

# COLORADO VETERAN



and VFW Auxiliary News

NO ONE DOES MORE **FOR VETERANS®**

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



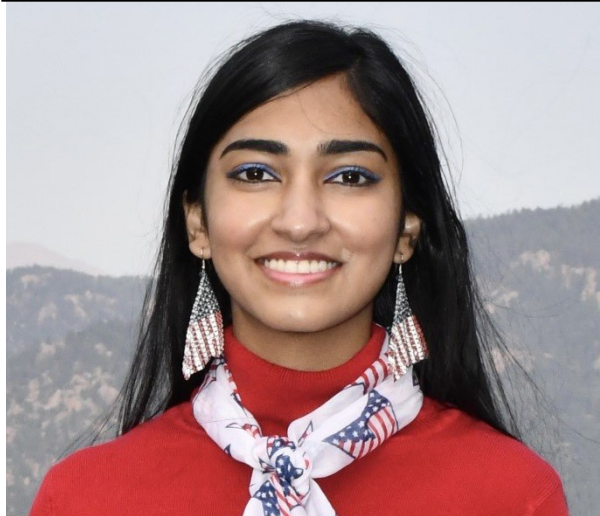
FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

February, 2021

Department of Colorado, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.  
and its VFW Auxiliary Official Publication

Volume 60, Issue 3 2020 - 2021

## Is This the Country the Founder's Envisioned?



**SHREYA P. KRISHNAN**  
1st Place  
Voice of Democracy

Sponsored by  
District #5

and  
MSG William J. Crawford  
VFW Post #7829  
and  
VFW Auxiliary  
Monument

With the Olympic Torch in my hand, standing at the base of the Parthenon, overlooking Athena's city, I felt connected to 2,500 years of history, which fed to the inception of the United States. America's democracy in the form of a constitutional republic originated in Ancient Greece. When I ran with the Olympic torch in Ancient Olympia, I thought about the country I represent and what makes America a land of opportunity for everyone. A belief that any individual can accomplish anything hails from the founders.

The founders of the United States of America made clear the bedrock upon which the founding of our country sits is the Declaration of Independence. From this bedrock rise the Corinthian columns of the Federalist Papers, and finally, the Constitutional pediment atop the columns, is the law passed directly by We the People. In the Declaration of Independence, the founders make clear their vision for our fledgling country, an ideal that rings true for all time. The individual becomes the centerpiece allowing for equal rights inherent to each of us not given to us by anyone.

The United States is still the main hub of entrepreneurship and innovation, the ultimate manifestation of individualism. You have an idea, you work hard, you take risks, and you bear the fruits of that effort. This is the engine that drives our society. This is why Steve Jobs created

Apple, Elon Musk built Tesla, Henry Ford created the automotive assembly line, Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, Wright brothers built the airplane and the list goes on... The ultimate beneficiary of this ingenuity is not just the innovator, but society as a whole. This is the legacy our founders envisioned.

The founders believed so strongly in individual rights and freedom and fought and died to secure these rights for our country. To defend these individual rights and our freedom, our veterans, brave men and women risk their lives. It is their sacrifice that allows so many people to pursue their individual happiness. Singing the national anthem with a hand across my heart at the American cemetery in Normandy to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day, looking out at the faces of the families of the fallen and the rows of headstones of the soldiers behind them, it dawned on me how proud the founders would feel that the freedom they fought so hard for was held by future generations.

The founders gave us the blueprint to continue to create a more perfect union, focused on individualism. America is her people. Each person and their pursuit of happiness makes America great. George Washington made America great, as did Abraham Lincoln, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., Harriet Beecher Stowe, Harriet Tubman and so many more. But so do the moms and dads who

lie awake sleepless to make sure their sick children get well soon, the teacher who stays after class to mentor the student, the physicians and nurses who wake up at odd hours to care for patients, and the writers and artists that give depth to our lives. Each person's individual story creates the beautiful tapestry that we call America. Each person's greatness, in total, is what makes us the heirs of the founders' vision. As did the founders, we pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

### Shreya Krishnan BIO

Shreya Krishnan, a junior in high school is an IB honor roll student with varsity letters in Speech, FBLA, Choir and Academics. She serves in the IB Leadership Council, National Honor Society, Vice President of DECA, Secretary of both French Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society. She also had the honor of representing her country by running with the Olympic Torch in the relay in Ancient Olympia, Greece. She is a singer, pianist, violinist, dancer, choreographer and Thespian. She won the national and regional gold medals and state award for securing the highest scores in Voice and Music Theory exams in the country, southwest region and state. She was selected to sing in Carnegie Hall and the National Anthem at the American Cemetery in Normandy, France for the 75th D-Day Anniversary. Shreya was declared the state winner in MINA voice competitions this year and will be attending the Julliard enrichment program next year.

Her interest in public policy has led to her selection in the Mayor of Colorado Springs' Ticket to Success youth leadership program as well as the Olympic Museum's Young Champion Ambassador for Olympic City USA. She is passionate about advocating social issues and serves as the National Youth Ambassador for anti-bullying and suicide prevention programs. Over the past two years, she has engaged with 10,000 school children and to affect public policy change, has spoken at City Council and El Paso County Commissioner meetings. She will be pursuing a college degree to further her interests and passions.



2nd Place - Payton Arbutnot - Springfield  
District #6 - Las Animas VFW Post 2411  
and VFW Auxiliary



3rd Place - Maisy Wade - Wray  
District #4 - Republican Valley VFW Post  
#4671 and VFW Auxiliary



4th Place - Autumn Steinberger - Dolores  
District #12 - Montezuma County VFW Post  
#5231 and VFW Auxiliary



5th Place - Elena Dunn - Buena Vista  
District #8 - Louis J. Miller VFW Post #1166

**FEBRUARY DISTRICT MEETINGS**

- |    |                     |                             |   |
|----|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 5  | 2/21/21<br>Sunday   | Post No. 101<br>Colo Spgs   | 1:00 pm Lunch<br>Meeting to follow  |
| 7  | 2/20/21<br>Saturday | Post No. 899<br>Alamosa     | 12:00 Noon Meal<br>12:45 Jt Mtg<br>Meeting to follow  |
| 11 | 2/13/21<br>Saturday | Post No. 3571<br>Delta      | 10:00 am Registration<br>10:15 Memorial Service<br>11:00 am Jt Meeting<br>Voice of Democracy & Patriot Pen / Teacher<br>11:45 am Lunch-Meetings to follow |
| 13 | 2/21/21<br>Sunday   | Post No. 3411<br>Kit Carson | 2:00 pm Meeting<br>Snack to follow  |

CANCELED - Washington DC Legislative Conference

**MARCH DISTRICT MEETINGS**

- |    |                     |                                |  |
|----|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1  | 3/27/21<br>Saturday | Post No.<br>Denver             | 10:00 am<br>ZOOM Mtg   |
| 3  | 3/14/21<br>Sunday   | Post No. 2585<br>Johnstown     | 12:00 noon Meal<br>1:00 Memorial Service<br>Meeting to follow                |
| 4  | 3/28/21<br>Sunday   | Post No. 4671<br>Wray          | 12:00 noon Lunch<br>Voice of Democracy<br>& Patriot's Pen -Meeting to follow |
| 10 | 3/07/21<br>Sunday   | Post No. 9644<br>Verle Huffman | Memorial Service<br>Lunch<br>Meeting to follow                               |

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**VFW ROSTER CHANGES**

Page 19  
District 4  
Chaplain: Adam Beauprez, 211 Homestead Trail, Yuma 80759  
Membership: Adam Beauprez, 211 Homestead Trail, Yuma 80759

Page 25  
District 10  
Quartermaster: Paul Gremes, #9644, 2609 S Quebec St. Denver 80321 720-726-4136  
Judge Advocate: John Fakes, #3631, 17634 E Harvard Dr., Aurora 80013 303-368-5795

Page 34  
Post 3378 Commander: Adam Beauprez, 211 Homestead Trail, Yuma 80759

Post 36  
Post 3641 724 E 4<sup>th</sup> St., Pueblo 81001 – P O Box 454 Pueblo 81002

