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10th annual Veteran's HOLIDAY Food and Toy Airlift Project

A change this year from our December airlift. Because of the delay due to weather over the past nine years, this year we are flying out a month earlier. Please note the date change for your calendars:

2020 AIRLIFT NOVEMBER 15, 2020
Veteran's Day Weekend

The Colorado Aviation Business Association, Metro State University Aviation and Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsors the tenth annual holiday Food/Toy airlift to VFW Posts in Colorado.

Last year's airlift stats:

1127 veterans and family members were recipients.
28 aircraft flew product to 13 VFW distributing of 9,380 lbs.

Once again we ask for your personal and or Post donation of cash, food and toys to be delivered to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, CO. 80214. Please make the checks out to Department VFW and add in the memo section of your check "CABA". We will be staging these items at Centennial Airport for the Airlift on November 13th.

If your post or auxiliary would like to have planes deliver these items to an airport in your post area to help Veterans and their families who might find themselves in need this holiday season, please contact the Chairman to make these arrangements or any question you might have about this project.

Peter Buchanan, PDC
Chairman, Veteran's Holiday Airlift project
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Denver Veterans Day Virtual Run
November 7-15, 2020
Join (virtually) as they celebrate and commemorate
our nation's heroes
Hosted by Colorado Veterans Project

Parade Canceled for 2020 Festival Canceled for 2020 Virtual Run
November 7-15 2020

VIRTUAL 5K & 10K RUN
Join virtually to celebrate and
commemorate our nation's heroes,
with the Denver Veterans Day 5K &
10K Virtual Run.
Anywhere, Anytime!



This year, the National Wreaths across America Day ceremony for Fort Logan National Cemetery will be held virtually on Saturday, December 19th, 2020. They will be sharing on Facebook LIVE and on YouTube. They are actively monitoring the requirements set forth by county health officials relating to COVID19 and will be making modifications to their wreath laying event this year to ensure the safety of all who participate. Sign-ups will be required and you must present a ticket for entry, along with an assigned arrival time. Face masks are mandatory while on cemetery grounds. Please check closer to the ceremony for updated information and to reserve your ticket.

Grave specific wreath orders will on be accepted online. You can place your order by going to WAA website, selecting the National Cemetery of your choice, then selecting the Grave Specific option. After you fill out the detailed grave specific information, you'll add that item to your shopping cart and checkout, paying with any credit card, Paypal, or GooglePay. If you have questions, please contact WAA Regional Liaison, Meagan Erickson, and she'll help you place your order. Direct number is 207-470-0970 merickson@wreathscrossamerica.org.

COLORADO VFW FOUNDATION

Thank you to the VFW Posts, VFW Auxiliaries, family members and friends for your donations. Every donation received makes a difference in the lives of Colorado's Veterans and their families.

The request for assistance has been slow to start this year. We thought we would be hit hard once our funding opened up. With the requests we have received this far and if the trend continues, we will be out of funds by the end of the year. We have had to reach out and coordinate the assistance with a couple of local VFW's and Auxiliaries.

Assistance Granted to date: July 1, 2020 through October 15, 2020, we have expended \$5,894.41 in assistance to 12 Veterans and their Families with Rent, Utilities, and Vehicle Repairs etc.....

Any eligible Veteran in need of emergency assistance across the State of Colorado can apply for a one time Grant of \$500. We receive referrals from and also refer Veterans to VA Social workers, Veterans Service Officers, and other non-profit organizations.

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 to remember Colorado's Veterans that are struggling and living paycheck to paycheck. We still need to help our Homeless Veterans and there are a lot of resources out there for them. How can we help the Veteran Population that is underserved? We can start by being understanding to some of their hardships; these are the veterans that are ashamed and feel like failures because they have to ask for help, they don't have VA Disability Benefits/VA Medical Benefits. They have full time jobs but the income and cost of living is that they are one emergency away from being homeless, they don't qualify for the other programs out there (they have income/they are not homeless) but

they don't have the ability to put money away into savings for an emergency or they had an emergency and used up their life savings. Yes we hear their stories and they are very thankful to receive the assistance we are able to provide.

Of the 12 veterans we have helped thus far one family is still on my mind. Veteran is employed (family of 5 Veteran, Wife and 3 children) shares rental home with two siblings- their plan was to split rent everyone save money build up credit and use VA home loan benefits to purchase a house. Due to Covid his wife lost her job- she is still waiting for her unemployment benefits- she tried food delivery to bring in extra money- well their only vehicle broke down and is now sitting- his siblings lost their jobs- they are looking for employment- in the meantime- Veteran had exhausted all of his savings- to keep the bills paid- he and his wife applied to agencies trying to get help with their rent only to be turned away for one reason or the other- bottom line they didn't qualify- He has income- they are not homeless and the landlord has been gracious enough to work with them (no eviction/demand for possession) no daily late fees- but he needs the rent paid. This landlord was understanding- willing to work with us and willing to take partial payments from the Veteran, VFW Colorado Foundation, and any VFW Post or Auxiliary that would help. This family was so appreciative for the help they received and the additional assistance we were able to coordinate.

We thank you for your Donations and yes every penny counts and helps. THANK YOU!!!!

Send your donation to: Colorado VFW Foundation, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214

Colorado VFW Foundation
Board of Directors

NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT NO.	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
1	11/07/20 Saturday	Post No.	ZOOM 10:00 AM	Bruce Dolan (Inspect)
3	11/01/20 Sunday	Post No. 807 Boulder Elks Club	9:00 – 11:00 Brunch 11:00 am Training 1:00 pm Meeting	Robert Kidd
5	11/08/20 Sunday	Post No. 3917 Security	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Memorial Srv Meeting to follow	Barbara Green
6	11/28/20 Saturday	Post No. 336 Ordway	11:00 am Lunch Meeting to follow	Robert Kidd
7	11/15/20 Sunday	Post No. 6101 San Luis	12:00 Noon Meeting to Follow	Robert Kidd
8	11/15/20 Saturday	Post No.	ZOOM	Geri Rimplly
10	11/15/20 Sunday	Post No. 4171 Golden	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Jt Mtg Meeting to follow	Bruce Dolan (Inspect)
11	11/07/20 Sunday	Post No. 4663 Clifton	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Joint 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	John Loring
13	11/22/20 Sunday	Post No. 6491 Burlington	2:00 PM Meeting Snacks to follow	Kevin Reinhold

*****Western Conference Nov 5 – Nov 08 Cheyenne WY
*****Veterans Day NOV 11
*****Thanksgiving Nov 26 (Office closed Thursday and Friday)

DECEMBER DISTRICT MEETING

4	12/13/20 Sunday	Post No. 3541 Sterling	12:00 Noon Meal Meeting to Follow	Robert Kidd
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The Officers and Members of Klemenic-Nail-Smith VFW Post 4663, in Clifton, received the National VFW Diamond Jubilee Award at their September Post meeting, which was awarded to the Post for 75 years of service to Veterans,

L-R: Maurice Drake, Dianne Harris, Ed Foster, Past District Commander Dick Ball, Post QM Gary Small, Post Commander James 'Joe' Bertram and Clifton Michael.



Post 6051: John Kinnaird, Charles August

NOTICE; Please send ALL VFW Deceased members to:

VFW Headquarters
1400 Carr Street
Lakewood, CO 80214

We will publish a Joint Memorial Book at Convention Time. Deceased members from 2019-2020 have been saved in a file and 2020-2021 Deceased will be added. We are planning a State Convention in June 2021 and a Joint Memorial Service.

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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: _____

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

EDITOR

Commander's Column Robert Kidd, Sr.



I would like to say thanks to everyone that came out to support the Council of Administration held at VFW Post 4171 Golden in August 2020. I want to

thank all the District Commanders (13) that were present and the Department Staff. I am glad that the zoom meeting went well also. I am hoping that there will be more present on zoom at the next C of A. I have to say that everyone did well with following all of the restrictions in place due to the COVID-19. As far as I know everyone visited and stayed safe and healthy. That is what is needed so everyone will make it back home safely. Also thank you to the officers, members and volunteers of Golden VFW Post 4171 and Auxiliary, for hosting and making this a successful Council of Administration weekend.

