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## **National Representative Council of Administration - October 19th & 20, 2024 Grand Junction, CO**



**Gregory A. Stafford  
National Inspector General  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
of the United States**

Gregory A. Stafford was appointed National Inspector General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on August 1, 2024, at the 125th VFW National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Greg served in the United States Navy from 1983 to 2005, earning his VFW eligibility by serving during Operation Enduring Freedom. In recognition of his service, he received four Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals, six Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, among others.

He joined the VFW in 2008 at Post 6060 in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as the VFW Department of North Carolina Commander in 2017. On the national level, Greg is serving his second term on the Council of Administration, previously serving from 2018 to 2022. He has also served on the National Budget & Finance Committee, the National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee and as National Aide-de-Camp.

Greg received his bachelor's degree in history and secondary education from Elizabeth State University in 2009. He is retired.

He is a life member of the VFW National Home, Disabled American Veterans and the Military Order of the Cootie.

Greg resides in Camden, North Carolina.

## **National Auxiliary Representative Council of Administration - October 19th & 20, 2024 Grand Junction, CO**



**Cindy Anderson  
National VFW Auxiliary  
District Council Member  
#13 - 2023-2025**

Cindy Anderson of Westminster, Colorado, represents Colorado and Kansas on the National Council of Administration, which governs the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary between National Conventions.

A Life Member of Joseph J. Jacques, Jr. Auxiliary 7945 in Thornton, Colorado, she joined on the eligibility of her late husband Warren Anderson, who service in the U. S. Air Force from 1966 to 1970 during the Vietnam War.

Cindy has served the organization in many capacities, including Auxiliary, District and Department President.

She attended Rasmussen Business College in St. Paul, Minnesota and was employed as a bookkeeper and office manger for a public accountant until retiring.

In her spare time, Cindy enjoys reading, knitting, sewing and watching movies. She is a member of Advent Lutheran Church and volunteers there and in the community where she lives. She is a member of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary (MOCA) and held the Grand President and Clown Offices.

Her family includes two daughters, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



Carol Thomas  
State Commander

Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

Saturday October 19, 2024 will be training sessions consisting of Liquor Laws/Bingo and Raffle Policy instructed by Judge Advocate Kirk Rosa. I hope the training and meeting is very informative.

Let me be the first to wish you and yours a Great Thanksgiving, a Merry and Blessed Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I hope to see everyone in Grand Junction for our next Council of Administration.

Membership is an on-going program in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and will for as long as we exist. So, let us work together and help each other to become All-American Posts/Districts and by doing so some will also become an All-State Post. Please review the requirements in the Commander-in-Chief and Department Commander's Program books located on the Colorado VFW website. As of 10//7/2024, Colorado currently has 12,098 current members and needs 2,122 to reach 102%, 86.78%.

I'd like to acknowledge the following comrades on recruiting new members:

As of October 7, 2024, Membership Statistics, I would personally like to congratulate the following posts

**5 members**

Jesse Eastburn, Post 1  
Stephen Urbany, Post 6461

**4 members**

David Stone, Post 3917  
Peter Dowding, Post 3631  
James Sheridan, Post 2788  
Travis Baker, Post 6461

**3 members**

Aaron Himes, Post 6461  
Jeffrey Panches, Post 4031  
Richard Cole & Glen Blackmann, Post 4051  
Mathew Cummings, Post 6624

**2 members**

Brian Asbeck, Post 1  
Michael McClure, Post 1771  
Leon Bartholomay, Post 2601  
Leonard Ladue, Post 3981  
David Latham, Eric Veed, David Anthony & Mike Sinchak, Post 4031  
Duane Johnson, Post 5061  
Alan Hughes & Curtis Moss, Post 5231  
Anthony Johnson, Post 5812  
Todd VanSant, Post 9644  
Benjamin Livsey, Post 12063  
Kevin Ryan, Post 12230  
David Adams, Post 15006

**1 member**

Robert Stewart & John Keene, Post 1  
Lorrie McLaughlin, Post 41  
Michael Gardunio, Post 322  
Frederick Schaefer, Post 784  
Richard Nagley & Christopher Martinez, Post 899  
Jeffrey Bintz, Post 1166  
Dennis Craig & Roman Sepulveda, Post 1781  
Damien Berg, Post 2585  
Matthew Lewis, Post 3917  
Alfred Riedinger, Demetrius Lewis, & Christopher Gober, Post 4031  
Larry Johnson & James Mavity, Post 4051  
Milo Cress, Post 4061  
James Peterson, Post 4266  
Robert Brekke, & Harold Abney, Post 4666  
Ronald Brown, Post 4671  
Tommy Endres, Post 5231  
David Gelatt, Post 6624  
Thomas, Dowd, Post 7829  
Wayne Neumann, Post 9565  
Lynn Peterson, Post 9644  
Neil Schaal, Post 12189  
Christopher Boyer, Timothy La Monda, David Mooney, Tammy Garrett, & John Alborghetti, Post 12230  
Robert Martinez, Post 15006

who have reached 102% or more:  
Post 12230 - 153.84% (Castle Rock)  
Post 12227 - 275.00% (Falcon)  
Post 2411 - 103.57% (Las Animas)  
Post 5231 - 102.70% (Cortez)

Bravo Zulu and Job Well Done!!!!

Remember Comrades, this is your Department, and we are here to serve you, the members, Posts, Districts, Warriors, Military Order of the Cooties, the Auxiliary. If you think of a way we can better assist you, please put it in an email to me, [cjthomascovfw@gmail.com](mailto:cjthomascovfw@gmail.com) and I assure you I will read it and reply to it.

Hope to see everyone at the next council of administration. Be well and Be Safe.

Carol Thomas  
Department Commander



Jesse Eastburn  
State Adjutant/  
Quartermaster

I feel like some of you have gotten to know me recently, but not all of you have and I figured, instead of barking orders and telling you that you need to get your bonds and audits in at a normal time or tell you how you need to recruit everyone eligible into our ranks. I thought I'd share what got me to be in the VFW and the Passion I have for this organization.

I first joined the VFW in San Diego at VFW 7420 in 2006 shortly after I came home from deployment and never really thought of the VFW again. I didn't even pay my dues for years. Then on 9/30/2014, 10 years ago I lost one of my Best Navy friends to Suicide. RIP Sean Flaughter, this one hit hard. He was my roommate in A-school, we'd later work together in San Diego shortly before I got out. About 9 months later after Sean died I would be struggling with my own mental health and gratefully soon find my community and my purpose at VFW Post 1 and fall into a rabbit hole of growth from just a guy who showed Art with Art of War Project, in the Post. To help found the Veterans Arts Council, being the Head curator and assistant director, to later ascend and become a leader in the Post, first as Surgeon and then later Post Adjutant/ Quartermaster and currently Commander and continuing my journey into the VFW Department of Colorado chairs as the State Adjutant/ Quartermaster.

People ask me why as a young veteran at 40 years old; WHY do all I do for the VFW. Simply put it saved me, it helped bring me out of the dark, it gave me a sense of purpose that I lost. It gave me my veteran family back; it was where I needed to be. It's why I'm so passionate about growing this organization and trying to recruit every eligible veteran into it. I know those who we've had a positive impact on, I talk to them every day, I see them grow as I did. I wish more who chose the path of suicide found a place in a VFW first, they would have gotten through it, they might still be here. I'm glad I did.

I hope it continues well into the future after I'm gone. The VFW is important, and it's a pillar of the Veteran community since our Founder returned from war 125 years ago. That's why I expect greatness from everyone in the VFW, that's why I am #stillserving!

Jesse Eastburn  
Department Adjutant/Quartermaster



Fred Scheck  
State Sr Vice  
Commander

Greetings Comrades.

This article is dedicated to the Post and District Commanders and Quartermasters. It is imperative for you to get your audits and bonds in on time. There are deadlines for each audit and the bond is due by September 1st.

Start your bonds on August 1st and get them into the Department, guess what? Your bond won't be late, it will not affect your bond for the next year, and the Department Commander won't suspend your charter.

If you don't know when your audits are due you can find that information on [vfwco.org](http://vfwco.org).

VFW Members  
New District Status Report

The bond application is fillable and can be emailed directly to [vfw@vfwco.org](mailto:vfw@vfwco.org). The audit report is also fillable and can be emailed to [vfw@vfwco.org](mailto:vfw@vfwco.org).

This article may sound like I'm complaining, I'm not! These are requirements in the By-Laws, that we as elected officers of this organization have to abide by. If you don't know don't be afraid to ask, I will answer my phone, or call you back, to help you anyway I can.

Fred Scheck  
Department Sr Vice Commander

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Kevin Reinhold  
State Chaplain

Brothers and Sisters,

James 1:27 – **“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”**

I pray this finds everyone doing well. The ask is that if you or someone you know needs prayer or assistance please reach out to your District or Post Chaplains. They are there to serve and assist you how every they can. If you cannot reach your District or Post Chaplain, please reach out to me.