Page 44  
Post 6612 Cmdr: James Hoyt, P O Box 116, Hugo 80821 719-760-0064  
Qm: John Witt, 8180 Syracuse St., Commerce City 80022

Page 45  
Post 6624 Cmdr: Robert Phillips, 1605 39<sup>th</sup> Street Ct., Evans 80620 970-330-5229

**2020-2021 Patriot Pen State Winners**

1st Place  
Dist 3, Post & Aux 2121  
Lauryn A. Uyemura  
25355 CR 53  
Kersey, CO 80644

2nd Place  
Dist 8, Post & Aux 3820  
Zeke Wilcox  
1134 F Street  
Salida, CO 81201

3rd Place  
Dist 13, Post & Aux 3411  
Elle A. Bohnen  
23851 CR 40  
Bethune, CO 80805

4th Place  
Dist 4, Post & Aux 4671  
Bryson L. Lewis  
47534 CR S  
Eccles, CO 80727

5th Place  
Dist 6, Post & Aux 336  
Danner R. Carroll  
11234 JJ.5  
Manzanola, CO 81058

Dist 1, Post & Aux 1  
Mariella Klawitter  
11515 E. Powers Ave  
Englewood, CO 80111

Dist 2, Post & Aux 4061  
Madison M. Monett  
7 Benson Rd  
Williamsburg, CO 81226

Dist 5, Post & Aux 7829  
Micah Winters  
790 E. Kings Deer Dr  
Monument, CO 80132

Dist 9, Post & Aux 5843  
Cade W. R. Blunt  
PO Box 931  
Meeker, CO 81641

Dist 10, Post & Aux 4171  
Samuel J. Buerck  
5326 Oak Court  
Arvada, CO 80002

Dist 11, Post 784  
Isabelle M. Giroir  
1808 Freedom Way  
Montrose, CO 81401

District 7 & 12 did not submit an entry.

**COLORADO VFW FOUNDATION**

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

Assistance to date: July 1, 2020 through January 26, 2021, we have expended \$14,418.24 in assistance to 41 Veterans and their Families with Rent, Utilities, and Vehicle Repairs etc... The requests for assistance and referrals have been lower than previous years. We still have funds to expend, we anticipate to cut off funds by end of March beginning

of April. We believe the decline in requests might be from the moratorium for evictions and applicants waiting to see how things turn out once the moratorium is lifted. We have had a much warmer winter than in previous years.

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

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

Colorado VFW Foundation  
Board of Directors

**TAPS**

Post 3981: Wesley Adams, Chester Jones, Robert Reeves, Earl Williams Jr., James Meineke  
Post 4051: James "Max" Beham, Robert Beham, Earl Clark, Joseph Golik, Russell Hagdorn, Howard Pease, Patricio Reyes, Jack Steinhour, Leo Valdez, Donald Reed  
Post 6051: John Kinnaird, Charles August

**PLEASE SEND DECEASED VFW MEMBER NAMES TO DEPARTMENT**

**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

**COLORADO VETERAN and AUXILIARY NEWS**  
Official Publication of  
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Colorado

Colorado Veteran is published quarterly Feb., May., Aug., Nov.  
4 issues a year.

Send all correspondence, typewritten (double-spaced, upper and lower case to  
Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214  
Telephone 303-421-1630, 800-965-1630 (Colorado only - Denver Metro excluded) FAX 303-421-1727

Advertising deadline 1st of preceding month - Article deadline 1st of preceding month  
Stories, pictures, etc., received after these dates may be withheld 'till the next publication

Published by:  
Dept. of Colorado VFW  
1400 Carr Street  
Lakewood, CO 80214

Publication Committee  
Robert Kidd, Sr., commander  
VFW Department Headquarters, editor  
Ann Mauck, assoc. editor &  
computer layout  
For the Auxiliary  
Dee Chappell-Haley, president  
Cindy Anderson, treasurer  
Patsy Gilmore, jr. past president  
Ann Mauck, auxiliary news chairman

Send address changes to:  
VFW National Headquarters  
406 W. 34th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111

vfwco.org

## Commander's Column Robert Kidd, Sr.



I need to thank VFW Post 6624 and 2121 for hosting the Oct 2020 Council of Administration training and meetings. I know that there was some

drama to say the least. But that is one thing that we can say about the VFW membership and the Auxiliary of this great State is they are always up to the challenge.

What a year that 2020 has been. Conducting the important business of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is what this organization is all about. Assisting Veterans and members within are local Communities. I am so proud of the accomplishments that the VFW Members and The Auxiliary have accomplished this first part of the VFW year. So many members have put themselves out there on the line to complete the missions that we have had to accomplish, and you have as a membership done a great job.

It is sad to say the COVID-19 has taken some of the VFW Members & Auxiliary Members from us. It is with a heavy heart that I need to address this. I really need to say please remember that are membership on both VFW sides and Auxiliary are all at risk. I am asking, please follow the rules that are in place not just for yourself but for everyone around you. Remember that a lot of the active members have very at-risk family members at home. Please don't be self-centered or selfish.

Now that the Holidays are over, hopefully most had a good time seeing family and friends that could do it in a safe and healthy way. Hope everyone that did travel made it back from their Christmas and New Year events and ready to finish the rest of the VFW year in a great forum.

Hopefully, most of your programs have been submitted to the next level of judging and turned into the Chairman and we can move forward to the next

challenges of the year. By now the Post and District Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen contest have been judged and winners turned into the Department Chairman. I have had to make another decision to cancel yet another event, the Voice of Democracy weekend and banquet. With the State starting to move all the Counties from a Red status to an Orange status myself and the Department VOD Chairman Tony Archer made the decision based on it not being fair to the Students and Family members let alone the Post and Auxiliary Chairman that put so much time into the programs. Having to hold the number of individuals to such a small group it just wasn't fair to everyone.

With everything going on this year please don't forget to get you nominees in for Salute to Service awards. I have canceled the banquet for this event but not the program. With all the challenges this year I feel that it is imperative that we recognize our outstanding Volunteers for 2020-2021 year. The deadline to have the nominees for the program is March 31, 2021. Make sure that you get them turned into Department Headquarters on time.

As always there is the need to reach out to all the members that you have not heard from in some time and even the ones that you have not seen or heard from since the Holidays. Please make sure that your Post's are still reaching out to your membership. Having said that, remember that this Organization runs on membership and taking care of are Veterans. It is the business that we are in. The Department was doing fairly well on membership until the last day of the year. That is when all the continuous members with a December 2020 expired date fell off the roster. But I have faith that we as a Department will continue to move forward and catch up on the needed numbers.

Robert Kidd, Sr.  
State Commander

## Chaplain Column Kevin Reinhold



Comrades and Auxiliary,

Thank you for your support to our veterans and family members during last year's trying times.

Continue praying, looking out for each other, and helping where you can. 2020 has been a very hard year not only with the pandemic, but with our country being divided in so many ways.

I recently heard someone say, "It doesn't matter who is in office, God's still on the throne". This is a true statement. God is on the throne and commands us in all things for His purpose and His glory. If you have faith that this statement is true, then start reading the world's best-selling and most widely distributed book ever written, (the Bible). The Bible has so many prophecies that have come true and there are so many more to come. The good thing for our organization is that we have access to the Bible for free. This happened by having faith a few years ago that God would provide.

The Chaplains in our state started a

prayer chain where any member, family member, or anyone needing prayer can send an email to any of our Chaplains or myself and they will be placed on our prayer chain. Praying with a true heart is a powerful connection to God.

If you do not know who your Post and District Chaplains are, get to know them so they can help you with your spiritual needs. They should be reaching out to you. Their duties do not start and stop at the ritual prayers, they are in a ministry to the members of our organization.

We have been sharing ministry work and information with the Auxiliary State chaplain and we would like to see Post and District level Chaplains working together. After all we are all doing the same ministry.

If there is anything we can help you with, please send me an email. reinholdvfw@yahoo.com

Kevin Reinhold  
State Chaplain

**"Doing our Lord's Work  
for All Veterans"**

## Sr. Vice Column Barbara Green



This month I want to highlight other veterans groups – not because they are better than the VFW but because they might be a source of getting young-

er members for our Posts. These groups do not have dues nor elected officers nor do they have permanent buildings.

