	38	37	97
101	Colo. Spgs.	80	81	101*	5231	Mancos	61	54	89
3917	Security	172	194	113*	TOTAL		205	191	93%
4051	Colo. Spgs	251	243	97	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
5221	Calhan	26	26	100*	3411	Kit Carson	24	22	92
6461	Fountain	151	137	91	6491	Burlington	16	16	100*
7829	Monument	60	63	105*	6612	Hugo	39	42	108*
TOTAL		740	744	101%*	TOTAL		79	80	101%*
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>					15006	At Large	526	541	103%*
336	Ordway	74	72	97	TOTAL DEPT.		6,325	6,161	97%
2411	LasAnimas	103	112	109*	<b>Please send in your 2020 Dues!</b>				
TOTAL		177	184	104%*	<b>Be 100% in 2019 - 2020</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>					<b>"We Can Do It"</b>				
899	Alamosa	56	42	75	<b>Americanism</b>				
4849	La Jara	42	40	95	Here we are at the end of our Year. It has been an exciting one for me. Seeing everything that our glorious state of Colorado has done to Promote patriotism. Thank you for sharing on your reports and pictures of what your Post and Auxiliaries have done. Please keep doing, in these trying times right now, to show we are still strong in supporting our cause.				
8121	So Fork	115	111	97	Remember, we still have Holidays coming up. Flag Day, Memorial Day, 4 <sup>th</sup> of July. Fly your flags, still hand out flags out your Parades. Keep track of everything you do concerning Americanism. Don't forget to wear that red on Fridays. Show support for our Military.				
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### Youth Program

Well, we have come to the end of another reporting year and will soon be officially closing out the year and starting the next one with the convention in June. I want to thank President Patsy for asking me to be her Youth Activities Chairman this year and to each and every one of the individuals and auxiliaries as a whole that participated in this program. I have learned a lot this year and have had a lot of fun, and I hope all of you have also. Don't forget that National has extended their deadline for me to have the Illustrating America art contest winners to them, so you can still get yours to me

by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remember this is the one for the younger kids – K – 8. Also, please note that I need to have the entries in my hands by May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to have time to get them judged and mailed to National so they receive them by June 5<sup>th</sup>. So, make sure to mail them in plenty of time for them to get to me by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

I hope you are all staying well and safe and I look forward to judging your great work.

Brandi Dolan  
Youth Activities Chairman