National Chaplain Zoom Training has resumed. The Auxiliaries are very much welcome to attend the training. If any Auxiliary Chaplains are interested, please reach out to me. I will see that you receive the information for when the training will be held and how to attend.

**New VFW Chaplain Orientation**, Past National Chaplain Deb Halter will be giving an orientation for New VFW Chaplains on 10 October, 8:30PM EST. If you can attend, please do. You will learn a lot about the VFW Chaplain and if you're not a Chaplain you can learn something about what your Chaplain does.

Link to Join Zoom Meeting for New VFW Chaplains on October 10<sup>th</sup>

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87331878380?pwd=ORtd4jKeausqs7rJbpZvOYKLOXjxqO.1>

Meeting ID: 873 3187 8380

Passcode: 759822

**Auxiliary Chaplain Orientation**, Past National Chaplain Deb Halter will be presenting an Auxiliary VFW Chaplain Orientation on 15 October, 8:30PM EST. Please attend and after this training continue with the monthly training the National Chaplains offer.

Here is the link to Join the Auxiliary Chaplains Orientation Meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89640095319?pwd=CCKAi8zbbtAFsLZZr7Ht5ZeCz7LEku.1>

Meeting ID: 896 4009 5319

Passcode: 942810

**Resources for Chaplains:**

VFW Chaplain Training Videos - [www.youtube.com/@VFWChaplainTrainingVideos](http://www.youtube.com/@VFWChaplainTrainingVideos)

VFW Chaplain's Guide - [vfwpa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=88797](http://vfwpa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=88797)

VFW National Chaplain Web Page - [lotcs.org/vfw\\_chaplain.html](http://lotcs.org/vfw_chaplain.html)

VFW Colorado Chaplain Web Page: <https://vfwco.org/index.php/news-for-members-sm/412-colorado-vfw-chaplaincy>

VFW Chaplain's Corner - [movfw.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=76106](http://movfw.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=76106)

Armed Services Ministry - [armedservicesministry.org/](http://armedservicesministry.org/)

Plus Nothing - [plusnothing.com/about/](http://plusnothing.com/about/)

The Jewish Publication Society - [jps.org/free-jps-tanakh-offer/](http://jps.org/free-jps-tanakh-offer/)

Faith Comes by Hearing - [www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/](http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/)

GriefShare - [www.griefshare.org/](http://www.griefshare.org/)

**VFW Chaplain Logo With Detailed Explanation**

Here is a link to the VFW Chaplain Logo with a detailed explanation:

[https://lotcs.org/VFW\\_Chaplain/Chaplain%20Logo/Chaplain%20Logo%20Explanation.pdf](https://lotcs.org/VFW_Chaplain/Chaplain%20Logo/Chaplain%20Logo%20Explanation.pdf)

IF Your Chaplain's are not receiving emails from the State Chaplain please send me their email. This is both VFW and Auxiliary.

Blessing you through this year.

Kevin Reinhold  
Department Chaplain  
“Doing Our Lord's Work for all Veterans”

Everyone NEEDS to Vote  
November 5th





Todd Van Sant  
State Jr Vice  
Commander

**The VFW Airlift: Time to Make a Difference!**

The VFW Airlift is just around the corner, and we need your help! We're currently \$15,000 short of our fund-raising goal for the year. With increased demand and rising food prices, every dollar counts. You can donate to the VFW Airlift and also apply for the Uniting to Combat Hunger Grant, which is a proven way to obtain matching funds. By sending up to \$1,500 to the Department of Colorado, specifying it for the VFW Airlift, and filling out the grant forms to send back to National, you can receive \$1,500 in matching funds! Every contribution helps as we enter the home stretch of this giving season. For more details, visit [VFW Post Grants](#).

**Have You Improved Your Post This Year?**

If you've done any work on your post—be it a new roof, heater, parking lot repairs, or plumbing—you may be eligible for additional funding! There's a grant available on the same page, allowing you to receive up to \$2,500 back from National. Follow the instructions provided to access this valuable resource! For more details, visit [VFW Post Grants](#).

**Support for Veterans During the Holidays**

Lastly, the holiday season can be particularly challenging for veterans and their families, often seeing a rise in suicide rates. Please take a moment to educate your members about the Veteran Crisis Line. They can reach out by visiting [Veterans Crisis Line](#), dialing 988 and pressing 1, or texting 838255 for immediate support. This vital resource serves both veterans and those who care for them.

Thank you for your continued support of our veterans and the VFW Airlift. Together, we can make a meaningful difference!

Todd Van Sant  
Department Jr. Vice Commander



Western Slope Post 3981 & Auxiliary members received a surprise at their October Meeting.

It was the VFW's 2023-2024 National Community Service Award in recognition for the Community Service and Veteran Support in Mesa County.

Congratulation VFW Post 3981 & Auxiliary for your outstanding work!!

**Post & Auxiliary Change of E-Mail Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**New Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VFW Post Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send changes to [vfw@vfwco.org](mailto:vfw@vfwco.org)**

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**General Orders No. 2**

**October 15, 2024**

**Series: 2024-2025**

**1. Post & District Inspections should be completed by December 31, 2024.** Send (1) copy to Department Headquarters for the Department Inspector to review. If he finds any irregularities, he will confer with the State Commander and a letter of recommendation will be written to the Post Commander.

**2. Section 709 of the VFW National By-Laws** concerns Disposition of Real Property, i.e. Post Homes. Written notice of such proposal has first to be given to each member of said unit at least ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting and at least 30 days to the Department Commander prior to the regular or special meeting, at which the proposal is to be considered. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those present and voting at such regular or special meeting.

**3. It is the obligation of every member to GET OUT AND VOTE** for the candidates of their choice. Take a friend or friends with you to the voting place. Election Day is November 5th and you must be registered to exercise your right to vote.

**4. Section 218 (a) (11), Duty of Trustees,** Trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers whose books, records and accounts are audited by the Trustees. Post Commanders and Post Trustees are reminded that the 2nd Post Trustee Report of Audit is due to Department Headquarters by October 25, 2023 to meet All State requirements. Please see your Post Quartermaster for forms and records.

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

**6. All VFW Posts are required to have the revised 2025-year By-Laws and Ritual books** from the VFW National Emblem and Supply Department. Please see your Post Quartermaster and ask them to order for you. All members should be informed that the Post Quartermaster has a current supply catalog, and they can assist you with your order. It can also be downloaded from the National VFW website at <https://vfw.org/my-vfw-training-and-support/bylaws-training-forms-and-templates> for free.

**7. An annual income tax return (Form 990) is required of each Post, or District** exempt from tax under section 501(c) 19 of the Federal Code. Starting in 2008 ALL VFW POSTS, and DISTRICTS with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less have to E-FILE, EVERY YEAR. All Posts exceeding \$50,000 in gross receipts must file on Form 990 or Form 990EZ. Forms and instructions are available from [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Gross receipts include income from all sources, including membership dues, bar or restaurant receipts, etc. Some of this may be unrelated business income, in which case filing of Form 990-T may be required. Exempt organizations that are under section 501(c) and have gross receipts greater than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 and assets less than \$500,000, may file Form 990EZ instead of Form 990. If an organization eligible to submit the Form 990N or file the Form 990EZ chooses to file the Form 990, it must file a complete return. This return must be filed on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the accounting year (November 15 for June 30 year end or May 15 for calendar year end). Request for extension of time to file may be made by submitting form 8868, Application for Extension of Time to File. If a Post, or District fails to file the return on or before the due date, or the extended date, a penalty of \$20 for each day the return is late (not to exceed the smaller of \$10,000 or 5% of the gross receipts of the organization for the year) may be imposed, unless the organization can show that the late filing was due to reasonable cause. If you do not file for three (3) consecutive years your Post, or District will lose their non-profit standing with IRS and have to re-apply for non-profit standing and pay to file the application.

