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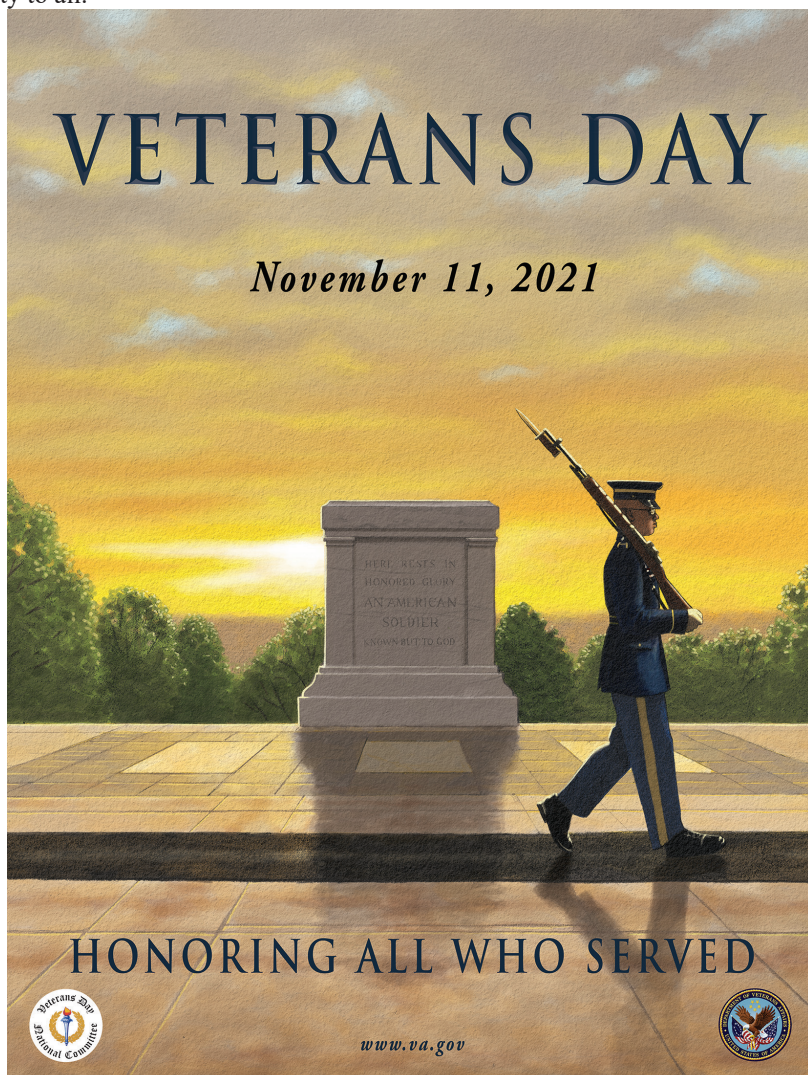
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2021 National Veterans Day Poster Contest Winner

The theme for Veterans Day 2021 is centered on the centennial commemoration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Located at Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb was initially dedicated by the Army on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921, with the burial of an unknown service member from World War I. Over the past century, additional unknowns have been buried at the Tomb, and the site has become a people's memorial that inspires reflection on service, valor, sacrifice and mourning. This year's Veterans Day poster competition asks artists to envision a design that evokes elements of the history, legacy, and meaning of the Tomb during its centennial anniversary. Whether inspired by historic images of the Tomb, the ceremonies and rituals that take place at the site, or the physical Tomb itself, artists should interpret the Tomb's centennial in a way that honors its past and recognizes its continued importance in American society to all.



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

This year's airlift is going back to the normal dates in December. Last year we tried to go out in November because in the past recent years the weather in December has cause some logistical problems. Well guess what...it did the same to us in November, so we decided to move closer to Christmas again this year.

2021 AIRLIFT SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH, 2021

The Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA), Metropolitan State University Aviation students and Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsors this tenth annual holiday Food and Toy airlift to VFW Posts in Colorado.

Last Year's airlift stats:

1175 veterans and family members were recipients.
30 aircraft flew product to VFW Posts distributing 8,089 lbs.

Once again, we ask for your personal and/or Post, District Department of cash, food and toys to be deliv-

ered to Department HQ, 1400 Carr St. Lakewood, CO 80214. Just a side note on the donations. I was asked at a district meeting how much of the cash goes to veterans and their families. The answer is **100%**. All the pilots donate their time and fuel, and all the help is volunteers from CABA, VFW and other individuals who just want to help.

Please make checks out to **Department VFW** and add in the memo section "CABA".

We will be staging at Centennial Airport for the airlift December 3rd and 4th.

If your Post or Auxiliary would like to have planes deliver these items to an airport in your post area, please contact the Chairman to make these arrangements or have any questions about the project.

Ron Davies PDC
Chairman Veteran's Holiday Airlift project
rdaviesics@comcast.net
303-419-0472



IN MEMORIAM

Past Department Commander
Steven Rylant
2008-2009

REST IN PEACE
Your work is done - You've been set free



NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

3	11/14/21 Sunday	Post No.1771 Lafayette	11:00 Training 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Christopher Linski
5	11/14/21 Sunday	Post No. 3917 Security	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Memorial Service Jnt Meeting & Meeting to follow	Kevin Reinhold
6	11/13/21 Saturday	Post No. 336 Ordway	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Barbara Green
7	11/21/21 Sunday	Post No. 6101 San Luis	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Geraldine Rimpley
11	11/06/21 Sunday	Post No. 4663 Clifton	11:30 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	John Loring
12	11/20/21 Saturday	Post No. 4031 Durango	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Geraldine Rimpley
13	11/21/21 Sunday	Post No. 3411 Kit Carson	2:30 PM Meeting Snacks to follow	Barbara Green

*****Western Conference Nov 4 – Nov 7 RENO, NV
 *****Veterans Day NOV 11
 *****Thanksgiving Nov 25 (Office closed Thursday and Friday)

JANUARY DISTRICT MEETINGS

1	1/22/22 Saturday	Post No. 5061 Denver	10:00 am Meeting to follow
2	1/08/22 Saturday	Post No. 2788 Penrose	11:30 am Jt Meeting 12:00 noon Meal Meeting to follow
3	1/09/22 Sunday	Post No. 4334 Ault	12:00 noon Meal Voice of Democracy Patriot's Pen & Teacher Awards Meeting to follow
8	1/15/22 Saturday	Post No. 12009 Conifer	12:00 noon Meal Jnt Meeting & Meeting to follow
9	1/22/22 Saturday	Post No. 4265 Craig	12 noon Meal Meeting to follow
10	1/16/22 Sunday	Post No. 7945 Thornton	12:00 noon Meal Jnt Meeting & Meeting to follow

January 21-23 - Voice of Democracy Weekend

**DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE
IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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.

We have been busy with grant requests. If we continue at this pace, we will be out of funds by December. Our Funding source: Primarily comes from the VFW Auxiliaries- some of our members their families and friends, Employee Contributions through their employers with matching funds. We also apply for the Veterans Trust Fund Grant (Colorado Tobacco Funds) this is how we can help Colorado's Veterans.