I know a lot of us have had to come out of our comfort zones and embrace changes to how we conduct meetings and business within the Posts and Districts. Thanks for working so hard, finding ways to get your Post, and District business completed. I am glad that Post, and Districts within the State are starting to understand the need to use virtual/phone meetings. But also understanding that there is a need to still follow Sec. 203 By-Laws, at least one regular meeting each month. Posts must meet their By-laws to the number of members need to have a quorum. Sec 203 By-Laws states that if using virtual meeting then, that in no case shall the quorum be less than five (5) members, physically present.

Districts need to follow Sec 403 By-laws, Quorum (b) The minimum num-

ber of delegates required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a regular or special meeting shall not be less than one (1) delegate each from fifty (50) present of Posts in the District, provided that when using electronic attendance, at least twenty-five (25) present are physically present.

I hope that everyone within the Department of Colorado understands the challenges that both myself and the State President are going through to conduct needed business for the operation of both the Membership and the Auxiliary. I appreciate your understanding and flexibility to last minute changes, restrictions to attendance, and cancellations of the events we all enjoy attending. I also have to follow the same guidelines and with some reminders that it's about the health and safety of you our members.

Voice of Democracy Chairman Tony Archer and I have decided to scale down the Voice of Democracy weekend. Department will still attempt to hold a one-day event for the winners and families. What this will look like, the Students will arrive on Saturday morning for the meet and greet. There will be an awards presentation banquet that night and then on Sunday morning its time to depart for home. This will all depend on the State of Colorado restrictions, how parents of the awardees feel about bring their students to the event. This will be asked at the time that they are contacted with the invite to the event.

Everyone enjoy the upcoming holidays. Please stay healthy and safe, remember to check in with one another and if you need help please ask.

Robert Kidd, Sr.
Department Commander

Chaplain Column Kevin Reinhold



Greetings,

I would like to thank all our members in Colorado VFW and Auxiliary for the work you put into helping our veterans through these

hard times. While you are helping others remember to take care of yourself.

I would like to share some things that our chaplains have been given to help our membership. First, I would like to say that the chaplain's ministry does not stop at the ritual prayers and the memorial. The chaplain is a big part of our organization if they are performing the ministry that they were called to do.

The newest ministry that was shared with the chaplains is Grief Share. Grief Share is a Christian-centered, video-based ministry. It helps people grieving a loved one's death and leads to healing and hope. If you want more information, go to the Grief Share web site. www.griefshare.org

A Bible ministry was started two years ago for our chaplains to reach out to veterans. I would like to see more chaplains using this ministry. When you visit veterans' homes, veterans in hospitals or their homes. This would be a great gift to give them. If you are interested in this ministry email me and I will help you get started. The organization also has other materials for healing hurting people. Approval was given by National to place

the VFW logo on the bibles. American Bible Society at armedservicesministry.org

Healing by Hearing is a bible stick with which you can listen to the Word while you are reading your bible or just listen. Also, can be ordered from American Bible Society. armedservicesministry.org

Our chaplains were also introduced to Rev. Peter Hook, PA State Chaplain and Past National Chaplain. Reverend Hook has a chaplain page on the VFW PA State web page that has a wealth of information for chaplains to help them in their ministry. vfepahq.org

There are not a lot of chaplains submitting for the Department of the Year Award. I know a lot of our chaplains are doing a lot of work. Reach out to your chaplains to submit their reports to me so we can award a chaplain for their hard work. For more information contact me.

I just wanted to let our state membership know some of the tools we as your chaplains and servants can use in their ministry.

Continue to pray for each other and our country. Please get out and vote.

Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Kevin Reinhold, Department Chaplain
"Doing our Lord's Work for All Veterans"

Sr. Vice Column Barbara Green



Electronic Meetings

On 1 September the 12th edition of Robert's Rules of Order was published. Sections 9.30-9.36

cover electronic meetings. Electronic meetings, if allowed in the organization's by-laws, are permitted "so long as the meetings provide, at a minimum, conditions of opportunity for simultaneous aural communication among all participating members." Depending on what is written in the by-laws the meetings may be restricted to video conference as long as all participants can see each other as well as hear each other at the same time. It is not recommended that email, fax, chat room or written communication be allowed at an electronic meeting. A decision needs to be made if members not physically present have the right to participate. The organization having a unique access code for entry to the meeting helps with this problem. A central place should be decided on for the members choosing to participate in person. Electronic meetings must include adequate descriptions of how to participate. Other possible rules to include methods for determining a quorum, methods for seeking recognition, motions made in writing and how they are to be submitted and methods for taking and verifying votes. Also included in the updated Robert's are sample rules and suggest-

ed by-laws (pages 635-649). Four types of electronic meetings are covered: All Internet or combined Internet/telephone (aka Zoom); Telephone with Internet for conducting secret votes and sharing documents (aka Zoom); Speaker-phone and telephone only via telephone conference call. With all of these options some may be via Internet/telephone while others may be in the central location.

In re-writing your by-laws or adding an addendum it is easy to just say that electronic meetings are allowed. However, if you want specific provisions for voting or acknowledging participating members you might want to be more specific in your by-law change. Also if you want more members of your quorum to be present in the central location than on electronic methods you would need to include that number also. Of course by-laws may be changed at your annual convention (or Post meetings – see page 13 of the Congressional Charter) so if you start out open ended and decide later that the by-laws need to be more specific that is an option.

This article is only my interpretation of the rules. If you need to correct or comment on anything I have written or just have other comments please contact me at barbaragreen241@hotmail.com.

Sincerely
Barbara Green
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings, I hope this finds everyone well.

As this weird year goes on, it's kind of neat to see Members learning new things. There are probably

a dozen people in this organization who just a year ago didn't have time to learn how to use a cell phone or communicate via internet. Today, most everyone calls on their cell phones and emails papers to Department. Good job.

The Quarterly Audits have improved exponentially. I recently discarded the file I had for returned Audits. It sat empty for a few months, so I figured I didn't need it. Most of the errors we find happen because of fat finger math, so it's easily fixed.

A couple of things I need to bring to a few Quartermasters attention. Section 702 of the By-Laws states Posts are REQUIRED to have a relief fund. This monies for this comes from Poppy dis-

tribution and other donations.

Also, a dues reserve is no longer required. If anyone has questions, please contact us at Headquarters.

One thing that has recently come up is Auxiliary members serving on VFW Committees. They are allowed to attend Committee meetings as an invited guest, but have no voice unless allowed by the Chairman. It has come to Department attention a few Post have Auxiliary members sitting on Home Boards. Please refer to Section 203 of the By-Laws.

Please stay safe and out of Harms way. I would like to give a shout out to Ned Flanders!

2021 Congressional Charter Bylaws Manual of Procedure Ritual are now available from the VFW Store. Headquarters only has 9 available as of today.

Bruce R. Dolan
Department Adj./Quartermaster

2019-2020 All-American

District 4 Commander		Carol J. Thomas
Post 1 Commander	Denver	John Keene
Post 2551 Commander	Fort Morgan	Carol J. Thomas
Post 3981 Commander	Grand Junction	Leonard P. Ladue
Post 5812 Commander	Pueblo West	Christopher J. Smith
Department		David L. Stone

CONGRATULATIONS

**DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
1400 CARR STREET
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO 80214**

General Orders No. 2
November 1, 2020 Series: 2020-2021

1. Post & District Inspections should be completed by December 31, 2020. Give the Post their copy, District will keep their copy, and send Department's copy to Headquarters for the Department Inspector to review. If he finds any irregularities, he will confer with the State Commander and a letter of recommendation will be written to the Post Commander.

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

3. **GET OUT AND VOTE** for the candidates of your choice. Take a friend or friends with you to the voting place. Election Day is November 3rd and you must be registered to exercise your right to vote.

4. Post Quartermaster and District Quartermaster Bonds expired August 31, 2020. Applications have been mailed to ALL Quartermasters for renewal. Please see that your Quartermaster is bonded in an amount equal to your Post liquid assets. This means ALL funds, Post, Club, Bingo, CD's, etc. Cost is \$4.50 per thousand. All Accountable Officers that are responsible for Post and District funds must be bonded. Bond applications and instructions are available on vfwco.org VFW Forms.