**The Mission Continues:** <https://www.missioncontinues.org>

"The Mission continues is a national nonprofit organization that connects military veterans with new missions in under-resourced communities". There are currently two Mission Continues Platoons. The Colorado Springs Platoon does work at Palmer Park and the Denver Platoon volunteers at the Crawford Community Center in Aurora.

**Team Red, White and Blue** <https://www.teamrwb.org>

"The mission of Team Red, White and Blue (Team RWB) is to enrich the lives of America's Veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity" There are two chapters, one in Colorado Springs and one in Denver.

**Team Rubicon** <https://teamrubicon.org>

"Team Rubicon is a 501©3 nonprofit that utilizes the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders

to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. Founded in 2010, Team Rubicon has deployed across the United States and around the world to provide immediate relief to those impacted by disasters and humanitarian crises."

**22untilnone** <https://www.22untilnone.org>

"Our goal is to get local veterans involved with each other by doing activities in person. This in person contact reinforces veterans' commitment to each other for support and camaraderie. This in turn cuts down on feelings of isolation which are a contributor to depression and veteran suicide." I only know of a Colorado Springs group and they can be contacted via Facebook as the "Official" Rocky Mountain Chapter – 22 Until None Keepers".

If VFW members like what they see but they live in other parts of Colorado – find out from the national websites how to create your own chapter or platoon.

I am sure there are other groups. If you know of any please send me an email with their information to [barbara-green241@hotmail.com](mailto:barbara-green241@hotmail.com).

Just remember to tell members of these groups that the VFW has dues to be able to support the Washington D C office and have paid lobbyists to fight for Veterans' rights in Congress.

Sincerely  
Barbara Green  
State Sr. Vice Commander

## Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Comrades.

I hope this finds everyone well. I also hope all who can have gotten your flu shot.

I am sure everyone has heard by now, one of the By-Law changes at the National level several years ago, was to do away with the dues reserve at the Post level. This is a good thing. Now the quarterly audits won't be coming back to the Posts that forget how and what it was. If you report a dues reserve, you should probably stop since it is not required and will save on some book work.

Speaking of quarterly audits, we are seeing a new trend. Signatures. The Quartermasters Manual on the National web site states the Trustees and Commander must sign the audit report. The Quartermasters name may be typed in, but the Trustees and Commander must sign. We are getting more and more

audits without the Commanders signature. Please take the time to read the material explaining how the audits are done, or call Headquarters and ask for a copy of how to fill out an audit. Because of the current Covid climate, a separate signature page may be used as long as the audit was viewed by the trustees and Commander.

**BONDS.** The By-Laws are very clear on this. Each officer that is accountable for funds must have a surety bond equal to the amount of liquid assets. This is normally the Quartermaster. Surety bonds are like an insurance policy paid for by the Post saying the Quartermaster will not steal from the Post. This is why we try and make sure the audits are done correctly. The bonding company requires the audits be done correctly in case a loss occurs. Believe me, it has happened in the past.

I hope everyone had great holidays.

Bruce R. Dolan  
State Quartermaster

### Attention VFW Members and VFW Auxiliary Members

**Qm Bruce Dolan and Dick Wellensiek have been contacting local Hotels in Denver to be Headquarters for VFW State Convention June 9-12, 2021**

**They would like to know if you are interested in attending! Without members participation, we cannot have a successful Convention.**

**Please contact Headquarters [vfw@vfwco.org](mailto:vfw@vfwco.org) or [ann@vfwco.org](mailto:ann@vfwco.org) and let us know that you plan on attending.**

**This will be the 100th Celebration of the Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Help us make it the best VFW Convention!!**

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

**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3  
February 1, 2021 2020-2021**  
**Please remind all Posts that you MUST be 100% +1 to qualify for All State. Deadline is June 30, 2021. Entry forms will be e-mailed to all that qualify.**

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

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

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

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

**2. Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers:** All Posts, Districts and Department should be reminded of the provisions of Sec. 215 (Post), 415 (District), and 515 (Department) of the National Congressional Charter By-Laws and Manual or procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until such proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Commander and Adjutant for review.

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

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

**5. Attention of Post Commanders** is directed to Sec. 218 (a)(11), Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees. Trustees Report of Audit must be completed by the Trustees, in detail, at the close of each quarter, one of which ends March 31<sup>st</sup>. Commanders are reminded that all funds are to be under the custody and control of the Post Quartermaster. Persons other than the Post Quartermaster who may handle Post funds, such as club manager, bingo chairman, or committee chairmen are responsible to the Post Quartermaster to maintain accurate records and accounts and should be properly bonded. Post Trustees are to ensure that the financial records of these special funds are also audited in the same manner as the other accounts of the Post Quartermaster.

**6. Commanders on all levels** should begin organizing their 2021 Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. To qualify for Post All American, VFW Posts must increase their Post's Buddy Poppy purchase by 20% over the previous year from Department Headquarters.

**7. All-State Commanders and Quartermasters.** Entry forms for All-State Commanders and Quartermasters **will be e-mailed to all qualified persons by July 1, 2021** Posts and Districts must be 100% + 1 in membership by June 30, 2021, in order for the Commanders and/or Quartermasters to be eligible for this award and must be eligible for the Centennial Team of Post and District Commanders. The entry form, must be submitted to State Headquarters by suspense date provided in notification letter. Post Quartermasters need only submit the entry form by the same suspense date. **All State Teams will be presented at the August 2021 COA meeting at Joint Opening.**

**8. Council of Administration** meeting will be March 21, 2021 at VFW Post 3917, Security, 8:30 am for Joint Meeting. **Workshops** will begin March 20, 2021.

**9. State Convention** is scheduled for June 09 through June 12, 2021, hosted by Department of Colorado VFW. **Information will be posted on the Colorado VFW Web Page.**

**10. The Department of Colorado** Veterans of Foreign Wars Loyalty Day Parade will be in Penrose, CO., Saturday May 8, 2021 10:00 am line-up time. Please contact Geraldine Rimpley 719-372-3719 for further information.

**11. Applications for the Department State Convention Site for 2022** can be obtained by contacting State Qm. Bruce Dolan, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, CO. 80214, (303) 421-1630. A check for \$300.00 deposit must accompany the bid application.

ATTEST BY:  
Bruce Dolan, State Adjutant

BY COMMAND:  
Robert Kidd Sr., State Commander

**CABA Plane Visit to VFW Post #5812 Pueblo West  
November 15, 2020**



**CABA Planes flew early due to weather we usually have in December.**

We hope you were one of the VFW Posts that received food and toys for needy Veteran families. All of the planes, pilots, fuel for the planes and volunteers hours were donated. King Soopers helped with the Food Inventory and Funds for Toys were donated. It takes many hours to coordinate this event and we thank PDC Pete Buchanan and all his Elf's for taking time to make sure Veteran Families had a Merry Christmas!

**Please note the change in Loyalty Day Parade**

**#10 above states: Loyalty Day Parade will be in Penrose, CO., May 8, 2021  
More information will be on the Colorado Web Site**