Grant Assistance we have provided to Colorado's Veterans and their families: Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (July 1st thru September 30th): Assistance Provided \$21,777.87. Grants Processed 28, Grants Approved 22, Grants Declined 3.

Our Impact on Veterans Lives: Assistance has been granted to a female veteran leaving an abusive relationship- trying to rebuild her life as well as that of her children. This case needed additional resources Not just the financial help the foundation could provide- but the additional assistance provided to help this woman and her children. It was a collaboration of other Non-Profits, VFW Posts and Auxiliaries coming together to ensure this veteran and her children were safe and cared for.

THIS IS WHAT WE DO. THIS IS WHY "VFW DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"

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

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

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

Colorado VFW Foundation Board of Directors



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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,
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Commander's Column Barbara Green



For this edition of the Colorado Veteran I want to discuss the All American criteria for Posts along with the All State points structure. National Commander Fritz

Mihelcic has published criteria for Posts to become All American. Any comments made in this article regarding the program are mine alone.

1. Membership greater than 100%
2. Voice of Democracy at least one entry per Post to District
3. Patriot Pen at least one entry per Post to District
4. Fundraiser with at least \$100 going to Veterans and Military Services
5. Partner two times with two separate organizations – some examples – Team RWB; Operation Ramp It Up; Operation Gratitude; Team Rubicon; Sports Clips and Burger King. My Post has permission to partner with Crossroads Ministries USA to work on programs to benefit elderly in assisted living facilities and nursing homes. We plan to help with their annual "Operation Golden Christmas". So the partnerships do not need to be veteran oriented.
6. Create a Post Facebook page or actively maintain an existing Facebook page. For new Facebook pages they must be in place by 31 December
7. Recruit five new Action Corps members by signing them up on the National website. This requirement is based on the honor system you do not need to include names of whom is signed up.
8. 10% increase in Community Service. A baseline has been established and Rita at Department Headquarters keeps track of information submitted. This baseline should be available on the "KPI" tools on the dashboard

In a recent "Zoom" meeting with Commander Mihelcic, he is not bending on any of the above requirements at this time. We know from last year that changes could take place but of now try your best to complete the above requirements.

However if All American does not

seem obtainable please consider trying for "All State". The following point scale is:

1. Membership must be 100% plus one
2. For each membership recruiting event 10 points each
3. Buddy Poppy purchase increase by 20% 10 points
4. Quartermaster holds Trustee School of Instruction 10 points
5. National Home Fundraiser or donate at least \$25 5 points
6. Audits submitted correctly and on time 5 points each
7. Each VMS fundraiser or donate \$25 5 points each
8. Submit one Public Servant Award nominee 5 points
9. Each Voice of Democracy submission District 2 points each
10. Each Patriot Pen submission to District 2 points each
11. Chaplain of the Year submission to Department 5 points
12. Scout of the Year submission to Department 5 points
13. Five new Action Corps members 2 points
14. Assist Auxiliary with their Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship Program 5 points
15. Each Council of Administration meeting attended By Commander 5 points
16. Sr. Vice Commander attends one COA meeting 5 points
17. Commander or Sr. Vice Commander attends COA Workshop 5 points
18. Quartermaster attends COA workshop 5 points
19. Each new or reinstated member recruited by Post Commander 2 points
20. Each new or reinstated member recruited by Post Quartermaster 2 points

Some of your might wonder why I am wasting space with this information that is readily available on the Department or National websites but just in case you have not found the information in those locations here it is.

Sincerely
Barbara Green
Department Commander



**2020 - 2021 All-State Captain
District 11 Commander
Leonard Ladue**



**2020-2021 All- State Co-Captain
District 3 Commander
Fred Scheck**

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 distribution and other donations.

Also, a dues reserve is no longer required except at Department level. 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. That is the yellow pages.

Finally, when you file your 990s, SOS filing, and property insurance, if needed, please forward a copy to Department. We will keep it on file in case it is ever needed.

Please stay safe and out of Harms way.

Bruce R. Dolan
State Quartermaster

Chaplain Column Kevin Reinhold



Comrades and Auxiliary,

We hope to find everyone in good spirits and looking after each other. Winter is just around the corner. Winter is God giving

us time to rest. A time to reflect on what He has and is doing in our lives.

As we continue through this pandemic, I would like to share a little from the Bible. The Bible tells us about pandemic diseases. Outbreak of the coronavirus, has made many people ask why God allows pandemic diseases and whether such illnesses are a sign of the end of times. The Bible describes numerous times when God brought plagues and diseases on His people to make us see His power. Exodus 9:14; "For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth." Exodus 9:16; "But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth." God used plagues on Egypt to force Pharaoh to free the Israelites from bondage, while sparing His people from being affected by them, Exodus 12:13; "The blood shall

be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. Exodus 15:26, saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer." Thus indicating His sovereign control over diseases and other afflictions.

The pandemic may or may not be tied to God's specific judgment of sin. It could also simply be the result of living in a fallen world. Because we don't know the time of Jesus return, we have to be careful when we are saying global pandemics are proof that we are living in the end of times. For anyone that does not know Jesus Christ as Savior, disease should be a reminder that life on earth is tenuous and can be lost at any moment.

May our Lord watch over you as we continue through this pandemic.

Kevin Reinhold
State Chaplain

VFW POST #1 122nd FOUNDERS DAY GALA

**VFW SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
TIMOTHY BORLAND
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 4, 2021
6:00 PM**

**SHERATON DENVER DOWNTOWN HOTEL
1550 COURT PLACE, DENVER, CO**

**\$75.00 Veterans Ticket (plus \$4.81 fee)
\$165.00 VFW Members Couples Admission (plus \$9.37 fee)
\$200.00 Couples General Admission (plus \$11.14 fee)
\$125.00 Single General Admission (plus \$7.34 fee)**

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

General Orders No. 2
 November 1, 2021 Series: 2021-2022

1. **Post & District Inspections** should be completed by December 31, 2021. Send all three (3) copies to Department 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. It is the obligation of every member to **GET OUT AND VOTE** for the candidates of their choice. Take a friend or friends with you to the voting place. Election Day is November 2nd and you must be registered to exercise your right to vote.

4. **Post Quartermaster and District Quartermaster Bonds** expired August 31, 2021. 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 was due to be at Department Headquarters on October 25, 2021 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 purchase the revised By-Laws and Ritual 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 2018-2019, 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.

Attest:
 Bruce R. Dolan
 State Adjutant

By Command Of:
 Barbara Green.
 State Commander



Longs Peak VFW Post 2601
Longmont, CO

Raising the U S Flag at their new Post Home

Cmdr. Garry Wilson
Qm. Leon Bartholomay
Color Guard Captain: Brian Jurgens

A month in the life of the Colorado State Commander:

1 September: Chef of Staff Tony Archer and I did yard work at a widow's home. Mrs. Blaisdel was very appreciative of our efforts.