5. Section 218, paragraph (11), Duty of Trustees, Trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers whose books, records and accounts are audited by the Trustees. Among the duties of the three (3) elected Post Trustees, they shall: (duties are listed a - d).

Post Commanders and Post Trustees are reminded that the 2nd Post Trustee Report of Audit is due to be at Department Headquarters by November 31, 2020 to meet All State requirements. Please see your Post Quartermaster for forms and records.

6. Please be informed that any Post or District requesting a Department Officer to attend a VFW function should make such request in writing to the State Commander. Please allow sufficient time, at least three (3) weeks, for Department to make arrangements.

7. All VFW Posts are required to have a current year By-Laws and Ritual. Need to order books from the VFW National Emblem and Supply Department. Please see your Post Quartermaster and ask him to order for you. All members should be informed that the Post Quartermaster has a current supply catalog and he is instructed to assist you with your order.

8. An annual income tax return (Form 990) is required of each Post, or District exempt from tax under section 501 (c) 19 of the Federal Code. Starting in 2008 ALL VFW POSTS, and DISTRICTS with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less have to E-FILE, **EVERY YEAR**. All Posts exceeding \$50,000 in gross receipts must file on Form 990 or Form

990EZ. Forms and instructions are available from www.irs.gov.

Gross receipts include income from all sources, including membership dues, bar or restaurant receipts, etc. Some of this may be unrelated business income, in which case filing of Form 990-T may be required.

For 2019-2020, exempt organizations that are under section 501(c) and have gross receipts greater than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 and assets less than \$500,000, may file Form 990-EZ instead of Form 990.

If an organization eligible to submit the Form 990N or file the Form 990 EZ chooses to file the Form 990, it must file a complete return.

This return must be filed on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the accounting year (November 15 for June 30 year end or May 15 for calendar year end).

Request for extension of time to file may be made by submitting form 8868, Application for Extension of Time to File. If a Post, or District fails to file the return on or before the due date, or the extended date, a penalty of \$20 for each day the return is late (not to exceed the smaller of \$10,000 or 5% of the gross receipts of the organization for the year) may be imposed, unless the organization can show that the late filing was due to reasonable cause.

If you do not file for three (3) consecutive years your Post, or District will lose their non-profit standing with IRS and have to re-apply for non-profit standing and pay to file the application.

9. All Posts are reminded that they are responsible for filing of State Compensation Insurance, State and Federal Unemployment, State and Federal Withholding Tax and any local employee/employer tax if you have one or more employees.

10. **BUDDY POPPY:** The Buddy Poppy requirement for the National All-American program has been removed by the National Commander in Chief due to the shortage of Poppies. Department has also removed the requirement from the Centennial and All-State program as well. Can still get extra points for All-State for doing Buddy Poppy events.

1 1 . C O U N C I L O F ADMINISTRATION:

The next Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, March 21st, 2021. Joint Opening will be at 8:30 A.M. SHARP dependent on COVID-19 restrictions.

VFW and VFW Auxiliary will be at Security VFW Post #3917, Training Sessions will be on Saturday March 20th, 2021 at VFW Post #3917 Security.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS OR THEIR PROPER REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT.

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

Attest:
Bruce R. Dolan
State Adjutant

By Command Of:
Robert Kidd, Sr.
State Commander

VFW Roster Changes

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COLOR GUARD: Chuck Ackerman 303-548-5789

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Terry Mullins

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Taylor Amburgey, #2551 (Surgeon, Chief of Staff, VOD, PP)

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DISTRICT 5
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1400 Carr Street
Lakewood CO 80214
303-421-1630**

**Please send VFW Membership TAPS to
Department VFW Headquarters**

VFW Post Membership by District as of October 29, 2020

Number/ City	2020	2021	%	Number/City	2020	2021	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	921	794	86	859 Leadville	34	28	82
501 Denver	328	230	70	1166 Buena Vista	126	120	95
2461 Denver	114	97	85	3820 Salida	74	61	82
5061 Denver	263	255	86	8661 Bailey	119	111	93
TOTAL	1626	1346	83%	10721 Minturn	136	99	73
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
2788 Penrose	90	80	89	11411 Lake George	45	38	84
3641 Pueblo	106	93	88	12009 Conifer	127	112	88
4061 Canon City	260	229	88	TOTAL	661	569	86%
5812 Pueblo West	208	171	82	DISTRICT #10			
7305 Colo. City	46	39	85	322 Englewood	97	90	93
8898 Boone	37	31	84	3471 Morrison	66	58	88
12063 Westcliffe	52	40	77	3631 Aurora	294	267	91
TOTAL	799	683	85%	4171 Golden	399	355	89
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	290	247	85	4266 Parker	75	70	93
807 Boulder	38	33	86	4331 Arvada	257	239	91
1771 Lafayette	253	219	87	4444 Cmmrc Cty	182	153	84
1781 Ft. Collins	314	264	84	4666 Littleton	122	113	92
2121 Greeley	183	146	80	7563 Black Hawk	22	18	82
2585 Johnstown	182	158	87	7945 Thornton	320	287	90
2601 Longmont	317	264	83	8449 Bennett	55	40	73
4334 Ault	58	54	93	9644 Fort Logan	412	377	92
6624 Evans	225	200	89	TOTAL	2301	2068	90%
9565 Broomfield	100	89	89	DISTRICT #12			
12174 Brighton	35	24	69	4031 Durango	221	190	86
12189 Berthoud	39	29	74	4181 Dove Creek	49	42	86
TOTAL	2034	1727	85%	5231 Mancos	133	123	92
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	231	154	67	9058 Nucla	32	30	94
3378 Yuma	61	57	93	TOTAL	435	385	89%
3541 Sterling	94	83	88	DISTRICT #14			
3551 Brush	37	28	76	3411 Kit Carson	19	18	95
3961 Otis	18	18	78	6491 Burlington	61	56	92
4671 Wray	53	49	92	6612 Hugo	33	26	79
6482 Holyoke	50	41	82	9491 Deer Trail	18	16	89
7153 Fleming	25	18	72	9700 Chynn Wlls	24	20	83
8064 Akron	46	31	67	TOTAL	155	136	88%
TOTAL	615	475	90%	15006 MAL	2734	2321	84%
DISTRICT #5				TOTAL DEPT 15264 13167 86%			
101 Colo. Spgs.	469	434	93	2021 dues are now DUE			
3917 Security	605	515	85	Be 100% +1 in 2020-2021			
4051 Colo. Spgs	577	521	90				
5221 Calhan	103	81	79				
6051 Wdlnrd Park	50	47	94				
6461 Fountain	317	273	86				
7829 Monument	158	122	77				
10649 Elizabeth	45	37	82				
TOTAL	2324	2030	87%				
DISTRICT #6							
336 Ordway	84	77	92				
2411 LasAnimas	78	70	90				
4001 Springfield	33	29	88				
4281 Holly	24	23	96				
TOTAL	219	199	91%				
DISTRICT #7							
899 Alamosa	88	79	90				
4849 La Jara	45	42	93				
6101 San Luis	56	52	93				
8121 Del Norte	43	37	86				
TOTAL	232	210	91%				

Membership 2020 - 2021

Membership, Membership, Membership.

We hear at meetings on all levels. We're asked to recruit, sign up one new member, bring someone to a meeting and we can sign them up. We even get rewarded for signing up new members. Why you ask. I think it's pretty simple. No members, no organization. To maintain our Organization over the past one hundred twenty years, we have had to recruit, retain and mentor new, and for the most part, younger members.

The National Commander has established some Membership objectives this year which should serve as a guideline to build the VFW.

- 1. Recruit new and recover unpaid members
- 2. Involve members directly in VFW functions at all levels.
- 3. Retain and mentor existing membership
- 4. Develop new Post and Revitalize existing Posts
- 5. Increase Life Membership

- 6. Increase Legacy Life Membership
In order to assist the VFW at the Post, District, and Department in meeting the Objectives, the National Headquarters has a wealth of information virtually sitting at your figure tips. And best of all, its free.