**VFW Post Membership by District as of January 29, 2021**

Number/ City	2020	2021	%	Number/City	2020	2021	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>				<b>DISTRICT #8</b>			
1 Denver	921	831	90	859 Leadville	34	32	94
501 Denver	328	256	78	1166 Buena Vista	126	123	98
2461 Denver	114	104	91	3820 Salida	74	69	93
5061 Denver	263	240	91	8661 Bailey	119	114	96
TOTAL	1626	1431	88%	10721 Minturn	136	111	82
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>				<b>DISTRICT #9</b>			
2788 Penrose	90	90	100*	11411 Lake George	45	40	89
3641 Pueblo	106	97	92	12009 Conifer	127	115	91
4061 Canon City	260	244	94	TOTAL	661	604	91%
5812 Pueblo West	208	183	88	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>			
7305 Colo. City	46	44	96	322 Englewood	97	97	100*
8898 Boone	37	34	92	3471 Morrison	66	65	98
12063 Westcliffe	52	44	85	3631 Aurora	294	279	95
TOTAL	799	736	92%	4171 Golden	399	369	92
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>				<b>DISTRICT #11</b>			
41 Loveland	290	261	90	4266 Parker	75	74	99
807 Boulder	38	35	92	4331 Arvada	257	243	95
1771 Lafayette	253	234	92	4444 Cmmrc Cty	182	158	87
1781 Ft. Collins	314	284	90	4666 Littleton	122	114	93
2121 Greeley	183	160	87	7563 Black Hawk	22	18	82
2585 Johnstown	182	167	92	7945 Thornton	320	299	93
2601 Longmont	317	279	88	8449 Bennett	55	44	80
4334 Ault	58	55	95	9644 Fort Logan	412	394	95
6624 Evans	225	208	92	TOTAL	2301	2154	94%
9565 Broomfield	100	91	91	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>			
12174 Brighton	35	29	84	4031 Durango	221	203	92
12189 Berthoud	39	31	79	4181 Dove Creek	49	45	92
TOTAL	2034	1834	90%	5231 Mancos	133	129	97
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>				<b>DISTRICT #13</b>			
2551 Ft. Morgan	231	161	70	3411 Kit Carson	19	19	100*
3378 Yuma	61	57	93	6491 Burlington	61	58	95
3541 Sterling	94	86	91	6612 Hugo	33	29	88
3551 Brush	37	31	84	9491 Deer Trail	18	16	89
3961 Otis	18	14	78	9700 Chynn Wills	24	23	96
4671 Wray	53	50	94	TOTAL	155	145	94%
6482 Holyoke	50	41	82	15006 MAL	2734	2534	93%
7153 Fleming	25	18	72	<b>TOTAL DEPT 15264 14006 92%</b>			
8064 Akron	46	33	72	<b>2021 dues are now DUE</b>			
TOTAL	615	491	80%	<b>Be 100% +1 in 2020-2021</b>			
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>				<b>DISTRICT #6</b>			
101 Colo. Spgs.	469	452	96	336 Ordway	84	81	96
3917 Security	605	545	90	2411 LasAnimas	78	70	90
4051 Colo. Spgs	577	541	94	4001 Springfield	33	32	97
5221 Calhan	103	90	87	4281 Holly	24	23	96
6051 WdlnD Park	50	49	98	TOTAL	219	206	94%
6461 Fountain	317	295	93	<b>DISTRICT #7</b>			
7829 Monument	158	135	85	899 Alamosa	88	81	92
10649 Elizabeth	45	41	91	4849 La Jara	45	43	96
TOTAL	2324	2148	92%	6101 San Luis	56	55	98
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>				<b>DISTRICT #7</b>			
336 Ordway	84	81	96	8121 Del Norte	43	39	91
2411 LasAnimas	78	70	90	TOTAL	232	218	94%
4001 Springfield	33	32	97				
4281 Holly	24	23	96				
TOTAL	219	206	94%				
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>							
899 Alamosa	88	81	92				
4849 La Jara	45	43	96				
6101 San Luis	56	55	98				
8121 Del Norte	43	39	91				
TOTAL	232	218	94%				

**Membership 2020 - 2021**

Welcome to a new year. This is going to be a short report on membership.

Right now, the Department of Colorado is at 91.68% of being 100% of last years membership. We currently have 13995 paid members. That is 1269 below last years high. We are 114 members lower than this time period last year. We need to sign up 8.24 members per day to reach 100% of last years membership.

Interesting enough, we have 1437 unpaid members from the last two years. We don't have to go out on the streets looking for new people, we have them on our Post rosters as unpaid. We have their addresses and phone numbers at our finger tips. Give them a call. They may not have renewed their dues because they might need a little help. Or maybe they have a small problem with someone in the Post. Minor details. What the math

tells me is we have 168 more members available than we need to achieve our goal of 100%.

I know we must take in to account members passing. Members moving away. But I think that falls into statistical range of losing 10% of your membership to situations we can't control.

I realize not every Post can help pay for 5 or 10 members who may need help, but I also know some Posts can. I'm not asking anyone to buy membership, just help your fellow Comrades in needy times.

So I'm asking every Post to look through your records and give an unpaid member a call and see how they are doing. You never know, you could helping with more than membership.

Bruce Dolan  
State Quartermaster

**Help Colorado VFW be 100% + in 2020 - 2021  
You Can Do IT!!**

**Jr. Vice Column  
Geraldine Rimpley**



Happy New Year Comrades! While many are ready to embrace the new year hoping the ordeals of last year go away, I found one good thing to

come out of all the craziness that I fully embraced.

Due to the pandemic, we have been forced to rely on electronic applications to communicate with each other. While some may have viewed this as an unnecessary evil or challenging task, my hopes are your frustrations subsided once you became familiar with the programs. From the National level down to District, we have used ZOOM to communicate during meetings. I must say that this has allowed me to see and talk to a lot of the officers at National level that I would not have otherwise met until this upcoming July at the National Convention. And as in the military, you are not elected (promoted) based on what you know but rather your ability to learn and accomplish as you perform your duties. Having the monthly ZOOM meetings with the National Junior Vice Cdr Tim Borland and 150+ State Junior Vices has been a great experience for me be-

cause of the myriad of topics that have been discussed and the ability to share Veteran issues/ideas. At the State and District levels, the ZOOM meetings seem to be more productive because participants are concentrating on topics/discussions rather than the long drive home after the meeting.

The saying that "If life gives you lemons, make lemonade" has probably been repeated way too often, but given the last year's tests of wills, I hope many of you accepted the challenge and learned things that will make your life easier in the upcoming year. There are many Veterans that have successfully adopted the changes so reach out to your fellow members if you need assistance learning the new modes of communication. And to those that are winning the communication battle, reach out to your fellow members that you have not seen attending the virtual meetings and assist them. Meetings are always more successful when you have more participants.

I really believe you are never too old to learn, my service dog teaches me new tricks every day!

Geraldine Rimpley  
State Jr. Vice Commander

**Surgeon Column  
John Keene**



Is there finally light at the end of this COVID tunnel? I sure hope so. But for now, here is another article focusing on the pandemic.

The Veterans Health Administration is doing its best to make sure all enrolled veterans 75-years old or older receive a COVID vaccine, as this age group has the most risk due to COVID. The vaccines are free and disassociated from a veteran's health insurance, with no copays, and distribution began in January.

To facilitate the rollout, all veterans over 75 should receive a phone call asking if they want to schedule an appointment. Once everyone in that group has been contacted, they will begin reaching out to those 70-years old and older, going down in age from there. If you are over 75-years old and have not been contacted yet you can call 888-336-8262.

In addition to those 75+, the Eastern Colorado Health Care System will be vaccinating any enrolled veterans who are considered a "Frontline Essential Worker," regardless of age. "Frontline Essential Workers" are defined as:

- First responders (e.g., firefighters and police officers)
- Corrections officers

- Food and agricultural workers
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Manufacturing workers
- Grocery store workers, public transit workers
- Those who work in the education sector (teachers and support staff members)
- Childcare workers

If you believe you fall into one of these categories, please reach out to your Patient Aligned Care Team. An employee ID or badge will be required as proof of eligibility.

For those members who are not enrolled in VA health care system, what are you waiting for? As a REALTOR I work with a lot of veterans who are eager to utilize their VA loan benefits. Likewise, I don't know any veterans, when given the option, who have refused to use their education benefits. Yet, when it comes to health care benefits, many of our comrades feel like they don't need the VA. Millions of Americans have lost their employee based health care due to COVID. If nothing else, this pandemic should encourage you to at least enroll. Simply go to <https://www.choose.va.gov/> or contact the Service Office to get started.

John Keene  
State Surgeon

**"Salute To Service"**

**Colorado VFW Posts and VFW Auxiliary Members can be nominated, Nominations are open until March 31, 2021.**

**Each VFW Post and VFW Auxiliary may submit the name and bio of a member that has donated many hours to their organization to be honored by the Department of Colorado. Nomination forms are available on the Colorado Web Site [vfwco.org](http://vfwco.org)**

**There will be no Awards Dinner this year due to COVID-19 Plaques will be engraved April 2021 and Sponsors will be contacted**

**Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch has laid down a challenge to All VFW Posts in the month of February 2021**

This month is one where we all focus on love and commitment, and so we're challenging our Posts to get our members to make a Lifetime commitment to the VFW by becoming Life members!

Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch is challenging our Posts to increase their Life membership. The Post in each membership division that recruits, reinstates, or converts the most Life members in the month of February will receive a \$1,000 award deposited into the Post's account! In addition, if the winning Post also shares the contest on their Post's Facebook page, they will receive an additional \$250!

We want to see our Posts reaching out to our members and working hard to show that we are an active and progressive organization that has 20/20 VISION FOR VETERANS!



Francis Brown Lowry VFW Post #501 held a Thanksgiving Dinner on their Parking Lot for neighbors. John S Stewart VFW Post #1 had two Food Trucks parked on the Lot serving the food to anyone that wanted a meal to go.



Queenie Barz, VFW Auxiliary #5231, had a Patriotic Christmas Tree in her office. Red, White and Blue on a Silver Tree. Lots of comments.



Parking Lot at VFW Post #501 was set up with tables for social distancing. Masks were required and guests were checked for temperature.



Englewood VFW Auxiliary #322 collected items for Toys for Tots. Donation boxes were at the Post and members brought in items.



VFW Post #3981 Grand Junction and VFW Auxiliary packed over 75 boxes for delivery at Christmas time. One family of 4 received food and toys for the kids and a variety of books and games. Blankets and warm clothing was also provided for Veterans and their families, as needed.



The Colorado VFW Warriors District #2 held their 8th Annual Gary Rimpley Toy Run to raise funds and gather toys for local families in need within the Penrose Community. On October 3, 25 members and friends battled the cold to ride over 75 miles to visit area VFW's and business supporters, raising over \$1,000 and collecting pick-up loads of toys in hopes of making Christmas a little brighter for the youngsters.



Doug and Missy Ricken

The Southeastern Colorado community of Las Animas did not let COVID-19 restrictions hinder celebration of their veterans on Veterans Day 2020. Many volunteers hung over 150 flags on our proud two-mile Las Animas corridor for the Las Animas Avenue of Flags at 7:00 am in the cold weather. At 10:00 am, the community, schools, nursing home, and many others were treated to a fantastic Patriotic Veterans Day parade.

The Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and Ambulance Crew joined the celebration. Two members of our community, Doug and Missy Ricken, led the vehicles with their 1951 Dodge flatbed truck with many American flags and all the Service flags on board. The kids at the high school painted two sheets of plywood with signs that read "Thank you Veterans!" A variety of cars and trucks participated with flag waving and flags displayed, including DAV & VFW Commander Jess Garcia. The parade wound through 6th street downtown by the elementary schools, then out on Highway 50 past Miller Auto, then back to town to the middle and high schools and the nursing home. The parade ended

**VETERANS HONORED IN LAS ANIMAS**

by  
Kathleen Tomlin  
(Las Animas #2411 President)

at the VFW Post #2411 where veterans received gift packets of large print Bibles, cards from the school kids thanking them for their service, poppies, gifts of pens and calendars provided by citizen Frieda Alvarez, and patriotic wrist bands from Hospice.

We were impressed with all the school kids who made fantastic thank you letters and cards for the veterans-- they were beautiful! At 4:00pm dedicated volunteers gathered to take down and respectfully retire the American flags for our next event.

We are grateful to all who contributed to celebrating our veterans and recognizing their service to our country in this unusual year of 2020.

God bless our Veterans and God Bless America!



UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

# Auxiliary News

Published by Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of Colorado

Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

## President's Column Dee Chappell-Haley



Happy New Year everyone,

Well, it has been a very interesting and challenging couple of months for us all. I trust that you are all managing as well as possible as we continue our journey through this pandemic. With our activities seriously restricted, I know that most of you have remained safely tucked away at home, I know that is where I have been. Our CABA distributions and donations have certainly helped assist many in our communities but we need to be mindful of those who are still in need. Please remember to report any activities that you have been able to organize or participate in.

District and local meetings and visitations continue to be a challenge for us all. Please continue to support the best and safest decisions that your leadership makes in regards to these meetings. We are not out of danger yet. Be sure to check in with your members by phone, text, email or any other social media platform that you operate with. Identify members needs and address possible solutions that can be implemented with safe options.

Communicate program opportunities

with members and be sure to check in with your Post officers and members to see if there are opportunities to assist. Many times, during and after holidays, some people have a tendency to feel lonely or depressed. It's very important to stay connected and supportive.

Check your calendars! Be sure that you are mindful of program due dates. Work with your local schools and Chamber of Commerce to present program opportunities that can benefit your local communities. You can also make gift baskets for frontline workers in your community that are working hard to support a good quality of life for everyone. Hospital workers, police and fire personnel, ambulance crews, city workers and others really do appreciate meaningful recognition. Gift cards to local businesses also make great thank-you gifts while supporting your communities.

I continue to ask God to bless our country, our veterans and our members. In spite of the turmoil that we witness each day, our mission remains the same. Thank you for all that you do. Please continue to stay safe and positive.

Dee Chappell-Haley  
Colorado Auxiliary President

### 2020-2021 Roster Corrections October 2020-Jan 2021

Page 1: Chg Dept Guard to Deborah Hutchins (101) 2713 Ferber Dr, Colorado Springs CO 80916 719-660-8872 duganier1949@gmail.com

Page 27: Aux 3541 Secretary/Treasurer chg to Karla DeMers 17441 Skyline Ct, Sterling CO 80751 970-520-2445 kddshepp@yahoo.com

Page 28: New Post address for 3641 724 E 4<sup>th</sup> St. Pueblo CO 81001

Page 33: Aux 4444 President chg to Connie Gallegos 6251 Jasmine Ct. Commerce City, CO 80022 720-272-5681 No email

Page 37: Aux 5812 Treasurer phone should be 719-569-6180

Page 38: Aux 6491 chg Treasurer to Rose Dobler 22605 County Rd. 44, Burlington CO 80807 719-346-7058 redobler4@yahoo.com

Page 45: Change Judge Advocate to Kirk Rosa 416 S Pine Dr, Bailey CO 80421 720-226-1902 navycpo7@yahoo.com

**Send All Auxiliary Roster Changes to State Secretary Cindy Anderson**

### President's Special Project

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 President Dee so that she can recognize their contributions. President Dee has a special recognition presentation to share with them. This will acknowledge their efforts and your support. She also plans 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.



Golden VFW Auxiliary 4171 Officers and Members Proudly ENDORSE Lucille Chavez for Department President 2021-2022. She has the support of all Auxiliary members and also VFW Post 4171 Officers and Members. Lucille has been an asset to the VFW Auxiliary Organization. She brings with her years of experience, knowledge, and passion for supporting Veterans and their families. She is always willing to help with fundraising, encouraging and mentoring members to fill positions and chairmanships within the Auxiliary, District, and Department level.

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 7 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 Sr. Vice President (2020-2021).

**Golden VFW Auxiliary and  
VFW Post 4171**

**Proudly Endorse**

**Lucille Chavez  
for  
Department President  
2021-2022**

Aside from volunteering her time with the VFW Auxiliary, Lucille enjoys spending time with her family, including her extended family. When she is not helping with fundraising and meetings, you will find her with her family having fun and in the stands at sporting events cheering on her grandchildren. She is a big fan of the Colorado Rockies "Take me out to the ball game" and the Denver Broncos "Go Broncos" and YES they can hear her through the television, win or lose. Lucille has a big heart and gives her all for Family and Veterans.

Lucille has the full support of her family and Auxiliary members as she moves up another chair in running for President for the Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary. We ask you to join us in supporting Lucille with your Vote at the Department Convention.

Respectfully  
Maria Byron, President  
Golden #4171 VFW Auxiliary;

John Johnson, Commander  
Golden #4171 VFW Post;

Officers & Members of Golden  
#4171 VFW and Auxiliary

### Chaplain's Corner

A new year is upon us, full of promise and possibility. Like everything else in life, what happens to us depends on how we respond to the opportunities and situations that we face. How will we embrace life in this new year? For many, real positive change at this time may be difficult or impossible—they are still immersed or just recovering from the effects of COVID or its effects on their family or circle of friends and associates. Perhaps still others are struggling economically due to loss of job, cut-back of work hours or loss of a family business due to lockdowns. Just like when running a race, a person's strength and endurance may be at their limit—they think about how easy it would be to just stop running and walk back to the bleachers. Elizabeth T. King noted, "I find that it is not the circumstances in which we are placed, but the spirit in which we face them, that constitutes our comfort."