1 September: Husband Bob and I went to a 9-11 Commemoration and Kenny Loggins concert at "Mile High" Broncos Stadium. The Governor, both Senators, Denver Mayor, John Elway and Peyton Manning were in attendance. Before the event there was a procession of bagpipes, first responders and medical personnel. Four Chaplains of different faiths led Prayers and the Benediction. Taps were sounded in an echo format – very impressive. The concert was good also.

10-12 September: I drove to Cortez to attend District 12's meeting. Great people and great food. On the way to Cortez I stopped at Mesa Verde National Park. And I won the Auxiliary door prize – a beautiful patriotic wreath.

16 September: Attended the Lakewood Veterans Fair with Steve and Tony from the Service Office. They were at the table giving out good information to vet-

erans in attendance. I recruited one new member for the Golden Post.

22 September: Went to the funeral of Past Department Commander Steve Rylant which was held at the Cheyenne Wyoming National Cemetery. Afterwards a nice reception was held at the Loveland Post.

29 September: First was a quick trip to Department Headquarters to sign checks, then in the evening, John Holland, Steve Kjonas and I went to the "Jackyl" concert in Colorado Springs. During the concert I presented Jesse James Dupree a check from Colorado for \$16,327 for Veterans and Military Support. Some of this donation came from two anonymous donors. I guess Colorado has "set the bar" for VMS donations from other states. Before the concert we had a nice visit with Jesse and met the other members of his band.

Busy, but productive month.

Sincerely
 Barbara Green
 State Commander

2020 - 2021 All-American Commanders

<p>District 3 Commander District 11 Commander Post 1 Commander Post 41 Commander Post 101 Commander Post 2121 Commander Post 2601 Commander Post 4061 Commander Post 4171 Commander Post 6624 Commander Post 9565 Commander Post 10721 Commander</p>	<p>Fredric J. Scheck Leonard P. Ladue John Keene Thomas E. Parker Danielle L. Depaolis Juan L. Gutierrez Garry R Wilson Edward H. Williamson John Johnson Robert S. Phillips David H. Rocholi Alfredo Zepeda</p>
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WREATHS ON SALE NOW

By Kathleen Tomlin

Las Animas VFW Auxiliary #2411 has kicked off their 13th annual Wreath's Across America project. The National Theme this year is, "**We stand on the shoulders of the heroes that come before us – LIVE UP TO THEIR LEGACY!**"

The Auxiliary is selling \$15.00 wreaths for Fort Lyon National Cemetery; Bent County/Las Animas Cemetery; and Peaceful Valley Cemetery on the Smith Ranch. The Auxiliary receives \$5.00 for each wreath sold, and then in turn use this to help veteran projects in our area. Last year your donations helped us support the VFW Post in a time of need; provided Christmas gifts for area poor veterans families; Fort Lyon veterans; Bent County Community Healthcare Center veterans; and the VA Pueblo Care Center in Pueblo, and many more projects. You may order wreaths for other cemeteries, pick them up at Fort Lyon, or Las Animas and distribute to your loved one's graves in the area.

We have 620 veterans' graves at Bent County/Las Animas Cemetery and approximately 2300 interred at Fort Lyon National Cemetery. The Ceremony and simultaneous laying of all wreaths at all locations nationwide, at sea, and abroad, will be held on **December 18, 2020**. Everyone is encouraged to attend the wreath laying ceremony at Fort Lyon National Cemetery at 10:00 am, then help lay the wreaths at Fort Lyon and

Bent County/Las Animas Cemeteries. Deadline for ordering wreaths is before Thanksgiving. Please contact Kathleen Tomlin at 719-456-2948 or any VFW Auxiliary Committee Members – Cheri Martenson, Dianna Robinson, and Sandra Milenski, if you wish to order a wreath. Forms are available at Val-U-Med Pharmacy or Kuhns Chiropractic Clinic. Darla Youngblood is the Area Coordinator for Wreaths Across America and she can be reached at 303-670-9077.



VFW Post Membership by District as of October 25, 2021

Number/ City	2021	2022	%	Number/City	2021	2022	%
DISTRICT #1							
1 Denver	945	776	82	859 Leadville	32	25	78
501 Denver	280	238	85	1166 Buena Vista	125	116	93
2461 Denver	113	106	94	3820 Salida	71	56	79
5061 Denver	255	227	97	8661 Bailey	118	110	93
TOTAL	1593	1347	98%	10721 Minturn	138	98	71
DISTRICT #2							
2788 Penrose	97	84	87	11411 Lake George	40	40	100*
3641 Pueblo	103	88	85	12009 Conifer	119	95	80
4061 Canon City	263	224	85	TOTAL	643	540	84%
5812 Pueblo West	201	181	90	DISTRICT #9			
7305 Colo. City	45	43	96	4264 Steamt Spgs	93	79	85
8898 Boone	40	31	78	4265 Craig	113	96	84
12063 Westcliffe	48	43	90	5261 Rangely	27	14	52
TOTAL	797	694	87%	5843 Meeker	46	37	80
DISTRICT #3				9374 Kremmling	30	27	90
41 Loveland	295	250	85	TOTAL	309	253	82%
807 Boulder	39	32	82	DISTRICT #10			
1771 Lafayette	246	221	90	322 Englewood	104	94	90
1781 Ft. Collins	309	268	87	3471 Morrison	67	56	84
2121 Greeley	186	142	76	3631 Aurora	293	261	89
2585 Johnstown	185	151	82	4171 Golden	410	343	84
2601 Longmont	320	263	82	4266 Parker	74	67	91
4334 Ault	64	58	91	4331 Arvada	257	227	88
6624 Evans	229	195	85	4444 Cmmrc Cty	165	153	93
9565 Broomfield	107	88	82	4666 Littleton	117	110	94
12174 Brighton	33	22	67	7563 Black Hawk	28	20	71
12189 Berthoud	40	32	80	7945 Thornton	312	283	91
TOTAL	2053	1722	84%	8449 Bennett	52	34	65
DISTRICT #4				9644 Fort Logan	403	377	94
2551 Ft. Morgan	166	150	90	TOTAL	2282	2025	89%
3378 Yuma	57	55	96	DISTRICT #11			
3541 Sterling	90	82	91	784 Montrose	125	109	87
3551 Brush	33	32	97	1247 Grnd Jnctn	249	213	86
3961 Otis	14	14	100*	3571 Delta	54	41	76
4671 Wray	52	47	90	3981 Grnd Jnctn	176	130	74
6482 Holyoke	42	41	98	4663 Clifton	59	54	92
7153 Fleming	18	16	89	5485 Parachute	37	35	95
8064 Akron	44	31	70	9221 Cedaredge	95	82	86
TOTAL	516	468	91%	9304 Rifle	31	19	61
DISTRICT #5				9333 Hotchkiss	20	16	80
101 Colo. Spgs.	474	444	94	TOTAL	846	699	83%
3917 Security	574	505	88	DISTRICT #12			
4051 Colo. Spgs	556	496	89	4031 Durango	221	205	93
5221 Calhan	98	79	81	4181 Dove Creek	46	39	85
6051 Wldnd Park	51	43	84	5231 Mancos	143	143	100*
6461 Fountain	317	288	91	9058 Nucla	32	28	88
7829 Monument	149	123	83	TOTAL	442	415	94%
10649 Elizabeth	41	32	78	DISTRICT #13			
TOTAL	2260	2010	89%	3411 Kit Carson	19	18	95
DISTRICT #6				6491 Burlington	59	55	93
336 Ordway	81	75	93	6612 Hugo	31	31	87
2411 LasAnimas	71	66	93	9700 Chynn Wlls	24	21	88
4001 Springfield	32	29	91	TOTAL	133	121	91%
4281 Holly	23	20	87	DISTRICT #7			
TOTAL	207	190	92%	899 Alamosa	85	73	86
DISTRICT #7				4849 La Jara	44	43	98
899 Alamosa	85	73	86	6101 San Luis	55	48	87
4849 La Jara	44	43	98	8121 Del Norte	39	36	92
6101 San Luis	55	48	87	TOTAL	223	200	90%
8121 Del Norte	39	36	92	2022 dues are now DUE			
TOTAL	223	200	90%	Be 100% +1 in 2021-2022			