You can order membership material by logging into to vfw.org and go to Membership Quick Links. The order forms are right there.

You want to do a Membership Drive? Log into vfw.org, go to Training and Support, you find materials and even videos on the hoe to.

You also go to vfw.org and obtain information on how to advertise to reach out to prospective members.

And guess what, if you don't have a computer, you can contact the Member Service Center at 1-833-VFW-Vets. They will answer all of your Membership questions.

So I encourage everyone while you are in the house to investigate ways to grow our Organization.

**Jr. Vice Column
Geraldine Rimply**



How many roads must a man walk down before you call him a man?
Bob Dylan

And how many combat actions must our young

back, think about our own challenges, and maybe even try to "walk a mile in their shoes" to see what they faced. Then the appreciation of similar experiences, maybe not on the same continent or battle, can bring us together moving forward to be an even greater Veteran force.

There are several Veterans out there just waiting to be asked to join. Look into the Veterans Student populace at your local colleges. Check out who is participating in activities at local senior centers. Any coffee houses or restaurants where the locals gather? Do you have a military unit or installation near you? You know where they are within your community. Now go out there, introduce yourself and spread the word about the VFW, what we do in our communities and on Capitol Hill. Our National Junior Vice Commander Tim Borland continuously reminds us that if everyone just recruited one member, imagine how strong we could be. I think that is a great challenge that I have accepted, won't you join me?

There is not and never should be. War and combat actions never have had specific parameters. And the need for all forces and the power they bring to the battle are what has made our nation's defense so successful. So why are there still Veterans struggling to be accepted into our organization to still serve as proudly as they did when in uniform?

The only thing we learn from history is that we do not learn—Earl Warren

Our past has provided enough strife and struggles for generations to come. So why do we keep repeating them? I sincerely believe we need to take a step

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Geraldine Rimply
Department Jr. Vice Commander

**Surgeon Column
John Keene**



September 12th I was lucky enough to attend a patriotic parade at the Pueblo Community Living Center (CLC) and deliver my first donation

on behalf of the Department. The parade also served as a fundraiser, where participants dropped off money and supplies, with the money that was raised to be used to throw birthday parties for the residents. I also streamed the parade on Facebook Live, if you want to watch it and look for your comrades and auxiliary members who participated (including a strong showing from the MOC and MOCA).

September was also National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, even though we, as an organization, should all be aware of the signs of suicide and work to prevent them every month. So, please take a minute to acquaint yourselves with the VFW "Know the Five Signs of Emotional Suffering" campaign:

- Personality Change
- Agitation
- Withdrawal
- Poor Self-Care
- Hopelessness

Especially now, and throughout the pandemic, buddy checks are important. Isolation can further enhance the suffering of those in crisis. I know I get great satisfaction when I connect with a comrade I haven't spoken with in a while. That phone call or text might be just

what your comrade needs to get himself/herself over the hump. While reaching out, if you notice any of the 5-signs, remember to *inspire hope* and *offer help*. Provide the number to the Veterans Crisis Line (800-273-8255) or the free text line (Text to 838255) when appropriate.

With regard to COVID, as of the writing of this article, it is on the rise again in Colorado. A link to the [presentation](#) I gave to the Council of Administration in October is available on the Department website. In the presentation are links to resources that will provide you with an up-to-date picture of COVID in each of your counties and in what level of restriction you are in.

Also, protect yourself from a twindemic (the dual threat of a severe flu outbreak on top of the COVID-19 pandemic) and get your flu shot. If you are enrolled in the VA health care system you can go to any in-network pharmacy and receive a no-cost flu shot (standard or high-dose). To find the nearest pharmacy location you can use the following lookup tool: va.gov/find-locations

Lastly, I am looking forward to my first ever visit to Grand Junction on November 8th. There will be a car show and parade at the Grand Junction CLC from noon-2pm. Follow [Post 1](#) on Facebook and you may be able to watch this one live as well.

John Keene
Department Surgeon

Happy Holidays

from
Department VFW Officers and Chairmen

**Please Stay Safe and Follow COVID-19 Guidelines
for your County, and City**

Chaplain's Corner

How do you know that what you are doing is really making a difference? At the Auxiliary, so many members are involved in so many activities and on such a grand scale, that the contributions of just one individual can seem small or inconsequential. It is normal to look around and see what others are doing and maybe to compare your contributions with theirs. It is natural to view the activities of others with respect to the activities and accomplishments of yourself and to compare and contrast. Thankfully, we do not spend much time with this activity; instead, most of the individuals that I have had the pleasure to work with respect and value the contributions of each member. Often, it is really a beautiful thing to watch—the talents, the energy, the knowledge, the experience of a group comes together (hopefully like a symphony), to put on a fundraising event, to conduct a meeting, to serve a dinner, to care for someone in a hospital. St. Paul wrote, "For as in one body we have many members, and all of the mem-

bers do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them." How much more beautifully could it be said—your contributions are priceless and immensely valuable no matter what they are. You are totally unique—without your contribution, we would all be less. This is the lesson that we must remember as we work shoulder to shoulder with each other to support veterans.

George Eliot once remarked, "What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other?" How fortunate we are to be able to work with those who have the same mission as we have for the benefit of our veterans and their families. We should commit ourselves to making sure that we let our teammates know how much we value and appreciate them.

Have a Blessed and Prayerful Month!

Phil Reinbold
Department Chaplain

Youth Program

Hello Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers!

Woosh! Can you believe how fast these last few months have just gone by? I am amazed and excited with all the program reports that I have already received from auxiliaries. With that being said, let's keep the momentum going and keep having fun.

"La La La La".....let's Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue! Warm those vocal cords up and have fun with your auxiliary members! Showcase all of your talents and have fun showing our youth what this vocal contest is all about. I know that with many schools having the option of in-person learning or distance learning, it is harder to get information out to the music teachers, but there are so many other ways to get the word out. Utilize the social media platforms, if your auxiliary has a Facebook page, create a short video and share it with friends and family on your page or create a TikTok and share it. The possibilities are endless!

Learning our country's history is so important during this time and what better way than learning through reading some AWESOME books? There are so many great books out there that

are geared towards youth who are just learning to read and those who are starting to read more challenging books. If your auxiliary is unsure of how to participate in this program, especially with keeping to COVID guidelines, donate. Donate books from the list of suggested books for the Patriotism through Literacy Program. Whether it is one book to a classroom or library, or a copy of a book for each child in a classroom, all of it will encourage our youth to read and learn about our history. If your auxiliary does donate, share it with me by sending in pictures, but don't forget to also report it.

I know many of our auxiliaries sponsor a youth group and we want to make sure that our youth are being recognized for all the hard work that they do, so don't forget about the Outstanding Youth Awards and Outstanding Youth Group awards.

The opportunities and possibilities, that we as auxiliaries can engage our youth and help them to learn and grow, are endless. Remember to have fun and create lasting memories!

Best Wishes,
Nadia Flores
Department Youth Activities Chairman



Eagle Scout Michael Carlson spent two years to plan, develop, coordinate, build and present his Eagle Scout project to the Town of Monument. Michael's project, a veterans memorial inside Monument Cemetery, was gifted to the town of Monument, October 3 during a ceremony at the site, aided by other scouts and leaders of Boy Scout Troop 8 of St. Matthias Episcopal Church. Michael is the son of Joe and Kathy Carlson, VFW and VFW Auxiliary 7829, Monument.

Social Media

Hello everyone,

I thought I would take this opportunity to remind everyone of the value of using online and social media. The obvious results include the ability to reach more people, the chance to showcase more program information, and to attract a separate demographic through resources and processes that they use regularly. Media and digital options support membership drives and fundraising opportunities. Enhanced communications allow for more direct and faster exchanges of information.

When strategizing and considering potential options and positive methods that will support your auxiliary, media and digital solutions should both be positive contributors. Be sure to utilize any of the traditional methods that are available in your communities. Television, radio, newspaper, newsletters, calendar of events and any local publications are certainly tried and true methods. It's important however to reach out and try using other forms of communication as well.

