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Brian Duffy
Past Commander-in-Chief

National Representative
State Convention, Greeley, CO

Brian Duffy was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on July 27, 2016, at the VFW's 117th National Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

In July 2017 he was appointed Adjutant General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a position he held until his retirement in 2018.

Brian served in the U.S. Air Force as a jet engine mechanic on F-4 Phantom fighter aircraft, and later as a flight engineer aboard C-141 Starlifter transport aircraft.

During his service, he deployed in support of several campaigns to include Grenada, Panama, and Operations Desert Shield/Storm in Southwest Asia. His military decorations include the Air Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Upon his return from Grenada in 1983, he joined VFW Post 6590 in Cookstown, N.J. He later transferred his membership to VFW Post 120 in Garden City Park, N.Y., then to VFW Post 1170 in Middletown, Ky., in 1989.

Following his Air Force service, he was employed by several airlines as a flight engineer instructor.

He moved to "The Bluegrass State" of Kentucky in 1988 after joining United Parcel Service (UPS) Airlines as a flight engineer instructor. Rising through the ranks, he would retire in 2014 as assistant chief pilot with UPS, having flown worldwide as an instructor/check captain on Boeing 757 and 767 aircraft.

Brian was elected as Commander of the VFW Department of Kentucky in 2006. He achieved All-American status at Post, District and Department levels. His Honor Flight activities were recognized by the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame, the Kentucky Derby Festival as the 2009 "Thunderator," and was a recipient of the 2011 (Louisville) WLKY "Bell Award" for community volunteerism. In 2012, Brian was the recipient of President Obama's Volunteer Service Award after being nominated by UPS to recognize his numerous volunteer activities.

Brian is a Gold Legacy Life member of the VFW, and is a member of the VFW National Home for Children, Military Order of the Cootie, American Legion and AMVETS.

He and his wife, Jean, who served three terms as Auxiliary President to VFW Post 1170, reside in Fort Myers, Fla., and have two adult children, Tara and Andrew.

Colette Bishop
Past National President

National Representative
State Convention, Greeley, CO

Colette Bishop of Muscatine, Iowa, continues to serve the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary as a member of the Budget Committee.

In 2016-2017, she led 470,000 members under the VFW Auxiliary's office tagline, "Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes" and the organization achieved 100-percent plus in membership.

Colette has a long history with the organization. She was born during her mother's and father's terms as District President and Commander. She is a life member of Ybarra-Gomez Auxiliary 8890, located in East Moline, Illinois, under the eligibility of her father, who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

She is the third generation in her family to serve as Auxiliary and District President and her life has



always been filled with VFW and Auxiliary involvement.

Colette has served the organization in many different capacities including: Department President; Auxiliary Treasurer; National District Council Member Area B; National Chief of Staff; and Patriotic Instructor. She has been Director for the Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy, Veterans & Family Support, Membership and Youth Activities programs. She was Big Ten Conference Chairman for the Americanism program and has also been National Historian.

Her hobbies outside the Auxiliary include rubber stamping and decorative painting.

Colette's family includes her husband David, son Jason, daughter-in-law, Sarah, and three grandchildren.

Please send in all Deceased VFW members to

ann@vfwco.org or vfw@vfwco.org.

They will be saved for the Joint Memorial State Convention Book.

Our deadline is May 20, 2023

You still need to notify National Headquarters

Have You Registered for June State Convention?

June 7 - 10, 2023

Greeley, CO

See Page 6 of This Colorado Veteran

Complete Schedule for VFW & Auxiliary

Subject to Change

IN MEMORIAM

Past State Commander

John M. Loring Jr.

1994 - 1995

6/19/1934 - 02/23/2023

Rest In Peace - You Will Be Missed

**RE-ELECT
CHAPLAIN KEVIN REINHOLD
FOR
DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN 2023-2024**



- DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN 2018 – PRESENT**
- DEPARTMENT HOSPITAL CHAIRPERSON 2016 -2018**
- DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR 2017 – 2019**
- ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDER 2017 – 2018**
- DISTRICT SR. VICE COMMANDER 2016 – 2017**
- DISTRICT JR. VICE COMMANDER 2015 - 2016**
- ALL STATE (3 years) POST COMMANDER 2013 – 2016**
- POST JUDGE ADVOCATE 2021 - PRESENT**
- POST - MULTIPLE POSITIONS 2011 - 2016**
- BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2020**
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- VFW BIBLE MINISTRY**
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- PASTORAL COUNSELOR 2006**

**IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO SERVE AND MINISTER TO EACH OF YOU, YOUR
FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING WHAT
WE STARTED THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND ADDING TO OUR MINISTRY.**

“Doing our Lords work for all Veterans”

ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT



CAROL J. THOMAS
for
State Sr. Vice Commander
2023-2024

I have been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for over 10 years.

As I finish out my year as your Jr. Vice State Commander, I am looking for your support to be elected to the positions of State Sr. Vice Commander.

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VFW Warriors Memorialo Highway

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Colorado VFW Warriors is a Motorcycle Riding Organization that helps promote and support the VFW and its mission. For many years they have used Colorado Highway 115 between Colorado Springs and Penrose Colorado as the route for the annual Fallen Warriors Run. Over a year ago Department Commander Geri Ripley, VFW Legislative Director Steve Kjonaas, Department Warriors President Terry Mullins, and Department Chief of Staff James Sheridan decided to petition the State of Colorado to designate a section of highway 115, between mile markers 15 and 27 in Fremont County as the “Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW WARRIORS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.”

After many months of gathering information and writing the proclamation for this special memorial highway commemorate all our Fallen Comrades, that finally on April 21, 2022, the VFW Colorado Staff and many Warriors gathered at the Colorado State Capital to hear the reading of Senate Joint Resolution 22-012 authorizing “Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW WARRIORS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.” Former Colorado District

2 Senator Dennis Hisey who covers Clear Creek, El Paso, Fremont, Park, and Teller counties was given the floor and made a motion to accept the resolution. The Senate chamber fell silent as the motion was read.

Then it was time to either accept or reject the motion. As the names of Senators were called, there was not one “Nay.” Every Senator agreed and we now have a memorial highway that is dedicated to our Fallen Warriors.

One year later after SJR22-012 passed, the signs at MM15 and MM27 were erected. The Fremont County Commissioner, Department Commander Geri Ripley, the VFW Warriors along with a State Trooper who served, ascended on MM15 to unveil, and dedicate the signs.

This is just one of many projects that the Veterans of Foreign Wars Colorado has done to promote and support all our past, present, and future Veterans and their families. Thank you all that were able to make this happen for the State of Colorado and the VFW. The VFW Warriors continue to strive to make our communities aware that our mission is not done. We will always be there for our Veterans and families in need.



POST & AUXILIARY CHANGE OF E-MAIL FORM

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

NAME: _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ VFW POST NO. _____

CURRENT E-MAIL: _____

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

EDITOR

Commander's Column Geraldine Rimpley



With this being my last personal article to all members of this great organization, the least I can say is a huge Thank You! The accomplishments, sur-

passing goals, and just generally taking care of each other, Veterans, and our communities has been a thrilling ride every month. I strived to attend as many post level activities as my schedule allowed and learned so much from each of them. I had so much fun participating in new activities, a lot of great ideas which I am stealing to share with other posts. Thank you all for the invites and most importantly, keep having fun!

I would like to give a big Thank You to the officers at all levels who worked very hard this year to help meet State and National goals, not just in membership but also spreading the ideology of what we stand for. Numerous ideas have been presented with success as result of these great leaders thinking outside the box like establishing a fund to help Veterans with service animals and standing up posts in areas that were found to be left behind. Incredible people accomplishing

the unthinkable with many of you joining their cause to make things happen. I am so proud of each of you for coloring outside the lines to further our causes, amazing leaps of faith that seemed to work every time!

While meeting prospective members for a new post, I found some words displayed that resonated with me that I need to share in hopes of teaching, coaching, and mentoring one more time. Unfortunately, there were some challenges encountered during my tenure. My goal here is to share this bit of wisdom in hopes that they may reduce the number of infractions in the future.

“Watch your thoughts for they become your words. Watch your words for they become your actions. Watch your actions for they become your habits. Watch your habits for they become your character. Watch your character for it becomes your destiny. We think what we become!” Author Unknown.

May God bless every one of you as you have blessed me and as always, “Think Pawsitively!”

