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Minturn, CO Mt Holy Cross VFW POST 10721 Honor 9/11 Victims and Heroes

EDWARDS, COLORADO,
Sep 13th, 2011

Hundreds of Eagle County Colorado locals joined millions of people around the nation and world remembering and honoring the victims and heroes of 9/11. On Sep 11th VFW Post 10721 started honoring the fallen early.

Buddy Sims, Adjutant of VFW Post 10721 rolled out at dawn to lower the American flag at the Freedom Park Memorial - EMS, 9/11, & Veterans. Prior to his arrival, the Memorial was visited. Left on that place of honor were flowers, firefighters' boots, a metal replica of the Twin Towers, a 5th grade bubble wrapped replica of a person pledging to the flag, an American Airline Flight 11 wooden cross, and a badly melted firefighter helmet. No names, just a Fire Fighters insignia, labeled X229. It's impossible to say whose it was or how it came to be so melted. Heroes don't often leave calling cards but were remembered on 9/11, 10th Anniversary at Freedom Park, Edwards, CO.

Special day-time activities included 9/11 Educational Movies at the local high school, a thirty vehicle silent remembrance parade with two WWII jeeps, the VFW Post Honor Guard and marchers plus twenty-eight Emergency Responder vehicles including the County Sheriff, town's Fire, Police, Ambulance, Highway Patrol, and Rescue. Preceding the ceremony two F-16s from the Buckley AFB saluted Freedom Park. For public participation over 3000 American Flags were individually placed by attendees around the Freedom Park to represent the fallen on 9/11.

Col. (Ret) Thomas Kirk, USAF, our keynote speaker for Sunday's event said, "I have lived in 18 countries, and I tell you there is nowhere like the United States. We have to understand how blessed we are to live in the United States of America. It's not life as usual, Most of us vow never to forget, and mostly we don't. But we also go on with life as usual, except now we occasionally complain because we have to unload laptops and remove shoes at the airport. Then we spot a kid in a military uniform who was in the third grade on Sept. 11, 2001, and we put our shoes back on and shut up. But of course life does not go on as usual or at all for nearly 3,000 people at ground zero in Lower Manhattan, for those killed in the Pentagon or for those brave passengers of Flight 93 who overran their captors knowing the terrorists flying the plane would crash it and kill them all. They refused to let the terrorists crash it into the White House or Capitol building. They were led by an ironworker flying home to see his pregnant wife and their children. His rally cry as he led the charge: Let's roll. Life does not go on as usual or at all for the 343 heroic New York City firefighters and police officers who died in the World Trade Center — running into the flames and chaos when the rest of the world was running away."

Col. Kirk, a lifetime Member of VFW Post 10721 is a study in sacrifice. "When we were trying to find someone who represents sacrifice and survival, we found Col. Kirk," said Eagle River Fire Protection District Chief Charlie Moore as he introduced Kirk. "Kirk has done everything for this country except die for it — which he says he would still do. Kirk enlisted

in the military in 1950 and flew jets in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was shot down over North Vietnam and spent over five years in the Hanoi Hilton."

Col. Kirk said, "We never thought 9/11 could happen in this country. It is fitting that millions of people are honoring and remembering what happened on this day. I'd like to think that everyone here will rededicate themselves, in some small way, to helping keep this country safe. Kirk reminded the crowd that America remains a terrorist target. "As long as there are people in the world who hate our lifestyle and our freedoms, they're going to be after us. There are people who want you dead simply because you do not have the same religious faith as they do. I cannot comprehend that a young man or young woman will strap bombs to themselves and walk into an airport, or a place where people gather and blow themselves up because we do not share the same religion. I ask you to think of America's fallen heroes every now and then. Look at the mirror and ask yourself a question. How am I doing? Not as a matter of ego, but as a father, wife, husband and citizen. If you could do something better, you should be about it."

Beth Swearingen, Kathy Morrow and Sally Peterson — the Fabulous Femmes — were fabulous with "The Star-Spangled Banner," and Boy Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Alpine Wind Ensemble played; so did bagpiper Michael Lancaster.

Speakers impressed upon the crowd what was lost and gained. "I don't believe acting on feelings of rage is the best way to go forward. To honor those whose lives were pre-

maturely lost is to be the best we can possibly be," said Debra Rappaport, Rabbi with B'Nai Vail. "Everyone wants to be right, and civility is the victim," she said.

Father Brooks Keith is the last clergy member still serving in the Vail Interfaith Chapel 10 years later. At 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, the chapel doors opened for a service. Keith didn't know when or how, but it was going to happen. By noon, more than 700 people had come: truckers off Interstate 70, people looking for comfort. They found one another.

Millie Hamner represents Eagle, Lake and Summit counties in the Colorado State House of Representatives. She was in education for 35 years before shifting to state politics. "We all remember where we were when we got the news. What happened 10 years ago changed forever the lives of these children. We live in a global society that does not unanimously support what we stand for," Hamner said. "Our young people saw America rallying together with our unwavering will to prevail. Our youth will remember what can be accomplished when Americans come together?"

To close the ceremony, Post member, Capt (Ret) Gary Thornton, played TAPs, followed by the ringing of the Memorial Bell, while Boy Scouts and Post members raised the American Flag on the 100 foot flag pole. This 9/11 10th Anniversary event set a record for community support and attendance at our Freedom Park Memorial - EMS, 9/11, and Veterans and was estimated at over 1000.

Buddy Sims
VFW Post 10721 Adjutant



VFW Roster Changes

Page 6 Clayton Chidester, 719-456-0221
 Page 11 VFW National Home, John R. Wigle, resigned
 Page 12 Yellow Ribbon / Homecoming, John R. Wigle, resigned
 Page 13 VAVS Assoc. Rep; Richard Whitmore, deceased
 Page 20 Americanism: Bob Ling, 1018 Alabama St., Trinidad 81082
 Page 33 Post 501, Cmdr: Joseph Ramos, 4648 W 88th Ave., Westminster 80031
 303-526-6825
 Qm: Robert Martinez, 4065 Lee Cr., Wheat Ridge 80033 303-467-2353
 Post 784 Cmdr: George Lawrence, P O Box 1211, Montrose 81402
 Page 35 Post 1247, Qm: Kyle Kelly, 505 W Ouray Ave., Grand Junction 81501
 970-261-7173
 Page 40 Post 3541, Cmdr: John Byrne, resigned
 Page 43 Post 4001, all mail to P O Box 445, Springfield, CO 81073
 Page 44 Post 4061, Cmdr: Joseph Anderson, 2752 E Main St., Canon City 81212
 719-275-4805
 Qm: Samuel Hash, P O Box 905, Canon City 81212 719-275-4988
 Post 4121 Qm: Mike Coleman, 28022 Camel Hghts Cr., Evergreen 80439
 Page 47 Post 4663 Cmdr: Robert Miller, 619 Irwin St., Clifton 81520 970-589-2959
 Page 49 Post 5231 Mancos, Post 5241 Cortez, and Post 6068 Dolores consolidated
 Montezuma County, Post 5231 Mancos
 Cmdr: Wayne Noland. 29250 Road N, Dolores 81323 970-564-9550
 Qm: Danny Lobato, 1016 E Main Street, Cortez 81321
 Ser. Off:
 Page 51 Post 6331, Cmdr: Robert Yett, Sr., 3519 S Lewiston Way, Aurora 80013
 303-693-1118
 Page 55 Post 8449, Qm: Billy Pugh, 14151 E Jewell Ave Apt 203, Aurora 80012
 303-619-8717
 Page 58 Post Pagosa Springs 9695 has consolidated with Durango 4031
 Officers remain the same as listed for Durango #4031
Please report all VFW Roster Changes to Department Headquarters

NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT NO.	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
1	11/19/11 Saturday	Post No. 501 Denver	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Bruce Dolan Ginny Burris
3	11/13/11 Sunday	Post No. 1771 Lafayette	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Bruce Dolan Ginny Burris
4	11/20/11 Sunday	Post No. 2551 Ft Morgan	12 :00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Jim Lafferty Cindy Anderson
5	11/13/11 Sunday	Post No. 3917 Security	1:00 Memorial Service 2:00 pm Lunch Meeting to follow	Ron Davies Martine Arndt
7	11/13/11 Sunday	Post No. 899 Alamosa	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Don Smith Cindy Anderson
9	11/05/11 Saturday	Post No. 4265 Craig	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Bruce Dolan June Spencer
10	11/20/11 Sunday	Post No. 322 Englewood	1:00 pm joint meeting Meeting Lunch to follow	Ron Davies Martine Arndt
11	11/13/11 Sunday	Post No. 9333 Hotchkiss	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Joint 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Earl Havens Linda Stahly
13	11/13/11 Sunday	Post No. 6491 Burlington	1:00 pm meeting Lunch after	Pete Buchanan June Spencer

*****WESTERN CONFERENCE NOV 4 - 6
 *****Denver Veterans Day Parade NOV 5

DECEMBER DISTRICT MEETING

2	12/10/11 Saturday	Post No. 2788 Penrose	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	D J Alberts Cindy Anderson
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*****FOUNDERS DAY Dec 4

District meeting schedule subject to change

IMPORTANT - PLEASE LET US KNOW

Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Department Officers are considering going electronic version of the Colorado Veteran. That means we would be sending issues of the Colorado Veteran by a link that will open the Colorado Veteran for you to download or read on your computer. We mail in excess of 23,000 copies 6 times a year and we spend \$8,756 an issue for printing, mailing and postage, of which the Department Ladies Auxiliary contribute \$1,667 an issue. We do post the Colorado Veteran on our Web Site as soon as it is finished for the publication date, which can be downloaded.