Digital media such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat and Twitter are all being utilized by a growing number of people and organizations.

Don't be afraid to give them a try. You can find a tech-savvy person and invite them to come to a meeting for a demonstration and instruction class. Offer a potluck and some door prizes and you have the makings of a successful meeting with new and exciting methods that offer positive support to your members and activities.

No one expects you to become an expert or to learn how to use them all, nor do you need to tackle every option. Choose one or two to start with and explore the possibilities. Be open minded and positive and eager to learn something new. After all, that's one of the core foundations to success and longevity.

New opportunities encourage and support new skills and they can also open doors and encourage participation from an existing member who may not have found a comfortable option for them within our organization. Inviting new people to share their knowledge and skills can also bring a new member into you auxiliary.

I am available to assist in any way,

Deb McBride,
Department Social Media Chairman

Military Order of the Cootie Silver Dollar Auxiliary Holiday Wreaths

Silver Dollar Auxiliary this year will be making holiday wreaths for a great sale price of \$15 each. These beautiful wreaths are assembled by auxiliary members as a fund raiser for the MOCA. This program helps to support the VA hospitals & Nursing homes and National Home for Children. The wreaths will be for sale from Silver Dollar members and on display at VFW Post 501 or email Charlotte or Betty. We will be taking special orders for pickup at VFW Post 501 or wreaths will be delivered to Ft Logan National Cemetery. Members will deliver the wreath and place on graves at Ft. Logan. The order form is below or on the VFW Web site. Thank You for your support of the MOCA as we celebrate this holiday season.

Charlotte Lattin, President
email - charlotte@dkranch.com

Betty Melsen, Secretary
booper@yahoo.com

order form
Silver Dollar MOCA Holiday Wreaths
(or we will deliver to Ft Logan National Cemetery)

Name _____
Phone# _____ email _____
Ft Logan information SITE# _____
Full Name on Stone _____

order must be received by December 5, 2020
wreaths \$15.00 make check to Silver Dollar MOCA

Mail to: Charlotte Lattin
8912 W Radcliffe Pl
Littleton CO 80123-1130



State Commander Robert Kidd, Sr., presented Michael Carlson a certificate awarded to the National VFW Foundation for their support of the project.

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President's Column Dee Chappell-Haley



Hello Colorado,

Happy October everyone! It's incredible that it's already the middle of October. The leaves are quickly changing color

and the autumn winds are ushering in much cooler temperatures for us. It's been a very busy and hectic few months for this President. We just completed our National President's official visit and we will have our second COA under our belts by the time you read this. District visits are progressing and it's so wonderful to be out and about after our mandatory shut down and see those smiling faces of our beloved friends both in person and in our Zoom meetings. Hearing the members laughter and joy as we reconnect brings great joy to my heart. We are currently pushing 87% membership and the dedication and determination from our Auxiliaries and Posts to continue fund raising and membership recruitment efforts is heartwarming. I realize that supporting the tenets of our programs and our mission has presented many challenges for us but I am heartened to see the resolute determination to overcome and persevere against these challenges. It is clear to me that we have continued to strongly prioritize the importance of supporting our veterans and our communities, in spite of the pandemic. I am so proud of you Colorado and I thank each one of you for your efforts and dedicated service.

While Covid continues to ravage our country, we must remain diligent in our efforts to be safe and compliant with the recommendations from our local, state and federal leadership. We must protect ourselves and each other so that we can continue to do the important work necessary for our survival. Be creative, be kind, be supportive, be humble and be thankful for our blessings and prosperity during these unprecedented days. Please take the time to recognize your local organizations and those who continue to fight the virus behind the masks. Be prepared, eager and willing to assist our beloved veterans whenever and wherever there are needs to be fulfilled. It's important to remember that many of our members are considered to be vulnerable and a high-risk demographic. When you feel frustrated or tempted to ignore or defy the safety recommendations or directives, make an effort to think about those sisters or brothers in each of our Auxiliaries and how precious each and every one of them are to us. Put that mask on, wash those hands, maintain a safe distance and continue to SERVE SAFELY.

Be the best example that you can be in your communities. Be leaders and role models in all of your actions and communications. Show what the VFW Auxiliary members are made of. Be flex-

ible and forgiving, appreciative and able, supportive and positive, involved and sincere. This is a chance to shine a light on our organization with our community support and recognition. Seek the kindness inside yourselves that I believe is in each of you. If each of us goes the extra mile imagine the impact we could make and the influence we would exercise.

Tradition is a wonderful and important structure. It should definitely be respected and nurtured, but just as important is the ability to progress, evolve, survive and thrive. I have met thousands of veterans in my volunteer life and been privileged to hear many of their stories. They share experiences and relate to each other in ways I will never understand because I have never experienced military service. Instead, my simple mission is to love and care for them. If I can, through my service, bring a momentary peace to even one veteran or share a smile of kindness or offer a helping hand, then I will consider my efforts successful.

Never doubt your ability to impact someone's life in a positive and meaningful way if your efforts are *pure* and *honest*. Ours is a labor of love that continues to have the ability to change lives. Living in the midst of this pandemic changes nothing for those we serve. In fact, it often makes things in the lives of our veterans even more difficult and challenging. Our continued support is a stabilizing and necessary requirement and the firm foundation of all that we offer.

Many hands make the work load much easier for each of us. Welcoming attitudes and willing hearts of inclusion are the easiest membership recruitment tools that we have. What have we gained if we never allow ourselves to grow? Do we fear change more than survival? Who will carry on our legacy and mission if there is no one left standing? These questions are important and extremely relevant to us all because they are part of the bedrock of our foundation. We have a unique opportunity available to us if we acknowledge our strengths along with our vulnerabilities. Our survival as a leading veteran's support organization demands that we dig-in during these challenging times. Showcase our ability to adapt and overcome, create new avenues and means of support that are relevant and necessary for the times we live in.

Mentor, lead and be confident enough to step-back and let those who are willing to step-up have their chance to contribute. Encourage new ideas and processes. Be willing to share the burdens and tasks without resentment. Be thankful for the extra hands. Find your inner happiness and peace at witnessing the success of others. Strive to laugh, love, serve and forgive. Strive to be a blessing to others whenever possible. Let's re-commit ourselves to working together to secure our future.

President's Special Project

Hello everyone,

Just a brief reminder about the President's special project. Your support so far has been amazing. Thank you for the donations and support for this project. Please remember to seek out those dentist's, oral surgeons and orthodontists in your area who are supporting the oral needs of our veterans. Send their information to either myself or President Dee so that we can recognize their contributions. President Dee has a special recognition presentation to share with them. This will acknowledge their efforts and your support. We also plan to put together a list of dentists who are willing and eager to serve our veterans.

The Hero's Clinic specifically provides a wide variety of preventative and comprehensive dental care options. All the services are provided by senior dental students under the supervision of highly-qualified faculty and staff, many of whom are veterans themselves. Multiple pathways exist to provide free and reduced dental services.

Grants and funding for this special clinic are a constant challenge and Heroes Clinic lost one of their grants this last year. Our donations and contributions will be a welcome thing. It's important to note that our veterans do not qualify for dental support unless they are 100% service disabled. We have so many

veterans that are experiencing oral challenges that are expensive and financially beyond their means. This clinic works to support those veterans in need.

The clinic was established in 2014 in partnership with the generous support of Delta Dental of Colorado. They have treated 1300+ Colorado veterans in 32 counties and support veterans who themselves are dental students.

Oral health is so important for overall health. By improving our veteran's oral health, we can improve their general health and quality of life. This is such an important service and a responsibility that we must support and carry as supportive care for our veterans who so proudly and willingly served. This clinic has been featured in U.S. News & World Report, 9News, Denver 7, CBS4 Denver, KOSI, KYGO, KEPN and The Denver Post.

Heroes Clinic is associated and housed with CU School of Dental Medicine at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. For additional information please contact the CU Heroes Clinic at 303.724.2VET sdmheroes@cuanschutz.edu www.ucdenver.edu/sdm

Thank you for your support,
Penny Monte
President's Special Project Chairman

Mentoring For Leadership

Good morning members! Hope that everyone is being safe and staying healthy.

