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VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11th

THANK A VETERAN FOR YOUR FREEDOM

Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

9th annual Veteran’s Christmas Food and Toy Airlift Project

Now is the time of year for family, friends, and parties. It is the season of giving and remembering.

The Colorado Aviation Business Association, Metro State University Aviation and Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsors the ninth (9th) annual Christmas Food/Toy airlift to VFW Posts in Colorado, now one month away.

Last year’s airlift stats: 1071 veterans and family members were recipients; 34 air aircraft flew product to 13 VFW posts for distribution of 7,028 lbs. $12,873.00 was received in donations for the project.

We are asking for your personal and or Post donation of cash, food/toys to be delivered to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, Co 80214 by December 1st. Please make the checks out to Department VFW and add in the memo section of your check “CABA”. We will be staging these items at Centennial Airport for the Airlift tentatively at the time of this writing on Sunday December 15th.

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

Peter Buchanan, PDC: Chairman, Veteran’s Christmas Airlift Project peterbuchanan@comcast.net 303-981-1606
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.

Now that we have had our first snow fall this year. The request for assistance has increased. Assistance to date July 1, 2019 through October 15, 2019, we have expended $12,109.56 in assistance to 22 Veterans and their Families with Rent, Utilities, and Vehicle Repairs etc. Any eligible Veteran in need of emergency assistance across the State of Colorado can apply for a one time Grant of $500. We receive referrals from and also refer Veterans to VA Social workers, Veterans Service Officers, and other non-profit organizations.

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

We are asking you 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.

Some of our members have wondered the impact the financial assistance makes on the lives of the veterans we serve. The cost of living in Colorado is greatly impacting the lives of Veterans and their families. We have a lot of focus into the homeless Veteran population that we sometimes forget about the Veteran that is one emergency away from being homeless - when it’s a matter of having a vehicle to drive children to school or Dr. appointments, purchase a prescription (because they don’t have VA medical benefits) or put food on the table. Rent is paid 1 day late and the late fees are astronomical, or they have turned to all other organizations just to be told - you don’t qualify for our programs - your income is too high, you’re not homeless.

Colorado VFW Foundation has been able to help a female veteran with vehicle repairs so she could transport her disabled child to appointments, helped Veteran and his family to keep their apartment because a small miscalculation makes the difference between paying rent and being homeless. Helped with vehicle registration and emissions test that is the Veterans Shelter while they await for affordable housing to open up. We thank you for your Donations and yes every penny counts and helps. THANK YOU!!!!!

Colorado VFW Foundation Board of Directors

Band Director Sought For VFW Band

The VFW Band of Colorado is seeking a principal conductor and music director to begin in January 2020. It would be preferable for a candidate to be a veteran of any U.S. Military Band, but not required.

The VFW Band plays 8-10 performances every year, the two most notable being Memorial Day at Fort Logan National Cemetery and Founder’s Day at the Brown Palace Hotel in early December.

Founded in 1888, by former Leadville mayor and later U.S. Congressman, George W. Cook, a veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic, we are the oldest organized ensemble of our kind in the state of Colorado. Known first as Cook’s Drum Corps, verbal history has it, that in 1931, as the number of Civil War veterans diminished, the Veterans of Foreign Wars sought our services and the name was changed to Cooks VFW Band and Drum Corps. In 1948, when the Department of Colorado designated us as their official band, our name became The VFW Band of Colorado. While keeping with our military band heritage, the group has a two part mission of providing a place for a veteran musician to play in a band of our type, and as time permits, to represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars by providing performances at VFW functions, local and regional parades, civic ceremonies, neighborhood activities and the like.