We need a response from our readers if you would be willing to accept the Colorado Veteran by electronic mail and help save funds that can be used for other programs. Please respond to vwf@vfwcolodept.org - subject Colorado Veteran and let us know how you would prefer to receive the Colorado Veteran.

Or you can vote by mail by returning this ballot to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214

I would accept the Colorado Veteran by electronic mail _____

VFW Member _____

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Thank You from the Officers of the Department of Colorado VFW

Voice of Democracy Weekend

“Is There Pride in Serving in our Military”

1/27/12 - 4PM Hampton Inn Golden - Check in - Pizza/Pool Party
 7PM Miners Alley Playhouse - Golden

1/28/12 - 9AM Denver Museum of Nature & Science
 10:30 AM Imax Theater @ Museum
 7PM VFW Post 4171 Golden - Voice of Democracy Awards Banquet

1/29/12 9AM Goodbye Breakfast

Please call Department Headquarters for Awards Banquet reservations

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THANK YOU
 EDITOR

Commander's Column Ron Davies



Now therefore I, Dwight D Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon ALL of our citizens to ob-

serve Thursday November 11th 1954 as Veterans Day. On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices all of those who fought so valiantly on the seas, in the air and on foreign shores to preserve our heritage of FREEDOM, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting and enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.

This is an excerpt from... Title 3 – The President Proclamation 3071, When President Eisenhower created Veterans Day.

THAT'S US COMRADES!
THANK YOU for your service and WELCOME HOME!

Let's break the above down. "do hereby call upon all of our citizens". Do they? No! Why? They take Freedom for granted and forget how it has been preserved. Do

WE remember? You bet we do! And it is up to us to keep the heritage alive. "on that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices" Same as above. "let us reconsecrate ourselves" Do they? No! Do we? Sometimes. If we don't promote ourselves on this very special day no one else will. There are celebrations all over the state... parades, cemetery services and speeches. Hopefully you and your Post are involved with something. After all "Honor the Dead by Serving the Living" is also US!

Do you have your supply of Buddy Poppies? Is there a better way to remind the public of our heritage? Encourage all who you come into contact with to wear one and if they don't know what it is explain it to them. Oh, it might be a good idea if you have one on and know what it means.

Comrades, get involved! Not just on Veterans Day, but as much as you can, wherever you can. Do something, something happens!

Ron Davies
Department Commander

"Thank You For What You Do"

Quartermaster's Column Dick Wellensiek



Comrade Quartermasters,
I hope this article finds you deeply involved

with your Quartermaster Duties in your Post and everything is going well.

By the time you read this article, I hope I have had the opportunity to meet all of you at the Quartermaster Class at the Council of Administration in Fort Morgan.

If for whatever reason you didn't

make the class at Fort Morgan and you find yourself getting overwhelmed with all your duties, please call Department Headquarters 303-421-1630 before you resign! You have help from your District Quartermaster also!

If you need someone to come to your Post and sit down with you and go over certain things, we will be more than happy to do that!

Here is to having a good year! I'll be seeing you or hearing from you.

Your Quartermaster

Chaplain's Column John Holland



The Congressional Charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States reads:

"The purposes of the corporation are fraternal, patriotic, historical,

charitable, and educational, and are:

1. to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members;
2. to assist worthy comrades;
3. to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans;
4. to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States, and fidelity
5. to its Constitution and laws;
6. to foster true patriotism;
7. to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies."

Further, when a Commander opens a meeting, he or she should read the following:

Comrades, we are assembled again to transact business of mutual benefit. Do

not let petty jealousies or trivial personalities influence our deliberations. Let us uphold always the obligations of unselfish comradeship and loyalty to our organization and to the government of the United States of America."

VFW Colorado is well known at the national level, and at the level of the Western Conference, as a group that lives these words. We are also well known for standing up for the traditions of our organization and not allowing change for the sake of change.

When asked by prospective members, and even our own comrades, just what it is that we are doing, it might help to remember the "Purposes of the corporation" and the words that begin our meetings.

When studying the Constitution of the United States, and our Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Ritual, I am ever more impressed with the hard work and wisdom demonstrated in the documents.

If we strive to live up to our purposes and goals, all will be well.

Welcome Home
John Holland, Chaplain

Sr. Vice Column Bruce Dolan



I hope this finds everyone well and almost ready for winter.

Whenever any of you see John Holland, please shake his hand and give him a big congratulations and let him

know how proud we are of him. John is our Department Chaplain and was recently elected National Chaplain at the National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. What an honor to have a National Officer from Colorado. John, I want to personally thank and congratulate you for your verve and perseverance on behalf of our Veterans.

I also would like to give a congratulation to Ron Lattin on become our District 13 Representative for the National Council of Administration.

Brandon Tetter. How many of you have heard the name? Brandon is a 70% disabled Iraqi Veteran who has been going to school at Metro State College in Denver for the past 2 years. Brandon suffers from a disability that causes him to have very severe back spasms several times a day. This year Metro has decided Brandon is a disruption to classes even though he knows in advance when his spasms are going to occur and leaves the class room for a minute or so and returns. Metro told him he must have an aide to attend class with him. Metro would not pay for this aide and Brandon can not afford to pay. The VA says his condition is not warrant the need for an aide, hence Brandon is

not allowed to attend class.

Brandon is a VFW member and was recently featured on a story by Channel 9 News and on the FOX Channel on a National News story.

Brandon is in need of our prayers and help. He was recently in the hospital suffering from exhaustion due to his predicament. I will keep all informed of his progress.

As some of you have noticed, one of the things Commander Davies is doing this year is to make everyone aware of the need to attend District meetings.

Article 403 of our By-Laws and MOP tells us about the meetings. Article 218, Subsection k tells us who will attend these meetings. We are also required to purchase the most recent copy of the By-Laws and MOP. This push to increase attendance at District meetings is not going away. Please read your Manual.

The last statistics I remember reading stated over 60% of VFW members are Vietnam Veterans. A couple of interesting facts:

There are 58,267 names on the Vietnam Wall. 33,103 of those were 18 years of age or younger at their time of death. The youngest was 15 years old. 5 were 16 and 12 were 17 years old.

There were 17,000 that were married. Home of the Brave? OH YA!

Bruce R. Dolan
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Jr. Vice Column Jim Lafferty



We are into our new year now and all is going fairly well.

We need to look at our membership and get out and find new members. I attended a District meeting where

there were two new members sworn in. It is good to see the young vets joining up. I talked to them and they seemed interested in being involved in the Post and District doings. This is what we need from our young vets. Come on, we are getting up in

years and we need to get the younger vets involved in the Posts.

But do not forget all the veterans that are out there. There are some that still need us to help them and try to get them involved in our organization. We will be having our COA coming up the middle of October in Ft. Morgan. It would be great to see a lot of our vets there.

As I have said, if any of you need to talk to me just contact me.

Jim Lafferty
Department Jr. Vice Commander

Surgeon's Column Pete Buchanan



It has been an interesting and educational summer representing VFW Colorado as your Surgeon at our Veterans Homes and Community Living Centers. We have shared tears and laughter, meals

and games. We have made new friends of fellow comrades and staff. We have seen new construction and plans for future construction at both State and VA units. Each time we completed a tour at a facility I was ready to put my application in to get on the waiting list, yes, they are clean, well run, and all are following the EDEN Principal for patient care and contribution to their homes.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has automated its online Health Benefits Renewal (10-10EZR) form as part of its ongoing effort to streamline access to benefits. "This action dramati-

cally reduces the time it will take for enrolled Veterans to submit updates to their demographic information and further reduces access barriers to needed care for Veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. Previously, Veterans filling out the online 10-10EZR were required to print a copy, sign it and send it to their local medical center before updates to their personal, insurance or financial information could occur. Veterans may now submit these updates online. For additional information, go to <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility> or call VA's toll-free number at 1-877-222-VETS (8387). The online form is available at: <https://www.1010ezr.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ezr/Form/1010ezr.pdf>. [Source: VA News Release 8 Sep 2011]

Pete Buchanan
Department Surgeon

**Department of Colorado, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214**

**General Orders No. 3
Series 2011-2012 November 1, 2011**

1. The 112th Founders Day Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011, Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO. No Host Cocktails at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm, Prepaid \$50.00 for dinner, no tickets at the door. Please purchase tickets by November 19, 2011.

2. VFW Posts are believed to be exempt by the State of Colorado, under the Charitable Purpose Exemption. A funding of "charitable purpose" generally requires the presence of the following three elements: gifts, benefits to indefinite number of persons, and a lessening of the burden of government. Active involvement in the VFW Community Activities program and accurate reporting of the same will establish the three required elements.

Any Post in need of clarification, regarding **property tax exemption** should contact the State of Colorado, Division of Property Taxation, Department of Local Affairs, 1313 Sherman Street, Room #419, Denver, Colorado 80203, Phone (303)866-2686. Your elected State Representative may also offer assistance. Property Tax Exemption must be filed every year to remain tax exempt on your VFW Post property. If this form is not filed every year when due, your Property will be placed on the Tax roles.