Geraldine Rimpley
Department Commander

Chaplain Column Kevin Reinhold



Greetings Comrades,

We would like to thank everyone for your support to our veterans, family members, and communities. Please continue

your service to them. Elections are here and we need to elect to office the members that are willing to do the duties of the position, not just hold the position or have a title. Someone that will help veterans and our members of this great organization.

Remember the Post Chaplain position is an appointed position. The District and State Chaplain position are still elected.

If you haven't checked out the Department of Colorado Chaplaincy page on the Department web site. We encourage you to do so. A big thank you to Dave Stone for putting it together for us.

Why does the VFW Chaplain exist? Our Chaplains exist to minister to veterans, family members and their communities. According to our Congressional

Charter, the Chaplain “shall be concerned with the spiritual needs of the members, and by precept and example, point the way toward a higher moral plan for the organization.”

VFW National By-Laws, Ritual, General Rules, 13 (a) All members who are able, will stand during the offering of the prayers; (b) members will follow the actions of the Chaplain or presiding officer relative to removal of caps during prayers; if uncovering, the hat shall be placed on the extended closed fingers of the right hand in such a way that the Cross of Malta is exposed and held over the heart; (c) official caps will not be worn during luncheons, banquets or other meals; (d) Official caps will be the only head covering allowed to be worn at regular meetings of the VFW.

I look forward to serving each of you in the coming years.

“Doing our Lords work for all Veterans”

Kevin Reinhold
Department Chaplain

Surgeon Column Fredric Scheck



Greetings Comrades,

It's that time of year, elections. I would like to congratulate all of the new Post and District Officer elect. You will be

given the opportunity to serve this great organization as an officer. Learn your job and responsibility of your elected or appointed office.

That being said I hope to see you all at the Department convention in Greeley June 7-10th. Convention is

where you learn about the business in our Department. Plus you can meet the incoming Department Officers. With the added opportunity of possibly meeting fellow Comrades and new friends.

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the opportunity to serve as your Department Surgeon. I would like to ask for your support as Department Jr Vice Commander.

Fred Scheck
Department Surgeon

Sr. Vice Column John Keene



Comrades,

Over the past two months I have had the privilege of traveling to Washington DC for the VFW Legislative

Conference and visiting our National Headquarters in Kansas City; and I can tell you that the staff in both offices are doing great work on behalf of our members, Auxiliary members, and all veterans.

Ryan Gallucci, the Executive Director of the Washington Office, reminded everyone at the Kansas City training of the VFW's history of fighting for benefits at the time of the Second Bonus Army March in 1933 by quoting Major General Smedley D. Butler from the VFW publication *Foreign Service*:

Be able to argue intelligently; know what you are talking about. Get all those people to join and then go after the enemy in the way that is provided for in your constitution.

To me, this means encouraging our current members to engage, and recruiting new members to the VFW and its Auxiliary to amplify our voice, as we to petition the Government for a redress of our grievances. We must continue to build on the momentum and credibility the passage of the PACT Act has given our organization and ensure Congress does not cut the funding that is essential for the Act's implementation.

Speaking of the PACT Act, please remind your members that the VFW has launched a website to streamline referrals of veterans to our accredited service officers who are there, free of charge, to assist in pursuing VA disability claims. Direct any veteran you encounter to www.pactactinfo.org and they will be contacted within 5-days to initiate the process.

Semper Fi,
John Keene
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings, I hope this finds everyone well.

I would first like to thank the entire Department for the efforts being made toward mem-

bership. As of this writing we need 147 new members. That is 2.29 per day for a June 30 goal. During the month of April we averaged 5.42 per day. That would put us at 100% on May 25. I think we are on a good course to succeed.

We have 87 Posts in this Department. This year we have one Post that is not Bonded. All Posts and Districts are required to have a surety bond in the amount equal to their liquid assets for all persons responsible for handling these assets. This is normally the Quartermaster. We had one Post that did not bond last year. Most of the Posts and Districts in the Department are very good about this, some are not.

Of the 87 Posts, 40 are not inspected. That is 45.9%. This is why Posts get in trouble. The purpose of the inspection are to ensure Posts are current on

items that are required. 990s, Secretary of State filings, etc. A few Post had not filed a 990 in a few years and found out the expense of regaining their tax exemption. A proper inspection might have prevented this.

For the year, 261 quarterly audits should have been turned in to Department, 39 have not. If my math is correct, that's 14.9%. Here is another reason Posts get in trouble. Of the 6 or so Post that have shut down in the past 5 years, all had trouble getting audits turned in.

If there is anything; within reason, you need, please call the office. Also, visit the Department web site at vfwco.org and look at what is there.

Speaking of the web site. We are making great progress in becoming a digital Department. As time goes by, more and more will be done in this direction.

Hope to see everyone at the State Convention this June in Greeley.

Bruce Dolan
Department Adj./Quartermaster

2023 - 2024 Student Themes

“What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy”
“How are You Inspired by America”

Jr. Vice Column Carol Thomas



Greetings Comrades,

Being in the "Department Chair" gave me the opportunity to travel across Colorado to visit our VFW Posts and

Auxiliaries by attending District meetings. I enjoyed learning about your posts and the great work that everyone does throughout the year. It's just amazing the

work that is done to help our veterans. We value those Posts and Auxiliaries and I am totally grateful for what they do. I consider posts and their members the most vital element of our organization and will do everything I can to help everyone.

Carol Thomas
Department Jr. Vice Commander

VFW Post Membership by District as of April 28, 2023

Number/ City	2022	2023	%	Number/City	2022	2023	%
DISTRICT #1							
1 Denver	894	910	102*	859 Leadville	30	27	90
501 Denver	261	248	95	1166 Buena Vista	113	111	98
2461 Denver	106	98	92	3820 Salida	67	68	101*
5061 Denver	239	243	102*	8661 Bailey	110	109	99
TOTAL	1500	1499	99.9%	10721 Minturn	109	107	98
DISTRICT #2							
2788 Penrose	94	90	96	11411 Lake George	40	43	108*
3641 Pueblo	79	82	104*	12009 Conifer	108	109	101*
4061 Canon City	239	229	96	TOTAL	577	574	99%
5812 Pueblo West	195	183	94	DISTRICT #9			
7305 Colo. City	47	45	96	4264 Steamt Spgs	90	85	94
8898 Boone	34	36	106*	4265 Craig	96	90	94
12063 Westcliffe	49	52	106*	5261 Rangely	18	19	106*
TOTAL	737	717	97%	5843 Meeker	42	39	93
DISTRICT #3				9374 Kremmling	26	26	100*
41 Loveland	271	263	97	TOTAL	272	259	95%
807 Boulder	32	30	94	DISTRICT #10			
1771 Lafayette	224	221	99	322 Englewood	89	97	109*
1781 Ft. Collins	285	280	98	3471 Morrison	66	64	97
2121 Greeley	157	157	100*	3631 Aurora	269	276	103*
2585 Johnstown	175	165	94	4171 Golden	361	369	102*
2601 Longmont	276	285	103*	4266 Parker	74	73	99
4334 Ault	73	64	88	4331 Arvada	225	219	97
6624 Evans	201	200	99.5	4444 Cmmrc Cty	162	155	96
9565 Broomfield	93	88	95	4666 Littleton	111	107	96
12174 Brighton	34	33	97	7563 Black Hawk	25	30	120*
12189 Berthoud	39	39	100*	7945 Thornton	281	266	95
TOTAL	1860	1825	98%	8449 Bennett	55	36	65
DISTRICT #4				9644 Fort Logan	387	391	101*
2551 Ft. Morgan	145	147	101*	TOTAL	2105	2083	99%
3378 Yuma	52	51	98	DISTRICT #11			
3541 Sterling	73	75	103*	784 Montrose	118	116	98
3551 Brush	35	39	111*	1247 Grnd Jcnctn	205	201	98
4671 Wray	49	46	94	3571 Delta	49	45	92
6482 Holyoke	35	35	100*	3981 Grnd Jcnctn	152	139	92
7153 Fleming	13	13	100*	4663 Clifton	48	45	94
8064 Akron	51	52	102*	5485 Parachute	34	34	100*
TOTAL	453	458	101%*	9221 Cedaredge	90	92	102*
DISTRICT #5				9304 Rifle	23	20	87
101 Colo. Spgs.	444	439	99	TOTAL	719	692	96%
3917 Security	521	507	97	DISTRICT #12			
4051 Colo. Spgs	516	494	96	4031 Durango	222	245	110*
5221 Calhan	88	86	98	4181 Dove Creek	40	41	103*
6051 Wldnd Park	40	41	103*	5231 Cortez	149	175	117*
6461 Fountain	339	353	104*	9058 Nucla	28	28	100*
7829 Monument	146	135	92	TOTAL	439	489	111%*
10649 Elizabeth	32	31	97	DISTRICT #13			
TOTAL	2126	2086	98%	3411 Kit Carson	19	20	105*
DISTRICT #6				6491 Burlington	53	54	102*
336 Ordway	68	67	99	6612 Hugo	28	29	104*
2411 Las Animas	63	64	102*	9700 Chynn Wlls	23	23	100*
4001 Springfield	27	26	96	TOTAL	123	126	102%*
4281 Holly	21	23	110*	15006 MAL	2517	2482	99%
TOTAL	179	180	101%*	TOTAL DEPT	13811	13668	99%
DISTRICT #7				2023 dues are now DUE			
899 Alamosa	75	72	96	Be 100% +1 in 2022-2023			
4849 La Jara	45	43	96	Help Colorado be 100%+			
6101 San Luis	47	45	96				
8121 Del Norte	37	38	103*				
TOTAL	204	198	97%				