The real question for members of the Auxiliary, is how do we fulfill our mission; how do we muster our strength and

our will to continue to serve our veterans and their families. The creativity and adaptability that our Auxiliary members have already shown is really amazing—solving problems and having meetings and strategy sessions on Zoom, drive by visits and celebrations, fundraisers, food and toy drives and distribution, assisting elderly with chores, sending greeting cards, countless volunteer roles, and the list goes on... Even in these "impossible times" we continue to find new ways to serve. William Barclay once remarked, "In the time we have it is surely our duty to do all the good we can to all the people we can in all the ways we can."

Ecclesiastes 9:10 advises us "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." We may all be weary of the struggle, but we have not abandoned our mission. Continue to find ways to work together and aid each other as we work to serve those who have served us.  
**Have a Blessed and Prayerful Month.**

Phil Reinpold  
Department Chaplain=====

**STAY SAFE - and COVID-19 FREE**

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

GENERAL ORDERS #3

February 1, 2021

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

**1. The Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary** Parade of Programs, Workshops, and Council of Administration meeting is currently scheduled for March 20 and 21, 2021 at Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917, 4715 Clearview Dr. Security, Colorado 80911. A complete schedule of programs and workshops will be available on the Department website. Joint Council of Administration meeting to be held on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 8:30 am and the Auxiliary Council meeting will follow. Please watch for further details as locations and schedule may change according to the current COVID health regulations.

**2. Department President Dee Chappell-Haley's special project** is the Hero's Clinic for Dental Health located on the Anschutz medial campus and is part of the CU School of Dental Medicine. Please forward all donations to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.

**3. Members in Good Standing** are those who are life members or those who hold a 2021 annual membership card as of January 1, 2021. A member who is not in good standing is not eligible to attend meetings, vote, or hold an office or chairmanship. They are also not eligible for a cancer grant from National. All rights and benefits are restored immediately upon payment of the current year dues. Proof of payment may include a paper or digital copy from MALTA.

**4. Membership:** Members who have not yet paid their dues for 2021 are requested to send dues to your Auxiliary Treasurer or pay them directly through the MALTA system with an activated account. Membership cards will be sent to paid annual members from National Headquarters within 2 to 4 weeks. Members should always carry an application in order to recruit new members. The VFW Auxiliary may fix an admission fee. This entitles each new member to a copy of the National Bylaws and Book of Instructions and a membership pin (See Section 102 of the Bylaws.)

**5. Audits** for the months of October, November and December 2020 were to be completed by January 31, 2021. Audits must be read on the Auxiliary floor and voted to be approved before

sending them to the Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson by February 28, 2021.

**6. District Presidents:** Annual official visits to the Auxiliaries should continue only as it is possible to do that safely for all. A copy of the inspection report to be sent to the Department Secretary and Department Chief of Staff. District Officer making the visit should sign the Secretary and Treasurer books to verify that they are being kept in accordance with procedures. Copies of bonds, audits, and verification of 990 filings should be available for review. All questions on the visit form should be completed.

**7. Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen:** The Department VFW Auxiliary would like to extend congratulations to all the winners throughout the state and to thank all Auxiliaries for their hard work to promote these programs.

**8. Hospitalized Veterans** will receive special recognition during the week of February 14 through 20, 2021. Consider planning a special event or activity to honor our hospitalized veterans during this time.

**9. Salute to Service** nominations from the Auxiliaries are due to VFW Department Headquarters by March 31, 2021. The annual Department Award Banquet will not be held this year due to COVID restrictions on gatherings. Awards will be distributed to the recipients by the Department VFW. Forms are available on the Department website.

**10. Program Report Forms** should be filed with the VFW Department Headquarters in a timely manner so that Auxiliaries will receive credit for their hard work. The reporting year is April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. All paper reports are due to Department Headquarters by April 15, 2021.

**11. A special thank you** to all of those that attended the Parade of Programs in Greeley. The Program Chairmen did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that each of you were able to take some good information back to your Auxiliaries.

BY ORDER OF:  
/s/ Cindy Anderson  
Department Secretary

ATTEST:  
/s/ Dee Chappell-Haley  
Department President

### Dues Reminder

#### Please Note, If you have not Paid Your Auxiliary Dues:

- An annual continuous member MUST have his or her 2021 dues received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by June 30, 2021 in order to maintain his or her continuous years of membership within the organization. There is not a "reinstate" category for membership.
- If an annual continuous member's 2021 dues are not received at National Headquarters by June 30, 2021, his or her continuous membership will end. He or she will then have to:
  - REJOIN the organization
  - PROVE his or her eligibility again
  - Be READMITTED by voting members into the local Auxiliary and
  - START continuous years over.
- Again, if an annual continuous member misses even a single year of paying dues on time, his or her continuous years of membership start over a 1 (one).
- This change will also affect an annual continuous member's eligibility for a Cancer Grant. If he or she does not maintain his or her continuous membership, he or she will have to wait one full year before he or she is eligible for another grant. There remains a limit of two grants per lifetime.
- If you do not receive your membership card within two to four weeks, follow up with your Auxiliary or Department Treasurer to be sure that your dues were processed.

### VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

This is the third of the year 2020-2021 Colorado Veteran-Auxiliary Articles for Buddy Poppy- National Home, this year continues to be full of challenges on how we spread the word to promote both programs, hopefully by March we can start up again and finish the year strong.

#### Buddy Poppy

The virus has slowed or stop all of us but as things slowly get going again, we will all need to try to distribute the poppies to spread the word what the Buddy Poppy does for our veterans, families, and the great things we do in our communities.

Some of you still need to order your Buddy Poppies to meet the year end requirements, and I know why we should order more Poppies when we have not us the ones we got, but this virus thing hopefully will not affect us much longer and we can start to get the word out of what the Buddy Poppy means and does. It is never too early to start thinking what your Buddy Poppy display will be for the 2021 state convention.

Remember that from sales of Buddy Poppies to the local 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 at the local level does go to support veterans' programs across the state/nation.

#### 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 to-

gether. They offer case management services to help Families establish plans and set goals, education, recreation, and enrichment opportunities for parents and children, as well as free housing and day-care.

This year at Western Conference in Cheyenne, last November the Department of Colorado, was giving the responsibility to do a skit and short program on Buddy Poppy/ National home, people we rocked it. We did a skit of children on what they like best at the home, then we gave short talks on the meaning and functions of the two programs. When we were giving the talk on Buddy Poppy, we had our members going thru the audience with lollipop shaped balls on sticks loaded with Buddy Poppies and had a small cup for donations, we raised over \$350 dollars, great job Colorado.

Remember lifetime membership to National Home cost \$ 50.00.

Also, individuals can make donations to National Home. Its not just a local auxiliary, district or department thing to do. What a way to remember a sister or brother that has passed by buying a brick.

We will not continue at COA the small parades of homes with the virus it just has not worked this year. Let us just hope we can have an in person COA, if not Zoom COA is a good way for all to stay connected.

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

Stay well and safe till we all can meet again.

Ron Boone  
Buddy Poppy- National Home  
Chairperson

### Legislative

Happy New Year Sisters and Brothers,

Another election cycle has been completed with the certification of the Electoral College and the United States Congress, however, it was not without controversy. We have new leadership at all levels. Be sure you update your email addresses to reflect the changes. In a few weeks the new President and Vice President will be inaugurated. I hope you will join me in congratulating these men and women who will be making a difference in the lives of our veterans and their families.

In the last quarter of the year, several pieces of legislation passed into law to improve the quality of life for our veterans and their families. Three Agent Orange presumptive diseases were added in the final version of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2021. The Senate and the House passed the fiscal year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, and then overrode a Presidential veto to enact the bill. A bill I had some personal interest in, HR4526 (Brian Tally VA Employment Transparency Act) was passed and signed into law by the President. This closed a 74 year old legal loophole that affected thousands of our veterans.