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

ATTESTED BY:  
\s\ Jesse L. Eastburn  
Jesse L. Eastburn  
Department Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:  
\s\ Carol J. Thomas  
Carol J. Thomas  
Department Commander

**Please send all Deceased VFW & Auxiliary Members to [vfw@vfwco.org](mailto:vfw@vfwco.org)**

**They will be saved for the Joint Memorial State Convention Book. Our Deadline is May 20, 2025**

## VFW Post Membership by District as of October 15, 2024

Number/City	2023	2024	%	Number/City	2023	2024	%	Number/City	2023	2024	%
<b>District #1</b>			<b>District #5</b>			<b>District #10</b>					
1 Denver	1017	753	74.04	101 CO Springs	448	417	93.08	501 Denver	237	203	85.65
322 Englewood	102	84	82.35	3917 Security	514	462	89.88	3631 Aurora	267	251	94
3471 Morrison	57	53	92.98	4051 CO Springs	511	483	94.52	4171 Golden	352	316	89.77
4266 Parker	108	80	74.07	5221 Calhan	84	76	90.47	4331 Arvada	212	193	91.03
4666 Littleton	97	96	98.96	6051 WdlnD Park	41	40	97.56	4444 Cmmce City	153	141	92.15
5061 Denver	236	201	85.16	6461 Fountain	367	312	85.01	7945 Thornton	257	234	91.05
9644 Fort Logan	396	344	86.86	7829 Monument	144	131	90.97	8449 Bennett	40	31	77.50
12230 Castle Rock	26	41	158%*	10649 Elizabeth	30	29	96.66	9565 Broomfield	85	78	91.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2039</b>	<b>1652</b>	<b>81.02</b>	12227 Falcon	20	56	280%*	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1603</b>	<b>1447</b>	<b>90.26</b>
<b>District #2</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>District #11</b>					
2788 Penrose	110	84	76.36	2159	2006	92.91	784 Montrose	120	105	87.50	
3641 Pueblo	74	66	89.18	<b>District #6</b>			1247 Grnd Jctn	188	179	95.21	
4061 Canon City	239	188	78.66	336 Ordway	63	61	96.82	3571 Delta	44	34	77.27
5812 Pueblo West	189	170	89.94	2411 Las Animas	56	58	104%*	3981 Grnd Jctn	194	170	87.62
7305 Colo. City	44	39	88.63	4001 Springfield	22	19	86.36	5485 Parachute	30	29	96.66
8898 Boone	42	37	88.09	4281 Holly	22	22	100%*	9221 Cedaredge	86	78	90.69
12063 Westcliffe	55	55	100%*	<b>TOTAL</b>	163	160	98.15	9304 Rifle	22	17	77.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>84.86</b>	<b>District #7</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>89.47</b>	
<b>District #3</b>			899 Alamosa			<b>District #12</b>					
41 Loveland	274	233	85.03	4849 La Jara	40	39	97.50	4031 Durango	241	234	97.09
807 Boulder	27	27	100%*	6101 San Luis	41	39	95.12	5181 Dove Creek	41	35	85.36
1771 Lafayette	220	204	92.72	8121 Del Norte	34	34	100%*	5231 Cortez	185	190	103%*
1781 Fort Collins	285	236	82.80	<b>TOTAL</b>	189	172	91	9058 Nucla	22	21	95.45
2121 Greeley	154	129	83.76	<b>District #8</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>98.15</b>	
2585 Johnstown	178	148	83.14	859 Leadville	26	21	80.76	<b>District #13</b>			
2601 Longmont	269	245	91.07	1166 Buena Vista	105	100	95.23	3411 Kit Carson	20	19	95
4334 Ault	58	48	82.75	3820 Salida	58	49	84.48	6491 Burlington	49	46	93.87
6624 Evans	203	169	83.25	7563 Black Hawk	29	24	82.75	6612 Hugo	28	26	92.85
12174 Brighton	33	26	78.78	8661 Bailey	105	95	90.47	9700 Chynn Wells	22	20	90.90
12189 Berthoud	38	38	100%*	10721 Minturn	101	89	88.11	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>93.27</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1739</b>	<b>1503</b>	<b>86.42</b>	11411 Lake George	43	41	95.34	15006 MAL	2878	2345	81.48
<b>District #4</b>			12009 Conifer			<b>TOTAL DEPT</b>					
3378 Yuma	46	44	95.65	<b>TOTAL</b>	576	520	90.27	13941	12143	87.10	
3541 Sterling	71	67	94.36	<b>District #9</b>							
3551 Brush	37	36	97.29	4264 Stmbt Springs	89	74	83.14				
4671 Wray	45	45	100%*	4265 Craig	98	83	84.69				
6482 Holyoke	29	27	93.10	5261 Rangely	20	15	75				
7153 Fleming	11	11	100%*	5843 Meeker	38	36	94.73				
8064 Akron	40	36	90.00	9374 Krmmling	26	22	84.61				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>95.34</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>84.87</b>				

\* = 100% Membership  
 Be 100% + 2 in 2024-2025 for All America  
 Help Colorado be 100%+

### **Because “All Politics Is Local”: We Must Elect Pro-Veteran Candidates**

As we approach the upcoming elections, it's essential to recognize that the well-being of our veterans, military personnel, and their families must be a top priority for Congress and the Administration. The best way to ensure that veteran and military quality-of-life issues are taken seriously is to vote for candidates who genuinely support our concerns. While these candidates will have various priorities, it is crucial that veterans' needs remain at the forefront of their agendas.

### **Evaluating Candidates**

When considering whom to support, take a close look at their voting records. Have they voted for critical legislation like the **PACT Act**, **Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act**? **Have they supported The Major Richard Star Act or the GUARD VA Benefits Act**? New candidates must understand the immense value that veterans bring to our communities across Colorado. Their actions and commitments should reflect a dedication to addressing the unique challenges faced by veterans and military families.

### **The Importance of Advocacy**

With ongoing discussions about potential cuts to programs that directly impact veterans and their families, it's more important than ever to align ourselves with candidates who share the VFW's Priority Goals. These goals are not mere talking points; they embody the needs and rights of those who have served our nation. By electing representatives who prioritize veteran issues, we can help safeguard essential services and benefits.

### **Register to Vote**

Voter registration and participation are crucial in amplifying our voices. According to surveys within the VFW community, an impressive 89.7% of us are registered to vote, and 99.3% of those registered voters actively participate in elections. When I visit new members of Congress, I remind them that there are nearly 700,000 veterans and family members in Colorado, and our collective voice matters.

### **Get Involved**

Here's what we need from you: if you're not already registered, take the time to do so! As Congress returns home to campaign, download and print a copy of the latest VFWCO Legislative Priorities from VFWCO Linktree <https://linktr.ee/vfwco>. Attend townhalls of all candidates—wear your Auxiliary or VFW cap and sit in the front seats. Let them know you're a proud VFW member!

### **Speak Up**

Engage with the candidates by asking questions based on the VFWCO priorities. Your voice can influence the conversation and help highlight the issues that matter most to our community. Remember, all politics is local, and your participation can make a significant difference.

Together, let's ensure that veterans, military personnel, and their families receive the attention and support they deserve. Your vote is your voice—make it count!

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### **VFW Department of Colorado - Fund Assistance**

The VFW Department of Colorado Foundation has gone through some changes again. We have new administrative staff and have gotten back into a deal with the Veteran's Trust Fund. All grant applications will come to VFW Department of Colorado Headquarters. The amount has not changed, we will still grant up to \$500 on a one-time basis for emergencies. The application and requirements will be on the VFW Department of Colorado website.

The Department of Colorado also has the Ralph W. Emerson/Jack Gulden Memorial Blood/Cancer Fund. The application may apply once every 12 months with a lifetime maximum of 2 times for a grant of \$500 to cover out of pocket expenses. The application must be a current member of the VFW or it's auxiliary and must include their member number, and auxiliary members must include a copy of their membership card. This fund covers acceptable receipted expenses for the following: treatments such a chemo, radiation, surgical and any other medical procedure concerning cancer treatments; blood work, including transfusions, platelet infusions, transplants, and any other procedure concerning blood; travel receipts will be accepted in the form of fuel receipts only. For more information please see the Department of Colorado Website.

The last fund that the VFW Department of Colorado offers is the Katy Rimpley Service Animal Assistance Fund. The applicant may apply once every 12 months for a grant of \$500 to help cover out of pocket expenses for pet insurance, veterinary appointments/treatments/inoculations, and pet food. The application must be a current member of the VFW or it's auxiliary and must include their member number, and auxiliary members must include a copy of their membership card. Receipts MUST accompany the grant application. Please see the Department of Colorado website for more information.

Our funds are fairly stable currently but all donations are greatly appreciated to continue to be able to serve our veterans and their families. All donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions please call Department Headquarters at 303-421-1630.



## 2024-2025 VFW Grants

The VFW Foundation has released the parameters for the 2024-25 [grants](#) that are available to Posts, Districts, and their Auxiliaries. As in years past they are reimbursement grants and are funded on a first come first served basis. Once funding for a particular grant is exhausted that grant will be closed until next year, so I suggest you jump on these opportunities right away.

In particular, I think every Post should consider supporting the annual [VFW Airlift](#) by utilizing the Uniting to Combat Hunger & Homelessness grant (now known as UTCH<sup>2</sup>).

To support the VFW Airlift, have your Post or Auxiliary send a donation, up to \$1500, to Department HQ as soon as possible. The Airlift organizers need time to purchase the non-perishable food that will be distributed throughout Colorado over the first weekend in December with the help of the Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA). Once the airlift is completed a copy of the receipt will be provided to all who donated, to be included with the UTCH<sup>2</sup> grant [application](#).

If you are interested in also addressing veteran homelessness in your communities, use the same grant. Instead of pounds of food, anti-homelessness efforts can be measured by the value of the in-kind donations (or cash donations) you provide. Think, supplying hygiene gear for a stand-down, or organization a coat drive for a local homeless shelter. Get creative and partner with a local group, like [Volunteers of America](#), to document your Post's involvement.