Youth Show Respect for Flag

The VFW Auxiliary has been busy lately promoting patriotism. We visited the Las Animas Elementary School Kindergarten classes on April 10th and had the kids practice saying the Pledge of Allegiance. The kids did a FANTASTIC job – it was apparent that their teachers and parents have been helping them. They were rewarded with a little flag to practice with their parents and a small Pledge of Allegiance card. Four VFW Auxiliary members helped teach – Pat Gonzales; Pam Cortez; Jessica Tomlin and Kathleen Tomlin. On May 14th, the Auxiliary and Post arranged a “Flag Retirement Ceremony” with the Aerolab Class at the Nazarene Church parking lot. The ceremony included posting the colors, saying the Pledge of Allegiance; practice with folding flags; and learning why the flag is folded 13 times and what each fold represents. 22 youth volunteers presented the stripes and the blue field from a flag that had been prepared for the ceremony; and then respectfully burned approximately 50 flags, with the help of volunteers and Steve Bourne manning the fire. Barb Martin, VFW Americanism Chairperson and narrator said about the retired flag, “Now I am

just a memory. If there is a tear in your eye or a lump in your throat; if you felt a shiver in your spine as you watched me burn, never fear, as I will always be there when you need me. My colors will be fresh and bright, and my edges will be ragged no more. I will wave at you and remember the love and respect that you have shown me here today. Look up! For I AM YOUR FLAG.” All the adults attending were impressed with the respect the youth demonstrated during this ceremony. The Auxiliary thanks all those that attended; the Post and Auxiliary members who helped; Steve Bourne for his dedication; and the Fire Department for taking the time to put the fire out. God bless our veterans and GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Kathleen Tomlin, District 6



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

**General Orders No. 4
May 1, 2023 Series 2022-2023**

1 103rd DEPARTMENT CONVENTION will be held, Pioneer VFW #2121, 2514 7th Ave, Greeley, CO., June 7th through 10th, hosted by VFW #2122, Greeley, CO. The Council of Administration will meet at 6:00 pm, June 7th. All Council Members are requested to attend!! Uniform for the Convention will be: Council of Administration - casual; Joint Opening - Blues & Greys; Business Sessions - Black & White; Joint Memorial - Dark Suit or Blues & Greys.

2. POST QUARTERMASTERS: Request the assistance of your members in completing the list of deceased members form and return to Department Headquarters no later than May 20, 2023.

3. DISTRICT COMMANDERS must attend Council of Administration meeting June 7th at State Convention in Greeley, CO. You must also be present at ALL Business Sessions to receive your full travel expense check plus per diem for your motel room.

4. POST ELECTION REPORTS: It is the responsibility of the membership to insist that the responsible officer reports the elections of officers to Department immediately after the election is completed. If not sent to Department Headquarters by June 1, 2023, your Post will not be allowed to vote at State Convention.

Section 213 – Arrearages, Deficiencies and Omissions states: Any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to District, Department or National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly

bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

5. POST AND DISTRICT ELECTION REPORTS: If not sent to Department by July 1, 2023 your officers will be omitted from the Department Roster. No exceptions.

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

7. DELEGATE FEE NOTICES are being sent to each Post Quartermaster. Fee must be paid to Department Headquarters prior to State Convention or your vote will not be accepted. Credential cards are not being used. Council members, Post Commanders and Delegates must register online vfwco.org.

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

BY COMMAND OF:
/s/ Geraldine Rimpley
Geraldine Rimpley
State Commander

Delegate Registration

Just a reminder that starting with the 2023 103rd Department Convention in Greeley, the Department HQ will no longer print and mail paper convention credentials for Delegates, Post Commanders, District Commanders, and State Officers. Instead, all Post, District, and State Officers will be identified with official VFW and Department rosters. Post Adjutant's or Quartermasters are asked to report the Post's elected delegates who will be attending the convention via the Department website. Credentials will then be "stamped" on the individuals name badge when they register at the convention.

Please note that under Section 222 of the Manual of Procedures, "Delegates and alternates for the District Convention and Meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April." The on-line delegate report form will be available through the day before the convention opening date.

Please contact Dave Stone if you have any questions.

**On behalf of
Bruce R. Dolan
Department Adjutant**

**Geraldine Rimpley
Department Commander**

**Log Into vfwco.org and click on
2023 Convention to find the above Delegate Registration**

VFW Convention Pre-Registration – June 7th thru 11th, 2023
VFW Department of Colorado 103rd Convention
Host: VFW Pioneer Post 2121 & VFW Auxiliary



PLEASE PRINT
 PLEASE USE THE REGISTRATION FORM ON THE
 VFW Member Name _____ Post # _____
 Address _____ DEPARTMENT WEBSITE _____
 2022-2023 VFW Officer Title _____ 2023 CONVENTION TAB _____

Pre-registration Fee \$20.00- must be Paid by 5/13/2023, (Registration at the Door \$25.00)
 Mail to: VFW Pioneer Post 2121 • 2514 7th Ave, Greeley, Co 80631
 (June 7th Arrival & Check in) Pre-Registration Fee \$ _____
 Military Banquet Friday 6/09/2023 \$30.00, RSVP and Payment must be received by 5/13/2023
 (Not available for purchase at the door must be Reserved and Paid) *Seating Capacity 200

CONVENTION HOTEL		# Tickets
Best Western ph: 970-330-7495	Beef	_____ x \$30.00 = \$ _____
2563 W 29th St	Chicken	_____ x \$30.00 = \$ _____
Greeley, Co 80634	Special Diet /Allergy: ATTACH NOTE FOR POST	
Starting Rate at \$141.00+Tax	TOTAL \$	DRAFT
Book by Feb 28th, 2023		

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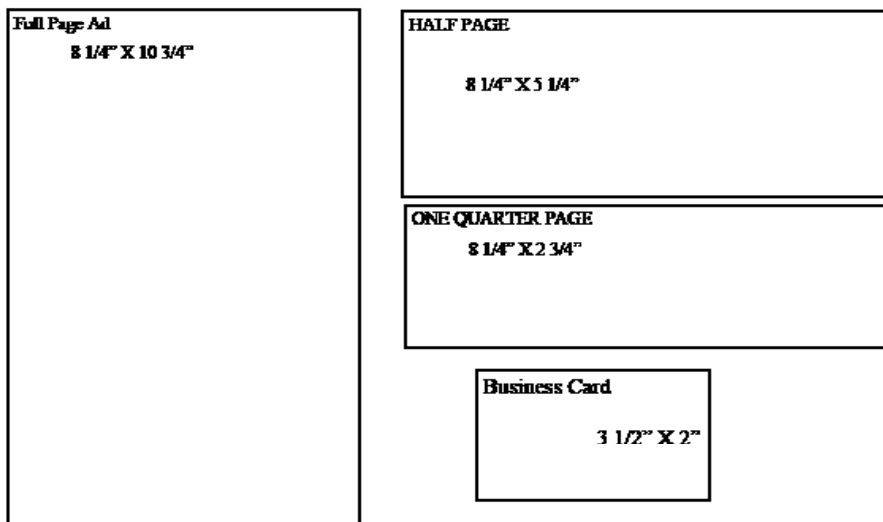
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2023 VFW State Convention Ad Sheet