3. Several Posts and Districts have not purchased adequate Quartermaster Bonds. It is mandatory that the Post and District Quartermaster be bonded for an appropriate amount. Bond applications have been mailed to those Posts and Districts that are delinquent. Quarterly Trustee Audits are also mandatory. The 2nd Post Trustee Report of Audit was due at Department Headquarters by October 31, 2011.

Department of Veterans Affairs Awards Lease for Homeless Veteran Domiciliary Program

DENVER - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Eastern Colorado Health Care System (ECHCS) has awarded West Second Street Associates a 10-year lease to build and house Valor Point, a 40-bed Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans (DCHV) site.

Valor Point, scheduled to open in May 2012, will be located at 7350 W. Eastman Place, Lakewood, Colorado. The site offers 3.64 acres of land in a park-like setting and includes a 26,000 square foot existing building which will be renovated to meet the needs of Valor Point.

Denver is one of five locations nationwide to receive VA funding for construction of a new DCHV as part of VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki's 5 year plan to eliminate homelessness among Veterans. Valor Point will identify homeless and at-risk Veterans who need residential treatment to overcome homelessness and

4. The Department of Colorado, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, is not responsible for the action or debts of individual members or subordinate units. In the future, any individual, Post, District or Canteen involved in legal action due to irregularities or violations committed by said individuals or subordinate units, shall report them at once to the Department Commander.

5. Department Community Service Report forms must be properly filled out or credit will not be given.

ALL Community Activity Report Forms, Post and Auxiliary WILL be mailed to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214. Do not mail to Chairman.

6. All VFW Posts should order NEW Congressional Charter and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and Ritual from Emblem and Supply. Many changes were approved at National Convention in San Antonio.

7. VFW Posts are reminded that an IRS Form 990, 990EZ or 990N must be filed every year. Deadline for Posts with a 6/30/11 year end is 11/15/11. Those VFW Posts with a 12/31/10 year end must have filed by 5/15/11. An extension form may be filed if you need more time to gather the information. If you need help filing the 990N electronic card contact Department Headquarters 303-421-1630. Not filing will result in your Post losing its non-profit standing with IRS if not filed for three (3) consecutive years.

By Command of:
Ronald W. Davies
State Commander

Attested by:
Richard L. Wellensiek
State Adjutant

provide them with transitional, recovery-focused treatment that increases their independent living skills so that they can obtain and maintain housing upon graduation.

Services for Veterans in the treatment program will include psychosocial rehabilitation, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, vocational counseling, and medical care. Residents of Valor Point are likely to stay for four to six months in the domiciliary, after which, they will transition to independent housing.

West Second Street Associates, founded in 1993, is a Michigan based Limited Liability Company that specializes in real estate development and long-term management of high quality General Services Administration buildings throughout the United States

**Next Deadline for Colorado Veteran
December 1, 2011 for the January 2012 issue**

**VFW Officers, Chairman and members
Ladies Auxiliary Officers, Chairman and members
Men's Auxiliary Officers and members**

Please submit by the deadline!

The Officers and Members of
John S. Stewart VFW Post 1 and its Auxiliary
Invite you to attend our

112th Annual Founder's Day Banquet

**Sunday, December 4th 5:30pm
Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street
Denver, CO**

Invited Keynote Speaker

**JOHN DRISCOLL
President and CEO**

National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

Featuring

LTC ROBERT BROWN

**Editor and Publisher of Soldier of Fortune Magazine
70, 50, 20 and 10 Years– Anniversaries of America's Wars**

Tickets for this event at \$50 per person, \$400 per table of eight and must be purchased in advance. Please make check payable to VFW

Post #1, P O Box 13170 Denver CO 80201.

Please postmark by 19 November 2011.

**All inquiries should be directed to the VFW Post #1 Office
at 303-748-2868**

Facts about the names on the Vietnam Wall

Carved on these walls is the story of America, of a continuing quest to preserve both democracy and decency, and to protect a national treasure that we call the American dream."

Something to think about: Most of the surviving parents of the dead are now deceased themselves.

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.

The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 36 years since the last casualties. The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass., listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed On June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall. 39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger. The largest age group, 8,283 were just 19 years old. 33,103 were 18 years old. 12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old. 5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old. One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam. 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last scheduled day in Vietnam.

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall. Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers on the Wall attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia... wonder why so many from one school?

8 Women are on the Wall -- nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall. Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty

rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball Teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And In the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy On Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 - 245 deaths. The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.

For many Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wife's, sons and daughters.

There are no noble wars, just noble warriors..."That we never forget"!!

VFW Post Membership by District as of October 18, 2011

Number/City	2011	2012	%	Number/City	2011	2012	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	857	736	86	859 Leadville	43	38	88
501 Denver	438	344	79	1166 Buena Vista	181	166	92
2461 Denver	183	149	81	3820 Salida	120	91	76
2797 Denver	62	43	69	8661 Bailey	166	141	85
3971 Denver	115	99	86	10721 Minturn	103	79	77
5061 Denver	400	312	78	11411 Lake George	49	45	92
TOTAL	2055	1683	82%	12009 Conifer	83	74	89
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
61 Pueblo	122	102	84	2371 Walden	42	33	79
984 Trinidad	81	71	88	3311 Oak Creek	32	30	94
2643 Walsenburg	48	40	83	4264 Steamboat Spgs	99	87	88
2788 Penrose	65	53	82	4265 Craig	160	143	89
3641 Pueblo	128	87	68	5261 Rangely	13	12	92
4061 Canon City	446	397	89	5843 Meeker	53	33	62
5812 Pueblo West	179	131	73	9374 Kremmling	42	37	88
7305 Colo. City	51	37	73	9471 Hayden	11	10	91
8301 Pueblo	10	4	40	TOTAL	452	385	85%
8898 Boone	56	42	75	DISTRICT #10			
12063 Westcliffe	59	60	102*	322 Englewood	135	120	89
TOTAL	1245	1024	82%	3471 Morrison	95	75	79
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	342	272	80	3631 Aurora	400	359	90
807 Boulder	73	60	82	4121 Idaho Spgs.	74	70	95
1771 Lafayette	426	318	75	4171 Golden	606	497	82
1781 Ft. Collins	341	283	83	4266 Parker	68	66	97
2121 Greeley	227	175	77	4331 Arvada	294	242	82
2585 Johnstown	110	85	77	4444 Cmmrc Cty	270	242	90
2601 Longmont	583	423	73	4666 Littleton	160	138	86
2841 Brighton	195	151	77	6331 Aurora	129	106	82
4334 Ault	84	73	87	7563 Black Hawk	20	15	75
6011 Platteville	75	66	88	7945 Thornton	484	396	82
6624 Evans	328	263	80	8449 Bennett	41	28	68
7206 Louisville	32	29	91	9644 Fort Logan	637	444	70
9565 Broomfield	147	106	72	10736 Fdrl Heights	30	27	90
9741 Dacono	37	30	81	TOTAL	3443	2825	82%
TOTAL	3000	2334	78%	DISTRICT #12			
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	324	244	75	784 Montrose	138	119	86
3378 Yuma	81	67	83	1247 Grnd Jctn	332	275	83
3541 Sterling	132	108	82	3571 Delta	79	65	82
3551 Brush	47	42	89	3981 Grnd Jctn	141	124	88
3951 Ovid	28	25	89	4041 Ouray	20	14	70
3961 Otis	29	24	83	4267 Gunnison	123	109	89
4191 Crook	26	20	77	4663 Clifton	93	87	94
4671 Wray	73	65	89	5485 Parachute	59	52	88
6482 Holyoke	73	62	85	9221 Cedaredge	136	112	82
7153 Fleming	45	40	89	9304 Rifle	37	34	92
8064 Akron	57	41	72	9333 Hotchkiss	40	30	75
TOTAL	915	738	81%	TOTAL	1198	1021	85%
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #14			
101 Colo. Spgs.	444	387	87	4031 Durango	284	240	85
3917 Security	738	606	82	5181 Dove Creek	55	41	75
4051 Colo. Spgs	830	695	84	5231 Mancos	208	169	81
5221 Calhan	90	67	74	9058 Nucla	30	26	87
6051 Wdln Park	45	38	84	9398 Norwood	26	25	96
6461 Fountain	280	249	89	TOTAL	603	501	83%
7829 Monument	93	89	96	DISTRICT #15			
9669 Colo. Spgs.	66	52	79	3411 Kit Carson	25	21	84
10649 Elizabeth	45	36	80	6491 Burlington	81	69	85
TOTAL	2631	2219	84%	6492 Seibert	11	10	91
DISTRICT #6				DISTRICT #16			
336 Ordway	127	101	80	6612 Hugo	56	48	86
2411 LasAnimas	117	110	94	9491 Deer Trail	27	23	85
3621 Lamar	62	52	84	9700 Chynn Wlls	43	33	74
4001 Springfield	53	44	83	TOTAL	243	203	84%
4091 Rocky Ford	78	68	87	DISTRICT #17			
4281 Holly	34	31	91	15006 MAL	2130	1610	76%
TOTAL	471	406	86%	TOTAL DEPT	19573	15918	81%
DISTRICT #7				2012 dues are now DUE.			
899 Alamosa	164	125	76	Be 100% +1 in 2011-2012			
3228 Monte Vista	48	40	83	Have You Paid Yours??			
4849 La Jara	72	61	85				
6101 San Luis	89	54	61				
8121 Del Norte	69	55	80				
TOTAL	442	335	76%				

MEMBERSHIP 2011-2012

Colorado is doing good on membership, thanks to all of you that have worked on recruiting members and collecting continuous dues. We are pushing to get all the continuous member's that we can by the end of Dec.