Membership 2021 - 2022

WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP

First of all, my name Ed Aitken and have been appointed to the Membership Team of the Department of Colorado by Commander Barbara Green,

Yes, I did say **TEAM** and that means every member of the Department are part of the team, meaning we come together to active a common goal 100%

The goal is to make our Posts, Districts and Department **All American**. And that is a doable task.

We need to change how we epoch young veterans to join our Posts. The old way was to tell them how great our post is. That is important but the driving force that brings new members. Let's try a different approach when visiting with a prospective member, in your words invite the veteran to join an elite group of veterans that lobby both State and National Congress and Senate to pass bills that

benefit the veterans. Pull the membership application out and ask them to fill it out. When the amount of dues come up give them your yearly cost. But **PLEASE** explain the payment plan with the down payment and 11 monthly installments, based on their age, they will become a Life Member and never have to pay dues again. And where ever they travel in the world they can visit a post.

I look forward to working with you in making our goal a reality.

Oh yes let's start an email group, send me your Name and email address and I will add you to the email **TEAM** and that way we all can take part in reaching our goal. My email is membership@vfwco.org

Best Regards
Edward T. Aitken Sr.,
State Membership Director

**THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR 2022 VFW DUES
KEEP COLORADO STRONG!!**

**Jr. Vice Column
John Keene**



Greetings Comrades,
I recently attended Junior Vice Commander training in Kansas City and, as they say, it was like drinking water from

a firehose. There is so much I'd like to share that I'll have to spread it out over the next few articles. My main take-away, however, was a better understanding of how all the parts of our organization function AND how they work together.

For example, by working the programs (VOD/Patriots Pen/Buddy Poppy) our Posts can engage with the community. By engaging with the community, we are able to tell a story. Put that story on your Post's Facebook page to show others how we are #StillServing, as the #StillServing message has been shown to resonate with younger veterans. Likewise, team up with other VSOs that are made up mostly of younger veterans, such as Team RWB or Team Rubicon, so your Post can show them what our organization has to offer.

Things like providing \$260,000 in Unmet Needs funds to 170 Colorado service members, and \$185,000 in scholarships to 40 Colorado student veterans. Or the fact that the National Veterans Service office recovered \$160M in claims in Colorado in 2018-2019. These numbers prove No One Does More for Veterans than the VFW.

To bring it full circle, by focusing on programs and telling our story other veterans will be inspired to join us, leading to organic recruiting opportunities. Recruiting is what gives our organization it's voice on Capitol Hill which, in turn, allows us to fulfill one of our original missions of securing additional benefits for all veterans.

A real eye-opener was a comment by Past Commander-in-Chief BJ Lawrence. He clearly stated it was because of our membership count that he was able to individually testify in front of Congress. If our membership numbers continue to

dwindle the VFW could find itself relegated to a table of a dozen or so smaller VSOs, thereby weakening our influence. We simply cannot let that happen. So work the programs!

On a lighter note, I also came away from the training with a golf bag, donated by Bridgestone/Firestone. They were the corporate sponsor for dinner upon arrival in Kansas City and I won their drawing. I then raffled the golf bag off at the October COA, raising \$331 for the Service Office. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to Kirk Rosa on winning.

Bridgestone/Firestone is a big supporter of veterans, and they offer discount tires which can be purchased through the VA Canteen Service. To take advantage of the program you can visit shopvcs.va.gov and click on "shop tires" or call 800-664-8258 to find a participating service center. From there you can buy the tires through VCS and have the service center install them (installation is additional).

Lastly, a big shout out to Post 1 member Joe Hickman. He presented information about the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) at a recent Post meeting. The Caregiver program allows eligible veterans to select someone to be their caregiver. The person selected by the veteran will receive training and, based on how much care per week is required, also a level of compensation. The stipend for a full-time caregiver in Denver could be as much as \$2880/month and the caregiver may gain access to CHAMPVA healthcare. This program can be very meaningful to a family member who may have already reduced their hours or quit a job to stay home and tend to a disabled veteran. To learn more and for assistance in completing the required VA Form 10-10CG, call 855-260-3274.

Cheers,
John Keene
State Jr. Vice Commander

**Surgeon Column
Christopher Linski**



The holidays are near! Remember that this time of year can often be the most difficult for our veterans and their families. Take the time to reach out to your

members, local veterans, and your community. One great opportunity is to reach out to local National Guard units that may not already be connected to a VFW Post or District. Not only can we continue to support our service members, but National Guard units are often overlooked in terms of eligible members. For any Post or District that is partic-

ipating in events at the VA Hospitals, Clinics, or Community Living Centers, please let me know. We would love the opportunity to assist, ensure local Post and District members are aware of the events, and potentially provide representation from myself or other Department officers. This year has been especially difficult for our ill, wounded, and aged veterans who may have been separated from their families during COVID restrictions. Let's leave no veteran behind.

Yours in Comradeship,
Christopher Linski, D.Mgt.
State Surgeon

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**FROM
ALL THE VFW STATE OFFICERS
AND CHAIRMAN**



Adjutant General Kevin Jones and State Commander Barbara Green presented Leonard Ladue with All-American District Commander Award for District 11 Cheyenne Mountain Council Meeting October 17th COA.



Adjutant General Kevin Jones and State Commander Barbara Green presented Fred Scheck with All-American District Commander Award for District 3 at Cheyenne Mountain Council Meeting October 17th.



Adj. General Kevin Jones and State Cmdr. Barbara Green presented John Keene with All-American Post Commander Award for John S. Stewart VFW 1, October 17th COA.



Adj. General Kevin Jones and State Cmdr. Barbara Green presented Thomas Parker with All-American Post Commander Award for Loveland VFW 41 October 17th COA.



Adj. General Kevin Jones and State Cmdr. Barbara Green presented Tony Archer with All-American Post Commander Award for Danielle Depaolis VFW 101, October 17th COA.



