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John Holland Elected National Chaplain

John Holland joined USMC August, 1966. When he was going through the draft process, he thought about how he should join, not be drafted.

John rose to the rank of Sergeant, and worked as an Air Traffic Controller, earning his eligibility to the VFW at Marine Corps Air Facility, Marble Mountain, I Corps, RVN. John served with MAG 56, 1st Marine Air Wing. Marble Mountain was the helicopter base east of Da Nang. He left the Marine Corps May, 1970.

John then worked in sales in motorcycle and auto parts for a number of years, and began working in the courier field in 1995, and is now self employed as a small delivery business.

John joined VFW Post 6616 in 1984, transferred to VFW Post 1 and was Post Commander 1993-94, 1995-96. He was District 1 Chaplain and State Chaplain numerous years, and Western Conference Chaplain.

After becoming State Chaplain, John attended night school at Fuller Theological Seminary when Comrades and Sisters requested that he conduct funerals, he is honored to be of use in this area.

John also serves as Department of Colorado VFW National Military Services Chairman, which he finds especially rewarding.

Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Officers and members are proud to have John Holland as National Chaplain.



VFW National Officers at Installation at National Convention: R-L: CIC Richard De Noyer, Sr Vice CIC John Hamilton, Jr Vice CIC William Thien, Judge Advocate Matthew “Fritz” Mihelcic, & Chaplain John Holland. (above)

Chaplain John Holland and Marsha Harrison are escorted into installation by National Honor Guard members. (below)



Ron Lattin and Ruth Gulden National District 13 Council Members

Ronald J. Lattin

Ronald J. Lattin was elected to a two-year term on VFW's National Council of Administration in 2011 representing District 13, comprised of two Departments, Colorado and Kansas.

Mr. Lattin served in the United States Navy from 1960-1964. He served in Vietnam, Congo, Laos and the Dominican Republic. In recognition of his service, he received the National Defense Service Medal, Expeditionary Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

He joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1982 at Post 2461 in Denver, Colo., and maintains his membership at Post 5061 in Denver. He has served as an All American District Commander and All American Department Commander, as well as serving Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Western Conference.

Mr. Lattin has been employed at Kroger for 42 years.

He is a member of the Military Order of the Cooties and a life member of the Littleton Elks.

Mr. Lattin and his wife Charlotte reside in Littleton, Colo.

Ruth Gulden

Ruth Gulden was elected to a two-year term on Ladies Auxiliary National Council of Administration in 2011 representing District 13, comprised of two Departments, Colorado and Kansas.

Ruth has been an active member since joining Lambert Wright Roy Ladies Auxiliary in 1994 on eligibility of her late husband Jack.

She served as Auxiliary President twice and was honored to be an All State President in 2000-01. Other offices held are Auxiliary Treasurer, Junior Vice President, Senior Vice President, Secretary and numerous chairmanships.

Ruth served as District President for three years and was Outstanding District President 1998-99 and 2000-2001.

Ruth was elected Department President in 2006-2007 after advancing thru the Department chairs. She also has held many Department Chairmanships and continues to be active in her Auxiliary, her District and the Department of Colorado.

She is a member of the Military Order of the Cooties.

Ruth is employed by Mobile Mini and lives in Bailey, Colo.



Voice of Democracy

Anyone (including chairmen, student entrants, and teachers) can download and print the student entry forms (with complete rules) for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen by visiting www.vfw.org, click on COMMUNITY, and then PROGRAMS.

VFW Post must forward at least one winner on to District level to satisfy receiving an All American qualification. Entrants must be received at the Post level by midnight November 1st. Posts must complete judging by November 15th. Districts complete judging by December 15th.

By the time of this article, District and Posts should have received all reporting forms from your District or from www.vfw.org.

If you need any assistance with forms or information, please contact me at peterbuchanan@comcast.net.

Voice of Democracy weekend is planned for January 27th to January 29th. Please join the 5 Department winning students at the Voice of Democracy banquet held on Saturday, January 28, 2011 at VFW 4171 Golden, Co. Happy hour is 6 and banquet at 7 PM. A fun weekend is scheduled for the students and guests are encouraged to join in on the activities. More detailed weekend events will be published.

Peter Buchanan
Department Voice of Democracy Chrm.

SEPTEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

1	09/24/11 Saturday	Post No. 5061 Denver	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meetings to follow	John Holland Cindy Anderson
2	09/24/11 Saturday	Post 12063 4 th & Hermit Rd Westcliffe	12:00 noon District Picnic to 4:00 pm	Ron Davies Ginny Burris
3	09/18/11 Sunday	Post No. 2841 Brighton	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Pete Buchanan Martine Arndt
4	09/18/11 Sunday	Post No. 8064 Akron	12:00 noon Lunch Meetings to follow	Bruce Dolan Carolyn Simon
5	09/18/11 Sunday	Post No. 5221 Calhan	1:00 noon Joint Mtg 1:45 Lunch Meeting to follow	Wayne Thompson June Spencer
6	09/10/11 Saturday	Post No. 3621 Lamar	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:15 pm Lunch Meeting to follow	Jim Lafferty Ginny Burris
8	09/17/11 Saturday	Post No. 1166 Buena Vista	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Don Smith Cindy Anderson
10	09/18/11 Sunday	Post No. 9644 Sheridan	1:00 pm Joint Mtg Mtg/Lunch to follow	D J Alberts Ginny Burris
12	09/18/11 Sunday	Post No. 5231 Mancos	11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Ron Davies Linda Stahly
13	09/18/11 Sunday	Post 9700 Cheyenne Wells	1:00 pm Meeting Snack after meeting	Jim Lafferty Cindy Anderson

OCTOBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

7	10/09/11 Sunday	Post No. 8121 So Fork/Del Norte	12:00 noon Lunch 12:45 Joint Mtg Meeting to follow	Don Smith Linda Stahly
8	10/15/11 Saturday	Post No. 8661 Bailey	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Bruce Dolan Ginny Burris

District meeting schedule subject to change

Legislative - Federal

When you send in your Community Service reports, don't forget to report your legislative efforts. One of our big jobs is making sure our state legislature and our federal congressional delegation are taking care of our veterans. We have a new tool to communicate to you what is going on and when we need your help to contact them. Check out the NEW Legislative Blog - <http://vfw-co-legislative.blogspot.com>. It has updates like "Legislative Update 012 Bipartisan Support to Save Military Commissaries" and "Legislative Update 013 VFW Washington Weekly Aug 19" from the VFW National Washington office.

Steve Rylant
Legislative Chairman - Federal

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 vfw@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 _____

Ladies Auxiliary _____

Men's Auxiliary _____

Thank You from the Officers of the Department of Colorado VFW

Thank You Colorado

Many Thanks to all of you for the cards, prayers, visits and thoughts during my 'spring and summer' bout with a bacterial infection.
PDC Darrell Anderson

Thank You - Thank You

Thank you for all the phone calls, cards, visits and prayers during my recent hospital stay. I am on the road to recovery and have returned to work. Our family of VFW Members and Ladies Auxiliary are always there when needed. Thank You!!

Warren and Cindy Anderson

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POST & AUXILIARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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

NAME: _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ VFW POST NO. _____

NOTE: YOUR RETURN ADDRESS IS ON THE BACK SIDE OF THIS NOTICE.

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

THANK YOU
EDITOR

Commander's Column Ron Davies



As I write this article there are a number of us from department either on our way or getting ready to go to the National Con-

vention in San Antonio TX. We will be attending business sessions, and many informational workshops. We will be voting on changes to your VFW on the floor of the Convention. There will be much information brought back and disseminated to you through this publication and you're District Commanders. Which is good lead in for me to talk about Post participation at District meetings. Recently I have had the opportunity to speak with three or four Posts in trouble or not participating as a VFW. One of the first things I ask them is, do you attend your District meetings. The answer has been unanimously NO! Now I am not saying that is the only reason these Posts are in trouble but it has a lot to do with it. Several of them had no clue on programs like Just Say No, Patriots Pen or even Buddy Poppies. That's sad isn't it! Post Commanders you must understand that your Posts participation at District meetings is not an option, you MUST attend or if it is absolutely impossible for you to make it

you must send a representative from your Post. It is in the by-laws. You may notice your District Commander being a little more aggressive in getting your participation (or a least you better) because I have demanded of them they have 100% at all meetings. If you don't attend be ready to explain to me way you didn't. A District meeting should offer much needed information about programs, membership and assistance for your Post. It should offer training such as the proper way to run a meeting, quartermaster and service office training. If this is not happening at your meeting please let me know. Also, there are some Districts that don't have Post attendance because they don't like the District Commander. These are also the same Districts that have problems finding District officers. My thoughts have always been if you don't like something that is going on CHANGE IT! Please help us help you. And always remember the VFW doesn't start with National or Department or District. The strength of our organization is at the post level. We are only as strong as the weakest link. So please make us STRONG!