We have a contest where the District Commander, and Post Commander of each Class, by the end of December 2011 will get \$50 each. So please get a team together to collect dues for your post.

The new and reinstate member's are coming in at good pace, keep up the good work and "Thank's". Post Quartermasters remember to send in the name of the recruiter of new or reinstated members to Department Quartermaster Dick Wellensiek.

Remember when you are out recruiting be sure to show them "all the love" you can

Jim Mauck
aka Dr Fat Albert
Department Membership Director

Community Service

There are 59 Post/Aux's that have not reported anything for Community Service and half the years is done. This does not look very good for our state when we have to send our six month report to National.

Please if you have not turned in any Community Service report please do so. By turning in your Community Service report you are letting National and State know that you are doing something in your community and it is what you should be doing for your nonprofit status.

Chuck Ackerman
Department Community Service Chairmen

Homelake Cemetery Improvement Project Underway; by Lyle Dye- Homelake Community Advisory Board member and Cemetery Project Manager.

With available cemetery plots rapidly being filled up at the Historic Homelake Cemetery near Monte Vista, Colorado, with the passing of more and more veterans and their spouses, the Homelake Community Advisory Board, Foundation Board and Homelake Administration realized that something needed to be done to improve and enlarge the existing cemetery. It has been a topic of discussion at the board meetings for three or four years now and finally the wheels have been put in motion to try to improve the situation.

The cemetery dates back to around 1890 and is the final resting place for veterans and their spouses from the civil war up to and including casualties from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is a very peaceful, serene and sacred place. The purpose of the Homelake Veterans Center is to take care of the veterans that served our great country, not only while they are still alive, but also to take care of them after they depart this world and to give them a place of dignity when laid to rest. This is why the cemetery project is so important and needs to be done now.

Homelake cemetery is not a Veterans Administration facility, thus it does not receive any funding or support to keep it maintained or for expansion. The VA does provide the marble headstones that are in the cemetery but that is the extent of their involvement with the cemetery. The facility is a state cemetery, however it appears the state has very little resources to help maintain the cemetery. Somehow, that needs to change! The responsibility of upkeep and maintenance of the grounds falls back upon the Veterans Center. The Center does a very commendable job of taking care of the cemetery grounds

and other grounds at the facility considering their limited personnel and resources.

Thanks mainly to retired State Senator Lewis Entz, who has been a great friend and champion of Homelake for many, many years, the project went from hopes, dreams and wishes to becoming a reality. One of the first willing and capable folks that Lewis spoke to was James Cooley of Mosca Colo, who owns James Cooley and Sons Excavating. Just the man to do all the prep work, taking out some old concrete and asphalt, and removing some unwanted trees, grading the area and building a new road and parking lot. In other words, doing nearly all the work that needed to be done. I believe James has always had a special place in his heart for Homelake, so he readily said he would do all the earth work and anything else we needed done at No charge to the Veterans Center, saving the state and Homelake several thousands of dollars that it would have cost otherwise. Lewis next approached Martin and Lori Reynolds of Reynolds Engineering in Alamosa, to be the engineers on the project and to draw up the design plans for the project. With both Cooley and Reynolds on board, things started moving a little faster. Lewis then approached Randy Garrison of Garrison Fence Co. to extend the existing 6 foot high fence along the west boundary of the property. Thanks to all that have helped make this phase possible.

If you would like to make a donation from your Relief Fund for Phase Two, contact Lewis Entz at 719-754-3248, and help with the maintenance needed to keep the Homelake cemetery open for veterans and give them a place of dignity when laid to rest.

Wishing everyone a Great Thanksgiving
A Merry Christmas
and A Happy New Year

Our next Colorado Veteran will be in 2012

TAPS

Post 41: Harry B. Miner
Post 2551: Gale Davey, Don R. Gronsten, Gerald D. Motes
Post 4444: Charles "Nick" Skinner
Post 4666: Douglas Stubbs, Lloyd Mouchet, Ralph Marchildon, Emile M. Poitras, Art Neudorff, Hubert Watts
Post 5061: Myron H. Anderson





State Surgeon Pete Buchanan presenting a donation check for resident needs from the Colorado VFW Foundation to Cheyenne VA Hospital.



State Surgeon Buchanan received his flu shot during his visit to Grand Junction VA. Pete pulled up his sleeve and is saying "Have you had your flu shot"?



L-R: State Surgeon Pete Buchanan, left, Grand Junction VAVS Rep. Dielon Harwood and District 10 Cmdr. Chuck Ackerman at Grand Junction VA.



Pueblo Veterans Home was also a scheduled visitation by Surgeon Buchanan and a check was presented from the Colorado VFW Foundation.



State Surgeon Pete Buchanan, left, and District 11 Cmdr. Chuck Ackerman, right, at Rifle State Veterans Home. Granite sign was donated to the home.



State Surgeon Buchanan, second from left, presenting a Foundation donation to Rifle Veterans Home. Stop in some time and take a tour.



State Surgeon Buchanan presents a Colorado VFW Foundation check at Walsenburg Veterans Home for resident needs.



Homelake Domiciliary units have had a face lift. They really do look different and are much more comfortable and accessible for the residents.



Ladies Auxiliary #1 and #6616 consolidated and elected their officers Oct. 1, 2011. State President Cindy Anderson installed the new officers.



Charley Watkins and PDC Don Smith gave out VFW information during Fort Carson "Operation Rising Star" program. OPERATION Rising Star, the annual singing contest for U.S. military personnel and Family members, was originally licensed through Freemantle Media to mirror Fox's most popular TV show, "American Idol," complete with a trip to Hollywood for the winner. The winner from Colorado advanced to the next level.



Ladies Auxiliary #12009 Conifer mailed 20 boxes of personnel items, movies, magazines and goodies to the 1/41 Infantry Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division in Afghanistan. L-R: Donna Tellgren - President, Kirk Rosa - VFW District 8 Commander, PDC Warren Tellgren, Cheryl Roberts - #12009 Auxiliary member and Liz Klein - Veterans and Family Support Chairman.



VFW Post 8661 in Bailey celebrated the Ladies Auxiliary members pictured with a 30 year pin at the monthly VFW breakfast October 2nd at the Bailey Post Home in Shawnee. L-R: Julie Gonzales, PDP Wanda Painter, Jane Evig and our current President of the Ladies Auxiliary Sandy Weitzel. Congratulations ladies! 30 years of service to our veterans x 4 is a lot of hours and dedication.

State Commander Ron Davies Homecoming “Roast” & State President Cindy Anderson Homecoming



State Commander Ron Davies is “TOP DOG” at his Homecoming. Members came and “roasted” and enjoyed the evening at VFW Post #9644.



L-R: Past Commander Don Smith, Commander Davies and MJ Davies. Commander Davies favorite food was served “Hot Dogs” and all the trimmings.



L-R: Past Department President Rosie Mitchell, Past Department Larry Mitchell and Commander Davies. Everyone joined in the fun of the “Roast”.



State Commander Ron Davies and State President Cindy Anderson after Cindy roasted Ron at his “Homecoming”.



Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Dolan, Commander Davies and a bottle of MUSTARD, Ron’s daughter while Bruce is “Roasting” the Commander.



State President Cindy Anderson roasting Commander Ron Davies. Wonder what she is saying, looks like she is making a point with her finger.



State Surgeon Pete Buchanan, Warren Anderson, PDC Larry Mitchell and Barbara Buchanan. Pete is holding one of the dream catchers which everyone received.



Everyone at the Homecoming enjoyed a meal of pasta dishes, salad and dessert. Relaxed and enjoyed the members that attended and watched the planes.



MJ Davies, spouse of the State Commander and District 10 President Lucille Pacheco are deep in conversation and waiting for lunch to be served.



State President Cindy Anderson and State Commander at Cindy’s Homecoming October 2 at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport.



L-R: “Mom” Maxine Eittrien (Cindy’s mom), State President Cindy Anderson and Past District 10 President Barbara Benson enjoyed the Homecoming.



State Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Dolan and Cancer Aid & Research Chairman Lennie Dolan came from the “Race for Cure” that they walked that morning.

Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

Nov	6 Golden	#4171	Golden
	13 Aurora	#3631	Aurora
	20 Longs Peak	#2601	Longmont
	27 Lambert-Wright-Roy	#8661	Bailey
Dec	4 Grand MOC & MOCA		
	11 Pat Hannon	#4666	Littleton
	18 Dean K Phillips	#5061	Denver
	25 Verle Huffman	#9644	Sheridan
Jan	1 Paul A Westover	#3471	Morrison
	8 Verle Huffman	#9644	Sheridan
	15 Francis Brown Lowry	# 501	Denver
	22 So Denver	#2461	Denver
	29 John S Stewart	# 1	Denver

This schedule will be published every Colorado Veteran. Plan to bring 3 dz doughnuts and some sugar free goodies, like cookies, croissants, or English muffins with cream cheese. Bring enough for both the Protestant Service and Catholic Service. Coffee will be supplied to the Hosts, you may bring juice if you wish.

Please meet in the Hospital Chapel at 8:30 a.m. for assignments of able bodied volunteers to escort from the nursing home to the Chapel.