Keep in mind, the UTCH<sup>2</sup> grant is limited to a total of \$1500 per Post **OR** Aux, not both. The minimum donation is \$500 for either entity, but multiple requests can be submitted during the grant cycle. So, talk with your counterparts do make sure you are maximizing your efforts while maintaining your eligibility for reimbursement.

On the other hand, the [#StillServing](#) grant can be utilized by a Post and the Post Auxiliary, as well as a District and the District's Auxiliary. The qualifications for this grant are more loosely defined but requires hands on participation in a community service project. You can't just cut a check on this one. Also, each grant applicant must submit their own project to receive their own reimbursement. But I always encourage Post members volunteer to support an Auxiliary project, and vice-versa, so each side of the house can be successful. The [#StillServing](#) grants are also between \$500 and \$1500 per project, but the project cannot be used to support required VFW programs (like VOD/PP or Buddy Poppies) or for building repairs.

Luckily, if your Post is in need of repairs, the Foundation brought back the Post Assistance Grant (PAG), where qualifying projects can be [reimbursed](#) up to \$2500 once every three years. What qualifies, you might ask? Well, either the purchase of materials or hiring of professionals to repair a defect or renovate a fixture on Post property, OR the purchase of equipment that enable a Post to better serve or sustain the service they provide to the community. Obviously, these purchases or repairs cannot be made to the canteen but are limited to the rest of the Post home.

All the above grants will be discussed in further detail during the 9 am training session on Saturday, October 19, during the [COA weekend](#) in Grand Junction. Refer to the Department website for the zoom link if you want to learn more but are not able to attend in person. For those who will be there, I look forward to seeing everyone and hearing your ideas on how to best utilize these funds. My class is also open to Auxiliary members, since they can participate in these grants, so the more the merrier.

Remember, this is free money. All that is required to access it is a little planning and effort. As always, feel free to contact me throughout the year if you have any questions or need help with the paperwork. I can be reached at 303-547-7578 or [john@vfwpost1.org](mailto:john@vfwpost1.org).

In comradeship,

John Keene

Past State Commander

### **COLORADO VFW FOUNDATION**

Are you in a financial bind because a pipe spring a leak? A utility bill drained your budget? Did you have an unexpected repair on a vehicle you use to get to work?

Emergencies happen with no regard to your paycheck or monthly expenses. The Colorado Veteran VFW Foundation grants up to \$500 for Post or Auxiliary members on a one-time basis for the purpose of meeting an essential basic need for utilities and/or health care. Grants are not made for items that are discretionary in nature ("wants"), and are made on a first come, first serve basis.

Please go to [vfwco.org](http://vfwco.org) to fill out the application or call 303-421-1630 for more information.

## 14th Annual VFW Airlift 2024: Join Us in Supporting Colorado Veterans

Mark your calendars for **December 7, 2024**, as we kick off this year's **VFW Airlift**, a vital initiative dedicated to delivering food and toys to veterans and their families in need. This event is a collaborative effort between the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Colorado, VFW Post 9644, and the Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA).

Last year, we celebrated our **13th Annual VFW Airlift**, benefiting **25 VFW Posts** and over **1,600 veterans and their families**, ensuring they had a special holiday season. Thirty-two aircraft transported an impressive **10,000 pounds of food and toys** to twelve airports across Colorado, primarily focusing on smaller and rural communities. The journey began with dedicated volunteers purchasing goods from local supermarkets and delivering them to our hangar at Centennial Airport in Englewood. After weighing and palletizing the donations, we ensured that these essential supplies reached those who needed them most. It took over **100 volunteers**, including pilots, ground crews, VFW and auxiliary members, and fantastic community supporters, to make this event a success.

This year, we are aiming to make an even greater impact, but we need your help! Here's how you can get involved:

**Volunteer:** Block out your calendar for the weekend of December 7th. You can either visit the hangar at Centennial Airport or connect with your local post to assist in receiving and distributing the food and toys.

**Donate:** Financial contributions are crucial. Send checks to the Department with "VFW Airlift" noted in the comment line.

**Organize a Drive:** Start a toy or food drive at your post. We need a LOT of toys to make this a successful year!

**Request a Plane:** If you're associated with an outskirt post, contact PDC Ron Davies to arrange for transportation.

We want to serve as many posts as possible to get food and toys to as many needy veteran families as we can. If you're from a local Denver Metro post and wish to distribute food, please reach out as well!

For more information or to set up your post for the airlift, contact PDC Ron Davies at [rdaviesics@comcast.net](mailto:rdaviesics@comcast.net) or 303-419-0472 or JVC Todd Van Sant at [vansant@gmail.com](mailto:vansant@gmail.com) or 480-399-8273.

Together, we can make this year's VFW Airlift a resounding success and continue our commitment to supporting Colorado veterans and their families. Thank you for your support!

Western Slope VFW Post 3981 and Auxiliary 3981 in Grand Junction hosted a Stand Down in Sept 2024 and served over 175 Veterans-in-need. Twenty-eight members of the Post and Auxiliary volunteered their time to assist Veterans during this event.

Sixteen VSO's were also on hand to provide Veterans with information concerning Veteran Benefits and available resources for Veterans experiencing financial and housing challenges. The event was held at the Western Region One Source facility in Grand Junction.



VFW Post 5231 participated in the 2024 Montezuma Stand Down for Veterans. The event was held at the Montezuma County Annex which was perfect location for the Stand Down. The stand down had an amazing turn out of 192 veterans, 315 family members, 12 caretakers/others, 8 homeless veterans, and 69 vendor for a total attendance of 588 from all different ages, races, etc. They had veterans from Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and Washington states.

Vendors came from far and wide that made the event happy, comforting, and welcoming. There were around 40 vendors with a wide range of services for veterans. The vendors in attendance included VFW Post 5231 & Auxiliary, DAV Post 44 & Auxiliary, American Legion 75 & Auxiliary, Elks Lodge 1789, Daughters of the American Revolution, Military Women's Memorial from Colorado Springs, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Alcoholics Anonymous, Cross Roads Church, First Baptist Church, Celebrate Recovery and the Way Recovery, Quilts of Valor, Volunteers of America, several nurses, massage therapists, acupuncturists, barbers, Emiko's Wells, the Durango VA, Major Mortgage, Ertel's Axis Health, Montezuma Hearing, Montezuma Social Services, Montezuma County Veteran Services, Southwest Center for Independence, PASCO, Montezuma County Housing, Southwest Wellness, Colorado Workforce, Pet Pantry, Mesa Media, LOR Foundation, and many more.

The event was live streamed by Mesa Media; you can view the stream by going to <https://www.youtube.com/live/uHQYmU4tQJk>

Great job VFW Post 5231 for you outstanding work!!

#### **NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

District Number	Date	Location	Agenda	Representatives
3	11/3/2024	VFW Post 1771 Lafayette, CO	11:00 am Training 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Meeting	Fred Scheck, Sr Vice Commander
4	11/2/2024	VFW Post 3551 Brush, CO	2:30 pm Joint Meeting Separate Meetings to Follow	Fres Scheck, Sr Vice Commander
5	11/16/2024	VFW Post 4051 Colorado Springs, CO	11:00 am Training 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Joint Meeting Separate Meetings to Follow	Jim Sheridan, Surgeon
6	11/16/2024	VFW Post 336 Ordway, CO	11:00 am Joint Meeting 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Separate Meetings	Carol Thomas, Commander
8	11/23/2024	VFW Post 11411 Florissant, CO	11:30 am Lunch 12:00 pm Joint Meeting 12:30 pm Separate Meetings	Carol Thomas, Commander
13	11/17/2024	VFW Post 3411 Kit Carson, CO	2:30 pm Meeting	William Flores, Chief of Staff

#### **DECEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

12	12/7/2024	VFW Post 4031 Durango, CO	10:30 am Joint Meeting 11:30 am Lunch 12:30 pm Separate Meetings
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#### **JANUARY DISTRICT MEETINGS:**

1	1/11/2025	VFW Post 5061 Denver, CO	9:00 am Training 10:00 am Joint Meeting 11:00 am Separate Meetings 12:00 pm VOD/PP Banquet
2	1/11/2025	VFW Post 8898 Boone, CO	11:30 am Joint Meeting 12:00 pm Lunch 12:30 pm Separate Meetings
3	1/12/2025	VFW Post 1781 Fort Collins, CO	2:00 pm VOD/PP Banquet 3:30 pm Meeting
4	1/11/2025	VFW Post 3541 Sterling, CO	2:00 pm Lunch 2:30 pm Joint Meeting 3:00 pm Separate Meetings
9	1/25/2025	VFW Post 4265 Craig, CO	12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Meeting
10	1/19/2025	VFW Post 4444 Commerce City, CO	12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Joint Meeting Separate Meetings to Follow
13	1/19/2025	VFW Post 9700 Cheyenne Wells, CO	2:30 pm Meeting

Fort Logan National Cemetery proudly hosted its 10th annual Saluting Branches Day of Service on September 18, 2024, marking a decade of dedication to honoring our veterans. This year's event saw an incredible turnout, with over 300 arborists and landscape professionals coming together to provide nearly \$500,000 worth of tree and landscape services, completely free of charge. This impressive effort continues to demonstrate the community's commitment to our veteran heroes and their resting place.