While our repertoire includes marches, standard patriotic and armed forces pieces, we also perform other types of music that fit a concert band play list. The Band rehearses most Monday nights from 7:15 to 8:45 at VFW Post 9644 at 2680 W. Hampden Ave. A stipend is available. For more information, please contact your President, Grant Cooley, at 1984gman@gmail.com.
Greetings, comrades,
It's that time of year again. We are in that period of our VFW year where we have the crush of activity for our scholarship programs and all our fall events around Veteran's Day. As for me it has already been a busy fall. In September I had the distinct privilege in being the keynote speaker at the Annual Tri-State 9-11 Tribute in Lamar Colorado. Wow! What a humbling honor that was. Today there was an interesting bit of keynoting the Denver Regional Transportation District (RTD) and the purported National Medal of Honor Museum. Several members of the RTD board shot down a proposal to lease a vacant land at its downtown Civic Center Station transit hub for the museum to use should it select Denver as the site for its purported museum. Due to public outcry and a lot of activity from members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other VSO's, the RTD board decided to look at the proposal again and on September voted to support it. Our voices were heard. Today we know that Denver was not selected but I think that there may be an opportunity to write more on this story. One of the reasons why Denver was selected as a finalist is because of the perceived ability to fundraise. You see the Museum would have to raise $150 Million to build the building, money it expected to raise largely through private philanthropy. Imagine if we were able to raise just 1 percent of that sum to help the veterans in our communities. In the meantime, we will just have to make do with Colorado being known as "America's Home of Heroes", thank you Pueblo. We are continuing our efforts to change how these on can find VFW.org on the on-line community / program report for the Digital Veteran. And finally, the on-line community / program reporting went live at the October COA. See our website https://vfwco.org for details.

Commander's Column
David Stone

Digital Colorado Veteran Delivery
Register at https://vfwco.org

Quartermaster's Column
Bruce Dolan

Greetings,
I hope this finds everyone well. In the VFW National By-Laws (yellow pages) Section 704 clearly states “A relief fund shall be established and maintained by the Posts.” This means you must have a Relief Fund. There is no dollar amount stated, but you must maintain one. The funds for the relief fund come from poppy distribution and other means of solicitation or donation. These are to be used for the relief of Veterans. If you go to Section 704 of the Manual of Procedure, it states what the relief fund may be used for. I have received 97 Post Audits this year. Out of those 20 had no relief fund. Please refer to the above reference and create a relief fund. You don’t need a separate bank account but MUST have a fund. Speaking of Audits; and I always speak of Audits, when the Audits are properly completed, they must be received by the Department by the end of the following month. i.e. July Audit must be at 1400 Carr Street in Lakewood by August 31. Speaking of July Audits, I still don’t have a July Audit from 15 Posts: 322, 2461, 3571, 3951, 4121, 4281, 4331, 4663, 5261, 9304, 9491, 9565, 10999, 12174, please send me your July audit. If you feel you have, let me know. We have a very easy filing system and I will check. Overall the Audits are getting better compared to just 2 years ago. If you need help finding out QM information, please call the office at 303-421-1630.

Surgeon's Column
Geraldine Rimpley

With this edition of The Veteran, I want to wish you all happy holidays for the upcoming months. Many celebrations to be had, please be safe with each and every one and enjoy! With the colder months moving in comes the flu season. Flu Shots + Free = Walgreens. There may be more facilities offering this service but my sincere hope is you take advantage of one of them to keep yourself healthy.

District Commanders will have updated information sheets concerning VA Priority Group information. If you will who is eligible for what services. Please look at the information sheet to ensure you are receiving the best care you are eligible for within the VA system. We would like to share this useful information with all Veterans as no one takes care of us better than we do! Geraldine Rimpley Department Surgeon

Jr. Vice Column
Barbara Green

Now is the time to solicit nominations for Public Servant Award. Every post has a firefighter, law enforcement officer and EMT person in their neighborhood deserving of recognition. This program has been greatly ignored by a majority of Colorado VFW posts. It’s time to change and recognize these deserving individuals. The post officer responsible is the Post Safety Chairman. The chairman needs only to establish a contact within the local law enforcement agency, fire department, and emergency services (don’t forget the military agency, fire department, and emergency services). Complete the top part of the VFW Public Servant Award Citation Post Entry Form and provide it to the contacts via either email or in hard copy along with the award criteria. Both of these may be at VFW.org on the “Community Service, Scholarships & Awards” page after logging in and clicking on “Public Servant and Safety.” The instructions and forms are listed there. Nominations are due to department headquarters by 1 January 2020. Of little notice are the Life Saving Awards. These awards are given throughout the year. The application is also under the “Public Servant and Safety” menu. The criteria are in the Chairman’s Manual on the right side of the page. If anyone in the post knows of someone deserving of one of the life saving awards don’t hesitate to complete the application. If you have any questions on these programs contact Commodore Bob Green, Department Safety Chairman, at gbobgreen@gmail.com or by phone at 719-244-5578 (if no answer leave a message and call back number).