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State Convention - VFW
Hosted by Pioneer VFW #2121 and VFW Auxiliary

Wednesday June 07
 7:00 AM Golf Tournament Boomerang Links
 8:00 AM Tee Time Boomerang Links
 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Lunch Post 2121
 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Service Office Claims Post 2121
 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM VFW Registration Post 2121
 6:00 PM VFW Council of Administration City Comm. Center

Thursday June 08
 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast (on your own)
 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM VFW Registration Post 2121
 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Joint Opening Session Post 2121
 12:00 noon Dept Commanders Luncheon Post 2121
(by invitation only)
OR Lunch on your own
 1:30 PM General Resolutions Post 2121
 1:30 PM Service/Rehab Resolutions Post 2121
 1:30 PM Time & Place Committee VFW Post 6624 Evans
 1:30 PM Warriors Meeting TBA
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM VFW Registration Post 2121
 4:30 PM Joint Memorial Service Our Saviors Church
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Past Commanders Banquet VFW Post 6624 Evans
 ??? PM - close Entertainment Post 2121

Friday June 09
 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Breakfast (on your own)
 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM VFW Registration City Comm Center
 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM VFW Business Session City Comm Center
 12:00 PM Lunch (on your own)
 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM VFW Business Session City Comm Center
 (Election of Officers)
 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Military Banquet Post 2121
 ??? PM - close Karaoke Post 2121

Saturday June 10
 10:00 AM Installation Practice Post 2121
 Lunch on your own
 Joint Installation of Officers Post 2121
 2:00 PM State Commander/President Reception=Post 2121
 3:30 PM **BUDDY POPPY / SCRAPBOOK ROOM AT POST 2121**
AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

State Convention – VFW Auxiliary
Hosted by Pioneer VFW #2121 and VFW Auxiliary

Wednesday, June 07
 7:00 AM Golf Tournament Boomerang Links
 8:00 AM Tee Time Boomerang Links
 10:00 AM Auxiliary Dept. Audit Post 2121
 11:00 AM Auxiliary Dept. Staff Meeting Post 2121
 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Lunch Post 2121
 2:00 - 3:30 PM Auxiliary Floor Team Practice Post 2121
 4:00 - 6:00 PM Auxiliary Registration Post 2121
 6:00 PM Auxiliary Council of Administration Post 2121

Thursday, June 08
 7:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast (on your own)
 7:00 - 9:00 AM Auxiliary Registration Post 2121
 8:30-11:00 AM Joint Opening Session Post 2121
 11:30 AM Auxiliary Dept. Thank You Luncheon Garden Comm Center
(by invitation only)
OR Lunch on your own
 1:00 - 2:30 PM Auxiliary Registration Post 2121
 1:00 - 3:30 PM Auxiliary Business Session Post 2121
 4:30 PM Joint Memorial Service Our Saviors Church
 6:00 PM Past Dept. President Dinner (by invitation) TBD
 ??? PM - close Entertainment Post 2121

Friday, June 09
 7:00 - 8:00 AM Breakfast (on your own)
 7:00 - 8:00 AM Past District Presidents Club Breakfast TBD
 7:00 - 9:00 AM Auxiliary Registration Post 2121
 8:30 - 12:00 PM Auxiliary Business Session Post 2121
 12:00 PM Lunch (on your own)
 1:30 - 4:00 PM Auxiliary Business Session (Elections) Post 2121
 5:00 - 7:30 PM Military Banquet Post 2121
 ??? PM - close Karaoke Post 2121

Saturday, June 10
 8:00 AM Past Auxiliary Presidents Club Breakfast TBD
 10:00 AM Installation Practice Post 2121
 Lunch on your own
 2:00 PM Joint Installation of Officers Post 2121
 3:30 PM State Commander/President Reception Post 2121

BUDDY POPPY / SCRAPBOOK/ PATRIOTIC ART / POST 2121 -
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Auxiliary News

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Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



President's Column Ron Boone



Greetings

Hard to believe that this year is soon coming to an end, other PDP'S have told me how fast the year would go by, but

when you first start your year, you think it is a long time, but it really has gone by so quickly.

Thank you to all Auxiliaries for reporting all your activities. I'm so proud of all the Auxiliaries and Districts for all the reporting on how many things they have done to support our Veterans, Families and Communities, this past year. Keep up the great work.

My President's theme for the year was WE ARE FAMILY, we have come a long way in how we are working as a great Organization and working for the goals of taking care of our Veterans, Families, Communities, and most important ourselves. I know we will continue to improve, making the Auxiliary a family and continue this in the years to come.

We have also taken major steps in the relationship between Post and Auxiliaries, a great article "Understanding Post/Auxiliary relationship" was provided by Kirk Rosa, it has helped to smooth out some of the misunderstandings that take place during this year and some that are still going on, but we're getting there. Just remember our goals for both Organizations are helping our Veterans and Families and our Communities.

My special project over the year was the FISHER HOUSE, a great Organization, that helps our Veteran's Family with a place to stay while their loved ones get the treatment and help they need at the VA hospital in Denver. Thank you to all who have helped us support their mission and all the money that will be raised will stay at the Fisher House in Denver.

Another great Organization that is

Mentoring for Leadership

It's report season. I believe that mentoring comes so naturally to our auxiliary brothers and sisters that it probably gets underreported. For instance, if you encourage members to come to a district or COA meeting, and carpool to get there, you're engaging members in the full VFW experience. When you help a member to get signed up to MALTA, explain importance of a poppy sale to a new volunteer, or share the history of your auxiliary, these are all mentoring experiences.

While you might not have organized a formal mentoring program, or identified future officers, consider all the ways you and your members interact

near and dear to us is the National Home for Children. For those of you that have made the trip to visit the National Home, know of the great work they do with our Veteran Families. Helping them get back on track to where their lives move on and know that they are going to be alright. Thank you to all that have helped support the National Home, and will continue to do so in the future.

The State Convention will be at Pioneer Post 2121 in Greeley Colorado from June 7th through June 10. This is going to be a great convention and lots of things to learn and fun for all, plan on coming to see the great town of Greeley. Registration, agenda, and motels are on the VFW website.

The National Convention, this year will be July 22 through July 27th in Phoenix AZ. If you have never been to a National Convention, it is a great way to learn what is going on Nationally with the Auxiliary, you also meet other State Auxiliary members and new friends. We will also learn changes in our by-laws and changes to the National programs and Resolutions that will be voted on, if any.

As my year ends, I want to thank the 2022-2023-Line Officers, my Chief of Staff, PDP'S, Council members, Committee Chairpersons, District and Auxiliary Presidents for all your support and advice you gave me through my year. A Special thank you needs to go out to every Auxiliary member in the state for your support and help through all my years running up the chairs. I have made some very good friends through my journey; I'm looking forward to the next adventure as being a PDP and on Council for the next four years. Please give your incoming President Phil Reinbold and all his Line Officers the same support as you have given me. This is not goodbye but stay safe till we meet again.

Ron Boone
Department Auxiliary President

and support each other. While promoting future leaders is essential to the continued success of your auxiliary, mentoring starts with sharing your experiences, and caring that everyone has a rewarding experience as a VFW auxiliary member. Ask all your members if there is one thing that they did to help, educate, support, or encourage a fellow member this year. You'll discover mentors in hiding abound.

Please share the responses with me. Have a wonderful Spring!

Victoria Nevins
Mentoring for Leadership Chairman

Fontain Qui Bouille Auxiliary 6461

proudly endorse
Rena Cales

Jr Vice President
2023 - 2024



We, the members of Fontain Qui Bouille Auxiliary to Post 6461 in Fountain, proudly endorse Rena Cales for the position of CO Dept Jr Vice President. Rena joined as a Life Member in Dec. 2009.

During these years she held, Auxiliary: 2010-14, 19-20 & 21-23, Treasurer; 2014-15 Sr. Vice President; 2015-18 President; 2019- present Secretary.

District 5; 2010-13 Guard; 2013-14 President; 2014-21 Treasurer; 2020-21 Deputy Chief of Staff; 2021- present Secretary.