NOTE: if you are not able to keep your assigned date please work out a trade and then, call Betty Melsen at 303-237-6646 or Rita Roseman 303-445-1403 IN ADVANCE so they are aware of any changes.

VFW Band of Colorado

In this, our 123rd year of existence, your band has been quite active. If we only play at the remaining dates on our calendar, and add nothing else, we will have performed at 11 events this year.

We started on April 11th at our home Post, Verle Huffman, #9644, with our spring concert. This was a good start for our season, with a performance for our friends and family. We next played at the 6th Annual Highland Ranch Music Arts Festival on May 15th. This festival features 14 musical groups, and your band was happy to be a part of it. Next up, with added members from the Littleton Community Music Association, LCMA, an association the band is a part of, was the Memorial Day ceremonies at Fort Logan National Cemetery. What an honor to be part of this very moving event honoring our fallen heroes.

Many of our members play in other LCMA bands at various functions through out the year, including the Race for the Cure and the United Veterans Committee Annual Awards Banquet.

Next on the schedules was a trip to Eagle Colorado to participate in Eagle Flight Days on June 25th. Not only did we give a concert as part of the festival, we also "marched" in the parade. July 4th was our next date. We gave a concert and played at the annual bicycle parade at Observatory Park in Denver at an event jointly sponsored by the University Park Community Council and the University Park Moms Club. Seeing all those kids with their decorated bikes and trikes and scooters was quite fun. A week later we gave a concert at Windsors Gardens at their annual ice cream social and band concert for the benefit of Children's Hospital. An enthusiastic crowd and a great cause.

You can see pictures from these 3 events if you visit the band's web site. You can find a link on this web site by going to the home page, clicking "programs" at the top of the page, and then clicking the link to "VFW Band". We appreciate very much the Department Headquarters placing this link on their web site along with all the support they give to the band.

August started with a concert at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Denver on the 7th for the benefit of their music program. The next weekend, the 13th found us in Hugo Colorado for the Lincoln County Fair. Once again we "marched" in the parade and then, with members of the Shrine Band from Colorado Springs, we gave a concert at the fair grounds. This is

an annual trip for the band, and we really enjoy the appreciative crowds and the small town atmosphere.

Missing from this year's schedule was our participation at the State Convention. Because of logistical problems, we were unable to make the trip this year. As a band, we were disappointed. We always enjoy being a part of the activities and we look forward to next year in Thornton.

Still to come is our fall friends and family concert back at our home post #9644 on Mon. Oct. 24th from 7:00-8:30 pm. This promises to be an entertaining event because we will be joined by members of the Lenski/Sandburg elementary schools band "alumni band". This gives the kids an opportunity to perform with a larger group and is great fun for our band members. All of our readers are invited to this event, and you can find more info on our web site mentioned above. The following weekend, the 30th, we are slated to perform at Heritage United Methodist Church, in Littleton, at a dinner celebrating their 30th anniversary.

And finally, we will see you at the annual Founders Day Banquet on Dec. 4th. What a nice way to end the year. Looking ahead, we are trying to schedule a date at the Colorado State Veterans Home in Aurora

On a sadder note, the band lost four of our dedicated WWII vets in the last few months. First was Ray Hodson, a long time member who also served as the bands director for many years, Jack Turner, and Leroy (Van) Van Auken, also long time members. Coincidentally, both Ray and Jack served together on the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise in the South Pacific. Ray as a member of the ships crew, was also a member of a Navy band and had a long career as a school band director, and Jack as a pilot. Leonard Molberg was our fourth vet to pass, he also served as a director for the band for awhile, and again was a long time member. They all will be missed, but not forgotten.

Finally, we would like to thank our home post, Verle Huffman #9644 for their continued support, and the VFW community for their encouragement through out the years. It is indeed a pleasure to represent you in our travels.

Many of our veteran musicians would like to be a part of our band, come on down. We always welcome new members. For more info, again go to our web site.

VFW Band of Colorado

Donations to the VFW Band can be mailed to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214 earmarked VFW Band

Thank You - Thank You - Thank You

John Holland
National Chaplain

Ron Lattin
VFW Dist. 13 Rep

Ruth Gulden
VFWA Dist. 13 Rep

Charlotte Lattin
VFWA Western Conference Guard

With gratitude and humility, we wish to acknowledge Colorado VFW, its Ladies Auxiliary, the MOC/MOCA, and Men's Auxiliary

Colorado leads the way in serving our veterans!

Wreaths Across America

This year's event will be on December 10, 2011 at Ft. Logan Cemetery at 10:00 AM.

Please notify Chuck West, Lt Col, USAF (ret) 303-805-2658 chuckwendywest@yahoo.com if you and your group are planning to attend, if you are interested in selling Wreaths, If you're planning on bringing a group to stand in the formation at the ceremony, if you are planning on providing a special unit for the ceremony such as a color guard, a musician (bugler, piper), or a firing party (4-7 members with rifles and in uniform).

Thanks very much for all you've done in the past years to make Wreaths Across American at Ft Logan so successful. We're looking forward to another great event this year.

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Presidents's Column Cindy Anderson



Greetings Sisters and Comrades.

I will start my message the month with a big thank you to all of you who attended my recent homecoming.

My idea was to have a relaxing afternoon at a place that is a favorite of mine. I hope that those of you who were there will agree that the afternoon was just that, relaxing and a great time visiting with good friends. I really appreciate all of the donations to my special project, Operation TBI Freedom.

The last few weeks have been very busy ones. Following my return from the National Convention, I made my official visits to District 8 and District 13. I attended the meeting for the consolidation of Auxiliary #1 and Auxiliary #6616 and represented the Department at the 911 Freedom Rally. At the end of September I attended the Homecoming for our National President Gwen Rankin in Sacramento California.

The National President's Homecoming also included a National Council of Administration. In the meeting there were some announcements made that I would like to share with you all. As a follow up to the uniform situation, the committee that is looking for a new supplier will be the National line officers. Our National President feels that no one wears the uniform any more that they do so they will be looking for a replacement. The next up-date on the search will be announced at the Mid Year Conference in Hawaii. There was also a change made regarding our Cancer Grant program. As most of you already know, each member is eligible for two grants in a lifetime from \$200.00 to \$500.00. Effective October 1, 2011 members will continue to be eligible for two grants but the amount has been

increase to \$550.00 each. There will be no reduced amount below that. This represents your cancer aid and research donations at work.

I would like to take just a few lines to say how much I appreciate the way that the Auxiliaries are working on their membership this year. We have met each of the National goals so far which is great, but now the really hard work begins. We must increase our total to 85% by the end of November and then we have just a little more than two weeks to reach our goal of 91% by December 15 in order for everything to reach National in time. That sounds like a huge job however working together it is very possible to achieve. November is the month to have a recruiting event. If your auxiliary has only a few members left to pay their dues, and it seems like those last ones are not coming in, a recruiting event could put you over the top. This is the perfect time to combine your buddy poppy campaign with a recruiting event. Both programs can benefit. Don't forget to report your campaign to the Membership Chairman Val Shafer. There is a prize to the Auxiliary with the best campaign in November.

When you are reading this article, it will probably be very close to Thanksgiving. As you enjoy this holiday with family and friends, be sure not to forget all of the military families who are separated by deployments. Whatever we can do to help them through the holidays is one of the things that we are here for. As we give thanks for all we have we must never forget those who protect us and our freedoms.

With Loyalty "To Honor All Who Serve"

Cindy Anderson
Department President

Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen

Our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs are fast reaching their deadlines. This is a very exciting time for the young authors who have worked so hard. These programs are open to students in public, private, and home school educational programs. These contests give students an opportunity to express their views on patriotic themes. The winners advance from post level to district, department and finally to the national level with the chance to win scholarships or saving bonds. State winners are hosted at the national level with a trip to Washington DC for the national competition.

Please make sure to follow up with all teachers, civic groups, and youth programs to collect all materials that were turned in. We would not want anyone's hard work to go unrewarded.

Deadlines For VOD & Patriot's Pen
Midnight, 1 November -- Entries due to the Post
November 14 -- Completion of Post Judging
December 5 -- Completion of District Judging
January 6 -- Completion of Department Judging
January 15 -- Department winners reported to National

I ask that you be extremely supportive of these young people as they are the future of our nation and each has worked so hard this year.

Voice of Democracy -- Voice of Democracy Finalist Weekend will be held in Golden CO on 27-29 January 2012, with VFW Post 4171 hosting. We are

looking forward to great time! Planned are a Friday evening at the Miner's Ally Playhouse, Saturday at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, and the big highlight at the Awards Banquet at VFW Post 4171, where the winner will be announced. A farewell breakfast will be held on Sunday just prior to departure. In order to provide this wonderful weekend for our VOD winners we also need your participation. The VFW VOD Chairman and I have request envelopes for VFW Posts and Ladies Auxiliaries requesting your contributions for this program. I know that our Ladies Auxiliaries understand the importance of this program and my hope is that you will all contribute to this program. Your contributions will be used for awards, motels, food, and entertainment. Please contribute generously.

Patriot's Pen -- Patriot's Pen Awards will be given at the Youth Carnival. Mark your calendar for 10 March 2012. Plan to be there and enjoy this day of excitement. More information regarding this will be forth coming. VFW Patriot's Pen Chairman and I are asking that you support this program. Letters will be coming requesting your contributions. Please give generously to reward our 6-8th graders for their hard work composing patriotic essays.