Thanks to this overwhelming level of participation, Fort Logan once again became the largest Saluting Branches event in the entire nation for the second year in a row! The collaboration was monumental, with 10 public municipalities along the Front Range joining forces with over 40 private companies from across Colorado. Together, they worked tirelessly across the cemetery's 200 acres, performing vital tasks like planting, pruning, providing plant health care (PHC), and removing and stumping trees.

This year's primary objective was the ambitious planting of 80 trees, aimed at enhancing Fort Logan's urban tree canopy and increasing the diversity of species on site. These new additions will not only beautify the cemetery but also provide a lasting tribute to those who served. The hard work and dedication of these volunteers is helping to create a healthier, more vibrant environment for generations to come.

A special thank you goes out to all the generous sponsors and donors whose support made this event such a resounding success. If you are interested in volunteering or supporting next year's Saluting Branches event, please reach out to site leader Luke Killoran at [luckil@lakewood.org](mailto:luckil@lakewood.org) or 720-963-5246. Save the date for our next event on 9/17/25!



### **ALL-AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS**

**For posts to make All-American this year here are the requirements:**

- Voice of Democracy
- Patriot's Pen
- VMS Donation (minimum \$125 in OMS)
- Buddy Poppies (minimum order 500)
- Community Service Reporting for all 4 quarters
- 102% Membership
- JUST ADDED: VFW Day of Service (for information and to sign up visit: <https://todaysvfw.org/day-of-service/>)

### **Council of Administration Weekend**

**October 19 & 20, 2024**

Hosted by Western Slope Post 3981 & Beye-Lotz Post 1247  
Saturday VFW Post 1247, 1404 Ute Ave, Grand Junction,  
CO 81501

Auxiliary meets VFW Post 3981, 503 1/2 Florence Rd,  
Grant Junction, CO 81504

Sunday Joint at Post 1247, then VFW COA at Post 1247  
and Auxiliary COA at Post 3981

(More information available: [Events \(vfwco.org\)](https://vfwco.org))

### **2024-2025 Student Themes**

**Voice of Democracy: "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"**

**Patriot Pen: "My Voice in America's Democracy"**



# Auxiliary News



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*“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.” – Henry Ford.*

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank each of you, the auxiliary members, my sisters and brothers of the Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary, for continuing to support our Veterans, Active Service Members, and their families. There have been many obstacles to overcome, to get where we are today, but it is the love, passion, and commitment that you all have for our Veterans, Military Members, and their families that give them hope and make our Legislators listen to the issues they face and work towards a solution. Without you, our voice would not be as mighty as it is, and their plights would go unnoticed.

During the first few months to the start of my year as President, I have been truly grateful for the grace and mentoring that I have received, and I know that we all have struggles that we face in the auxiliary. With this, I want to remind everyone, that we are all working towards one goal, which is to ensure that our Veterans, Active Military Personnel, and their families are always taken care of and never left behind. Our goal is one of great importance, especially to them, and it does not do well for conflict to re-

side among us, when there are much greater issues of importance for us to focus on.

There have already been some issues to address and obstacles to overcome this year, and I am extremely grateful for the absolutely amazing team members that we have in our Department who have stepped up to mentor, support, and help others grow within our Auxiliary. These members have done absolutely amazing jobs in assisting and mentoring auxiliaries around the state, and helping them to navigate difficult situations, which will only help to make our Department Auxiliary stronger. The stronger we are together, the more we can accomplish together in taking care of our Veterans, Active Military Personnel, and their families, but we must remember to grant each other grace, understanding, and compassion when difficult situations or conflict arises, or we will fall short of completing our mission to help those who are the heart of our organization. If there are issues that cannot be resolved or addressed, please reach out to any Department Line Officer, District Officer, or trusted mentor to help with the situation; as we cannot help or offer guidance if an issue is not brought to our attention.

Even among the many obstacles that needed to be overcome, the auxiliaries have kept moving forward and started off the year with a bang, and I am amazed with all that has already been accomplished this year. There have been many exciting events held, more being planned, and it has been absolutely wonderful to see. I know that we all strive to work on programs throughout the year, and that there are some programs that are closer to our hearts than others, use the passion that you have for a program that you care about to mentor and foster new auxiliary members about that program. Sharing our passions and strengths, is how we will continue to succeed in all that we do.

Those who know me, know that I am passionate about helping others, and making others feel heard about their experiences. My special project for this year, which is a combined special project with Commander Carol Thomas, focuses on ensuring that those who have experienced Military Sexual Trauma (MST), Sexual Assault/Harassment, or Domestic Violence have their voices heard and that they have the resources to either begin their journey of healing or continue on their healing journey through the **White Ribbon Project** and supporting the **“Equine-imity”** program through the Rocky Mountain VA. The **“Equine-imity”** program will help survivors on their healing journey in a non-traditional way. The format they will use, is similar to how the program is tailored to our Veterans who experience PTSD participate, but it will be focused on how to best help survivors of MST, Sexual Assault/Harassment, and Domestic Violence. I am very excited to see the implementation of this program in regards to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), and look forward to seeing the program grow. To do this, awareness of these issues and information on prevention needs to happen, and in order to do that, we all need to begin with believing the individual, showing compassion to one another, and by educating where we can. These topics are difficult to speak about, but if we want to see change occur, we must speak out, inform, and educate others about these issues. I hope you will all join myself and Commander Thomas in bringing awareness to these issues.

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Trainings, which don't have to be long, are great ways to get information out about all of the programs. These can be done in as little as 5 or 10 minutes, and can be done at an auxiliary meeting or joint district meeting. I have seen some creativity, while visiting the different districts, and if you need ideas on how to do a quick training, reach out to your Department Chairmen or anyone that you may know who has a passion for the program, and don't forget to report all the hard work that is done for each of these programs. When we all help each other, we continue to grow in our successes in the organization.

I know that we will continue to have a great year, despite any obstacles that we may face, and I am blessed and grateful to be part of the Department of Colorado Auxiliary and know that our organization is full of mentors that can be looked to. Thank you for all that each of you continue to do, to help our organization become better for our Veterans.

Wishing you all a very Blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Warmest Wishes,

Nadia Flores  
Department VFW Auxiliary President

## Legislative

Our Legislative Program year is well underway and I am very pleased with members' participation on many levels! Auxiliary members are watching the news, the debates, the candidate's platform presentations and attending and participating in community forums. They are signing up to become poll workers, monitors and election judges. They are sending letters and calling their representatives regarding veteran issues. And very important, Auxiliary members are taking the time to report their activities – this is such a critical aspect of our efforts. It is my mission this year to keep you on the leading edge of issues and legislation that you need to know about. Here are some things that you can do to keep your members informed and active:

- If you have not already done so, please sign up for Action Corps Weekly and ask your Auxiliary teammates to do the same. Respond to VFW Action Alerts and make sure that your members do the same. When you sign up, you will automatically be subscribed to the Weekly Newsletter which will keep you updated on the issues and events that you need to know about. You don't have to be an Auxiliary member to sign up or participate – encourage friends, teachers, community members, and others to sign up also – they can help too! Within our state, our response rates to Action Alert recommendations ranges from a low of 1% of our total (VFW and Auxiliary members) to as much as 15%. Let's get our Alert response rate up in our state! There may be a Conference Challenge Program coming soon where we in Western Conference can show those in the other conferences how committed we are in Colorado to our veterans based on how we respond to and act on Action Alerts – more information on this to follow.
- Continue to watch TV and listen to Radio News (as much as you can tolerate), attend town hall meetings, vote in local and national elections, attend school board and other community events. Keep sending letters to your legislators – Let your voice be heard! Keep track of your time, your mileage, and your contributions, if applicable. Report this information yourself or through your Auxiliary. If you discover something that is important with respect to our Veterans and families within your community, send me a note so that I can let everyone know.
- As noted previously, one of my key subjects last year, and an issue that I spoke about all over our state, was combatting "Claim Sharks." These legal firms prey on veterans and families by attempting to take large portions of benefits due them from settlements like PACT Act, Camp Lejeune victims, extended Vietnam benefits, etc. Encourage anyone applying for benefits to **contact a VFW Veteran Service Officer first** before going to one of these law firms. There is Claim Shark Legislation currently in the works within Colorado – I will continue to update you on this very important subject as more information becomes available.
- There have been positive developments with regard to House Resolution 9468. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, the Veterans Benefits Continuity and Accountability Supplemental Appropriations Act 2024 was signed into law. At risk before the passage of this bill, 7 million veterans stood to lose benefits on October 1, 2024 in areas such as:
  - \*Pension Benefits
  - \*GI Bill Benefits
  - \*Burial Benefits
  - \*Survivor BenefitsThis legislation stepped in to fill in the VA's \$2.8 Billion shortfall and provides mechanisms to assure that such shortfalls do not happen in the future.
- Of interest to our members now, SB 2888 / HR3933 the TAP Promotion Act (Transition Assistance Program) which authorizes Veteran Service Organizations like the VFW to aid service members just leaving the service of our nation in signing up for and receiving their well-deserved benefits.