These are truly very trying times. It seems that nothing is in the normal range, or at least what we have known in the past to be our normal routine. Please take a moment and let your mind be free to ponder the possibilities of what can be done in our current situation.

Mentoring is not just a group activity and need not be an entire day of instruction. Let us think outside the box. When were you given instruction? Perhaps as you peeled potatoes for the fund raising dinner, or setting up tables or even just having a cup of coffee with another member.

Now that some members are confined to home due to health issues or Mother Nature having her way with weather etc. let us reach out in new and old ways. How well do we really know and communicate with our fellow members? For those members that are tech savvy, there

is facebook and e-mails. Then for those that are not too knowledgeable about the new ways, there is always the phone and personal mail.

Part of mentoring is showing concern and care for all of our members. Sometimes just a brief call or a quickly jotted note or greeting card can let a member know that we are thinking of them. If you have a few minutes perhaps a short planned visit to let members know all of the latest happenings of the auxiliary. Making members feel useful and needed is also important. Perhaps our members that cannot attend regular meetings would like to do things in the comfort of their home. Let's make everyone feel warm and welcome in our daily auxiliary life.

Happy and Safe Holidays to all of you and your kin.

Colleen Rylant
Department Mentoring Chairman

Presidents column continued

I wish you all my very best and I encourage you to share your efforts and successes with us on social media, email and yes; even through cards, letters and *snail* mail, if that method works best for you. Take a moment to shine a light on your members and veterans so we can celebrate with you. Let me know what great ideas you have been working on for your programs and please recognize those outstanding efforts and groups or individuals that demonstrate best what we stand for. Don't forget to seek out those dentist's, oral surgeons and orthodontists who are serving veterans in need so that we can recognize their contributions. Thank you once again for all that you do.

Your grateful President,
Dee Chappell-Haley

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

GENERAL ORDERS #2

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

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

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

4. **Department President Dee Chappell-Haley's Special Project** is the Hero's Clinic. This clinic provides oral care for veterans as part of the CU School of Dental Medicine located on the Anschutz Medical Campus. Donations can be sent to the Department Treasurer.

5. **Suggested donations** to Health and Happiness for National Home should be processed through MALTA or mailed directly to National Auxiliary Headquarters in Kansas City. Department Hospital donations should be mailed to Department Treasurer Cindy Anderson. Both donations are based on your June 30, 2020 membership number.

6. **District Presidents and 6. Auxiliary Presidents:** Please be sure that all Districts and Auxiliaries have filed their 990N or other appropriate 990 return by November 15, 2020. A copy of the acceptance confirmation for the 990N should be sent to the Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.

7. **Standing Rules:** In accordance with Section 211 of the National Bylaws, Auxiliaries and Districts may establish Standing rules to provide for specified operations, activities, events, expenses and disbursements between meetings provided such rules do not conflict with the National or Department Bylaws. Standing Rules should be reviewed annually.

8. **VOD and Patriot Pen Entries** are due to the Post/Auxiliaries by October 31, 2020. Judging of these entries at the Post/Auxiliary level should be completed by November 15 and the results forwarded to the District. Judging at the District level should be completed, and winners forwarded to Department by December 15.

9. **Change in Officers:** Using the Officer Change Form, please notify National Headquarters and Department Secretary, Cindy Anderson of any changes in Auxiliary or District officers. National Headquarters must be notified of a change of the Treasurer. The above should also be notified in any changes of meeting dates, places, times, and dues amounts. This form is available on the Colorado Department website at vfw@vfwco.org.

10. **District and Auxiliary Officers:** All Officers must hold a 2021 dues card or life membership card by December 31, 2020. Any officer or chairman who has not renewed their membership ceases to be a member in good standing on January 1, 2021 and cannot hold an office or chairmanship unless dues are paid.

11. **Buddy Poppy Orders:** Please place your orders for poppies with the Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr St, Lakewood CO 80214. The minimum order is 500 poppies. If the Auxiliary and Post order together, be sure to note on the order form the amount purchased by each. Order forms can be found on the Department website at vfw@vfwco.org and in the Colorado Program Book.

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

13. **Auxiliary Treasurers:** Membership Chairman Pat Garcia asks that you please process 2021 dues for continuous members at least weekly. Send all new, re-join and transfer applications to the Department Treasurer as soon as they have been accepted. Be sure that all applications are completely filled out and include the signatures of the investigating committee and the date elected.

14. **District and Auxiliary Treasurers and Trustees:** The second quarter audit for the period July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020 should be completed by October 31. The audit must be accepted by motion within 60 days after the end of the quarter.

15. **A special Thank You:** To all of those who attended the Parade of Programs in Greeley. The Program Chairmen did an outstanding job of promoting their programs. A good job was done by all in maintaining the necessary COVID19 precautions to keep our members safe.

BY ORDER OF: Dee Chappell-Haley
Department President

ATTEST: Cindy Anderson
Department Secretary/Treasurer

2020-2021 Roster Corrections

Page 14 District 10 President s/b Alice Smith (4171), 4592 S Devinney St, Morrison CO 80465, 303-522-7202, snowwhiteandgrumpy47@gmail.com

Page 15 District 11 President address 749 Cedar Creek Ave Apt H102, Montrose CO 81401

Page 21 Aux 1247 change meeting 2nd Sunday, 2:00 pm and email for President as presaux1247@gmail.com

Page 27 Aux 3541 Sec/Treasurer address s/b 517 Jackson St, Sterling CO 80751

Page 30 Aux 4031 Secretary email s/b lostindrgo@bresnan.net

Page 32 Aux 4331 change President to Amy Miera, 2967 W 81st Ave Apt F, Westminster CO 80031 303-907-6072 amymiera87@gmail.com

Page 34 Aux 4849 President's email change to lucero22@yahoo.com

Page 36 Aux 5812 President's email s/b D4L10D1993@gmail.com

Page 39 Aux 6624 Treasurer's phone s/b 970-302-9566

Page 59 Dates for the Parade of Programs and COA s/b March 20 and 21, 2021

VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

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

Buddy Poppy

The virus has slowed all of us down but as things slowly get going again we will all need to try to distribute the poppies to spread the word what the poppy means and what our VFW's do for both our veterans, families and the good things we do in our communities.

Remember to order Buddy Poppies and start to thinking what your Buddy Poppy display will be for the 2021 state convention it's never to early to start working on them.

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

1.5 cents go 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.

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

We can also make donations to National Home

Familiarize yourself with more info about these programs at vfwauxiliary.org and at vfnationalhome.org

I would like to continue at this COA 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
VFW Auxiliary Buddy Poppy -
National Home Chairperson

Legislative

Greetings!
IT IS NOT TOO LATE!

If you have not voted early or by mail, you still have time to register and vote on November 3!

Be sure you have your photo ID; wear a mask; use hand sanitizer and follow social distancing guidelines! For more election information.

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/main.html>

[Colorado has a tracking program to allow you to receive updates on your mailed or dropped off ballot. You can receive updates by email, text or voice message. To sign up go to:](#)

colorado.ballottrax.net

Don't forget to report to your Post/Auxiliary Chairman your Legislative activities: completing the census; watching political conventions; the debates, attending town hall meetings with elected officials (live or online); communications with elected officials and voting.

If you have not already signed up for the VFW Action Corps, now is a great time to do so. It is a very simple process, and will give you the opportunity to be a part of what is happening on Capitol Hill. Sign up here.

<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grass-roots-efforts>

Once the new Congress is installed, I am sure there will be multiple veterans' issues coming to the chamber floor. The Action Corps will give you the weekly updates in your email every Friday. You will also receive "Calls to Action" an email that will ask you to take action on an issue that is immediate.

We will also be receiving the new **VFW Priority Goals** not long after the first of the year. These will be used as talking points for the Spring Legislative Conference in Washington D.C.

If you are an Auxiliary Legislative Chairman, please email your contact information to me to get the most up to date topics. Feel free to contact me as well with questions you may have.