I especially wish to thank each of you for your hard work in representing our programs. If you have any questions please contact me at otwellgm@gmail.com or (719) 309-6782.

Gloria M. Otwell
Department Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Chairman

Unmet Needs Eligibility Criteria

The Service Member or Veteran must have been Honorably Discharged from the military within the past 36 months or have been active duty within the past 36 months prior to applying.

The applicant must be the service member or eligible dependent listed under DEERS.

The hardship must be due to one of the following:

- Deployment
- Military pay issue
- Military illness or injury
- Natural disaster

The Hardship cannot be caused by:

- Civil, legal or domestic issues, misconduct, or any issues that are a result of spousal separation or divorce
- Financial mismanagement by self or others, or due to Bankruptcy

Applicants can receive funds only once every 18 months, and only twice total; all grants are paid directly to the creditor and not to the applicant. Second requests for assistance must be caused by a new situation or deployment.

Expenses Eligible for payment:

- Housing expenses – mortgage, rent, repairs, insurance
- Vehicle expenses – payments, insurance, repairs
- Utilities and primary phone
- Food and incidentals
- Children's clothing, diapers, formula, necessary school or childcare expenses
- Medical bills, prescriptions & eyeglasses – the patient's portion for necessary or emergency medical care only

Ineligible Expenses:

- Credit cards, military charge cards or retail store cards
- Personal, student and payday loans
- Negative bank accounts (over draft fees and charges etc.)
- Cable, Internet, or secondary phones
- Investigational or cosmetic medical procedures & expenses
- Taxes
- Child support, alimony, or legal expenses
- Military debt, or debt owed to a friend/family member
- Furniture, electronic equipment or vehicle rentals
- Down payments on homes or vehicles
- Reimbursements for items already paid for
- Bills obviously due to excessive use or mismanagement

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Unmet Needs Program reserves the right to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis to the afore mentioned criteria.

Operation Uplink and Free Call Days FAQ

What are the Free Call Days?
Operation Uplink Free Call Days are a 24-hour period where all the calls made from any of the 750+ MWR (SPAWAR) Internet Cafés in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait are free for active duty service members.

When are the Free Call Days?
We provide two scheduled dates each month. You can find our most current schedule at www.vfw.org/assistance/national-military-services. The Free Call Days run midnight to midnight based on Eastern Standard Time.
Iraq time: 0700hrs the day of thru 0659hrs the day after
Afghanistan: 0830hrs the day of thru 0829hrs the day after

How can I take advantage of the free calls?
It's automatic for new and existing SPAWAR subscribers. Simply place your call to a covered destination using your SPAWAR prepaid PIN.

What if I'm not a SPAWAR account holder?
If you aren't a SPAWAR account holder, check with the café manager as they should have FINS to loan out. Contact Operation Uplink at uplink@vfw.org if your manager doesn't have any FINS available for loan.

What if my location doesn't have an MWR (SPAWAR) café?
If there is no SPAWAR Internet Café nearby but you have access to DSN lines, have your commander contact Operation Uplink at uplink@vfw.org to get a DSN Free Call Day PIN and an access number.

Can I still get phone cards?
With the advancements in technology ever since, Operation Uplink is no longer providing actual phone cards. With greater availability to Free Call Days and DSN capabilities, our program is focusing on keeping service members connected through the Free Call Days. If you do not have access to the MWR (SPAWAR) Internet Cafés, please contact us to see what other options we have available for you.

What destinations are included?
Calls to US military home bases and OEF/OND country land lines are included. Destinations include: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Belgium, Guantanamo Bay Cuba, Diego Garcia, Greece, Iceland, Iraq, Japan, Kuwait, Netherlands, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Spain, Turkey, UK, Germany and Italy.

Still have questions? Contact VFW Operation Uplink at: uplink@vfw.org or (816) 388-1155

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Colorado

General Orders #3 November 2011

GENERAL ORDERS MUST BE READ AT THE FIRST MEETING FOLLOWING RECEIPT BEFORE BEING FILED FOR REFERENCE.

1. Department President Cindy Anderson's SPECIAL PROJECT is Operation TBI Freedom. Send your contributions to Department Treasurer Colleen Rylant earmarked "Department President's Special Project."

2. FOURTH QUARTER AUDITS cover the months of October, November and December and shall be conducted during the month of January (pg. 84 of the By-laws). A copy of this audit must be mailed to Department Treasurer, Colleen Rylant no later than January 30, 2012.

3. INCREASE IN NATIONAL DUES to \$5 per annual member will take effect January 1, 2012. This is an increase of \$1.50 over the current \$3.50. All Treasurers, Presidents and Membership Chairmen should encourage annual members to renew before the change takes effect.

4. STANDING RULES: In accordance with Section 211 (page 28) of the National By-laws, Auxiliaries 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, revised if necessary, approved and made a part of the Secretary's Minutes at the first meeting of each new program year.

5. MEMBERSHIP: November is National Recruiting Month. Department Membership Chairman, Val Shaffer asks that you consult the National and Department Program Books regarding the various awards available to members, Auxiliaries, and Districts. It is the Department's goal to reach 91% by December 15, 2011; therefore, it is important that each member works to secure new and reinstated members as well as call on the continuous annual members for payment of their dues. Remember that the National dues portion will increase from \$3.50 to \$5.00 effective January 1, 2012.

6. MEMBERSHIP: Keep your membership current. You can pay your 2012 dues now. Carry a membership application card with you at all times. Sign up your children, your grandchildren, and keep your membership current to have influence in congress for our veterans and their families. The Auxiliary shall fix an admission fee of not less than \$5.00 per member. This entitles each new member to a membership pin and a copy of the current Bylaws and Booklet of Instruction. (Sec 103, pg. 11).

7. AUXILIARY TREASURERS: All New, Continuous and Life Member Dues are to be forwarded to the Department Treasurer at least once a week. PLEASE DO NOT HOLD THEM. Any dues not processed

through National by December 31st will require the new National dues portion of \$5 per member.

8. ADDRESS CORRECTIONS: If you have a name, address or phone number change please let your Auxiliary Secretary know and inform the Department Secretary, Carolyn Simon.

9. CHANGE OF OFFICERS: A form was sent to each Auxiliary with their Warrant request showing how to notify National, the Department Treasurer and the Department Secretary of the changes in your officers. Please use them.

10. AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS: It has come to our attention that checks are being pre-signed by the President and/or Treasurer. Under Auxiliary Treasurer Miscellaneous (Booklet of Instruction, Par 2, Pg 21) "All checks must be countersigned by the President. Treasurer must not sign blank checks, nor shall the President countersign blank checks." The District Presidents will be asked to specifically check to see that this is not being done.

11. BUDDY POPPIES: Buddy Poppies are to be ordered through VFW Department Headquarters at 1400 Carr St – Lakewood CO 80214. Checks should be made payable to Department of Colorado VFW. Make sure Auxiliary is **CIRCLED** on the form to get credit for your Auxiliary.

12. NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES: Please follow proper protocol when requesting Operation Uplink cards. Per our Department VFW, you should contact the VFW National Military Services Chairman, John Holland, at 303-770-5457. To get proper credit for any contribution to National Military Services, send your donations to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters - 406 West 34th Street - 10th Floor - Kansas City MO 64111 and earmark your check accordingly.

13. "JUST SAY NO": Please work on the "Just Say No" program that Commander Ron Davies has sent to Auxiliary Presidents and Post Commanders. Entries are due to Department no later than **FEBRUARY 3, 2012.**

14. CANCER DONATIONS: In order to receive full credit, Auxiliaries and Members are encouraged to make all donations and memorials for Cancer to the Ladies Auxiliary Cancer Aid and Research Fund in lieu of other organizations. Send these to Department Treasurer Colleen Rylant.

15. DISTRICT AND AUXILIARY OFFICERS: You should have current Bylaws and Rituals. Please have your Treasurer order them from the VFW Store - 406 West 34th Street - Kansas City MO 64111.

BY ORDER OF:
Cindy Anderson, President

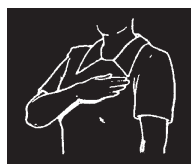
ATTEST:
Carolyn Simon, Secretary



Understanding Auxiliary Traditions

WELCOME! We know that when you first join our Auxiliary it can be overwhelming. We want you to have this guide to help you learn about our Ritual and the meaning of the things we do. Please ask us if you have any questions. Thank you for becoming a part of our cause: **To aid and assist America's heroes, OUR VETERANS.**

SALUTE



- ★ During our Ritualistic meeting, the President will say "Salute" when the flags enter and leave the room, as well as when we say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the national anthem. Salute the Flag by placing the palm of the right hand flat over the heart.
- ★ During Auxiliary meetings, the heart salute shall be used at all times where salute is used.

- ★ When the Flag is displayed AND the national anthem is played and/or sung, all present should face the Flag and salute.
- ★ When the Flag IS NOT displayed and the national anthem is played and/or sung, all present should face the music and salute.
- ★ A member who is also a veteran may use the **military salute.**

ATTENTION

- ★ Attention in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW means hands at side, head up with eyes looking straight ahead.



PARADE REST



- ★ The left foot is moved slightly to the side while bringing the arms to the small of the back. Clasp the left thumb in the right hand. The head is bowed slightly during the prayer.