Adj. General Kevin Jones and State Cmdr. Barbara Green presented Garry Wilson with All-American Post Commander Award for Longmont VFW 2601, October 17th COA.



Adj. General Kevin Jones and State Cmdr. Barbara Green presented Leonard Ladue with All-American Post Commander Award for Western Slope VFW 3981 October 17th COA.



Adj. General Kevin Jones and State Cmdr. Barbara Green presented Edward Williamson with All-American Post Commander Award for Royal Gorge VFW 4061 October 17th COA.

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President's Column Lucille Chavez



Greetings everyone,
I hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather we are having.
Thank you to the Officers and Members for

joining us for the October Council of Administration, in Security, CO. Thank you to VFW Post and VFW Auxiliary 3917 for your hospitality.

My article will be about my Special Project:

My Special Project is the VFW Service Office. What do they do I am asked? Here is a little of what our Service Officer does and if not for them keeping the doors open with Donations, they would not be able to help our Veterans in need.

The VFW Service Officers and Claims Consultant are trained experts in helping Veterans develop their case with ease by reviewing and applying current law, pertinent legislation, regulations and medical histories.

They assist in filing for disability compensation, Veteran Readiness and Employment programs, pension and death benefits. They also request hearing and help the Veteran in filing appeals before the VA and Board of Appeals.

This is a FREE SERVICE offered to any Veteran- member or non-member that is seeking assistance with the claim process.

Who is Eligible to receive assistance:

- A Veteran
- A Veteran dependent
- A Surviving Spouse, child or parent of a deceased veteran
- An Active-duty military service member
- A member of the Reserves or National Guard

There are many benefits that the Veteran may receive from the VA. A few are:

Compensation: A benefit paid monthly due to a 10% or greater disability rating cause by your military service.

Pension: a monthly benefit you may receive if you are a wartime veteran with limited income, you are permanently and totally disabled or you are at least 65 years old.

Home Loans: VA offers various home-loan service to eligible veterans, some military personnel and certain surviving spouses.

Life Insurance: There are several different types of Life Insurance available for service-connected disabilities. The Service Officer can help you thru these guidelines.

Burial, Dependent and Survivors: The new burial regulations will permit VA to pay a flat rate, burial and plot or interment allowances thereby enabling VA to automate payment burial benefits to most eligible surviving spouses and more efficiently process other burial benefit claims. There are so many benefits that the Service Office can help you with.

I hope that this helps and explains the purpose and reason for the Service Office. Please understand that the VFW Service Office is not associated with the County Service Officers. Each county has service officers that are hired by the County and are paid a stipend by the State of Colorado and the County in which they serve. The Department of Colorado VFW Service Office does not receive any funding from the State of Colorado or the counties. We are asking for your support to continue the funding of the VFW Service Office.

If you have any questions or feel the Service Office can assist any Veteran with filing for their benefits, please call them at 303-914-5595 or email them at virginia.rosa@va.gov. They will be more than happy to speak with you.

If you would like to donate to the Service Officer Fund, please make your checks out to the Department of Colorado VFW and designate in the Memo line "Service Office".

I want to thank all our Auxiliary Chairman for their Outstanding Presentations they all did for our Parade of Programs at our COA in August and October. Congratulations! You were all Wonderful.

Thank you also to all our members who came to our COA and let me tell you, I personally think we all had a great time, and please continue with what you do for our Veterans.

Finally, I want to thank you all for the many phone calls, emails, texts and cards that our members reached out to myself and my Family on the passing of my Daughter Tanya Valdez. With your Condolences, thoughts and prayers, this helped us so much with our grieving process. You do not know how this helped us in so many ways. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything.

Until we meet again, please stay safe and God Bless!

"BATTING FOR VETERANS"

With Loyalty,
Lucille Chavez
VFW Auxiliary
Dept of Colorado President

Community Outreach Program

I have received many reports. Thank you to everyone keeping up on reporting your activities. The activities must not benefit the Post/Auxiliary. It cannot include things like cleaning the Post home, cooking a meal for a post/auxiliary fundraiser, Buddy Poppy distribution or church activities for one specific congregation and not the entire community. The only things that are to be counted on the report is your hours and miles. Cash donations are not counted, only hours and miles.

Here is a list of some of the things you can report.
Volunteering at food banks
Supporting Scouts

Assistance to elderly
Assistance to special needs
Volunteering at a soup kitchen
Adopt a street for cleaning

Participation in walks that benefit other organizations as an event spotter, water station, timekeeper, etc. Walking or running in the race does not count.

Please remember that your activities must not benefit your Post/Auxiliary. Again thank you for reporting your time volunteering in your Community. Your time makes a difference!

Pat Garcia
Community Outreach Chairman

Hospital Program

Changes! Mostly we do not like to have them. Think about some things that if there was no changes, how would our lives be. Lets take a tomato seed. In Spring, we plant the seed. If there was no changes it would just sit there. But we tend to it and it sprouts and starts to grow. As we progress into Summer it produces those tomatoes. Fall comes and we than harvest them, so we can have food for Winter. Changes can be good!

The Department and National Program Books are your guides to some changes. Please read them so you know if and what those changes might be. Some times it is adding or moving things in our programs. Maybe it is asking for you to report new things as I have this year. The things I asked you to report, yes it might mean a little bit of extra work for you, but it means a lot more work for me, but some of it will give National a more correct idea of What we are doing and How many are doing them. If the same two are sending out cards each month, that is not 24 members sending out cards, just two.

There are still many restrictions due to Covid, but sometimes we have to think

"Outside Of Our Circles" to be able to accomplish our good works. Maybe we can't go inside and visit the patients or residents, but is there somewhere you can at least smile, wave, have signs or such from outside the windows. How about dry erase markers, one set for inside and one for outside and play tick tack toe or hangman on the window. If you are taking goodies or other items, check with them first to make sure they will accept them and you might have to take them a few days earlier as they might want to quarantine them first.

Check with the hospitals, CLCs and nursing homes (they don't have to be VA's to count under Hospital) and see what you might be able to do. Maybe there is another way to hold that Veterans Day party, or for Christmas, Valentines, Easter or Just Because events. Then let me know as others might like to know what you are doing so they can do it in their area. Copying is the best form of flattery!

Rena Cales
Dept. Hospital Chairman

Veteran and Family Support

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers, By the time you receive this, it will be November. I hope everyone is enjoying the warm fall weather. I love the changing of the leaves and the holidays are creeping up on us very quickly.

With that in mind, let us not forget our homeless veterans. Each Auxiliary and District should be gathering items, donating money or their time to check on these homeless veterans in their neck of the woods. We want all areas of the state covered.

As spoken about at the October C.O.A., November is the month we recognize our Veteran and Family Caregivers. I provided suggestions on things we can do to show our appreciation. If you did not attend, please get with someone who was there or reach out to me via email and I will be happy to send you my list. Let's all take a minute and appreciate someone who does so much for someone else.