I am looking forward to bringing you more action items and information throughout this year

Phil Reinpold  
Legislative Chairman

## Veteran & Family Support

Hello everyone and welcome to a new quarter in our reporting year. I want to talk about suicide prevention. We generally worry about our Veterans when it comes to this, but it really applies to all of us. We can make a difference to one person with a little bit of our time or kindness. Be the light for even one person in your life. We all need that someone to do that for us.

I would like to highlight a local Veteran Organization that is working to do just that by getting Veterans and their families or friends out into Nature. Veterans Exploration Therapy was founded by VFW Post 1 member Deke Letson when he needed an outlet for some of the darkness he was experiencing. I recently joined them on a couple of adventures, the first was cross country skiing up at Echo Lake back in April of this year. The other was a paint and sip at their working space on 6<sup>th</sup> and Santa Fe. You can see their upcoming events on their website and please bring your family to join you in the adventure. [Veterans Exploration Therapy \(vetxtherapy.org\)](http://vetxtherapy.org)

As a reminder please note The Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available. There is also the new number 988. Also available are many resources to assist someone with mental health. Together let's change the stigma surrounding mental health!

I am excited to meet more people and learn in Grand Junction later this month. Please plan to attend.

Christina (Tina) Lilly  
Veterans and Family Support Chairman

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## Americanism

Salute to all Colorado VFW Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters!

This calendar year is coming to a quick close with only Oct. Nov. and Dec. to close 2024 out. It is important to continue to fill our calendar with projects, programs and education opportunities to share with our veterans, families and communities. We all use calendars to schedule appts., make sure we get to meetings, and plan family/friends' events. I am sharing with you a varied collection of opportunities to engage in Americanism for these next 3 months using USA/International/World days to remember and honor our veterans, active duty and their families and our communities. Best way to keep track of all things important is with calendars. Invite me to your Americanism programs, projects, events. I will attend as many as I am able to taking pictures, observing and collecting all the amazing stories and names of your brothers and sisters who are helping to bring our Americanism year of 2024 to a loud and proud close! Our National Americanism Ambassador, Katlyn, will receive all the collections I receive from your auxiliary to show her how proud and dedicated we in Colorado are to carry on the Americanism torch into 2025!

So here we go....

October – Agent Orange Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Small Business week 10/29-11/2, Every Friday is Red Shirt Day to remember our Deployed, Rosh Hashanah 10/2-10/4, Yom Kippur 10/11-10/12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coffee with a Cop Day/ International Day of Non-Violence, 4<sup>th</sup> National Truckers Appreciation Day, 5<sup>th</sup> National Do Something Nice, 6<sup>th</sup> German-American Day, 6<sup>th</sup> Afghanistan War Enduring Freedom Began 2001, 7<sup>th</sup> Afghanistan War Began, 8<sup>th</sup> National Heroes' Day, 9<sup>th</sup> National Stop Bullying Day, 10<sup>th</sup> World Mental Health Day, 11<sup>th</sup> National Spread Joy Day, 13<sup>th</sup> US Navy Birthday, 14<sup>th</sup> National Dessert Day/ Cinnamon Roll Day, 20<sup>th</sup> Women's Army Corp. Disestablished [1978], 21<sup>st</sup> National Pets for Veterans Day, 24<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day, 26<sup>th</sup> National Day of the Deployed, 27<sup>th</sup> US Navy Day. I will be awarding a prize to an auxiliary member at COA in Grand Junction who can tell me the difference between US Navy Birthday and US Navy Day. Hope you are reading thru this article for a chance to win a prize!

November – National Veterans & Military Family Month, Warrior Care Month, National Family Caregivers Month, 4<sup>th</sup> National Day of Community Service, 5<sup>th</sup> National Love your Red Hair Day, 8<sup>th</sup> Election Day, 10<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday, 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day/ Armistice Day/Remembrance Day, 21<sup>st</sup> Granada Campaign Ended [1983], 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day. What is my favorite holiday in November after Veteran's Day? To know this wins you a chance for a prize at COA in Grand Junction.

December – 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Air Patrol [USAF Auxiliary] Birthday, #Giving Tuesday, Tuesday after Thanksgiving, 5<sup>th</sup> Somalia Campaign Began [1992], 7<sup>th</sup> National Pearl Harbor Day, 8<sup>th</sup> War Declared on Japan [1941], 11<sup>th</sup> Germany & Italy Declared War on US[1941], 13<sup>th</sup> US National Guard Birthday, 15<sup>th</sup> Official End of War in Iraq[2011] Bill of Rights, 16<sup>th</sup> Battle of the Bulge, 18<sup>th</sup> National Wreaths Across America, 20<sup>th</sup> US Space Force Bday, 20<sup>th</sup> Panama Campaign began [1989], 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 2 Hanukkah Begins, 28<sup>th</sup> National Call a Friend Day, 31<sup>st</sup> Official End of WWII [1946]/Kosovo Campaign Ended [2013].

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next COA in Grand Junction. Thank you all for all your hard work, donation of time and talent. Now before I close – Be sure to report each month to receive the honors you are so deserving of at our State Convention. Any questions, concerns, needs I am a text, email or call away!

Happy Holidays!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Peters  
Americanism Chairman

## Auxiliary Outreach

Good afternoon Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters!

Even though the Auxiliary Outreach Program has been in effect for the past five (5) years, there still seems to be a lot of confusion on what is considered Auxiliary Outreach and what is NOT considered Auxiliary Outreach.

I know that our Auxiliaries are very busy in our communities, helping others. I also know that they do a lot for our Veterans. The main differences are –

When you help the Veterans, it is NOT considered Auxiliary Outreach! That falls under Veterans and Family Support.

When the Auxiliary has a booth at an event and the Auxiliary gets credit for the booth – that is NOT Auxiliary Outreach! That falls under Community Service.

But when the Auxiliary helps another organization in the community by working one of their booths, handing out water, manning the fishing pond, registering entries, etc.

Auxiliary Outreach is for project NOT AFFILIATED with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary programs. Again, there are a few rules: The event must be voted on by the Auxiliary membership AND the Auxiliary members must wear their Auxiliary name tag, shirt, hat, etc. that identifies them as Auxiliary members.

So we are going to play a game – and I have a few prizes for those who get the answers correct!!

I'll give a few examples and you will tell me if it is or is not Auxiliary Outreach.

1. John, who is an Auxiliary member, mowed his neighbor's lawn (the neighbor was a Veteran) out of the goodness of his heart. Is this Auxiliary Outreach?  
No this is NOT Auxiliary Outreach. It would fall under Veterans and Family Support.
2. Susan, an Auxiliary member, went to donate blood. She noticed how busy the Red Cross volunteers were. She offered to stay and help, and they accepted. Is this Auxiliary Outreach?  
This is NOT Auxiliary Outreach. However, while she was there, she asked if they could use help in the future. They said yes. She brought it up at the next Auxiliary meeting, the Auxiliary voted yes to help with future Blood Drives. Now when there are blood drives, Sue and other members of the Auxiliary are there, wearing their Auxiliary attire and helping. This IS Auxiliary Outreach.
3. Paul, an Auxiliary member, visited the local Senior Center and found out that the center helps mow lawns and gather wood for other community members. He brought this up at his local meeting. The Auxiliary voted to partner with the Senior Center. Is this Auxiliary Outreach?  
Yes! It is helping another organization not affiliated with the VFW or Auxiliary.
4. Linda, an Auxiliary member, took her cat to the local spay and neuter animal clinic. They were overrun and needed help. At the next meeting, she brought this up at the local meeting. The Auxiliary voted to partner with the animal clinic. Is this Auxiliary Outreach?  
Yes!

Hopefully, these examples will answer some of our questions. Continue to send me the reports and IF they are not Auxiliary Outreach, I will send them on to the appropriate chairman. Also, please give more information in the notes. Tell us WHAT you are doing; not just working a Fun Run – tell us that you handed out water, registered entries, flagged traffic, etc.

Thank you all for participating and continue to report, report, report.

Queenie Barz  
Auxiliary Outreach Chairman

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Sincerely,  
Crystal Proffitt  
Scholarship Chairman



## Buddy Poppy

Happy fall. I want to thank everyone for submitting their reports. It great to see all the wonderful activities the Auxiliaries are doing. Keep up the great work!