RAPS OF THE GAVEL

- One rap of gavel – Attention
- Two raps of gavel – Arise
- Three raps of gavel – Be seated



SACRED AREA OF THE FLOOR

- ★ Members will not cross between the President's station and the altar except as the Ritual directs. This is considered sacred ground symbolizing where our comrades who have answered the final roll call are at rest.
- ★ During floor work ceremonies, the Flags shall be borne at attention. When placing Flags, eagles shall face the assembly. Members should stand when the Flag(s) is moving.

OTHER TRADITIONS

- ★ The Color Bearers' Flags shall be held at attention with the right hand above on the flagstaff, left hand on a level with the right elbow with left arm across the waist as shown on the left.
- ★ The Color Bearers carrying the Flags do not sing or recite the pledge to the Flag. They always place the Flags in stands before sitting down. Stands must be placed at the right of the Color Bearers' chairs.
- ★ When Officers (including Color Bearers, Flag Bearer and Banner Bearer) vacate their stations, but remain in the room, the chair does not have to be filled by another member.
- ★ The members will remain seated while the Chaplain opens and closes the Bible, provided the colors are **not** at the Altar. However, whenever the Chaplain is opening or closing the Bible, everyone should STOP all movement and talking.
- ★ An Auxiliary may offer to hold Memorial Services for a deceased member by contacting the family without waiting for a request from the family. Any part of the service that may conflict with any religious belief may be omitted or changed.
- ★ Officers should not read aloud the notes in the lightface type in the Ritual.
- ★ The Patriotic Instructor's Flag shall be placed on the floor level at all times and to the RIGHT of the presiding Officer, between the President's and Secretary's stations.
- ★ On entering the meeting room after the Auxiliary is in session, members will show their membership card to the Guard and proceed directly to a seat. The Guard never leaves her position at the door while the Auxiliary is in session, unless relieved by someone appointed by the presiding Officer to fill her station.
- ★ All remarks must be addressed to the President and not by one member to another. A member wishing to address the President, will rise and say "Madam President," but shall not speak further until she has been recognized by the President.
- ★ Making motions is your right as a member. To make a motion, you should stand and be recognized then proceed with "I move...."
- ★ When the Secretary calls the roll, Officers will stand when their name is called and remain standing until roll call is completed.
- ★ The POW/MIA flag may be posted prior to the meeting. If posted, this flag is placed to the right of the Banner.



Please visit the National Ladies Auxiliary NEW Web Site

<https://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/index.php>



TAPS



Aux 1771: Louise Mathena
Aux 2411: Josephine Arguello, Charla K Long Elio, Carolyn E. Emrie, Earlene Pryor
Aux 2601: Janice Ellis, Amelia Haas
Aux 2643: Monica Bustos
Aux 8661: Ann McConnell

Membership

Congratulations to Johnstown Mil-
liken #2585 Auxiliary for being the first
to reach 100%. Outstanding job ladies.
Our department is a little over 70%, so
let's really work hard Colorado to reach
75% before October 31st. Also, National
will give \$75.00 to 76-150 membership
group if they are 100% by October 31st.

**National is raising dues \$1.50 January
1, 2012. Let's get those dues in before the
increase!**

Our Auxiliary (in joint with the VFW)
had a membership booth at the 9/11 Pa-
triot's Day Rally. President Cindy, PDP'S
Carolyn Simon and Colleen Rylant joined
me in greeting the public and giving out
a lot of information on our organization.
It was very hot that day, but with a lot of
enthusiasm and a little ice cream we had
a great day.

Thank you for attending the Parade of
Programs on October 22nd at VFW Post
#2551 in Ft Morgan. We had another

transmittal march and they have been
transmitted to National. Please keep
sending your members to State Treasurer
Colleen Rylant, do not hold them.

November is National Recruiting
Month. A special award will be given
to the Auxiliary with the most success-
ful campaign. Forms for this event will
be available at the Parade of Programs.
Please contact me if you need one and
I will send one to you right away. They
need to be returned to me by December
1, 2011. By the way, how is your rein-
stating project going? I am sure most of
those ladies who have left the auxiliary
would be very happy to hear from you.
Remember the auxiliary who reinstates
the most members from July 1, 2011 to
June 1, 2012 will be receiving \$50.00

Valerie Shaffer
Department Membership Chairman

Extension

Congratulations to the **New Auxillary** to
John S Stewart VFW Post #1. On Saturday,
Oct 1, 2011 the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW
Post #1 and Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post #
6616 met and voted to consolidate. There was
good representation from both auxiliaries and
I know they will work well together.

Retention is part of Extension. We are
now in the month of November. Has your
auxiliary set up a team to contact those
members who didn't pay their dues last
year? We must reach out to them and
encourage them to reinstate their member-
ship. Let them know they are needed to
help our Veterans and their families.

For our organization to grow, we need
new auxiliaries. Letters have been sent

to the Bachelor Posts to see if there is
an interest in having an auxiliary to their
post.

The Westcliffe VFW Post has approved
to have an auxiliary and letters have been
sent to the members so they can ask their
wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and
granddaughters to join this great organiza-
tion.

In order for us "To Honor All Who
Serve", we must "Step Up-Leave No
Veteran Behind" and leave no family
member behind either.

Rosie Mitchell
Dept Chief of Staff / Extension

Hospital News

In the past few months many of the aux-
iliaries have been busy sponsoring activities
at the VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes
across the state. I attended the Cheyenne
VA picnic and this is always a wonder-
ful day with many Post and Auxiliary
members providing great food for all the
residents and staff.

In the south western part of our state is
the beautiful Homelake Veterans Center.
In September was the annual Summerfest
and the fair was one of the largest to date
with the support of numerous Post and
Auxiliaries participating from as far away
as Durango.

Next was the Pueblo Nursing Home an-
nual picnic & carnival for all the residents.
This is always a success with many of the
Post & Auxiliaries manning the booths
giving out useful prizes, clothing and great
snack items.

At all of the other nursing homes the
Auxiliaries hosted picnics, bingo, birthday
parties and numerous other activities. With
the Holidays fast approaching please be
sure to send your .50 per member in to our
Department Treasurer for the hospital fund.
This will allow our hospital representatives
to purchase small gifts for all the residents
at the VA's & Nursing Homes. Thank You
in advance, I know many of the members
will be visiting our veterans during the

holidays to let them know they are not for-
gotten. Many more Volunteers are needed
in all hospitals and nursing homes. Talk
to other groups in the committee as well
as your Post & Auxiliary members and
remind them there are many kinds of vol-
unteers, regularly scheduled, occasional,
student, and sponsors. Some Auxiliaries
are not close to a VA facility, but there are
many veterans in nursing homes, hospi-
tals and retirement homes. Volunteers are
needed to read, write letters, play bingo,
entertain, the possibilities are limitless.

I am presenting awards this year for any
one that recruit's a new volunteer. Work
with youth groups to share a visit during
the holidays or for Veterans Day. Grade
school's or youth groups could make
tray favors or table decorations and the
Auxiliary could furnish treats for a special
visit.

**Keep track of the hours, miles and
value of items or dollars spent; report on
the Program Reporting Form, separate
Auxiliary or Post members on hospital
part of the form.** Have a wonderful Holi-
day season.

"Step Up- Leave No Veteran Behind" "To
Honor All Who Serve"

Charlotte Lattin
Department Hospital Chairman

Auxiliary Membership by District 2011 - 2012 October 18, 2011

Number	City	2011	2012	%	Number	City	2011	2012	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #7				
1	Denver	130	107	82	899	Alamosa	85	34	40
501	Denver	172	108	63	3228	Monte Vista	38	32	84
2461	Denver	114	91	80	4849	La Jara	46	36	78
2797	Denver	34	33	97	6101	San Luis	44	39	89
3971	Denver	51	24	47	8121	So Fork	90	86	96
5061	Denver	128	76	59	TOTAL	303	227	75%	
6616	Denver	74	59	80	DISTRICT #8				
TOTAL	703	498	71%		859	Leadville	33	26	79
DISTRICT #2					1166	Buena Vista	97	83	86
984	Trinidad	25	21	84	8661	Bailey	60	45	75
2643	Walsenburg	24	10	42	11411	Lake George	34	30	88
2788	Penrose	33	27	82	12009	Conifer	26	14	54
3641	Pueblo	86	58	67	TOTAL	250	198	79%	
4061	Canon City	252	180	71	DISTRICT #9				
5812	Pueblo West	22	21	95	4264	Stmbt Spgs	33	25	76
7305	Colo. City	35	22	63	4265	Craig	69	64	93
TOTAL	477	339	71%		5843	Meeker	37	24	65
DISTRICT #3					9374	Kremmling	15	11	73
41	Loveland	141	68	48	TOTAL	154	124	81%	
1771	Lafayette	392	330	84	DISTRICT #10				
1781	Ft. Collins	93	35	38	322	Englewood	120	80	67
2121	Greeley	106	71	67	3471	Morrison	50	33	66
2585	Johnstown	39	39	100*	3631	Aurora	118	77	65
2601	Longmont	299	255	85	4171	Golden	345	237	69
2841	Brighton	84	52	62	4331	Arvada	133	112	84
4334	Ault	41	26	63	4444	Cmmrc City	180	145	81
6011	Platteville	39	28	72	6331	Aurora	67	58	87
6624	Evans	197	157	80	7945	Thornton	254	208	82
9565	Broomfield	49	44	90	9014	So Lakewood	2	0	0
TOTAL	1480	1105	75%		9644	Fort Logan	382	282	74
DISTRICT #4					TOTAL	1651	1232	75%	
2551	Ft. Morgan	163	107	66	DISTRICT #11				
3541	Sterling	103	87	84	784	Montrose	32	19	59
4671	Wray	33	25	76	1247	Grnd Inctn	99	80	81
8064	Akron	39	8	21	3571	Delta	81	81	100*
TOTAL	338	227	67%		4267	Gunnison	45	28	62
DISTRICT #5					4663	Clifton	87	62	71
101	Colo. Spgs.	54	44	81	9221	Cedaredge	73	63	86
3917	Security	256	213	83	9304	Silt	26	11	42
4051	Colo. Spgs	364	333	91	9333	Hotchkiss	28	11	39
5221	Calhan	32	26	81	TOTAL	471	355	75%	
6461	Fountain	104	91	88	DISTRICT #12				
7829	Monument	20	14	70	4031	Durango	83	49	59
10649	Elizabeth	19	7	37	5181	Dove Creek	45	23	51
TOTAL	849	728	86%		5231	Mancos	102	71	70
DISTRICT #6					9058	Nucla	25	23	92
336	Ordway	95	62	65	TOTAL	255	166	65%	
2411	LasAnimas	92	72	78	DISTRICT #13				
3621	Lamar	18	7	39	3411	Kit Carson	33	34	103*
4001	Springfield	33	31	94	6491	Burlington	19	6	32
4091	Rocky Ford	34	16	47	6612	Hugo	69	24	35
4281	Holly	14	12	86	TOTAL	121	64	53%	
TOTAL	286	200	70%		15006	At Large	183	153	84%
Auxiliary Treasurers -					TOTAL DEPT.	7,521	5,616	75%	
Please send all Dues to									
State Treasurer									
Colleen Rylant									