Department; 2022-23 Conductress; Department Chairmen: 2016-17 Buddy

Poppy; 2017-18 Americanism; awarded VFW National Outstanding Participation 2018-19 Veterans & Family Support; awarded VFW National Outstanding Participation Award 2019-22 Hospital; awarded by Western Division 19-20 2nd place & 20-21 1st place 2020-21 VFW National Outstanding Participation. She has been awarded the Salute to Service twice.

MOCA; Climbed the Grand Chairs with 2019-20 being the Grand of CO President.

Jean Hardy
VFWA 6461 President

Historian / Media Relations

To All Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

I can't believe how fast this program year went by. This is a good time to reflect on what we as an auxiliary have accomplished over the past year.

Reach out to different auxiliaries, districts and departments to get some creative ideas for your social media platforms and brainstorm with other members about what is working great for your local Auxiliary.

I have been truly excited and proud this program year to see everyone's post on social media and what is happening around our State of Colorado throughout the VFW community.

***Remember these few tips to get out how we serve our veterans:**

Reach out to our local community. We want to get out to our communities and beyond, what we are doing and who we are. Please take lots of pictures of events. Post Patriotic Days to social media.

Remember the 5 W's- the who -what-where-when- and why of an Auxiliary.

What is Newsworthy?

* Events hosted by an Auxiliary at

a VA facility.

* Decorating graves for Veterans Day and Memorial Day, participating in Wreaths Across America.

* Assisting families of deployed troops (Hosting holiday events, i.e. Christmas parties, Easter Egg hunts, trick-or-treat events, offering financial assistance, etc.)

* Adopting a Unit through the VFW's Veteran and Military Support Program.

* Collecting supplies for deployed troops.

* Meeting troops at the airport as they return from deployment and helping them complete their journey home.

Continue to do great work for our veterans and your communities. Your hard work, dedication and passion do not go unnoticed.

It was an honor to be the 2022-2023 Historian/Media Relations chairwomen. Thank you for all your support!

Respectfully,
Karrie Grizzell
Historian / Media Relations



Aux 1: Joseph Morales
Aux 4051: Connie Lopez, Marilym Senne, Betty W. Holland
Aux 6624: Joan Lynch, Segrid Davison, Carol Ruth, Tracy Sewald

Please send all Deceased VFW Auxiliary members to ann@vfwco.org.
They will be saved for the Joint Memorial State Convention Book.
Our deadline is May 20, 2023

You still need to notify National and that can be done on MALTA.

**Montezuma VFW Auxiliary
Post 5231 and District 12**

**Proudly Endorse
Sherri Wright
For the Office of Department
VFW Auxiliary Chaplin
2023-2024**



Montezuma VFW Auxiliary 5231 and District 12 is proud to endorse Sherri Wright for the position of Colorado VFW Auxiliary Chaplain. Sherri, a life member, joined the VFW Auxiliary at the age of 16 in the year of 1968. She joined under her father, Juan Benito Sanchez, Jr, who was a charter member of the Troy Young Post 5181.

Sherri has held many chairs, both in the Auxiliary and District, since she has been a member. Sherri has been President, Sr Vice, Jr Vice, Conductress and Guard in the Auxiliary. In District she was President in 1974 and also held chairs as Sr Vice, Jr Vice, Guard, Conductress and Chief of Staff. Sherri

is active in the many programs that the VFW Auxiliary promotes. Sherri also is a member of the Colorado State Color Guard and was Flag Bearer in the year 2022-2023.

Sherri has a proven track record of being an active member and attends to the needs of all vets. We recommend and endorse Sherri Wright as Colorado State VFW Auxiliary Chaplain for the year 2023-2024.

Respectfully,
Crystal Oveson
President, VFW Auxiliary 5231

Crystal Proffitt
President District 12

**VFW Cheyenne Mountain
Auxiliary Post 3917**

**Proudly Endorse
Patsy Gilmore
National District 13 Council Member**



We, the members of Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917 Auxiliary, are proud to endorse Patsy Gilmore for National District 13 Council Member. Patsy is a Life Member of the VFW Auxiliary.

She joined under the eligibility of her husband of almost thirty-seven years, Page. She has been very active since becoming a member. Patsy has been involved at the Post, District and Department levels.

She has served as Post Auxiliary President, Senior Vice, Junior Vice, Conductress, Secretary, 1-, 2-, & 3-Year Trustee and Guard. She has also been chairman of Hospital, Mentoring, Scholarships, Youth Activities, and Program Reporting. She is currently serving as Trustee #2.

Patsy has served as District 5 Auxiliary President, Senior Vice, Conductress, Deputy Chief of Staff, Membership and Scholarships Chairman and is currently serving as Treasurer for District 5.

For the Department of Colorado Auxiliary she has served as President, 2019-2020, Junior Vice, Conductress and Color Bearer. Patsy has served as Department Chairman for All State Achievement, Buddy Poppy/ National Home, Scholarships and Youth Activities programs. She has held Scholarships and Youth Activities Chairmanship for multiple years. Patsy has received the National Presidents Award 1st and 3rd place as Department Youth Activities Chairman. She has received Circle of Excellence as Department President, Outstanding President at Post level, Runner-up at District level and All State Achievement as District 5 Treasurer.

She is a Salute to Service Award recipient for volunteer services. Patsy

has attended both State and National Conventions, as a Delegate for the last several years. She attends the meetings at both Conventions so she will be able to bring information back to share with Auxiliary members. She has also attended meetings at Mid-Year Conferences and participated in Celebrating America's Freedom Events (C.A.F.E.). Patsy has knowledge and understanding of the resolutions that are voted on as a National Convention Delegate. She is very committed to helping out our Auxiliary members, Veterans and their families. She is always one of the first members to volunteer for our VFW and Auxiliary functions. She is eager to ask questions or do research on a subject if she doesn't understand it. She has a respect for the traditions and by-laws of the VFW Organization.

Patsy is always willing to mentor and pass on the knowledge that she has gained with anyone who might have questions or want to learn more about the VFW Auxiliary. She is willing to think outside the box and invite other people to share their passion, ideas and opinions.

For all these reasons and more, we are proud and honored to support Patsy for National District 13 Council Member. We believe she will serve the Departments of Colorado and Kansas well and be a voice for both Departments on any issues that might occur. The members of VFW Cheyenne Mountain Post 3917 Auxiliary are asking for your support of Patsy Gilmore as the National District 13 Council Member for the upcoming 2-year term.

Barbara E. Kidd
VFW Post 3917 Auxiliary Secretary

**Troy Young VFW Auxiliary
Post 5181 and District 12**

**Proudly endorse
Crystal Proffitt
Department Conductress
2023 - 2024**



Troy Young VFW Auxiliary to Post #5181 and District 12 proudly support Crystal Proffitt for VFW Auxiliary Department of Colorado Conductress. Crystal is a Life Member who has been serving in Auxiliary 5181 for the past 30 years. Crystal joined the Auxiliary when she was 16 years old, under the eligibility of her father, Roy L. Huskey, a Purple Heart Recipient, who served in the Army in Vietnam.

Over the years, Crystal has held a wide range of Auxiliary and District Offices. In Auxiliary 5181, she has served as President, Junior Vice, and is currently serving as Senior Vice President. Crystal has served as the Auxiliary Chairman for the Americanism, Youth, Scholarship, and the Buddy Poppy Programs. At the District level, she has served as Senior Vice President, and is currently serving in her second term as District 12 President. While serving as the 2021-2022 District 12 President, the District received the All State Achievement Award from the Department of Colorado.

Crystal is a very active member of her auxiliary. She is very dedicated to the mission of the VFW Auxiliary. She makes a daily effort to support Veterans and their families. Crystal always sup-

ports all of the Auxiliary and Post activities, and she usually takes on the active role of organizer/planner for many of these activities. Crystal is in charge of the annual Buddy Poppy Drive. She also helps to organize, plan, and serve the memorial/funeral dinners that are provided by the auxiliary to all veterans and their families in our community. Crystal also serves as a liaison between our community, the local school district, and the Troy Young VFW Auxiliary and Post 5181. Crystal has ensured that our local schools are very supportive of our Veterans. For the past 10 years, Crystal has been in charge of the Annual Veteran's Day Assembly at the local high school. Crystal is always striving to learn how to better support Troy Young Auxiliary and Post #5181 and District 12. We know that Crystal will serve the Department of Colorado with great dedication, and we therefore ask for your support and vote at the Department Convention in June 2023.