Barbara Green
Department Jr. Vice Commander

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By Command Of:
David Stone
State Commander

National VFW Foundation Grant

No one understands military and veteran support quite like we do. To help VFW Departments, Posts, and Auxiliaries, as well as qualifying non-profits provide the vital support America's heroes and their families deserve, the VFW Foundation has established the VFW Foundation Grant.

Grants ranging from $1,000 - $15,000, will be awarded for activities that directly benefit veterans, active duty military personnel and their families. Requests displaying innovation in service delivery, unique program design that addresses an under-served need and the likelihood of sustainability after the grant period ends will be given special consideration.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019-20 VFW Foundation Grant. Download the application and apply today. https://www.vfw.org/community/community-initiatives/post-grants
## Membership 2019 - 2020

Comrades,

We have been off to a great start with membership! As we end the first quarter of our fiscal year, the Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars is above 84%. There are over 80 Posts that are over 75% with their memberships, with our Post already reaching 100%. All Districts are over 80%, which shows that we are making progress with recruiting initiatives. We have over 167 new members and 13 reinstated members; of which, there are 80 recruits. I am happy to see that more members are recruiting this year, which greatly helps our membership programs.

Retaining members is vital, especially when it comes to officers at the Post and District levels. Unfortunately, multiple officers have already expired this year and have been removed from their positions. When an officer expires, they are unable to fill a position until the next fiscal year; this can be detrimental to Posts and Districts. If you are a Commander or Quartermaster, please ensure that officer dues are paid for the fiscal year. If you are a member, please ensure your dues are being paid. Every member we make takes the VFW’s voice much stronger to Congress when advocating for Veterans, their families, and their orphans and widows.

Recruiting members is crucial to the sustainability of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Without growth, we cannot continue to advance our organization or fulfill our motto, “No one does more for Veterans.” If you were to look into the Veteran demographics in your community, you would see that we are not doing all that we can to recruit. Spread the word of our organization, promote your Post, and help new members feel welcome. We constantly come across Veterans in our daily lives; whether at the grocery store, hospital, or community events, there are eligible Veterans that are not with the VFW. Carrying membership applications on the go can be problematic, but if you have a smartphone, recruiting on the go is much easier. You can go to VFW.org to set up an account (you will need an email address and your membership number) and view MEMSTATS (membership statistics). Once you have an account, you can download the VFW app and sign in. In the bottom of the screen, it has an option for recruiting. All you need to do is get the post member’s information and it is then forwarded to your Quartermaster for follow-up.

Please continue to do your part—help with recruiting, aid in retention, mentor new members, and make sure that members feel wanted and needed in your Post. Our Department finished well over 100% last year and I would like to see us do even better this year. Let’s do this!

Alexandria Faulkner
Department Membership Director

### VFW Roster Changes

### Page 4 & 27

Jerry Salle 435-459-3075

### Page 12 & 20

Eric Veed, 2765 Hamerdm Dr

### Page 30

Post 807 Boulder 3rd Sat 9:00 am

QM: Donald Eldhart, 91 Camino Bosque, Boulder, 80302 303-444-6032

### Page 31

Post 1247 Grand Junction

Cmdr: Stephen Young, 516 31 1/2 Rd Lot 63, Grand Junction 81504 970-327-2274

SM: Julius “Jay” Hoefling, 994 Crown Ct., Grand Junction 81505 970-245-7362

### Page 33

Post 2551 Fort Morgan

DRE: Dale O’Connor, 4159 S Liverpool Way, Aurora 80013 719-740-0525

### Page 35

Post 3541 Sterling

Cmdr: Taylor Amburgey, 1415 Platte St. Apt E36, Sterling 80751

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Post 4266 Parker

QM: Gerald Bubash, 16868 E Prentice Pl., Centennial 80015 303-956-2534

### Page 40

Post 4331 Arvada

QM: Leonard Radel, 6984 W 71st Ave. Pl., Arvada 80003 303-975-6716

### Page 44

Post 6051 Woodland Park

SM: Donald Eldhart, 1067 W U S Hwy 24 #220, Woodland Park 80836 719-530-8895

### Page 45

Post 6624 Evans

Cmdr: Jesse Lowance, 167 50th Ave. Pl., Greeley 80634

### Page 46

Post 7563 Blackhawk

Cmdr: Russell Coshow, P O Box 260, Blackhawk 80422

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Post 9644 Verle Huffman

Cmdr: Paul Gremes 720-726-4135

Page 1141: Billy H. Teel

Send Deceased members to Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214. They will be in Taps and State Convention Joint Memorial Services.