Please continue to support the below programs for Veterans and Family Support

- National Veterans Service (NVS)
- VFW Veterans & Military Support Program
- Military Assistance Program (MAP)
- Unmet Needs
- VFW "Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship" program
- Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness
- Mental Wellness Support and Resources, and our Women Veterans

We can all support our veterans with these numerous programs. I have information from the October C.O.A. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or need anything. bmdolan@live.com

From my family to yours, warmest wishes and the happiest of holidays!
Happy Veteran and Family Supporting!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM
ALL THE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
AND CHAIRMAN

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO
GENERAL ORDERS #2**

November 1, 2021

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 no 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 Lucille Chavez Special Project is the Colorado VFW Service Office. Proceeds from the sale of the Veteran Pin and donations will go to support this fund.

5. Suggested donations to Health and Happiness 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. The Department Hospital donation has changed to .75 per member. Both donations are based on your June 30, 2019 membership number.

6. District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents: Please be sure that all Districts and Auxiliaries have filed their 990N or other appropriate 990 return by November 15, 2021. A copy of the acceptance confirmation for the 990N should be sent to 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, 2021. 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 Ginny Rosa 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 of any changes of meeting dates, places, times and dues amounts. This form is available on the Colorado Department website at www.vfwco.org

10. District and Auxiliary Officers: All officers must hold a 2022 dues card or life dues card by December 31, 2021. Any officer or chairman who has not renewed their membership ceases to be a member in good standing on January 1, 2022 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 Street, 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 www.vfwco.org and in the Colorado Program Book.

12. Special Events: Please notify Department Secretary Ginny Rosa of an upcoming special event or celebration so that Department and District Officers may attend if available.

13. Auxiliary Treasurers: Membership Chairmen Judy Ladue asks that you please process 2022 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 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, 2021 through September 30, 2021 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 have attended the Parade of Programs at Golden and Security. The Program Chairmen did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that you were able to take something back to your Auxiliaries.

BY ORDER OF:
Lucille Chavez
Department President

ATTEST:
Ginny Rosa
Department Secretary

**Corrections to 2021 – 2022 Auxiliary Roster
As of 09/24/2021**

Page 1 – Conductress Holly Buchwalter address, 5443 Sparrow Hawk Way
Guard Heidi Bishop phone number and email, 719-588-6873
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Page 6 – Historian/Social Media Chairman – change
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Page 10 – District 2 Treasurer – change
Remove Audrey Quick
Add – Rita Kindell, Pro-tem

Page 15 – District 11 Chief of Staff – change
Remove Matthew Gallegos
Add Sandy Baker, 1767 1300 Road, Delta CO 81416
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Page 22 – Auxiliary 1781 Treasurer – change
Remove Renaie Day
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Page 25 – Auxiliary 2788 President email - d417436@aol.com

Page 40 – Auxiliary 7829 President email – VFWAUXMonument@gmail.com

Page 41 – Auxiliary 7945 President information
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Legislative

Hello Auxiliary Members!

I hope that this finds all of you well. Can you believe that we are already through our first quarter of reporting? I can't believe how fast time is flying.

This may not be a major election year, but we can still participate within our local governments, as many will be holding elections for council members and board members. These elections are just as important as a Presidential election, as these are the elections that will affect the veterans in your area at a more local and personal level. Make sure you are attending your city/town council meetings and let your council members and board members know what the veterans in your area need or programs that you would like to see started.

Don't forget to sign up for the VFW Action Corps, if you have not already

done so. This is a great way to keep up with everything that is happening at our nation's capital. It only takes a few minutes to sign up and is such a simple process. Sign up here: <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grass-roots-efforts>

Remember to report all that your auxiliary does with the legislative program, whether that be attending city/town council meetings, contacting your legislators, communicating with your elected officials in your area, and voting.

Thank you to all those that have already sent in legislative reports! Keep up all the good work and just know that all the hard work that you put into these programs is greatly appreciated!

Respectfully,
Nadia Flores
Legislative Chairman

Mentoring

You may be wondering how can Mentoring for Leadership benefit our Auxiliary? Knowledge, communication and working together helps any organization. Mentoring brings new, qualified and experienced members to leadership. By providing training and guidance to members, everyone can become more knowledgeable about the organization and able to contribute in their own unique ways.

As members, officers and chairmen we can actively mentor our current and newly joined members. Investing in training, guidance and sharing knowledge becomes a win-win situation for the Auxiliary. The mentoring process also shows we care for our members and how they can become more actively involved.

Mentoring for Leadership offers Training to members about: 1) Programs-provides a better understanding of them and how they help our veterans and families, 2) By-laws and Rituals to gain knowledge of procedures in the organization, 3) Traditions to provide an under-

standing of these, 4) Building on VFW Auxiliary Foundation a guidebook for officers, chairmen and members, and 5) VFW Auxiliary Mentoring Guide: Relationship Building for the Future a guide for mentoring.

Knowledge, sharing our experiences, and communication are the keys to encouraging our members to be actively involved. They will feel more confident and knowledgeable about the organization and how we are supporting our veterans and their families. When members are more involved and have a good understanding of the organization, they may feel more empowered to consider leadership opportunities.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. Also, please refer to the Chief of Staff article on keeping our Auxiliaries healthy. Together by "Batting for Veterans" we can "Soar Above and Beyond".

Linda Reinpold
Chairman Mentoring for Leadership
lindareinpold@q.com



Sherri Wright and Queenie Barz of VFW Auxiliary 5231 present the MIA/POW Missing Man Program at Mesa Trails Cowboy Church, Mancos, Colorado

Membership 2021-2022

BATTING FOR VETERANS

BATTER BATTER UP

Up batting this next weekend is all Auxiliaries who have made it to 50% retention. Names will be put in a pot and one Auxiliary drawn to get \$25.00 for their group. We will announce at our meeting where we are.

Have had no one saying they are carrying this theme on with their membership drives. One Auxiliary will be chosen at the end of this year for \$100.00. See what kind of ball park or game your Auxiliary can make.

Next COA meeting, hopefully, some "bats" have arrived and I will be giving out to Auxiliaries reaching 75% as well.

Will be doing more contacts with Auxiliaries in the next month or two. Any questions you may contact me at lenladue@gmail.com or 970-201-5791.

Best Regards and Good Luck,

Judy Ladue
Membership Chairperson

Chief of Staff and Extension

We are now a few months into the 2021-22 year. Hopefully, all District Auxiliaries and Auxiliaries are in good working order. Department Representatives are scheduling their District visits throughout the year. District Presidents should be scheduling their visits with each Auxiliary by December 31, 2021.

These visits are to reach out to Auxiliaries to maintain a healthy status and to see if there are yellow or red flags seen indicating that an Auxiliary needs help. If necessary, we can step in and offer support so action can be taken to assist them before a crisis occurs. If there are questions, please contact me so we discuss.

One responsibility for Chief of Staff is to reach out for new Auxiliaries. If anyone knows a Post that might be considering an Auxiliary, please contact me. There is a procedure that needs to be followed ensuring that a new Auxiliary is organized efficiently and in a proper manner. We can work with the Post

to show them the benefits of having an Auxiliary.