Thanks to all of you whom have sent in legislative reports! Keep up the good work!

Honoring Our Mission to Serve Veterans, With Mile High Smiles!!!!

Martine Arndt
Department VFW Auxiliary
Legislative Chairman
Martine.arndt@yahoo.com

Veterans And Military Support

Hello again and I hope everyone is doing well.

With the amount of the reports on Veterans and Family Support coming in almost daily I can see there are many auxiliaries through out the state doing all sorts of things to aid our vets and their families.

They have been shopping, driving vets to doctor appointments, funeral services, suicide prevention information at farmer markets and donating to MAP and Unmet Needs. The Auxiliary in Monument put together a "ZOOM" weekly meeting to provide information for vets and families.

If you are needing guidelines on

this and any other programs they can be found in the National book your President received. You should also be able to get them online on the National website.

With all the strict guidelines on meetings our COA's are suffering to be able to provide as much information with the limited space and time allowed so we need to research online and help each other with their information.

Keep up all the good work and keep sending in those reports.

Shelly Hall
Veterans and Family Support
Department Chairman

Membership 2020-2021

Membership is important. The more members we have, gives us a better voice in the Congress to pass the bills that benefit Veterans. We also can do more for our Community, our Seniors and Youth.

Membership numbers are going down. That's the wrong way. We need to invite our neighbors, family and the general public to join us. If you carry an application, you can give that to someone who asks about the organization. Be proud of the work we do and sing it's praises.

Our Department President's theme is "Mile High Smiles for Veterans"! Smile all over town and people will wonder what you are doing. When they ask, you

can tell them about the friendly functions we have.

Please remember the bonuses we receive from National for different levels of members we have. We need to invite new members, include them in our activities and invest our time to keep these members active. Let them know they are welcome and important. Please report the programs you do and let me know some of the projects and ideas you have. Pass on the information to everybody!

Thank you for everything you do for our Veterans.

Pat Garcia
Department VFW Auxiliary Membership

Chief of Staff and Extension

Thank you to all who attended our August COA. With the restrictions and safeguards placed on us by Covid 19, we were pleased with the number of you who attended and zoomed into this abbreviated one-day meeting. There were packets available for all Auxiliary Presidents with information to help you make your year successful. If you did not attend and receive a packet, the Department Secretary, Cindy Anderson, mailed one to you. Materials in the packet included: R U Healthy? Auxiliary To-Dos and Deadlines; Sample VFW Auxiliary Meeting Agenda; The Checklist, What the Auxiliary President needs for a meeting; Guidelines for Auxiliary President for Official Visit by District President; Health Checkup for Your Auxiliary Member Questionnaire; VFW Auxiliary Meeting Challenges & Solutions; Good Job Award; Extension Award for Members No. 1; and Auxiliary Year End Report. I hope you will find this information useful and utilize it to make your year successful. District Presidents were also given a packet of informa-

tion, to include: VFW Auxiliary Official Inspection District President/Inspecting Office Report Form; Guidelines for District President for Auxiliary Official Visit; District Office Visit of Auxiliary Notice. Again, I hope this will be useful information and that you will have your official Auxiliary visits completed by December 31, 2020. As I work with our unaffiliated Posts to add new Auxiliaries to our Colorado Auxiliary family, I would welcome your help with reaching out to the Posts in your Districts and adding your voices about the benefits our Auxiliaries bring. As we navigate thought the uncharted waters of Covid 19, we must be flexible, resilient, and unwavering in our support for our Veterans, Active Duty, families and communities. I am always available for your needs as "Mile High Smiles for Veterans" are "Honoring our Mission to Serve Veterans".

Shelley Schlieman,
Department Chief of Staff and Extension

Hospital Program

We are half way through the Fall season and almost into winter.

Don't forget to remember and honor our Veterans in the hospitals and nursing homes on Nov 11th followed by Thanksgiving Day on the 26th. Most remember and do things for them for Christmas, but what about New Years Day? Now is the time to start making those plans for National Hospitalized Veterans Week (week of Valentines Day).

Have you signed up for and or passed out the address for U.S Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Women Veterans? Sign Up to receive updates from Veterans Affairs. Having questions or problems? Please visit subscriberhelp.govdelivery.com for assistance. If you are in crisis and need immediate help, please call 1-800-273-8255 and (PRESS 1) or visit <http://www.veteran-crisisline.net/>. Explore VA benefits at explore.va.gov. To many of our Women Veterans are not using the VA system for

their needs.

Some reports have been coming in, with many of you sending cards. One Aux. has sent to Bruce McCandless CLC \$100 towards getting equipment for the residents can make Skype, Zoom and other ways to see and talk with family and friends in this time frame of our lives. Report and let me know what things - projects you have completed. Are you doing something that other Auxiliaries haven't thought of? Let me know.

Keep up the great work that you are doing and planning on doing! Thank you to those Auxiliaries and Districts that have forwarded to me the name and contact info for you Hospital Chairmen! I hope and pray that you and all of yours have a wonderful Holiday Seasons and a Happy New Year!!

Rena Cales
Department Auxiliary Hospital Chairman

Auxiliary Membership by District as of October 29, 2020

Number	City	2020	2021	%	Number	City	2020	2021	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #8				
1	Denver	191	175	92	859	Leadville	25	22	88
501	Denver	143	124	87	11411	Lake George	47	44	94
2461	Denver	105	94	90	12009	Conifer	32	29	91
2797	Denver	40	38	95	TOTAL		104	95	91%
5061	Denver	142	108	76	DISTRICT #9				
TOTAL		621	539	87%	4264	Stmbt Spgs	29	28	97
DISTRICT #2					4265	Craig	45	43	96
2788	Penrose	40	21	53	5843	Meeker	33	27	81
3641	Pueblo	78	39	50	9374	Kremmling	22	22	100*
4061	Canon City	128	81	63	TOTAL		129	120	93%
5812	Pueblo West	53	28	53	DISTRICT #10				
7305	Colo. City	23	14	61	322	Englewood	81	52	64
TOTAL		322	183	57%	3471	Morrison	46	38	83
DISTRICT #3					3631	Aurora	100	89	89
41	Loveland	120	93	78	4171	Golden	310	266	86
1771	Lafayette	284	261	92	4331	Arvada	133	124	93
1781	Ft. Collins	118	76	64	4444	Cmmrc City	174	158	91
2121	Greeley	101	98	97	7945	Thornton	271	257	95
2585	Johnstown	68	56	82	9644	Fort Logan	329	317	96
2601	Longmont	204	180	88	TOTAL		1444	1301	90%
4334	Ault	39	39	100*	DISTRICT #11				
6624	Evans	208	179	86	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	82	72	88
12189	Berthoud	21	6	29	3571	Delta	56	52	93
TOTAL		1163	988	85%	3981	Grnd Jcnctn	37	39	105*
DISTRICT #4					9221	Cedaredge	57	52	91
2551	Ft. Morgan	122	62	51	9333	Hotchkiss	22	7	32
3541	Sterling	56	37	66	TOTAL		254	222	87%
4671	Wray	26	37	65	DISTRICT #12				
TOTAL		204	116	57%	4031	Durango	107	72	67
DISTRICT #5					5181	Dove Creek	36	24	67
101	Colo. Spgs.	80	69	86	5231	Mancos	60	44	73
3917	Security	192	158	82	TOTAL		203	140	69%
4051	Colo. Spgs	249	231	93	DISTRICT #13				
5221	Calhan	26	26	100*	3411	Kit Carson	22	16	73
6461	Fountain	139	126	91	6491	Burlington	16	11	69
7829	Monument	63	53	84	6612	Hugo	39	31	79
TOTAL		749	663	89%	TOTAL		77	58	75%
DISTRICT #6					15006	At Large	603	549	91%
336	Ordway	73	64	88	TOTAL DEPT. 6,262 5,316 85%				
2411	LasAnimas	113	109	96	Please send in your 2021 Dues!				
TOTAL		186	173	93%	Be 100% in 2020 - 2021				
DISTRICT #7					"You Can Do It"				
899	Alamosa	51	28	55	Community Outreach ***New/Updated Program***				
4849	La Jara	41	37	90	I would like to thank everyone for sending in your program reports with your activities in your communities. They show involvement in areas such as assisting seniors, charity rides, school supplies for children and drive-by parades for home-bound senior's birthdays to mention a few.				
8121	So Fork	111	104	94	As your chairman, if you would send me articles, pictures or information on these activities and events that can be shared with everyone, I would like to put them in our Department President's Newsletter in a Community Outreach Forum article. These projects can be done individually, as a group or in coordination with the VFW. Please wear a pin, shirt, name tag or something that identifies you as an Auxiliary member showing your support in the community.				
TOTAL		203	169	83%	There are so many ways to volunteer. Our National Ambassador Diane Pencak suggests "be an Outreach Self-Starter". You can clean your closet and donate to organizations or shelters, donate to your food-bank, and collect toys for children's toy drives. If you would like some further ideas, there is a "366 Community Service Ideas" list by category I would be happy to forward to you. Please email lindareinpold@q.com to receive a copy.				