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## Legacy Life membership

Legacy Life membership enables VFW Life members to leave a lasting impression on our great organization.

When you become a Legacy Life member, you are helping us strengthened the VFW – where NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Three prestigious levels of Legacy Life membership are available: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Each level offers generous benefits reserved exclusively for Legacy Life members.

Once your Legacy Life membership begins, an annual endowment in your name will be made to your Post, Department and the organization. You will feel confident knowing your contributions to our organization are not only helping today’s veterans but the veterans of tomorrow.

You may also purchase a Memorial Legacy in the name of a deceased VFW Life member to help future generations know and remember their sacrifice and contributions.

Simply fill out the attached acceptance form and return it to the address provided. For any questions regarding Legacy Life membership, please contact the VFW Member Service Center at 1.833.VFW.VETS. We will gladly provide you with more information on this prestigious and rewarding membership.
VFW Post 7829 Monument Commander Joe Carlson (L) at the “Taste of Country” event held for the Pueblo VA Community Living Center. Post members Mike Abair, Don Spano, Steve Dupont with Molly, Jesse Cooper, and Bill Byers help serve a special treat to the resident Veterans.

Homelake Summerfest, 9/14. State President Patsy Gilmore, Conductor Phil Reinpold, PDP Linda Reinpold; Auxiliaries 101, 899, 5812, 4031, 8121, 4031, 4849; Posts 4031, 899; MOCA and MOC Members.

Monument VFW Post and Auxiliary 7829 “Family Freedom Festival”. Everyone is waving and saying “Hello” and if you need information on how to do one next year, contact them. Every Auxiliary in Colorado can do this. A very rewarding day for every member. This one was held September 14, 2019.

Elizabeth VFW Post 10649 presents Melissa Blair-O’Shaughnessy, Recreational Therapy Director, and Willie Roy, a Vietnam Veteran that resides at the Center with a $3,650 check to the Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Fitzsimons. The funds donated were from 4th annual Veterans Fun Shoot.

Minturn VFW Post 10721 visited the SoldierStone Memorial August 6th, set atop the Continental Divide on Sargent’s Mesa. This Memorial is located on Rio Grande National Forest Lands & is protected by the Saguache Ranger Station.

VFW Department Safety Chairman Bob Green (L) and Past Department Commander Steve Kjonaas (R) presented Robert Fildes at Station 17 in Colorado Springs his Fireman/Paramedic award. Robert was unable to attend VFW State Convention June 2019.

All Activities Day in Pueblo, 9/21. Department President Patsy Gilmore, Jr Vice Lucille Chavez, Conductor Phil Reinpold, and PDP Linda Reinpold. Goodies and a Game were available for resident Veterans.

National Convention in Orlando, FL., is exhausting. Hospitality Chairman Kirk Rosa found a corner and took a short snooz. From what was reported, it was well deserved. Good Job Kirk!
Past National President Helen Surprise 90th Birthday Party hosted by her Johnstown Church. L/R: Char and Doug Raymond, Helen, Marsha Harrison, Past CIC Paul Spera and wife Joanne, John Holland.

National President Peggy Haake and State President Patsy Gilmore passing through the Aisle of Honor during her official visit to Colorado. Peggy was in Colorado October 13 - 15, 2019.

VFW Auxiliary Department Past Presidents and National President Peggy Haake. L/R: Ginny Rosa, Shelley Schlieman, Charlotte Lattin, Linda Reinpold, Martine Arndt, Sue Tartaglione and National President Peggy Haake.

National President Peggy Haake, State President Patsy Gilmore and State Commander Dave Stone enjoyed dinner at Cheyenne Mountain VFW 3917 during her official visit to Colorado.

VFW Post 3917 provided and served dinner for 25 Homeless Veterans and their family members. The goal is for Homeless Veterans and their family members to become self sufficient within their community.

VFW Post 9644 Verle Huffman entered a float in a local parade. VFW and Auxiliary members rode on the float and Auxiliary Buddy Poppy Chairman Shelly Hall wore her Poppy hat and the dogs have Poppy Bow-Ties.