As we continue through the year, look at the Healthy Auxiliary Checklist on the vfwauxiliary.org website and the year end report in the Colorado Program Book. When the items on the checklist are completed, your Auxiliary will receive a Healthy Auxiliary Certificate.

Thank the Auxiliary members by presenting a Good Job Award. There are so many who work hard, volunteer their energy and talents to help our veterans and their families. This award gives them recognition and the acknowledgment they deserve.

Please feel free to contact me any time. Also, please refer to Mentoring for Leadership Article. Together by "Batting for Veterans" we "Soar Above and Beyond".

Linda Reinpold
Chief of Staff
lindareinpold@q.com

Scholarship

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

Thank you for all your hard work promoting the Scholarship program! Whether you assisted in handing out/delivering applications, encouraged young people to participate or reported the scholarship activities and events, I appreciate the time you have given to the program. As the holidays approach, may we be thankful of what we have.

All your Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy entries should begin being judged at the Post level soon. Good luck to all entries. Please make sure your Post entries are judged and submitted to the District Scholarship chairman before the November 15, 2021 deadline. District judging and entries submitted to Department should be completed by December 15, 2021. I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing the opinions of today's youth on the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy prompts. More information will be put out about the Department Scholarship weekend scheduled for January 21-23, 2022.

Please continue promoting the Continuing Education and the Young

American Creative Patriotic Art contests. I would also like to remind you that our VFW Auxiliary National President, Jean Hamil's Special Project is "Fund the Future". This special project's goal is to help increase Continuing Education scholarships from \$1000 to \$2500 and also increase the number of scholarships awarded for the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest from 12 awards to 20 awards. You can donate by sending a check to National Headquarters (earmarked for Fund the Future) or online in MALTA.

I am encouraging you all to REPORT, REPORT, REPORT and REPORT!!!! Remember, when your Auxiliary reports on the Scholarship program, your Auxiliary receives an entry for a chance to win \$50.00 in the next \$50 promotional drawing I will be doing! More information to come on the next drawing.

So, come on Colorado let's continue "Batting for Veterans" and "Soaring Above & Beyond"!!!!

Hugs,
Patsy Gilmore
Scholarship Chairman



Auxiliary Membership by District as of October 25, 2021

Number	City	2021	2022	%	Number	City	2021	2022	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #8				
I	Denver	185	176	95	859	Leadville	21	20	95
501	Denver	143	129	90	11411	Lake George	47	46	98
2461	Denver	103	93	90	12009	Conifer	32	31	97
5061	Denver	151	127	84		TOTAL	100	97	97%
	TOTAL	582	525	90%	DISTRICT #9				
DISTRICT #2					4264	Stmbt Spgs	28	28	100*
2788	Penrose	35	25	71	4265	Craig	42	32	76
3641	Pueblo	78	38	49	5843	Meeker	32	28	88
4061	Canon City	127	81	64	9374	Kremmling	22	22	100*
5812	Pueblo West	45	23	51		TOTAL	124	110	89%
7305	Colo. City	20	12	60	DISTRICT #10				
	TOTAL	305	179	59%	322	Englewood	80	51	64
DISTRICT #3					3471	Morrison	46	30	65
41	Loveland	125	93	74	3631	Aurora	98	93	95
1771	Lafayette	267	254	95	4171	Golden	298	252	85
1781	Ft. Collins	113	85	75	4331	Arvada	133	115	86
2121	Greeley	101	95	94	4444	Cmmrc City	173	152	88
2585	Johnstown	69	64	93	7945	Thornton	270	248	92
2601	Longmont	198	174	88	9644	Fort Logan	326	315	97
4334	Ault	39	40	103*		TOTAL	1424	1256	88%
6624	Evans	208	172	83	DISTRICT #11				
12189	Berthoud	23	5	22	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	79	65	82
	TOTAL	1143	982	86%	3571	Delta	54	51	94
DISTRICT #4					3981	Grnd Jcnctn	43	45	105*
2551	Ft. Morgan	124	112	90	9221	Cedaredge	53	53	100*
3541	Sterling	56	31	55	9333	Hotchkiss	18	8	44
4671	Wray	26	20	77		TOTAL	247	222	90%
	TOTAL	206	163	79%	DISTRICT #12				
DISTRICT #5					4031	Durango	110	79	72
101	Colo. Spgs.	77	71	92	5181	Dove Creek	36	20	56
3917	Security	193	157	81	5231	Mancos	62	50	81
4051	Colo. Spgs	234	226	97		TOTAL	208	149	72%
5221	Calhan	26	26	100*	DISTRICT #13				
6461	Fountain	140	130	93	3411	Kit Carson	22	16	73
7829	Monument	68	33	49	6612	Hugo	39	33	85
	TOTAL	738	643	87%		TOTAL	61	49	80%
DISTRICT #6					15006	At Large	614	588	96%
336	Ordway	72	66	92	=				
2411	LasAnimas	111	90	81	TOTAL DEPT.	6,130	5,281	86%	
	TOTAL	183	156	85%	It is time to send in your 2022 Dues!				
DISTRICT #7					Be 100% in 2021 - 2022				
899	Alamosa	47	27	57	"You Can Do It"				
4849	La Jara	43	37	90					
8121	So Fork	107	98	92					
	TOTAL	192	162	83%					

VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

BUDDY POPPIES

Greetings all. Hope this finds all of you getting ready for the Veterans Day Buddy Poppy programs. I'm sure that this year will bring us a better turn out for honoring our veterans, and showing our support to the many sacrifices that they made. Take pictures of the programs and share them with me and everyone in your area, and have a great Veteran's Day celebrations. I have received many reports of buddy poppy reports, and I am glad to see everyone working so hard. Keep up the good work, and don't forget to order your poppies for the year.

NATIONAL HOME

With the holidays right around the corner, I know all of you are preparing for lots of different ways to celebrate each

holiday. While your planning different events, keep our National Home for Children part of those plans. One way to help out is to encourage your members to become a life member. It's only \$50.00 to become a life member, and \$100.00 to buy a brick. Another way to help is to visit the home's website, www.vfw-nationalhome.org, and check out their wish list. Those items listed are the things they can use to make a child's face light up with a smile during a rough time in their lives. Visit the site and see what all is going on, it can be enlightening and entertaining as well.

See you at the next COA,
Patsy Rowley-Wilson
Buddy Poppy/National Home Chairman



Aux 1771: Emily Chavez

Please send Deceased Member Names for the Convention Joint Memorial Book to VFW Department Headquarters, vfw@vfwco.org by May 20, 2022

Historian & Social Media

Hello All Members:

If you missed the Council of Administrations in Golden and Security you are missing out on some important information regarding this program. If you would like a copy of my PowerPoint from Golden, please let me know and I'll be happy to email to you. There is so much information for this program and I strongly encourage anyone who is a Historian or part of your Auxiliaries Social Media team, to go to the National Auxiliary resource page to gather all the resources and information for this program.