Ron Davies
Department Commander

"Thank You For What You Do"

Quartermaster's Column Dick Wellensiek



The new VFW year is all over us. Posts have 2 months to get Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen,

and the Teacher entries into their Post for judging. I hope you are already working the schools!

Welcome new Quartermaster's and Officers! Have you got everything figured out? Or are you OVER-WHELMED? There are places to go for HELP!

The Colorado Veteran, there are General Orders, straight out of the National By-Laws on things that need to be done in upcoming months and how to do them. Places, Dates and Times for upcoming meetings.

Articles from your Line Officers on what they think is important for you and the VFW.

Chairman keeping you updated on their programs, dates, times and places.

Membership for each Post and District.

100% + 1 is your goal to have an All State Commander and Quartermaster.

Just inside the Colorado Veteran you will find phone numbers for Department and a 800 number for out of the Denver Metro area. A Web Site address and an e-mail address for Department Headquarters.

This is why we Read the Colorado Veteran

Did the Commander and Quartermaster get their new Roster Books? If you didn't get one, you need to call Department and let us know. They are GREEN this year.

Is the information on your Post Officers correct? Spelling of and right names, phone numbers, and addresses?

The only way we know something is wrong is when you call! Then we can get it corrected.

I would like to meet the New Officers. When we know each other, it is easier to get things done!

Your Quartermaster
Dick Wellensiek

Make Your Mark on the National Home Campus

Help us pave the walkways of the VFW Home National Home for Children with love and hope and become a part of the National Home's history. A personalized brick is a wonderful way to honor a friend or loved one and leave a lasting mark on the campus of the National Home.

Currently, we are placing bricks in the walkway that leads to our Community Center and Health & Education building.

You can customize your 4" x 8" brick with your three-line message (maximum 18 characters and spaces per line). Consider donating a brick to:

- Remember a loved one:

John R. Wigle
VFW National Home for Children

Sr. Vice Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings, I hope this finds everyone well.

I am going to do something uncharacteristic of me, write a short article.

I've noticed over the past several years that a few Posts tend to get themselves in trouble. A majority of the time it concerns one thing, the CANTEEN. We have bartenders giving away drinks, we have managers stealing, we have managers not keeping proper books, we have taxes not being filed, we actually have fist fights over something that happened between two members, or their wives, and on and on and on. Our canteens are governed by local, state, federal, and VFW laws. If you are in a fiduciary position in one of our canteens, KNOW your duties and responsibilities. If you don't, ASK. If you are in and elected position of a Post with a canteen, know your duties and responsibilities. There should be very little discretionary decisions if we are responsible for a VFW

canteen. Remember, having a canteen is a PRIVILEGE, not a RIGHT.

By the time you read this, the National Convention will have concluded and there may or may not be some big changes to our By-laws and Procedures Manuals. Please read the next Veteran and any changes will be published. This also means every Post should purchase a Manual for their Post to have the changes.

I will leave you with one parting thought. Remember our homeless and unemployed members and Veterans in your prayers. I will be giving more on our homeless as we progress.

Please consider giving a cash gift to the Colorado Foundation. We have been bombed with requests and have had to turn down many.

SEPTEMBER 11th - Dick's Sporting Goods Park-Commerce City, Colorado

Bruce R. Dolan,
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Jr. Vice Column Jim Lafferty



We need to remember the troops that we have lost in Afghanistan just lately.

We have had our first COA and it was fairly well attended. The way

we are going we are going to have a very good year. We have had the National Convention and now have a new Commander-in-Chief.

We need to make sure when we do get new members in and to our meetings, we need to include them in our talks and make them feel welcome. There are times when

we seem to forget about the new people and just carry on like we always have.

As you all hear all the time we need to work at getting members in. We have been declining in members for the last few years.

We also need to see to it that we get every Post in your District to attend the District meetings. I know that every one gets tired of hearing about some of this all the time, but we need to get it done.

Working for ALL Veterans

Jim Lafferty
Department Jr Vice Commander

Chaplain's Column John Holland



September 16 is National POW/MIA Day.

This day is set aside so that we can remember those that have been left behind, either in the hands of our enemies, or perhaps, in an unknown

place.

We do not mourn our fathers, grandfathers, sons, brothers, uncles, and nephews, for they are missing, and we have not had the chance to render proper honors to the repatriated remains.