The VFW Priority Goals for 2021 will

soon be published. This important resource tool provides us the legislative goals and guidance that enables us to speak in a "unified" voice for our veterans and their families to effect changes that improve their quality of life.

If you have not yet signed up for the VFW Action Corps please do this ASAP! This will keep you informed about what legislation is affecting our veterans in Washington, D.C.

Here is some information on what the VFW will be presenting to the new Congress:

<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service/congressional-testimony/2020/12/identifying-congressional-and-administrative-priorities-for-the-next-congress>

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  
Legislative Chairman

Check the VFW Colorado Web Page for  
State Convention Information

Email [ann@vfwco.org](mailto:ann@vfwco.org) if you plan on attending



### Membership 2020-2021

#### THINK OF MEMBERSHIP AS AN EVERYDAY PROGRAM AND COMMUNICATE ITS SIGNIFICANCE

You must be excited about this Program to get your membership encouraged by your excitement. One way to do this is help them understand numbers matter so much. When advocating for our veterans in Washington, D.C., to be heard, our membership needs to remain strong.

If doing a joint membership booth, ask a Service Officer to join you. Our Service Officers are good to have on hand not only for eligibility questions, but if there is a veteran who needs assistance with claims or anything related to the VA,

#### Chief of Staff and Extension

As we ring in 2021, I hope all of you were able to enjoy the holidays and, although Christmas, 2020, was much different than anyone could have imagined, being with close loved ones was a blessing. As January begins, we have three months until our reporting year is over. Because of the outbreak of the Corona Virus most of our normal became very abnormal and as the country began shutting down, the effects on our organizations took on a totally different look. We have had to re-image how to conduct our meetings to keep our members safe. Many meetings have been canceled, due to size restriction guidelines from our Governor. Not only Auxiliary meetings, but District meetings and Department meetings have been affected. I know that you all are doing the best you can to support our programs and our Veterans and communities. At our August COA, there was a “Guidelines for Keeping an Auxiliary Healthy” form for each President. I have received some of these, but I am asking each President to fill this

(that) can be given immediately or directed to the appropriate person.

Other opportunities include finding ways to start conversations about patriotism with youth and their families and teaming up on recruiting challenge goals and recognition.

We are all here for the purpose of our veterans, their families and the communities we live in.

All in all, we are in this together, And together we understand that membership numbers are not just about reaching 100%, but about how we all support veterans and the goals of the VFW.

When Auxiliaries and Posts can resume business as usual and regular in-person interaction is safe to resume, we can again partner together.

form out and I would like to have them sent or emailed to me by March 15<sup>th</sup> so I can get Certificates of Good Health sent. I also included a copy of the 2020-2021 Year End Report for Chief of Staff. I will ask you to report to me, by March 31<sup>st</sup>, how many Good Job Awards you presented and why. Also, please report how the Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation guidebook has helped your Auxiliary. One of the duties of Chief of Staff is to reach out and contact unaffiliated Posts and try to establish new Auxiliaries. Unfortunately, with the restrictions on meetings, travel, personal contact, and general shutdowns, this has become a futile endeavor this year. Please continue to do what you can in this difficult time, but remember, the safety of your members must come first. Also continue to follow the state guidelines, wear a mask, social distance and pray that 2021 will start a return to normalcy.

Shelley Schlieman  
Department Chief of Staff/Extension

#### Hospital Program

What a year we’ve had so far!

This is a quote for us to think about. “You don’t make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas.” - Shirley Chisholm

This was written in Dec, I hope you saw the item I had asked to be put on our Face-book page Co VFW Auxiliary about getting set up for what can be done for your area VA Hospitals and CLCs as well as at all Hospitals and Nursing Home/care centers. Many of them have Veterans, but Please, do not forget the other residents. How would you feel if you were excluded from things/events?? Yes, we are for Veterans, but we are also here for our communities!

National Salute to Veteran Patients week falls during Valentines Day. The 2021 date is Feb 14-20. Check with who you plan on doing anything (including cards) as many want items there in a quarantine time frame. Still have time!

Have you been putting out/passing on any info on the VA and Women’s Health Benefits? No reports have come in about

any of this. Did you do it by an item in your newsletter? Flyers? etc...

March 31<sup>st</sup> is the end of the Auxiliary reporting Year. Please get any and all work that you have completed turned in! Please have everything turned in by April 5<sup>th</sup>. When you do turn in the information, please do a separate one for what the Aux did and one for the Post. Yes it does all get turned in to National as one report, but to be able to do up any awards, we need just the Aux’s part. You could do a good break down on the comment section if you do just one report for both.

I know from talking with some of you, that you are still doing a lot!! The 2021-2022 Reporting Year, is April 1, 2021 - Mar 31, 2022 for the Aux. The Post is May 1 - Apr 30, so do not stop reporting! They need that info for what you do in April (Easter is Apr 4<sup>th</sup>) so report all work that you complete then. It is easier to remember what all was done if you report as soon as it is done.

Rena Cales  
Dept VFW Auxiliary Hospital Chairman

### Auxiliary Membership by District as of January 29, 2021

Number	City	2020	2021	%	Number	City	2020	2021	%
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>					<b>DISTRICT #8</b>				
1	Denver	191	185	97	859	Leadville	25	22	88
501	Denver	143	137	96	11411	Lake George	47	47	100*
2461	Denver	105	98	93	12009	Conifer	32	31	97
2797	Denver	40	38	95		TOTAL	104	100	96%
5061	Denver	142	122	86	<b>DISTRICT #9</b>				
	TOTAL	621	580	93%	4264	Stmbt Spgs	29	28	97
<b>DISTRICT #2</b>					4265	Craig	45	42	93
2788	Penrose	40	34	85	5843	Meeker	33	30	91
3641	Pueblo	78	50	64	9374	Kremmling	22	22	100*
4061	Canon City	128	127	99		TOTAL	129	122	95%
5812	Pueblo West	53	39	74	<b>DISTRICT #10</b>				
7305	Colo. City	23	20	87	322	Englewood	81	78	96
	TOTAL	322	270	84%	3471	Morrison	46	44	96
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>					3631	Aurora	100	95	95
41	Loveland	120	114	95	4171	Golden	310	292	94
1771	Lafayette	284	266	94	4331	Arvada	133	126	95
1781	Ft. Collins	118	111	94	4444	Cmmrc City	174	166	95
2121	Greeley	101	98	97	7945	Thornton	271	266	98
2585	Johnstown	68	66	97	9644	Fort Logan	329	321	98
2601	Longmont	204	190	93		TOTAL	1444	1388	96%
4334	Ault	39	39	100*	<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				
6624	Evans	208	198	95	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	82	79	96
12189	Berthoud	21	17	81	3571	Delta	56	56	100*
	TOTAL	1163	1099	95%	3981	Grnd Jcnctn	37	42	114*
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>					9221	Cedaredge	57	52	91
2551	Ft. Morgan	122	124	102*	9333	Hotchkiss	22	15	68
3541	Sterling	56	51	91		TOTAL	254	244	96%
4671	Wray	26	26	100*	<b>DISTRICT #12</b>				
	TOTAL	204	201	99%	4031	Durango	107	105	98
<b>DISTRICT #5</b>					5181	Dove Creek	36	32	89
101	Colo. Spgs.	80	75	94	5231	Mancos	60	58	97
3917	Security	192	175	92		TOTAL	203	195	96%
4051	Colo. Spgs	249	233	94	<b>DISTRICT #13</b>				
5221	Calhan	26	26	100*	3411	Kit Carson	22	22	100*
6461	Fountain	139	136	98	6491	Burlington	16	16	100*
7829	Monument	63	65	103*	6612	Hugo	39	38	97
	TOTAL	749	710	95%		TOTAL	77	76	99%
<b>DISTRICT #6</b>					15006	At Large	603	565	94%
336	Ordway	73	70	96	<b>TOTAL DEPT. 6,262 5,915 94%</b>				
2411	LasAnimas	113	110	97	<b>Please send in your 2021 Dues!</b>				
	TOTAL	186	180	97%	<b>Be 100% in 2020 - 2021</b>				
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>					<b>“You Can Do It”</b>				
899	Alamosa	51	39	76	<b>Community Outreach Program</b>				
4849	La Jara	41	37	90	It is hard to believe that we are now in 2021. We have had a busy and unusual 2020 year. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year as we go into this new year with renewed hope and enthusiasm. The support for this new program has been overwhelming during the Covid-19 crisis and all of you deserve a pat on the back!				
8121	So Fork	111	109	98	Thank you for all your volunteer time and efforts throughout this year and over the holidays. Your reporting has shown how much you are involved in your communities. I would like to share some of the Auxiliary activities and events that has been going on in Colorado:				
	TOTAL	203	185	91%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- providing food cards, providing appliances and furniture to families, helping family members with cancer patients; working with special need individuals and sending cards to shut-ins.</li> </ul>				

As you can see even with the Covid-19 restrictions our Auxiliary members are out there doing what they can to be involved within their communities. There are many more activities and events that our members have given time with their voluntarism. I am looking forward in the next few months to see from reports how you are working in your local areas and what other types of activities are going on.