If you have not found and would like the Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Facebook page, I have only one question – what are you waiting for?? We are doing our best to post updated information from Department chairman, from Auxiliaries across our beautiful Colorado state, and share things from National. So go find the Facebook page and make sure you "Like" the page so you can keep getting all the up-to-date information from us!

The next assignment is when you post from us, that your feel is great, then please make sure you like or love it. If the post asks you to participate via the comments, then please try to do so. If it asks you to share the post to help inform other members, please share the post. The more we like/love, comment and share the Department's social media posts, the more others see what our organization is doing and about; and we may be able to generate more memberships! If you want to share a coming event via our Facebook page – then please email the details to me. If your Auxiliary has

an event poster, please include it in your email – we would prefer the original poster – for example if you designed the poster in Word or Publisher, then please send it to me in that format or in PDF format. If you have a social media event page, then please email me the event page link so I can share it via the Department Facebook page. If you wish to share or brag a little about your Auxiliary – please send me a few pictures of your auxiliary event. Remember to tell me the 5 W's – the Who, What, When, Where, and You're your pictures and the information provide will be used in the Facebook post. Please make sure your pictures follow the National Auxiliary suggestions about posting photos – if you are not sure what these are, then please refer to Program letter in this year's program book. If your Auxiliary has its own Facebook page then your Auxiliary is eligible to submit for a National Auxiliary Citation. Please know that your Auxiliary Facebook page cannot be with or the same one as your Post Facebook page. Also, it cannot be a Facebook group, it has to be a Facebook page. If you are not sure if you are eligible, please email me and I can go look at your Facebook page. If you need a copy of the National citation, please message me.

If you have any questions regarding Historian or Social Media program, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am happy to help as wish for you all to succeed. Keep posting, keep liking or loving posts, keep commenting, and keep sharing!!

Until next time
Stephane Trujillo

Youth Program

Hello Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers!

Wow! The year is rushing by way to fast. With the holiday season quickly approaching, time seems to be running short to accomplish all the tasks that we would like to finish. But, I do want to send out a HUGE Thank You to all those Auxiliaries that have already reported some amazing activities working with our Youth! Please remember to report everything that you do, even if you are not sure if it qualifies. Keep the momentum going and keep having fun!

Today there are more opportunities in which we will be able to work with our youth by involving them in more projects and helping to build a stronger bond with them. Taking the time to mentor our youth today will create quality leadership skills for them tomorrow.

Use the **Random Acts of Patriotism** cards and certificates to award our youth when you see them doing something patriotic and/or right. Everyone likes to be recognized and you might just be the one that encouraged that particular youth to continue doing positive actions in the future. They may even join the military or become Auxiliary members!

Don't forget to recognize and award the youth groups also. The Outstanding Young Volunteer of the year and the Outstanding Youth Group of the Year Awards will be presented at the State Convention in June of 2022. The deadline for the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award is coming up in February, so let's start thinking about that now. More information is available in the Colorado Program Book.

As I attend sport events this fall, I am hearing a lot of our youth leading the Star Spangled Banner at these events. Carry the forms for the program **Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue** in your purse and give them to those that sing. I know there are some great voices out there in Colorado and I would love to have several entries to choose from to send to National.

As the weather turns cooler and the kids are spending more time in the house, now is the time to introduce them to reading. Our program **Patriotism for Literacy** is a great opportunity to introduce and expand our youth's knowledge of American History. There are some great books on that list. If the schools won't let you in to read to the classes, think about donating a book to their library or maybe one to each class.

I know each and everyone of you have pictures hanging on your refrigerators that your kids or grandkids have drawn. We have a lot of talented children in Colorado. Let's get them to **Illustrating America!** Send me those pictures!!!! The Deadline is March.

I look forward to working with each and everyone of the chairman. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. I will happily help you in any way. Thank you all for the great work you are doing.

REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!

Queenie Barz
Youth Activities Chairman

Americanism

Sisters and Brothers,

As the weather turns colder and our thoughts turn to the upcoming holidays, I hope you are in full swing with your Americanism goals and reporting. Let's take some time to incorporate our thoughts and ideas for Americanism goals in our own celebrations, and to help make celebrations happen for those not as fortunate.

We have several **patriotic days** coming up in the next couple of months, including: *Veteran's Day*, *Bill of Rights Day*, *Election Day*, the *Marine Corp Birthday*, *Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day* and the *National Guard Birthday*. These important dates are great occasions to hold programs, hand out flags and patriotic items, speak to local media, and educate others about the history and meaning of these patriotic observances.

We also have several **patriotic days** in the last couple months that I hope you held ceremonies or other recognition events for and are/will be reporting those. September especially had Patriot

Day, POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Gold Star Families Day.

Now is a great time to do a **flag education** checkup on your auxiliary. Have you been giving business' who fly the flag certificates? Have you held a flag retirement ceremony? Have you contacted schools about possibly giving a presentation to the kids? If not, let's try to get all those things on the books. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance in helping to set those up.

Remember when posting your auxiliary activities on social media, don't forget to #Auxiliary Patriotism (also known as hashtag Auxiliary Patriotism). Every auxiliary using this can get a citation from national at the end of the year and also be in the running for most outstanding use of #Auxiliary Patriotism.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything at all, and remember to "report, report, report."

Loyally,
Brandi Dolan
Americanism Chair



President's Special Project Department of Colorado – Service Office

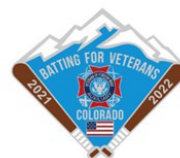
Hello Everyone!

By the time you see this article, several of you Ladies and Gentlemen would have participated in my first mini fundraiser for the President's Special Project at the Council of Administration in Security. If you didn't make it to Security, that means you lost out on purchasing some tickets for a special drawing to win either a Halloween or Patriotic wreath. Now now, don't you worry, I'll have another mini fundraiser at our next Council of Administration in March 2022. You never know what I'll come up with for the drawing – so you should plan to be there since now.

As of October 1st, I still have 855 Special project veterans pins in my possession. Did you know that the Department of Colorado Auxiliary's to-

tal membership has well over 6,000 members? This means, if you have not purchased at least one President's special project pin, then now is the time to do so! Whether you are a member at large or post affiliated – let's support our wonderful president's special project and get these pins out there to raise awareness about Service officers. You can find the order form on the Department website at: <https://vfwco.org/index.php/news-for-auxiliary-sm/123-president-special-project>

At this time, I ask you turn your attention to the Department of Colorado President's Article relating to her special project. She has written a detailed and informative article that I hope clears up any questions or concerns members have regarding the Service Office and all the money WE are going to raise together!



2021—2022 Veterans Pin Order Form This years Department of Colorado Auxiliary Presidents Special Project: Department of Colorado VFW Service Officers

Post or Auxiliary Name and Number: _____

Ship to (Name of a Person) _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Quantity: _____ Pins x \$3.00 each = \$ _____ Total money enclosed

You can pay via check or money order — please do not send cash

Make check payable to **Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary**

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