Respectfully,
Keith Huskey
President, VFW Auxiliary to Post #5181

John Baird
Sr. Vice President District #12

Joseph J Jacques Auxiliary 7945

**Proudly Endorses
Cindy Anderson
for
National Council Member District 13**



We, the members of Auxiliary 7945 are proud to endorse Cindy Anderson for the office of National Council Member for District 13

Cindy has been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for 32 years joining under the eligibility of her husband Warren who was a Vietnam veteran serving with the Air Force.

Her background includes serving at an Auxiliary President for 3 years, going through the chairs of District 10 and serving as District President in 2005-6. She then held each chair in the Department officer line and served as Department President in 2011-12. Cindy held the position of Department

Treasurer seven years and Department Secretary for two years.

Her knowledge of the organization and her mentoring skills in sharing that knowledge will enable her to be a great representative for the states of Colorado and Kansas.

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

Loyally,
Tina Jacobson
VFW Auxiliary 7945 President



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO
GENERAL ORDERS #4**

May 1, 2023

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

1. Department of Colorado Convention will be held in Greeley, CO at the Pioneer VFW Post #2121, 2514 7th Ave., Greeley, CO 80631 on June 7 through 10, 2023. All business sessions will be held at the Pioneer VFW Post #2121. Uniform of the day for Wednesday night Council meeting will be comfortable casual. Thursday Joint Opening and Business Sessions uniform will be the official blue shirt, black skirt or slacks and black shoes. Friday business sessions will be patriotic red, white, and blue tops with blue or black slacks and black shoes or a tie-dye shirt with a black skirt or slacks and black shoes. This applies to all council members only.
2. Department President's special project is the Fisher House. Please forward all donations to Department Treasurer, Lennie Dolan.
3. Delegates to the Department Convention will be recognized by the Credential Committee upon registration according to the Delegate reports filed by the Auxiliary Secretary. Secretaries be sure to send Department Delegate Forms to the Department Secretary immediately following delegate elections. NO Delegate cards will be mailed to the Auxiliaries. Remember elected delegates serve for one year.
4. Any Auxiliary in Arrears for submission of audits shall be deprived of their vote at the Department Convention. Audits covering the months of July 2022 through March 2023 must be completed and on file with the Department Treasurer prior to convention. All rights

shall be promptly restored upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

5. Audits for the months of January, February and March 2023 are due by May 31, 2023. Audits must be read on the Auxiliary floor and voted to be approved before sending them to the Department Treasurer, Lennie Dolan.
6. District Presidents: Annual official visits to the Auxiliaries should be completed. The District Officer making the visit should sign the Secretary and Treasurer books to verify that they are being kept in accordance with procedures. Copies of bonds, audits, and verification of 990 filings should be available for review. All questions on the visit form should be completed. Completed inspection forms should be mailed or emailed to Department Secretary Linda Reinbold and Chief of Staff Shelley Schlieman.
7. Membership for those who have not yet paid 2023 dues will end July 1, 2023. Dues for lapsed members are paid up to June 30, 2023. Any member who has not paid by that time will be dropped from the rolls and must re-apply for membership.
8. Department Officers and Chairmen must have their yearend convention book reports to Department Secretary Linda Reinbold by May 3, 2023.
9. A special thank you to all of you who attended the Council of Administration held in Security.

BY ORDER OF:
/s/Ron Boone
Department President

ATTEST:
/s/Linda Reinbold
Department Secretary

Department Outreach

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have completed our activities and now we will attend the Convention in June. There we will hear about the fun we all had this year working with the organizations in our Community. I am sure they appreciated the helping hand. So many of you reported that you helped your local food banks to distribute food, serving at soup kitchen for the homeless shelters, walking dogs at the local animal shelter etc.. You are amazing people to help so much where it is needed most. Thank you for all you have done and all you will do in the future. Don't stop now. People in the Community still need our help. Please reach out.

Pat Garcia
Outreach chairman

Department Auxiliary Roster Change

Page 20 Treasurer Donna G. Reed, (1247) 970-260-0236, 585 25-1/2 Rd, Trlr #149, Grand Junction, CO 81505; vfwpost1247auxiliarytreasurer@yahoo.com

All State Achievement

The All State Achievement Program is an opportunity for all Auxiliaries and District Auxiliaries to be rewarded for those who have earned the award by completing tasks that are required in the VFW Auxiliary By-laws. Those Auxiliaries and Districts will earn All State Achievement that: 1) Reach the minimum points required. 2) Have submitted All State Report by the deadline, May 15, 2023. All State Achievement 3) Report is signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer, not a computer generated signature. You are welcome to mail a hard copy or scan and email a copy. The forms are available

on the Department website, vfwco.org and in the Colorado Program Book. The President, Secretary and Treasurer of each Auxiliary or District that earns All State Achievement will receive an All State Achievement pin and medallion. The Auxiliary or District will receive a certificate of All State Achievement Recognition. If you, your Auxiliary and/or District have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. So come on Colorado, "We Are Family" with "Hands That Serve, Hearts That Care".

Hugs,
Patsy Gilmore
All State Achievement Chairman

Youth Program

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers!
WOW, 2022-2023 has passed in a blur! It is hard to believe that this program year is over and that our reporting has all been turned in. Even with all the extra white stuff falling from the sky, our Colorado Auxiliaries have been busy.

Just because this year's program has closed, don't stop doing the things that you all do best. Continue to reach out to the schools, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, the churches and other youth groups and engage with them. Get a jump start on next year! Just write everything down and report AFTER the first COA in 2022/2023. Continue working with our youth, Illustrating America, singing the Star Spangled Banner and doing acts of Patriotism. Baseball season is just starting and it is time for community celebrations, so I know the youth will be out there participating, join them and have fun!!

With the challenges of COVID and the snow, I am amazed at the Auxiliaries' ability to "think outside the box" and come up with great creativity. The reports were tough to judge.

I want to continue to thank all of the line officers and the other chairmen for working with me this past 2 years during my home displacement, my son and daughter-in-laws illnesses and a couple of family tragedies. I know their kindness and prayers are what kept me going. Again a huge THANK YOU!

Thanks again to all the Auxiliaries for your hard work and dedication to the programs. Continue working with our youth and encourage them as they are our future.

Hope to see all of you at State Convention in June.

Queenie Barz
Youth Activities Chairman

VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

BUDDY POPPY

Greetings! By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be at the end of the reporting year, and I will have all the numbers of what you have reported to me this year. I want to say that I am very proud of all the work that every one of you have put into this program this year. For every poppy we give out, and every donation we get, we are supporting our veterans' programs and our disabled who assemble these little red flowers. I hope all of you are getting ready for Memorial Day Poppy tables, and getting your poppy displays ready for state convention. I can't wait to see how creative you are with the use of the poppies in your displays, so get those thinking caps and creative juices going. Let's have some good displays and make those judges work hard to choose the winners.

NATIONAL HOME

Since our COA in February, Director Mike Wilson has started a new chapter of Guitars for Vets at the National Home. Mike stated that it was music that gave him calm and peace. They have so many vets working through PTSD and combat trauma that Mike knew they needed to offer this program on their campus. This new program on the National Home

campus joins over 160 other chapters nationwide. This organization, started in 2007 by a guitar teacher and a Vietnam vet who experienced the restorative provides a loaner guitar to each new student while each individual chapter recruits its own volunteers to give the instruction. Mike Wilson, a longtime musician, offered his services and called on two additional musicians, his friend Bob Hout, also a veteran who served on three deployments, and son Dakota Wilson to provide these lessons.

As the grey days of winter are nearing the end the National Home, there are changes in some of the residents. They are busy moving in two new families from Texas and Utah, and saying goodbye to a wonderful family who bought a new house in Georgia. Everything is going strong and growing every day. Families are working hard to increase skills in parenting, budgeting, and time management. Transition from military lifestyle to civilian lifestyle is much smoother when you supported by others who have made that journey or are walking that path with you.

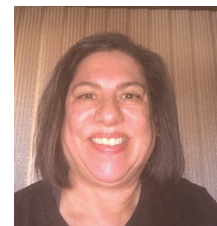
See you at State Convention.