VFW District 8 Commander Kirk Rosa visited the Freedom Park Memorial in Edwards, CO. Kirk is pictured in front of the only piece of original Limestone located in Colorado from the 911 American Airlines Flight 77 attack on the Pentagon.

VFW 7829 Auxiliary Chaplain and Hospital Chairman Linda Lyons, dressed up as a nurse for the Freedom Festival. She made the full sheet cake celebrating the Auxiliary’s 105th anniversary.

National President Peggy Haake and Colorado State President Patsy Gilmore visited the Garden of the Gods Park during her official visit to Colorado and say “Aloha” to everyone. Thank you for the many courtesies during her visit.
**AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

### State Convention - VFW

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Greetings Auxiliary Members,

As the holidays are quickly approaching, please remember the Veterans that are in the VA hospitals and nursing homes. Finding extra time to volunteer might be difficult during the holidays, but the Veterans these facilities always seem to enjoy the extra attention they are given. I would also like to give you all a big THANK YOU for all you do for our Veterans all year long, not just during the holiday season. Your commitment to the VFW Auxiliary is what makes us a great organization.

Thank you for all the hard work on the Scholarship program. Your continued support is greatly appreciated as the students start the next levels of competition. Remember, today’s youth are tomorrow’s leaders. Let’s not forget the Smart/Maher Teacher of the Year competition either, as they are starting the next levels. We have so many awesome teachers today that don’t receive the recognition they deserve.

Our Department’s Chaplain sends out emails for prayer and card requests, if you would like to register to receive those emails, please get in touch with our Chaplain, Ron Boone.

Let’s get our ASK in gear and renew and recruit members. For each Auxiliary that reaches 95% by November 30, 2019, National will send $50. It’s never too early to start thinking about the Buddy Poppy display, hat parade and the scrapbook for the 2020 State Convention. I encourage all Auxiliaries to submit an entry to these contests to be admired by our members.

It will be time to think about the Districts that I have visited, you have made me feel very welcome and a part of your Auxiliary. To those Districts that I haven’t visited, I’m so excited and looking forward to the scheduled visit. Thanks again for all you do to support our programs, our Veterans and their families.

I’m very thankful for your support for my special project, the VFW Colorado Foundation, through the purchase of my Veteran pin, the Army boot print. Please keep on “Climbing Mountains for Veterans” and “Serving our Veterans with Aloha”.

Patsy Gilmore
Department President

VFW Buddy Poppy - National Home for Children

Fall is in the air and poppies are on my mind. Hopefully they have been on yours too and poppies for veterans day have been ordered. They can take 8-12 weeks to arrive so time needs to be accounted for there. I recently had an inquiry as to where to find the order form and will repeat that info here.

Log into Dept. Of Colorado VFW first. Press the info bar and go to VFW first. Scroll down through the articles and at the end is a list where you’ll see Department forms. Click that and another list will have buddy poppy order form you can download.

At the COA October 19th in Fort Morgan we had the parade of homes where we paraded all the mini poppy/hat displays in the lobby and dormitory room. There were seven entries out of the 25 little houses I handed out. Auxiliaries #2551, #1 and #2411 took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in that order. And we raised $256.29 for National Home. If you didn’t get you display done or couldn’t attend we will have a rematch at the March COA in Grand Junction. Get your creative hats on and bring a display with your house then.

Please keep reporting anytime you use or display poppies in conjunction. I went over them at the August COA and I recently pulled my poppy hat to go for a ride in our local parade in a community service event. Along with the hat, we donated poppies and even had poppy bow tie collars on the dogs.

Continue to use poppies year round in any event you are hosting. Send me pics of your poppy creations to: mh966323@gmail.com, Poppies for our Veterans via Facebook and Colorado 360. Don’t forget to #AxeWidowsTax. H.R. Bill 553. Happy Legislative Days to everyone and don’t forget to report for tax!

Brigitte Dolan
State Legislative Chairman

Thank You Colorado

Thank You for all the cards and flowers I received for my 90th Birthday Party Surprise. My Son held it at my church in Johnstown and sent out the invitations and told them to tell others.

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Historian/Media Relations

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Be sure to share your pictures with Historian, Lenne Dolan

Legislative

VFW Action Corps weekly newsletter. If you do not have computer access please feel free to contact me (720-394-5474) I can print it and mail you a copy so you are informed.