I can't believe November is already here! I hope everyone is putting the finishing touches on their poppy displays and poppy distribution events for Veterans Day.

Also, it's time to start thinking about your poppy display entry for the Convention and National competition. Order your poppies now so you will have enough poppies for your entry.

Just a reminder about the new order form. You will need to include your VFW Auxiliary membership # on the form. There is a link to the new form at the bottom of the Department of Colorado homepage (<https://vfwco.org>)

## VFW National Home

I am receiving a few reports of donations to the National Home. Please remember to include the National Home in your activities and donations. Report! Report! Report!

On January 7, 2025 the VFW National Home will turn 100 years old! It is time to **CELEBRATE!** The VFW National Home was the **FIRST** National Program for the VFW Auxiliary. I hope each Auxiliary will be sending a birthday card to the VFW National Home. Please have the cards to the National Home by the beginning of January so they can be displayed for the birthday party. Instead of sending gifts for the traditional birthday party, remember that the VFW National Home has an Amazon Wish List with things they could use, or your Auxiliary could make a donation to help with costs of the 100th celebration in June.

There are so many different ways to support the Home, including:

- National Home's Amazon Wishlist
- Become a Life Member
- Donate to Health & Happiness
- Purchase a brick for the Tribute Park
- Become a Hometown Hero contributor

There are many events and special things planned for the birthday celebration for the National Home. Please participate and help in all of the celebrations. The biggest celebration will be held at an event on the National Home grounds in June 2025. For more information visit their website at <https://vfnationalhome.org> or follow them on Facebook.

Kathy Kurtenbach  
Buddy Poppy-VFW National Home Chairman

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## Hospital

Greetings brothers and sisters!

I hope you are all enjoying the fall and all it has to offer. For me, this is my favorite season of the year. I love the cooler weather, football, and of course all things pumpkin. Although it's important year-round, I think it's even more important that we keep our hospitalized veterans in our minds this time of year.

Going through the holidays hospitalized and alone can be tough on anybody. A lot of us plan events for Christmas, but let's also remember Thanksgiving, Veterans Day, or really, any day of the week is a good day to visit our veterans!

In September, my sister and I along with several other auxiliary members, volunteered for the VA's annual baby shower. It is always such an honor to do this, meet the expecting parents and feel their appreciation for what they are given. I would love for us to focus even more this year on women veterans' health. You can always host your own baby shower or make donations to baby showers others are holding. These events are a good opportunity for you to gather together all the resources available to women veterans that they may not know about and get it distributed to them.

Another area I'm going to keep talking about this year is recruiting volunteers. This is my third time as your hospital chair, and nobody has ever reported to me that they recruited volunteers. Remember, these volunteers don't have to be auxiliary members. The facilities also don't have to be VA facilities. If you have a facility in your area, reach out to them to see what their needs are. Then, as an auxiliary, vote on a project, and then start asking everyone that know if they'd like to come along and help. As your kids and grandkids, their friend, co-workers, church group or book club friends, ask everyone!

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Happy Holidays to all! Stay safe and warm.

Loyally,

Brandi Dolan  
Hospital Chairman

## Chief of Staff - Extension & Revitalization

Hello to all!

As you read this, we have already completed our second Council of Administration. If you did not attend in person or via zoom – then it is possible you missed out on important information. Please reach out to each of our Department Chairman and ask for information that you may have missed out on.

Quick housekeeping – the email previously given in the August Coloradoan is not working. If you have emailed me via that email box and have not received a response, I apologize. Please forward me any emails previously sent to [stephanee.trujillo@gmail.com](mailto:stephanee.trujillo@gmail.com). I have sent out several emails to District Presidents, Deputy Chief of Staff, and some to Auxiliary Presidents – please make sure information that is being sent out is being provided to your membership. Of course, if there is a topic or question you have – please keep sending them to me via email, text or calling me. You never know who else as the same question or is looking for the same information!

Help me, help all of you succeed this year!

Thank you to everyone who has been emailing questions – the best way to learn is to ask questions! For those who have not logged into VFW Auxiliary Malta lately or ever – the new 2025 Bylaws and ritual book is available via members resources. Any member can download the bylaw & ritual book to their computer, tablet, and cell phone for a quick reference. Using the PDF (Adobe) format, did you know you can search keywords, and the document will take you to each section those keywords are listed – making finding information quick and easy.

As a reminder, the bylaws and rituals are the foundation (policies and procedures) in which our organization is based on. These bylaws are **not** suggestions on how an auxiliary can governed and ran instead it is how all auxiliaries should and will be governed and ran. Each level is to follow the national bylaws & ritual as well as any bylaws that are written and approved at the department, district or local level that are not previously covered in the national bylaw & ritual book.

Do you know of a bachelor post who has mentioned that they would like an auxiliary? If yes, please send them my way! President Nadia and I are eager to talk to more bachelor posts about the benefits of having an auxiliary as well as starting them on the path acquiring one.

Lastly, for those who know me – knows I love a good challenge. If you missed Council of Administration, then you missed my most recent challenge and I encourage you email me to find out so that you can help your auxiliary win a monetary prize at the March COA.

Stephanee Trujillo  
Department Chief of Staff

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## All-State Achievement

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

Where has 2024 gone? Can you believe that the holiday season is already upon us again? Please take a moment to review the tasks on the All State Achievement Auxiliary/ District Report form. Being familiar with the tasks to earn points that are needed to reach the minimum points required may also help your Auxiliary remain healthy and successful. Both the Auxiliary/ District Report forms can be found on the Colorado Department website, [vfwco.org](http://vfwco.org) or in the 2024-2025 Colorado Program book. All Auxiliaries, Post or District that meet the following requirements are eligible to receive the All State Achievement Award.

- #1 – *The Auxiliary reach the minimum points required.*
- #2 – *The All State Achievement Report form be completed and submitted by the deadline.*
- #3 – *The All State Achievement Report form be signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer.*

Good luck to all Auxiliaries, both Post and District! Thank you all for the hard work and the volunteering you do to support our Veterans and their families. I would like to encourage all Auxiliaries to share what they are doing by sending in program reports. So come on Colorado, let's get busy creating new memories and working together for "All Veterans, All Voices".

Hugs,  
Patsy Gilmore – Chairman  
Charlotte Lattin  
Gayle Stockwell  
All State Achievement Committee

## Youth

Hello Auxiliary brothers and sisters,

I am so happy to see reports coming in for Youth Activities. I have 6 districts that have submitted reports this far and more to come. Its great to see that many of you are working with youth groups. Having participation with youth and letting them know that they are a very important part of the future, encourages them to continue on a path of learning from and respecting our Veterans. Engaging with youths is so rewarding. I am excited to see those connecting with schools, libraries or setting up an event with Youth reading to Veterans & Veterans reading to youth. I am also excited for our reading events as well as the Veterans I have asked to participate in this. The smile on their faces was heartwarming when they were asked to be included. I can't wait to bring our story to you all.

I would like to just remind everyone of the important key areas of this year's program:

- Youth reading to Veterans & Veterans reading to youth
- Youth groups
- Illustrating America
- R.A.P. Cards (Random Act of Patriotism)

Youth reading to Veterans & Veterans reading to youth:

Reading is a big part of growing up and learning. Many students have nightly reading starting at a young age in school. Sometimes just talking to the students about patriotism, America and our country can be dull. But taking the students on a journey in a book might capture their attention more and open their minds up. I find that children like to listen to new things with a bit of excitement in learning and they tend to remember what they learned. Showing them through illustrated books is a great way to teach the younger children about America, Patriotism, and the sacrifices our Veterans have made.

Great way to access material is on the MALTA member resources, under Youth Activities they have the Patriotism through Literacy list. It is even divided up by grade levels. Pick some books from there.

Visit your local library and see if they are in stock. I know that some libraries can search to see if they can get them as well. Or maybe local bookstores maybe able to do a donation as well.

Some local libraries hold a reading day to children, maybe see about getting on that list to set up a reading day with a Veteran would be a great opportunity to get the excited with children.

Visiting your local VA or nursing home, to see if they can set up a reading area for the children to read to veteran or the veterans to read to them. I challenge each auxiliary to see how many classrooms you can visit throughout this school year and I will personally give out to the top 3 auxiliaries a 50.00 gift card at the end of the year.

I encourage auxiliaries to participate in the Most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veteran and or veterans reading to youth. Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging.

Remember to always, report all activities, early or as soon as you have completed related activities.

Please reach out with any questions or comments you may have

Getting excited about working with our youth and teach them all we know so they may become great leaders for the future. Share the knowledge and grow.