ROSTER CHANGES

**District 8 President: JoAnne Jacobs, P O Box 481, Hartsel, CO 80449
719-837-2580**

Color Bearer #1: Cecelia Schoonover, resigned

Auxiliary 5231 Mancos Name Change: to Montezuma County

Auxiliary #6616 has consolidated with Auxiliary #1 John S. Stewart

**Please notify Secretary Carolyn Simon of all Auxiliary changes: 2682 E 90th Pl,
Thornton, CO 80229**

Council of Administration Meeting Schedule 2011-2012

**March 24 - 25, 2012 Grand Junction VFW #1247
June 13 - 16, 2012 Thornton VFW #7945 -
State Convention**

**Please mark your Calendar and
Attend these very Important Meetings**

Thank You - Thank You

Thank you for the cards, flowers, and visits - especially the prayers.
I'm on the mend and finally home.
Thanks to all the members of VFW Post 4444 and the Ladies Auxiliary for their
support
Jan Anderson

Legislative

Have you contacted your State Legislators, Senators or Congressmen? You need to let them know what your thoughts are in regards to veteran's issues. Your computer can be a great resource. Just go to www.senate.gov or www.house.gov to find email addresses and phone numbers. Our state information can be found at www.leg.state.co.us. Not informed on the current issues that face our veterans and our active duty servicemen and women, then you need to get signed up to receive the VFW Washington Weekly or Military.com? Being informed and advocating for veteran's rights is what our organization is here to do. One voice echoed by thousands will not be muffled, we will be heard.

Caroline Gelatt
Department Legislative Chairman

Youth Activities

If your local school doesn't have an Art teacher, the administration at the school can possibly hook you up with a history or social studies teacher that will make the Patriotic Art Contest a class project. Deadline for students is March 31, Department deadline is April 15. Please send ONLY your first place winner to Department headquarters, I will pick them up there.

You should have received the "Just Say No" packet by now and have it in the schools. I know the deadline isn't until February 3rd, but be sure to follow up with schools between now and February. Things have a habit of getting shoved aside sometimes, so please stay in touch with the Teachers.

Youth Carnival is March 10, in Golden, if you are planning to host a booth, sign up early so a spot can be reserved for you. We want to invite new booth ideas, so we can have the best Carnival ever. One big change this year at the Carnival, is the booths will run from 12 Noon until 2:00, then we will have the award presentations. It should only last until 3:00 as usual. Let the kids know their entire family is invited to come and enjoy the Carnival.

Reports are coming in and you are doing

a great job. Be sure to report everything you do, so that you will get credit. With Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner, I am sure there will be a lot of activities such as serving Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas parties for the kids, to name a couple. When reporting, please, include a brief description of the activity and the number of youth involved or that benefitted in some way. I also need hours, cash spent, and mileage.

I would like to see some reports from the Junior Girls Units, I know they are working hard and should receive recognition for their involvement in the VFW.

It is time to contact your local Girl Scout Troops, I am sure they are working on their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Get in touch with the leaders and find out what project and when it will be completed, so you can get them the National Citation from National Headquarters in plenty of time to present it to the girls.

To Honor All Who Serve

Janet Mills
Department Youth Activities Chairman

Veterans and Family Support

VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

Established in 1925, this multi-faceted facility provides for the physical, social and emotional needs of the families of VFW members and active-duty military personnel. Located on 629 acres in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, it consists of a neighborhood of custom homes, service buildings and recreational land. The home receives no government funding, so donations are essential to maintaining the residential programs available on campus.

The Residential Programs include the Military Family Program, which helps children and/or spouses with children when their family plan fails during deployment, the Veteran Family Program which helps the veteran and their family during VA Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Single Parent Family Program which helps the veteran's family in crisis to transition to a stronger, more stable situation.

In addition, a 24-hour helpline is available at 800-313-4200 or by e-mailing help@vfnationalhome.org which can provide information and connection to supportive services in communities across the country.

The Ladies Auxiliary promotes funding for the National Home for Children through the Health & Happiness/Christmas Cheer Fund. Auxiliaries are asked to contribute 10 cents per member based on the Auxiliary's June 30 membership quota, but are encouraged to contribute more.

Please make sure that you are collecting and sending in the Campbell's Labels for Education. These are to be sent directly to VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Road, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.

Did you know that there are over 40 different UPC codes that are accepted. A list can be found at www.vfnationalhome.org.

This Thanksgiving, let friends and

family know how important they are to you while showing your gratitude for the soldiers and veterans who defend our freedom with special Thanksgiving plate cards from the VFW National Home for Children. For each \$5 donation you send to the National Home between now and November 14, they will send you an elegant card to place on your guests' plates before your Thanksgiving feast. To view a sample card or place your card order, visit www.vfnationalhome.org/thanksgiving

Christmas ~ Santa's Shop

The holiday season is a wonderful time at the National Home. While National Home strives to keep Christmas a time to focus on celebration and family – not material items – they also want and need the children and families to experience the joy of giving and receiving gifts.

Just before Christmas, the National Home's Santa's Shop opens and the Community Center auditorium comes alive with the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping. Santa's Shop is a store where children can purchase gifts for friends and family members using community service hours they have earned throughout the year. Each item is priced in community service hour increments needed to "buy" the item.

National Home collects donations of new items for Santa's Shop throughout the year. You can help stock the shelves of this magical store by donating new items appropriate for all ages, but especially for adults. When sending items please indicate your gift is for Santa's Shop. All Santa's Shop donations must be received a week before Thanksgiving to allow time to set the store up for shopping to begin in December.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 720-434-5891 or nancy@hdnewspaper.com with any questions or needs.

Nancy Russell
Department Veterans and Family Support Chairman



CANCER AID & RESEARCH



THANKS to all that have purchased Cancer pins. As of September 30, 2011 Colorado has donated almost \$4,000 dollars to National Ladies Auxiliary from the sales of Cancer pins to Cancer Aid & Research.

Ladies, don't forget to send in your \$2.00 per member ear-marked for Cancer Aid & Research to Department Treasurer Colleen Rylant. Let's make sure that we are at 100% in reporting again this year.

October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month & October 21st was National Mammography Day. November is Lung Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer and Stomach Cancer Awareness Month.

Step up ~ Leave No Veteran Behind

Lennie Dolan
Department Cancer Aid & Research Chairman

2011 - 2012 Cancer Pins Order Form



Auxiliary No. _____

Ship to: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

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

Ordered By: _____ Phone: _____

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

Mail Cancer Pin order to:
Lennie Dolan
1170 Fulton St.
Aurora, CO 80010
(303) 341-7488

**Ladies Auxiliary Department of Colorado
Wishes everyone a Great Thanksgiving
A Merry Christmas
and A Happy New Year**

**God Bless our Troops
and God Bless America**

Department of Colorado Voice of Democracy

Finalist Weekend 27 – 29 January 2012

<p>Friday, Jan 27th</p> <p>4:00PM Hotel check-in Hampton Inn 17150 West Colfax Ave Golden, CO (303) 278-6600</p> <p>4:30PM Pizza/Pool Party- Welcome</p> <p>7:30PM Miners Alley Playhouse (Golden) (Play TBA 30 prime seats center blocked @ \$24.50 each)</p>	<p>Saturday, Jan 28th</p> <p>7:30AM Breakfast</p> <p>9:00AM Denver Museum of Nature and Science</p> <p>10:30AM Imax Theater @ Museum 11:30AM Lunch @ Museum</p> <p>4:00PM Back to Hampton Inn (Students Prepare for evening)</p> <p>6:00PM Social Hour VFW Post 4171 Golden CO</p> <p>7:00PM Voice of Democracy Banquet</p>	<p>Sunday, Jan 29th</p> <p>9:00AM Goodbye Breakfast</p>
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