Lastly, please remember our Priority Goals. We need to reach the November 15th deadline for the COA and if you attended the October COA, we had a little fun with them. Reach out to our legislators and urge them to support #AxeWidowsTax. H.R. Bill 553. Happy Legislative Days to everyone and don’t forget to report for tax!

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

GENERAL ORDERS #2

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 have 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 must 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 Patsy Gilmore’s Special Project is the VFW Colorado Foundation. A donation may be made through 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, 2019. 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/Auxiliary by October 31, 2019. 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 at vfwco.org and the 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 vfwco.org.

10. District and Auxiliary Officers: All officers must hold a 2020 dues card or life dues card by December 31, 2019. Any officer or chairman who has not renewed their membership ceases to be a member in good standing on January 1, 2020 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.Auxiliaries are required to purchase a minimum of 250 poppies. If the Auxiliary and Post order together, be sure to note the order form the amount purchased by each. Order forms can be found in the Department website at vfwco.org.

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

13: Auxiliary Treasurers: Membership Chairmen, Jackie Newlander and Queenie Barz ask that you please process 2020 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, 2019 through September 30, 2019 is due by October 31. The audit should be completed and accepted by motion within 30 days after the end of the quarter. If this is not possible due to meeting schedules, an extension of 30 days can be requested from the Department Treasurer.

15. A Special Thank You: To all of those who have attended the Parade of Programs at Security and Fort Morgan. 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: Patsy Gilmore Department President

ATTEND: Ginny Rosa Department Secretary

November 1, 2019

MOCA Silver Dollar Auxiliary

Silver Dollar Auxiliary this year will be making holiday wreaths for sale, $18 each. These beautiful wreaths are assembled by auxiliary members as a fund raiser for the MOCA programs that support the VA hospitals and National Home for Children. We will be taking special orders for wreaths to be delivered to Ft Logan National Cemetery. Members will deliver the wreath and place on graves at Ft Logan. Thank You for your support of the MOCA as we celebrate this holiday season.

Charlotte Lattin, President

Name ____________________________
Phone # ____________________________
Full Name on Stone ____________________________
Orders must be received December 6, 2019 Contact Charlotte Lattin, 303-909-6303, 8912 W. Radellffe Pl., Littleton 80123 ronlattin@att.net

Please notify Ginny Rosa at 970-560-0639 or humming657@gmail.com for corrections

Thank You Colorado

Thank You for all the expressions of sympathy shown us in the loss of our daughter/granddaughter. You are never to outlive your children. Your sympathy has really helped us thru this very sad time.
Thank You!!!
The members of the this Department are the best. Thank You.

Virginia Lee and Arlee Lee

VFW Auxiliary Roster Changes

Charlotte Lattin email charlattin279@att.net

Denver VFW Representative page 11

Kathy Avery email kbavery47@gmail.com

“District 8 President, page 18”

Cynthia Heater address

Scholarship chairman page 9

Queenie Barz Auxiliary number

“Membership - West, page 8”

Freda Moore address

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April Huskey email royape@centurytel.net

District 12 Treasurer page

Cindy Anderson Auxiliary # from 4331 to 7945

“Treasurer, page 1”

Jennifer Avery email

“Grand Junction VFW Deputy, page 12”

Barb Debruyne email

“District 3 President, page 15”

Tami Veed email

“District 5 President, page 16”

Jackie Newlander Auxiliary # from 3631 to 7945

“Dep Chief of Staff, Page 19”

“Mary Thompson, page 24”

Mathew Gallegos email

“District 11 President, page 19”

Sandra Lampsire email

“Aux 1247 Sec/Treasurer, page 26”

“Aux 1247 meeting time, page 26”

Cheri Martenson phone number

“Aux 2411 Treasurer, page 28”

“Aux 3631 meeting time, page 33”

“Aux 3641 meeting time, page 34”

“Aux 3917 telephone number, page 35”

“Aux 4265 telephone number, page 38”

Brenda Rau email bmrau69@gmail.com

“Aux 4334 Treasurer, page 39”

“Aux 4444 telephone number, page 40”

“Aux 4444 meeting time, page 40”

Jeanne McKay zip code

“Aux 4444 Secretary, page 40”

Juliana Mancuso email/phone number

“Aux 5061 Treasurer, page 42”