There are so many ways we are volunteering in our communities and everyone should be proud! If you have any questions or ideas you would like to discuss or if you would like me to provide a school of instruction at a meeting, please feel free to contact me at any time. Once again, thank you for the community projects you are actively involved in.

Linda Reinpold
Auxiliary Community Outreach Chairman

Happy Holidays
from
Department VFW Auxiliary Officers and Chairmen

Please Stay Safe and Follow COVID-19 Guidelines
for your County and City

Do you have Questions - Contact Linda Reinpold
Do you have Ideas - Contact Linda Reinpold
This is a NEW Program and Linda Reinpold has the Answer or she can make a phone call and find out the Answer
Contact Linda Reinpold - She is in the VFW Auxiliary Roster

Americanism

Here it is October! My, how time has flown by. I am sure that each Auxiliary has been busy promoting Americanism in your communities.

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

With this year being an election year, Americanism is more important than ever. Americanism is pride and love of our country. It is NOT just a word – it is a cause, a way of life practiced each and every day and month of the year through our thoughts and actions.

That is why, we show our Americanism by proudly honoring and thanking our Veterans for their sacrifices, supporting our freedoms of speech and religion and most importantly voting, American's vote!!

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

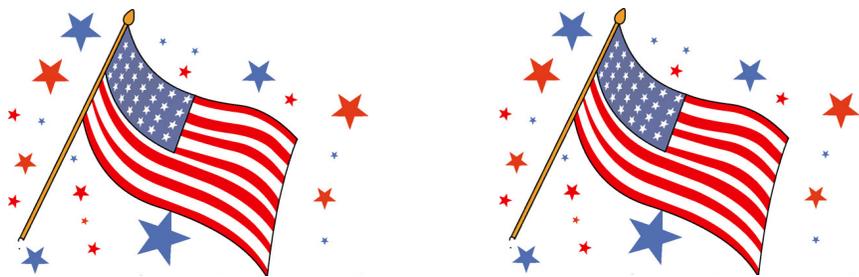
for flying the Flag.

Patriotic holidays are an opportune time to involve the whole family and bring community attention to the Patriotic holidays. November 11th is Veteran's Day. This is an opportunity to honor the brave men and women, both living and deceased, who fought and are still fighting for America's freedoms. December 7th is Pearl Harbor Day, a day of remembrance of the same day in 1941 that Japan bombed military and naval forces in Hawaii. Each Friday is RememberEveryoneDeployed or RED Friday so grab your RED t-shirt and wear it proudly.

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.

Wear your red, white and blue, fly your flag and let's show National that Colorado is proud to be American!!! And remember to report, report, report.

Queenie Barz
Department Americanism Chairman



All State Achievement Program

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

Where has time gone? I can hardly believe the holiday season is already upon us again! The All State Achievement Program has been revised for both the Post and District levels. Please take a moment to look over the All State Achievement Auxiliary/District Report form that can be found on the Department website, vfwco.org or in the 2020-2021 Colorado Program Book. This one-page report will replace the former All State President's Report, the All State Treasurer Report, the Auxiliary Achievement Report and the President's Resume. The committee has worked diligently and has spent a lot of time reviewing what tasks needed to be included on the forms. All Auxiliaries (Post or District) that meet the requirements are eligible to receive the All State Achievement Award. The three requirements are:

- 1) Reach the minimum points required.
- 2) All State Achievement Report form completed and submitted by the deadline.
- 3) All State Achievement Report form is signed by the President, Secretary & Treasurer.

We welcome comments and suggestions. Good Luck to all Auxiliaries, both Post and District. I would like to encourage all Auxiliaries to send out dues renewal notices. If you are an Annual member, please remember to pay your 2021 Annual dues by December 31, 2020.

Thank you all for the hard work and all the volunteering you do to support our Veterans and their families. I would like to encourage all Auxiliaries to share what they are doing by sending in program reports. Although we are still going through challenging times and restrictions with the pandemic, please remember our Veterans that are homebound, in hospitals or our VA Community Living Centers. A phone call or card during the holiday season goes a long way in lifting their spirits. So come on Colorado, let's show everyone those "Mile High Smiles for Veterans" as we continue "Honoring Our Mission to Serve Veterans".

Hugs,
Patsy Gilmore
Department
All State Achievement Chairman

Scholarship

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

As the holidays approach, so does the progression of our Scholarship Programs, the Voice of Democracy and the Patriot's Pen. It is time for Post Level judging and submitting your entries to the next level of competition, District. Please make sure your Post entries are judged and submitted to the District Scholarship chairman before the November 15, 2020 deadline. District judging and your entries submitted to Department should be completed by December 15, 2020. I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing the opinions of today's youth on the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen prompts. Good luck to all entries. More information will be put out about the Department Scholarship weekend scheduled for January 22-23, 2021. It will also include more information (time, place, menu and cost) on the Department Scholarship Award Banquet.

Our other scholarship contests that the deadlines are quickly approaching also are:

Continuing Education Scholarship Contest

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 February 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 Contest

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 – March 31, 2021

Entries to Department – April 15, 2021
Department Winner to National Headquarters – May 5, 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.

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Hugs,
Patsy Gilmore
Scholarship Chairman

Historian and Media Relations

Hello Colorado,

I want to remind you all that we are accepting traditional media, digital media and traditional memory keeping. Taking the time to record our efforts secures our memories and experiences for our future. I have found that members enjoy seeing their efforts captured for historic remembrance.

Please do not undervalue your activities. They are very important even if they seem small or insignificant to you. If you are helping your community, involving local people and inviting non-members to participate then it's newsworthy and we want to share it with you.

Are you trying something new or unique? Is it a serious, memorable or honorable activity? Maybe something fun, crazy or really interesting? Anything counts! Please remember to report these events as well. Break out the participants to VFW and/or Auxiliary. Share the reporting credit so that everyone benefits from their shared efforts.

Please take a few moments to review the Program book to see if there are some new or interesting opportunities your auxiliary has never tried before. Create a committee to review your activities and encourage them to explore new ideas to bring and present to your members.

When you recognize those special peo-

ple in your communities or members for outstanding contributions, please document these moments and share with me. Create a calendar of events and share it with me. I would love to share your ideas and successes with the other members.

Our President Dee will enjoy those memories for many years and pictures can really contribute to those memories long after her year is finished. Newspaper features are still an excellent source to showcase those special people or moments. Buy an extra copy and send it to me please.

Don't forget to have some fun with social media. Experience and explore the many possibilities that exist when you seek to learn new skills associated with it. i.e. Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram and electronic news media.

Share your skillset with someone not as adept as you are and ask others to share their knowledge with you. Grow your historian and media relations opportunities. Dedicate a portion of one of your meetings to support the historian and media relations objectives. If I can help or if you have questions, please contact me.

Yours in service,
Cindy Heather
Historian & Media Relations Chairman



Aux 1771: Mildred Chambers, Anna Marie Hanson
Aux 2121: Arlene Boone
Aux 2797: Linda Sandoval
Aux 4171: Yolanda Drummond, Lonnie Moore

Send TAPS to VFW Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood CO 80214