Patricia Rowley-Wilson
Buddy Poppy-National Home Chairman

Joseph J Jacques Auxiliary 7945

**Proudly Endorse
Lennie Dolan**

**Department Treasurer
2023 - 2024**



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

Lennie has been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for 18 years joining under the eligibility of her husband Bruce who is a Vietnam veteran serving with the Air Force. Her background includes serving as Auxiliary Treasurer for the past 15 years and serving as District 10 Treasurer for the past 12 years. She has received the Outstanding Treasurer Award two times and she has also held several chairmanships on all levels.

Along with her vast knowledge of the Auxiliary Treasurer duties her work career included 30 years as a full charge bookkeeper in the Nutrition

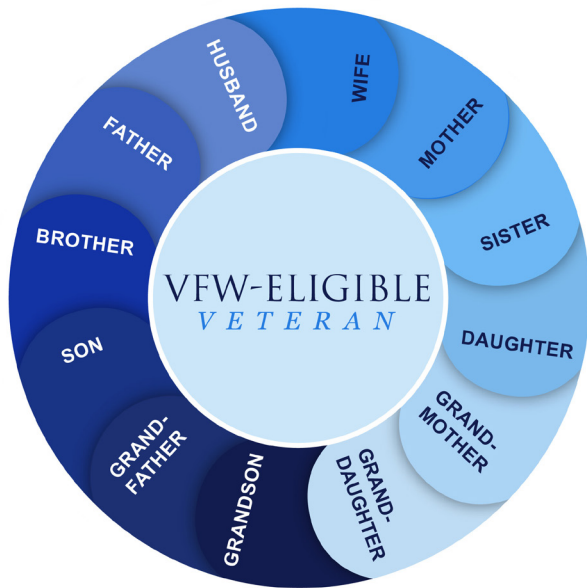
Services Department and then the Payroll Department for a school district in Aurora.

We find Lennie always willing to answer questions, help and teach anyone who asks for assistance and we know that she will be an asset to the Department in the position of Treasurer.

Lennie has the full support of her family and Auxiliary in this endeavor. We respectfully ask you to join us in supporting Lennie at the Department convention with your vote.

Loyally,
Tina Jacobson
VFW Auxiliary 7945 President

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



**Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.*

Chief of Staff and Extension

In the blink of an eye, I am writing my last article for the Veteran for 2022-2023. Yes, in the blink of an eye, we are all wrapping up our visits and our program reporting, and getting ready to elect and install officers and get program chairs for 2023-2024. So, how did we do this year? On a scale of 1 to 10, I would give all of you a 9. I always have a hard time going to that 10, because I think a 10 is perfect, top of the board, can't do better, no room for improvement. We all have that goal, but we always can improve, refine, learn more, teach more, think outside the box, and just reach. The District Presidents and Deputy Chiefs of Staff did an outstanding job of visiting their Auxiliaries, spending time with those that needed some mentoring, disseminating information, encouraging participation, being the eyes and ears of the Department.

I feel we are truly beginning to "Build on the Foundation". Auxiliaries are doing great, almost a 100 percent current in audits, almost 100 percent in reporting, all working hard on membership. You are serving our Veterans, active duty, and communities with hours, miles, and donations from the heart. This organization needs you, Department needs you, Districts need you, Auxiliaries need you. We have lost a couple of Auxiliaries this year and have a Post that has voted to try to institute an Auxiliary. Work will continue on that. I want to thank Department President, Ron Boone, for asking me to be his Chief of Staff. His motto, "We are Family" speaks to all of us, as we continue to serve those that have and continue to serve us.

Loyally,
Shelley Schlieman, Chief of Staff

Americanism

Spring is finally here!! We have had an awesome year and made some amazing memories! Thank you to all of you for your efforts, energy and dedication to serving our veterans!!

I have received dozens of reports documenting programs and events you completed. And I see such care and devotion in the pictures, postings on FB and Instagrams, and Tiktok shares. I have shared many of your posts with our National Ambassador and with all Dept. Americanism Chairs across the USA. You are valued!

Continue to complete our Aux. year with celebrating holidays especially Memorial Day. Join with other community organizations to honor our veterans and active military.

This year's reporting deadline has passed but our support of veterans and active military must continue. Show your community that you are still strong and there to meet as many needs as your Auxiliary can.

Walk tall, feel proud and know your efforts, donations, and hard work are seen and so appreciated. Encourage each other to carry on the important

work your auxiliary has traditionally has engaged in and look for new ways to reach out to our veterans.

Hope to see all of you at our State Convention in June and celebrate your awards, new and continued friendships, and meet new members from all over the state.

I thank you for the opportunity to work with you all this year and feel honored to have been your Americanism Chair for this year.

Respectfully,
Marilyn Peters
Americanism Chairperson



Auxiliary Membership by District as of April 28, 2023

Number	City	2022	2023	%	Number	City	2022	2023	%					
DISTRICT #1														
1	Denver	182	184	101*	859	Leadville	20	20	100*					
501	Denver	162	133	82	11411	Lake George	47	47	100*					
2461	Denver	99	82	83	12009	Conifer	35	34	97					
5061	Denver	149	157	105*	TOTAL		102	101	99%					
TOTAL		592	556	94%	DISTRICT #8									
DISTRICT #2														
2788	Penrose	42	42	100*	4264	Stmbt Spgs	28	28	100*					
3641	Pueblo	74	47	64	4265	Craig	37	35	95					
4061	Canon City	119	115	97	5843	Meeker	31	32	103*					
5812	Pueblo West	39	40	103*	9374	Kremmling	21	20	95					
7305	Colo. City	22	21	95	TOTAL		117	115	98%					
TOTAL		296	265	90%	DISTRICT #9									
DISTRICT #3														
41	Loveland	122	123	101*	322	Englewood	73	74	101*					
1771	Lafayette	252	251	99.6	3471	Morrison	40	0	0					
1781	Ft. Collins	110	119	108*	3631	Aurora	101	108	107*					
2121	Greeley	107	111	104*	4171	Golden	282	275	98					
2585	Johnstown	73	76	104*	4331	Arvada	134	131	98					
2601	Longmont	191	191	100*	4444	Cmmrc City	170	173	102*					
4334	Ault	45	46	102*	7945	Thornton	269	273	101*					
6624	Evans	197	194	98	9644	Fort Logan	327	342	105*					
12189	Berthoud	20	19	95	TOTAL		1396	1376	99%					
TOTAL		1117	1130	101%*	DISTRICT #10									
DISTRICT #4														
3541	Sterling	59	59	100*	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	82	79	96					
4671	Wray	23	24	104*	3571	Delta	51	51	100*					
TOTAL		82	83	101%*	3981	Grnd Jcnctn	46	38	83					
DISTRICT #5														
101	Colo. Spgs.	74	75	101*	9221	Cedaredge	52	51	98					
3917	Security	197	189	96	TOTAL		231	219	95%					
4051	Colo. Spgs	231	227	98	DISTRICT #11									
5221	Calhan	25	25	100*	4031	Durango	111	125	113*					
6461	Fountain	142	148	104*	5181	Dove Creek	36	35	97					
7829	Monument	60	42	70	5231	Mancos	62	56	90					
TOTAL		729	706	97%	TOTAL		209	216	103%*					
DISTRICT #6														
336	Ordway	67	71	106*	DISTRICT #12									
2411	Las Animas	106	107	101*	3411	Kit Carson	19	19	100*					
TOTAL		173	178	103%*	6612	Hugo	36	37	103*					
DISTRICT #7														
899	Alamosa	46	32	70	TOTAL		55	56	102%*					
4849	La Jara	41	38	93	15006	At Large	712	687	96%					
8121	So Fork	105	107	102*	=TOTAL DEPT.		6,003	5,865	98%					
TOTAL		192	177	92%	DISTRICT #13									

Time to send in your 2023 Dues!

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Be 100% in 2022 - 2023

Veterans and Family Support

Greeting Sisters and Brothers,

Where has this year gone. Seems like yesterday Department President Ron asked me to be his Veterans and Family Support Chairman. I have enjoyed being your Chairman for this program and know that all of the Auxiliary's have put their hearts in helping our Veterans and Community.

Thank you to all the Auxiliary's that did Standdowns or participated in them. This helps our Homeless Veterans and Homeless persons so much. They greatly appreciate everything you do, as I do.