“Aux 5181 telephone number, page 42”

Barbara Saunders email

“Aux 5181 President, page 42”

Alicia Lozoya address

“Aux 6624 Secretary, page 46”

Vice President PDP Club

“Past Department President Club, page 60”

Important Dates Correction

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Emails to: presidents special project page 9

“Deputy Chief of Staff Dist 1, page 14”

“All State President, page 6”

“Aux 11411 Secretary, page 52”

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District 12 Treasurer page

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“4366 W 14th Street Drive, Greeley CO 80634”

Caroline Gelatt

3201 Claremont Avenue, Evans CO 80620

970-336-3275 caroline.gelatt@comcast.net

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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

- Develop committee goals to achieve Auxiliary membership committee:
- Educate and train Auxiliary members about the importance of recruitment and retention of members
- Develop a plan to improve member satisfaction that involves surveying members and initiation changes in response to their feedback.

Work with members to create a positive Auxiliary image that is attractive to prospective and current members.

Congratulations to the Auxiliaries that have reached 100% and 95%

COME ON COLORADO WE CAN DO THIS 100%, we are so close!

If there is anything you need just call either one of us and we will help you.

Thank you for all that you do State Membership Chairman Jackie Newlander Queenie Barz

Mentoring For Leadership *New Program*

By providing mentorship, leadership training, and guidance to our members, everyone will be able to contribute in their own unique ways to make a difference in the lives of our veterans and their families. Remember – “None of us is as smart as all of us”. (Ken Blanchard, author) and “I alone can do so little; together we can do so much.” (Helen Keller).

Through mentoring, educating and training we can make a difference by “Climbing Mountains for Our Veterans” and “Serving Our Veterans with Aloha” into the future for all they have done for our country.

Linda Reinbold, Department Chairman Ginny Rosa, Department Co-Chair

Chief of Staff and Extension

At our Council Meeting in August, I handed out information about the Extension Program, mentoring our members and the importance of keeping our Auxiliaries healthy. I hope everyone has had a chance to look at the information. If you have not yet sent in your “Guidelines for Keeping an Auxiliary” report, please do so.

Thank you to the District Presidents for working to get the Auxiliary inspections completed. I am beginning to receive them. These inspections are very important to ensure that an Auxiliary is in good working order and, if needed, steps can be taken to assist them before a crisis occurs.

Thank you to the Auxiliaries presenting members a Good Job Award. We have so many who are working hard and volunteering their energy, talents and many hours to help our veterans and their families. Thank you for giving them the recognition and acknowledgment they deserve.

We also need to work with our bachelor posts to show them the benefits of having an Auxiliary. The vote of a VFW Post is required to have an Auxiliary and the Department President then assigns an organizer to assist the Post in getting the eligible applicants to become an Auxiliary.

Working together to keep our Auxiliaries healthy, energetic, and respecting each other’s contributions, we can further help our veterans by “Climbing Mountains for Our Veterans” and continue “Serving Our Veterans with Aloha”.

Linda Reinbold Department Chief of Staff/Extension

2020 Podium Edition: Bylaws and Ritual can now be ordered from the VFW Store $7.25 - 1-24 books $6.75 - 25-99 books

VFW Auxiliary Membership Moment

How to Treat People with Respect

The key to treating people with respect is to treat them as you would like to be treated – also commonly known as the Golden Rule. When dealing with difficult members in your local Auxiliary, seek to understand the root of their problems toward you. Then, you will be able to rise above the situation, and treat them well.

Here are several tips for treating members with respect within your Auxiliary:

1. Practice self-respect. Because you want to respect others as you would hope to be respected, it is implicitly important that you extend to yourself the same respect and courtesy that you would extend to another person. If someone says something cruel or demeaning, speak up. Tell them what you found to be disrespectful and why.

2. Be patient. A lot of people don’t listen very well because they’re distracted, checking their phone, or thinking about the next thing that they are going to say. Learn to really listen when other people speak.

3. Treat other people’s ideas with due consideration. This means listening to another person’s ideas, opinions, and advice with an open mind. Even if you don’t necessarily agree with them, give them the benefit of thinking about what they have said.

4. Be mindful of your words. Words are very powerful and they can be incredibly disrespectful if used improperly. Think carefully about what you’re going to say, and whom, otherwise you might hurt someone.