Rowena Martinez  
Youth Chairman

**Report ALL Program Reports On-Line**  
**Vfwco.org**

**Updated the First of Every Month**

**Written Reports will NOT be  
accepted**

**It is Easy**

**Council of Administration Weekend**  
**October 19 & 20, 2024**

Hosted by Western Slope Post 3981 & Beye-Lotz Post 1247  
Saturday VFW Post 1247, 1404 Ute Ave, Grand Junction, CO  
81501

Auxiliary meets VFW Post 3981, 503 1/2 Florence Rd, Grant  
Junction, CO 81504

Sunday Joint at Post 1247 , then VFW COA at Post 1247 and  
Auxiliary COA at Post 3981

(More information available: [Events \(vfwco.org\)](https://www.vfwco.org))

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Scholarship Chairman

## President’s Special Project

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

President Nadia and Commander Carol has joined together for their Special Project. The monies raised through sales of the Veteran pin will be going to their joint Special Project, the “*Equine-imity*” Program of the *White Ribbon Project*. My goal is that each Auxiliary buy at least 10 of the Veteran pins.

The “*Equine-imity*” Program is a project in which those who receive services for any of the above referenced and in need of help, would be able to participate in a program that isn't the standard approach of therapy. Individuals who participate in the “*Equine-imity*” Program would participate in sessions that would span over approximately six weeks, assisting them to heal through connecting with the animals at *Horse Partners*. Currently, the project is geared more towards Veterans and Veteran caregivers, but the Intimate Partner Violence Assistant Program (IPVAP) has already been looking at creating a model of this for the survivors of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse. The Rocky Mountain Regional VA would be the second VA facility to incorporate the program. San Diego VA was the first to implement this program for IPTV survivors.

Please remember our Veterans that are homebound, in hospitals or in our VA community living centers, phone call or a card during the holiday season goes a long way in lifting their spirits. So come on Colorado, let’s get busy creating new memories and working together for “All Veterans, All Voices”.

Hugs,

Patsy Gilmore  
Special Project Chairman



**2024-2025 Veteran’s Pin Order Form**  
**Department of Colorado Auxiliary**  
**Presidents Special Project**  
**“White Ribbon Project”**

Post or Auxiliary Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Ship to (Name of a Person): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Pins x \$3.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 to: Patsy Gilmore  
1719 Ascot Road  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

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

**GENERAL ORDER #2**

**November 1, 2024**

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 committees not otherwise provided for, see that there is no disruption during the meeting and if so, has the right to have the member causing the disruption removed.
2. **Members** should address all remarks to the President, not to other members in attendance. Members should stand and be recognized by the President and, if two stand at the same time, the President will decide who is recognized first.
3. **No member** will disrespect or embarrass any member of this organization at any time.
4. **Department President Nadia Flores's Special Project** is The White Ribbon Project supporting the Equine-imity Program. Proceeds from the sale of the Veteran Pin and donations will go to support this fund.
5. **Suggested donations** to Health & Happiness should be processed through MALTA or mailed directly to National Auxiliary Headquarters in Kansas City earmarked for Health and Happiness. Department Hospital donations should be mailed to Department Treasurer Cindy Anderson. The suggested Department Hospital donation is \$.75 per member. Both donations are based on your June 30, 2024, 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, 2024. A copy of the acceptance confirmation for the 990N should be sent to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.
7. **Standing Rules:** In accordance with Section 211 of the National Bylaws, Auxiliaries and Districts may establish Standing Rules to provide for specified operations, activities, events, expenses, and disbursements between meetings provided such rules do not conflict with the National or Department Bylaws. Standing Rules should be reviewed annually.
8. **VOD and Patriot Pen Entries** are due to the Post/Auxiliaries by October 31, 2024. 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, 2024.
9. **Change in Officers:** Using the Officer Change Form please notify National Headquarters and Department Secretary Ginny Rosa of any changes in Auxiliary or District Officers. The above should also be notified of any changes of meeting dates, places, times, and dues amounts. This form is available on the Colorado Department website at [www.vfwco.org](http://www.vfwco.org).
10. **District and Auxiliary Officers:** All officers must hold a 2025 dues card or life dues card by December 31, 2024. Any officer or chairman who has not renewed their membership ceases to be a member in good standing on January 1, 2025, and cannot hold an office of chairmanship unless dues are paid.
11. **Buddy Poppy Orders:** Please place your orders for the new Metal Poppy and the Original Red Cloth Poppy with the Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood CO 80214. The minimum order is 500 poppies. If the Auxiliary and Post order together, be sure to note on the order form the amount purchased by each. There are now two Poppy Order forms that can be found on the Department website at [www.vfwco.org](http://www.vfwco.org) and in the Colorado Program Book. Please be sure to use the correct form for the style you are ordering. Poppies can be ordered by the Auxiliaries but must include a VFW members membership number on the order. You must include freight in your payment as required per the order form.
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:** The Department Membership Chairman asks that you please process 2025 dues for continuous members at least weekly. Send all new, rejoin 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, 2024. Through September 30, 2024, should be completed by October 31. The audit must be accepted by motion within 60 days after the end of the quarter and a copy sent to the Department Treasurer.
15. **District Dues** are to be remitted to the District Treasurer by September 30, 2024, of the current Auxiliary year or as established by the District Standing Rules based on the June 30 membership of the preceding year.
16. **A Special Thank You** to all of those who attended the Parade of Programs in Cortez. The Program Chairmen did an exceptional job of promoting their programs and in providing information. Also, a special thank you to the Council Members and Auxiliary members who attended the Council Meeting on August 25, 2024. Remember that all members are encouraged to attend these events.

BY ORDER OF:

Nadia Flores  
Department President

ATTESTED TO:

Ginny Rosa  
Department Secretary

## VFW Auxiliary Membership by District as of October 15, 2024

Number/City	2023	2024	%	Number/City	2023	2024	%	Number/City	2023	2024	%
<b>District #1</b>				<b>District #5</b>				<b>District #10</b>			
1 Denver	181	164	90.61	101 CO Springs	76	68	89.47	501 Denver	147	135	91.84
322 Englewood	76	61	80.26	3917 Security	196	175	89.29	3631 Aurora	100	90	90
5061 Denver	174	154	88.51	4051 CO Springs	239	228	95.40	4171 Golden	288	263	91.32
9644 Fort Logan	354	328	92.66	5221 Calhan	25	25	100%*	4331 Arvada	130	126	96.92
TOTAL	785	707	90.06	6461 Fountain	153	137	89.54	4444 Cmmce City	153	148	96.73
<b>District #2</b>				7829 Monument	44	25	56.82	7945 Thornton	268	252	94.03
2788 Penrose	45	28	62.22	TOTAL	733	658	89.77	TOTAL	1086	1014	93.37
3641 Pueblo	62	46	74.19	<b>District #6</b>				<b>District #11</b>			
4061 Canon City	102	76	74.51	336 Ordway	66	52	78.79	1247 Grnd Jctn	77	68	88.31
5812 Pueblo West	45	37	82.22	2411 Las Animas	108	92	85.19	3571 Delta	49	46	93.88
7305 Colo. City	23	10	43.48	TOTAL	174	144	82.76	3981 Grnd Jctn	46	21	45.65
8898 Boone	18	11	61.11	<b>District #7</b>				9221 Cedaredge	51	45	88.24
TOTAL	295	208	70.51	899 Alamosa	40	26	65	TOTAL	223	180	80.72
<b>District #3</b>				8121 Del Norte	106	100	94.34	<b>District #12</b>			
41 Loveland	125	91	72.80	TOTAL	146	126	86.30	4031 Durango	148	125	84.46
1771 Lafayette	248	225	90.73	<b>District #8</b>				5181 Dove Creek	33	24	72.73
1781 Fort Collins	128	84	65.63	859 Leadville	17	18	106%*	5231 Cortez	57	49	85.96
2121 Greeley	112	81	72.32	11411 Lake George	48	48	100%*	TOTAL	238	198	83.19
2585 Johnstown	84	76	90.48	12009 Conifer	32	37	116%*	<b>District #13</b>			
2601 Longmont	162	148	91.36	TOTAL	97	103	106%*	3411 Kit Carson	17	12	70.59
4334 Ault	44	43	97.73	<b>District #9</b>				6612 Hugo	37	22	59.46
6624 Evans	180	148	82.22	4264 Stmbt Springs	28	28	100%*	TOTAL	54	34	62.96
12189 Berthoud	18	11	61.11	4265 Craig	37	31	83.78	15006 MAL	756	742	98.15
TOTAL	1101	907	82.38	5843 Meeker	31	30	96.77	<b>TOTAL DEPT</b>			5889 5182 87.99
<b>District #4</b>				9374 Kremmling	22	22	100%*				
3541 Sterling	45	29	64.44	TOTAL	118	111	94.07				
4671 Wray	20	19	95								
12226 Sterling	18	2	11.11								
TOTAL	83	50	60.24								



\* = 100% Membership

Help Colorado be 100%+

Please send all Deceased VFW & Auxiliary Members to [vfw@vfwco.org](mailto:vfw@vfwco.org)

They will be saved for the Joint Memorial State Convention Book. Our Deadline is May 20, 2025