Though our reporting deadline was March 31st, please remember to continue reporting for this upcoming year. These programs below are essential to help our Veterans and continue to help them in every way. Please if you haven't learned how to do online reporting, ask someone who does. As this is so simple comparing to doing the paperwork. I am willing to show anyone who would like to know how to do the online reporting:

Please continue to support these programs and read up on them as to what each program does for our Veterans:

- 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

Thank you to all the Auxiliary's that participated in our Card Shower Challenge and Congratulations to Auxiliary 8121, Siegfried-Leyte - Del Norte for winning the prize of \$150.00.

Big thank you to Brandi Dolan, Hospital Chairman for also participating and helping me with this Challenge.

We had a wonderful year, and I am looking forward to seeing you all at Department Convention with all the awards you may get as it will be well deserved.

Take care and see you at Convention.

With Loyalty,
Lucille Chavez
Veterans and Family Support

Scholarship

Greetings Auxiliary Members,
What a year we have had! Although the 2022 – 2023 program reporting year has already come to a close, please continue to plan events and to report what you are doing for the Scholarships program. All the volunteering you have done and will do, whether it be planning, working or doing the paperwork/ reporting for the variety of events is always appreciated. I am so proud of the time you all put in for our Veterans and their families.

Thank you for helping make all information about the Scholarships programs available to students. The Patriot's Pen and the Voice of Democracy Scholarship programs allow students to share their thoughts and opinions about different subjects. It is always interesting to hear the youth of today express their opinions on the prompts given for both contests. Amara Fancher was our Voice of Democracy Department winner that represented us at National. This year our Colorado winner for Patriot's Pen, Delayne Uyemura placed 6th at National. Congratulations to both.

I believe that our Continuing Education Scholarship contest might need just a little bit more promotion. So, please continue to spread the word! This contest provides financial help to an Auxiliary member, their spouse or child if they qualify, submit an application and win the contest. Winning this contest could really make an enormous difference in pursuing and attaining an educational goal.

The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest (YACPAC) re-

ally displays young artists' talents. Expressing themselves through the beautiful art they create is amazing. This year the contest has expanded with the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest, which is also National President Jane Reape's special project. There is still time to donate money to her special project. Please make sure to earmark donations. These donations will establish an escrow fund to provide scholarship awards for the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest.

The time you all spend promoting, arranging drop off/pickup and getting the artwork to the Department chairman is very time and energy consuming, but is appreciated very much. Even though this year's reporting is over, you can report it for next year. All contests are completed for the Department level and either on the way to National or already have begun the National judging portion of the program for this year.

I would like to remind you all that it will soon be time to start the entire process over again and getting information out to teachers and students for the 2023 – 2024 program year.

Safe travels for all who will be attending the Colorado VFW State Convention June 7-10 in Greeley. Just a reminder that I will be holding a drawing for \$50 for Auxiliaries that reported during the 2022 – 2023 program year during the Convention. "We Are Family" with "Hands That Serve, Hearts That Care".

Hugs,
Patsy Gilmore
Department Scholarships Chairman

2023 - 2024 Student Themes

"What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy"
"How are You Inspired by America"

Legislative Program

Hello Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers!
Happy Spring! I cannot believe how quickly time has gone this year! The reporting year is over and I know everyone will be anxiously awaiting to hear what awards their auxiliaries have received at the State Convention in June. I hope that I will be able to see many of you there. Let's have a quick recap of everything that has been talked about at the COAs this past year.

At the August COA, I spoke about the VFW Priority Goals and the Do's and Don'ts of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary's involvement in elections and political activities. We also spoke about how to find your legislators - in order to contact them about important veteran issues, and how to keep up to date with all of the legislative news.

During the October COA - what a wonderful and interesting COA that was, being the first time that it was just the Auxiliary meeting - we spoke about the different ways to "Get Out & Vote," as November 8th was election day and fast approaching, as well as helping our auxiliary members, who may otherwise not be able to get out, be able to participate in the election. Again, we reiterated how to get signed up with Action Corps Weekly and keep up with everything legislative.

The February COA came upon us quickly after the holidays, and we were

able to recap what we had gone over the two previous COAs and answer any questions for new auxiliary members and get them signed up with Action Corps Weekly. For those who would like to sign up for Action Corps Weekly, which is a wonderful resource for legislative information, here is the link; <https://voterveice.net/VFW/register>

It has been such a delight being your Legislative Chairman, and I am honored and thankful that President Ron Boone gave me the opportunity to do so this year. For those of you that were able to attend the COAs, I am so glad that you were able to and that I was able to meet so many of you. For those of you who went, who knew that the Legislative Program could be so emotional at times? And if you were able to attend, many of you know that I was able to do just that, make it emotional.

Just because our reporting year is over, don't stop making "waves" with our legislators, keep true to serving our veterans and their families, and report your auxiliary's activities for the next reporting year, but most importantly remember to honor your veteran(s) by continuing the mission of the VFW & the VFW Auxiliary.

Warmest Regards,
Nadia Flores
Legislative Chairman

Hospital Program

Greetings Sisters and Brothers!

I cannot believe another year has flown by. One reporting year ended March 31st and the next one began April 1st. Soon we will be gathering for the annual state convention in Greeley. There we will hand out awards for all the hard work everyone has done over the past year. On that note, I want to thank each and every one of you who participated in that hard work in whatever way worked best for you. I would also like to thank all those who were so helpful to me as I navigated taking on the hospital chair this

year, which was completely new to me. I also just wanted to give you a quick reminder as you go forward in the new year with reporting - please remember to enter complete information so that the chairs have everything they need to properly review all of your contributions!

Enjoy the warmer weather and I hope to see you all in Greeley!

Loyally,
Brandi Dolan
Hospital Chairman

Report ALL Program Reports On-Line
Updated the First of every Month
Written Reports will soon, not be accepted
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President's Special Project Rocky Mountain Regional VA Fisher House

Greetings Auxiliary Members!

The 2022-23 year is winding down. There is still time for all Auxiliaries to show that "WE ARE FAMILY" by purchasing Ron's project pins so we can help in providing FREE services to our veterans and their families in a time of need,

Ron has chosen the Rocky Mountain Regional Fisher House as his special project. If you ever get a chance to visit this beautiful location, please do so! You will definitely understand why Ron chose this project and how our money can go to help our Veterans.

The Rocky Mountain Regional Fisher House is located behind the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado at 1700 N. Wheeling Street, Building R. They are conveniently located near the VA, so that our families can easily visit their loved ones. At the local Fisher House they believe "a family's love is good medicine." That is why they provide a FREE "home-away-from-home" for families of active duty military and veterans getting medical care. This service also provides transportation if the patient is receiving care at a facility other than the VA Clinic.

Our local Fisher House has 16 suites and can accommodate 16 to 32 family members. It features a large kitchen, laundry facilities, a spacious dining room and an inviting living room with a library. Our new home also has an elevator to easily access the second floor.

I still have pins for sale. These beautiful red, white and blue pins, with Ron's theme "WE ARE FAMILY", and sporting the Auxiliary emblem surrounded

by our beautiful Rocky Mountains can be purchased by mailing an order (provided on this page) along with the monies to pay for the requested number of pins. Once I receive the order form, I will send your requested number of pins to you via USPS. The cost per pin is \$3 and you are allowed to resell the pins for \$3. **If you resell the pins at a higher cost, you are required to send the extra monies into Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary.** All monies raised from this pin are to go to the Rocky Mountain Regional Fisher House. Each Auxiliary is required to purchase at least 10 pins. Let's get those orders turned in and support Ron's Special Project. There are still a few Auxiliaries that have NOT purchased any pins. Let's show Ron our love and reach 100%.

I'm still CHALLENGING each and every Auxiliary member to save \$0.25, \$7.75 a month or \$91.25 a year, and donate to Ron's Special Project. Bring your quarters to the State Convention in June and let's fill the Fisher House birdhouses with our quarters!!! It is already getting heavy.

Also, for those Auxiliaries that have been collecting pop tops off of the beer and soda cans - you can take them to your local aluminum collector, have them weighed and send the money to Department earmarking it for Ron's Special Project. Or you can bring them to me at State Convention. They are too heavy to mail. I will get them weighed at my local distributor and send the money to State.

Queenie Barz
Special Project Chairman

2022—2023 Veterans Pin Order Form

This years Department of Colorado Auxiliary
Presidents Special Project:
Colorado Fisher House



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**

Mail Veteran's Pin order to: Queenie Barz
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