5. Cultivate good manners. This is as simple as saying “thank you” and “please” when you’re requesting something from another person. It shows that you respect the time and effort that it will take for them to help you, and it will allow them to feel respected.

TAPS
AUX 1771: Shirley Woods, Andrea Maybon
Send Deceased members to Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214.
They will be in Taps and State Convention Joint Memorial Services.
Americanism

There’s still many things you can do. Always show your Patriotism wherever you go. If on Friday’s, wear your Red Shirt. Go to High School Football and Basketball games and support the school’s Honor Guard. Remember to take picture’s or video’s of what your Auxiliary is doing to Promote Americanism. And always report, report, report!!!

We are still “Climbing Mountains For Our Veterans”

Gayle Stockwell
State Americanism Chairperson

Veterans And Military Support

Wow!! We are in November which means all Auxiliaries are about to be in the thick of our Veterans and Family Support program. I bet some of your Auxiliaries have already planned or will be planning a stand down for local homeless veterans. Maybe your Auxiliary has been planning to host or co-host activities for all of our National GeoKids whatever it is, I know and trust that all of our 61 Auxiliaries in Colorado are climbing mountains for veterans.

Attention All Auxiliary Presidents and/or Secretaries: If you missed the Council of Administration in August, don’t worry you should have received an email from me in September about what goals need to be met this year. I did a recap of these goals and set the ultimate goal at the October Council of Administration. Now, if you missed both Council of Administrations and did not receive the email from me then you need to contact me A.S.A.P. Why? Because there is critical information your Auxiliary needs to be fully successful in the Veterans and Family Support program this year. But ultimately, the goals that I am asking each Auxiliary to meet helps the Department of Colorado climb the national awareness mountain. As your chairman, I am always here for you. If you need anything please do not hesitate to contact me. My wish is to have all 61 Auxiliaries be 100% successful in this program this year and more than anything, climb as many mountains as possible for our veterans.

Until we see you again tight hugs, stay warm, and keeping climbing!

Stephanie Trujillo
State Veterans & Family Support Chairman

Scholarships

Hello! Hope your enjoying this Fall and all the beautiful changes in the trees. This time of year reminds me of all the books teaching children about important events, set up a time at your local library or school to read a historical book to the children. The holidays fast approaching, have a fundraiser as well. You may have seen that the Colorado VFW Foundation raised money thru a 2020. I know some are not keeping track of the yearly hours at all. Please do not have a vision of how to do so. Let’s SWAP our info!!!

National Volunteer Week (during the third week in April), was established by Presidential Declaration in 1974 to highlight the various opportunities available for those interested in volunteering. That puts it on next years reporting, but nothing states you can’t do it any time you want. Jan., Feb. or March is a great time to recognize them for the entire Year!

Rena Cales
Department Hospital Chairman

President Special Project Pins

This year Department Auxiliary President Patsy Gilmore has selected for her special project the “Colorado VFW Foundation”. The Colorado Foundation aides’ veterans and their families with one time grant of $500 to assist with assistance for utilities, medical expenses, travel/transportation in the event of an emergency, higher/continuing education course expenses, vehicle repairs/registration/insurance as determined on a case by case bases, and other basic needs, etc. The Auxiliary projects let’s think of the countless fun ways we can collect for this special program. With the holidays fast approaching, have a fundraiser as well as purchase pins to have at your post activities, give a pin to members that go-above-beyond for the Post or Auxiliary, have special awards program for veterans to give this wonderful pin, have a fun game night and give pins as prizes. Have a jar at the canteen to collect penalties for swearing or other fines. For the Auxiliary have a fine for the members that say Ladies when referring to the Auxiliary. A donation for an increased member would be a special tribute.

Use your imagination to support our veteran’s Special project. Purchase the innovative pin Patsy designed with the slogan “Climbing Mountains for Veterans”. Let’s get creative and have lots of exciting fundraisers with our boots climbing mountains to new heights for Veterans. The pins are $3.00 ea; order form below.

Auxiliary can also send a donation “marked President Special Project to: Department Auxiliary Treasurer Cindy Anderson, 8281 Clay St. Unit A, Westminster, CO. 80031.

Lets get our Boots Climbing Mountains

Charlotte Lattin
Special Project Chairman

Digital Colorado Veteran Delivery
Register at https://vfwco.org