Thank you again for all your time and thoughtfulness to be involved and I know you will keep up all the good work you are doing. Please continue to share your ideas! If there is anything you would like me to help with or have questions, please feel free to contact me at any time by phone, email or text. We are out there showing our “Mile High Smiles for Veterans” as we continue “Honoring Our Mission to Serve Veterans”. Take care and be Safe!

Linda Reinbold  
Community Outreach Chairman



Aux 1771: Rita Olivas, Dorothy Smith, Phyllis Whitley  
Aux 2461: Bernice Jaffe  
Aux 4265: Clara Stewart

## Americanism

The holidays are over and I hope that all of you had a Spooky Halloween, a Bountiful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year!

Now 2021 is here and it is time for us to get busy again! We are in crunch time to meet our goals in all of the programs. One goal for Americanism coming up soon with a deadline of March 15<sup>th</sup> is the Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Our goal is to recruit at least one nomination for this award, work with the schools in your communities. Talk with the students, the principals, the superintendents and fellow teachers. Have them nominate a teacher that meets the criteria. The details can be found in the 2020/2021 Program Book or on line at the Colorado website.

Thank you for all of the reports that have been sent in. It is very evident that you are all working hard to promote Americanism in Colorado!

As the new fiscal year begins, now is the time that our Patriotism and Americanism needs to be stronger than ever! I don't care what your political views are – we are all Americans and we need to stand strong and be proud to be an American!

Our nation is in turmoil at this time – Americans fighting and killing Americans; media spouting untruths, no one knows who or what to believe; a virus that is killing people, causing others to live in fear and isolation; churches

closed or fined for holding services; funerals canceled; families not allowed to be together; increased crime, domestic violence, suicides; businesses closing; dreams shattered....the list goes on and on.

I remember America the day and months after 9/11/2001! American flags flying proudly everywhere! People helping strangers! Church doors opening their doors to everyone! First responders and Veterans honored and thanked! America – proud and strong!

Let's all be America proud again! Today, tomorrow, next week, next year! Fly your flag, wear your RED (Remember Everyone Deployed) shirts, support our Veterans and stand up strong for America! We, as Auxiliary members, need to convey the meaning of Americanism and Patriotism to anyone who will listen. We need Congress to listen to what we have to say. We need to stand up and fight for our liberties and freedoms as they are slowly being taken away. Let your neighbor, co-workers, and anyone else you talk to know how proud we are of our country and our Veterans. Let everyone know that as an Auxiliary we will stand strong and support our country, our Veterans and their families past, present and future. GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

Queenie Barz  
Department American Chairman

## Mentoring

Does your Auxiliary have a wonderful mentor? Is this person always there to help and guide you in a helpful and positive way? Wouldn't you like to nominate this member as an outstanding mentor? You can find the form under resources on the VFW Auxiliary web page.

Need help? You can e-mail me ; cerylant@comcast.net, or phone me at (970) 669-1832 leave a message if no answer, this is a land line. I can certainly provide you with the form so that you can nominate this special person that is keeping our Auxiliary going strong by mentoring. The form must be to me no later than March 31, 2021.

Is your auxiliary having an anniversary celebration? Milestone years are great and deserve special attention, please also think about an every year event to commemorate when your auxiliary was instituted. Sharing pictures and memories

## All State Achievement Program

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

Here's to an awesome new year! As we say hello to 2021 and goodbye to 2020, let's think positive and look forward to doing more for our Veterans and their families than what the restrictions have allowed us to do during the past months. As we have told you during Council of Administration weekends, the All State Achievement Committee will be meeting soon to discuss the requirements for the program, both at the Auxiliary and District levels. We will be discussing how to address the issues that the Covid-19 restriction guidelines have prevented some of the requirements of the program from being completed. We realize that this year has been both challenging and frustrating because of the Covid-19 restrictions. If you would like to address any problems

or concerns you have with any of the requirements, please send me an email at [papajoash@gmail.com](mailto:papajoash@gmail.com). I will be sharing all communications with the committee members at this meeting. Our goal is to make sure we take all issues into consideration, in order to make sure Auxiliaries and Districts are NOT penalized for following Covid-19 restriction guidelines, which in turn prevented completion of some of the All State Achievement Program requirements. I look forward to hearing from you. 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  
All State Achievement Chairman

## Scholarship

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As we welcome in the new year of 2021, may we have less challenges and more opportunities to help Veterans and their families. The Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests have moved on to the National level. Great job for your participation and all your hard work you do for these programs. Our other scholarship contests deadlines are quickly approaching, they 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](mailto: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](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships). For more information or questions about each contest's rules/ regulations, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you all for the hard work and all the volunteering you do to support our Veterans and their families. 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

## Veterans And Military Support

Hello 2021 and good by 2020!

While it seems like we're seeing a light at the end of the tunnel, that light is several months ahead of us and we probably won't see any opening up of our Veterans Centers before the end of our reporting year.

After so many years of knowing what work was in store for us throughout the year, we have been forced to put on our thinking caps and figure out new ways to aid our Veterans and their families without actually seeing them most of the time. This is very hard work.

I think one of the most difficult hurdles we've met this year is funding our endeavors to aid our vets. With our bingo shut down and other fundraisers like

poppy donations and community fund raisers not possible the purse strings are very tight unless you came into this pandemic with a healthy relief fund.

Never the less, from the reporting I'm seeing, most of our Colorado auxiliaries are doing magnificently!

Keep up the good work and make sure you are reporting all monetary donations to NVS, MAP and Unmet Needs and other programs like CABA where usually just a check is sent.

Hopefully there's a state convention this year where we can all get together and reap the rewards of all our hard work. Till then,

Shelly Hall  
Veteran and Family Support Chairman

## Youth Program

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers!

And just like that, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years have passed us all on by! This means that time is flying on by, but it also means that we are that much closer to the end of our program year. So, with that said there are a few dates that should be kept in mind.

Did you warm up those vocal cords and help our youth to Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue! singing contest? If so, remember to get those entries in no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> to the local auxiliary and to Department no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>. Those auxiliaries who do submit an entry will receive a citation from National Headquarters, but one auxiliary from each of the four conferences, will receive a citation and \$25 for the best promotion of the Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue! singing contest.

Swirls of color and images of the past come together to illustrate America, in our Illustrating America Contest. This contest is open to grades 1-8 and is to be two-dimensional artwork. The deadline for entries is March 31<sup>st</sup> to local auxiliaries, and April 15<sup>th</sup> to Department.

We are living in some spectacular moments right now, living history, if you will. There is still plenty of time to get

our youth to participate in the literacy program, whether you donate, read to a class over zoom or maybe even get a class/group to write their own short story about the history they are getting to experience. How FANTASTIC would it be to showcase those writings and for them to be able to look back at those writings when they are older and be able to remember what they experienced?

If your auxiliary hasn't been able to participate in youth activities, there is still time and so much that can be done. We are living through some major historical moments, get creative and incorporate them into ways that our youth can become involved, whether it be through the Illustrating America contest, the Patriotism through Literacy program, or the Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue! singing contest, the opportunities are endless, even if we are close to the end of our program year, there is still ample time to get our youth involved. Let's keep our youth involved and let's finish the year strong! Create those memories that our youth will remember for years to come.

Best Wishes,  
Nadia Flores  
Department Youth Activities Chairman