Recently, the remains of Col. Leo S. (Sid) Boston were laid to rest at the Air Force Academy. Our military worked for several years to acquire his remains from

a North Vietnamese farmer. in some small way we have repaid the debt we owe Col. Boston and his family.

The U.S. Army has the responsibility to find, repatriate, identify, and return the remains of our fallen comrades, and they do a fine job.

I am proud of our country, which will not forget our fallen, and will work tirelessly to get a full accounting of those who put themselves between us and those who would take our freedom from us.

Welcome home, Sid.

God Bless American

John Holland
Department Chaplain

Next Deadline for Colorado Veteran

October 1, 2011 for the November 2011 issue

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

Please submit by the deadline!

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

General Orders No. 2
September 1, 2011 Series: 2011-2012

1. **Post & District Inspections** should be completed by December 31, 2011. Send all three (3) copies to Department Headquarters for the Department Inspector to review. If he finds any irregularities he will confer with the State Commander and a letter of recommendation will be written to the Post Commander.

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

3. **September 11th has been designated as "Patriots Day"**. Flags are to be lowered to half staff in remembrance of those lives that were lost during the attack on America. All VFW Posts should plan an appropriate ceremony to recommit ourselves to our families, our communities and to our country.

4. 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 1st and you must be registered to exercise your right to vote.

5. **Post Quartermaster and District Quartermaster Bonds** expired August 31, 2011. Applications have been mailed to ALL Quartermasters for renewal. Please see that your Quartermaster is bonded in an amount equal to your Post liquid assets. This means ALL funds, Post, Club, Bingo, CD's, etc. Cost is \$4.00 per thousand.

6. **Section 218, paragraph (11), Duty of Trustees:** Trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers whose books, records and accounts are audited by the Trustees. Among the duties of the three (3) elected Post Trustees, they shall: (duties are listed a - d).

Post Commanders and Post Trustees are reminded that the 2nd Post Trustee Report of Audit is due to be at Department Headquarters on October 31, 2011. Please see your Post Quartermaster for forms and records.

7. **Council of Administration** weekend will be at VFW #2551 Fort Morgan, CO., October 22 - 23, 2011. Workshops will be conducted on Saturday October 22, pre-council meeting at 3:00 pm. Sunday October 23 will be Council of Administration meeting. Information on hotels in the October Bulletin. Workshops will be announced in the October Bulletin.

8. **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.

9. **All VFW Posts** are required to purchase the revised By-Laws and Ritual books from the VFW National Emblem and Supply Department. Please see your Post Quartermaster and ask him to order for you. All members should be informed that the Post Quartermaster has a current supply catalog and he is instructed to assist you with your order.

10. **An annual income tax return** (Form 990) is required of each Post, District and Men's Auxiliary exempt from tax under section 501 (c) 19 of the Federal Code. Starting in 2008 ALL VFW POSTS, DISTRICTS and MEN'S AUXILIARIES with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less have to E-FILE, EVERY YEAR. All Posts exceeding \$50,000 in gross receipts must file on Form 990 or Form 990EZ. Forms and instructions are available from www.irs.gov.

Gross receipts include income from all sources, including membership dues, bar or restaurant receipts, etc. Some of this may be unrelated business income, in which case filing of Form 990-T may be required.

For 2010-2011, exempt organizations that are under section 501(c) and have gross receipts greater than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 and assets less than \$500,000, may file Form 990-EZ instead of Form 990. If an organization eligible to submit the Form 990N or file the Form 990 EZ chooses to file the Form 990, it must file a complete return.

This return must be filed on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the accounting year (November 15 for June 30 year end or May 15 for calendar year end).

Request for extension of time to file may be made by submitting form 8868, Application for Extension of Time to File. If a Post, District or Men's Auxiliary 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, District or Men's Auxiliary will lose their non-profit standing with IRS and have to re-apply for non-profit standing and pay to file the application.

11. **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. All units of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Colorado are NOT exempt from State Sales and Use Tax.

Attested By:
Richard L. Wellensiek
State Adjutant

By Command Of
Ronald Davies
State Commander

**Surgeon's Column
Pete Buchanan**



My travels as your State Surgeon began this year at the VAMC Cheyenne, WY picnic on August 14. It is a satisfying feeling to thank personally, those who served our country.

Serving the patients a BBQ lunch of brats, hotdogs and hamburgers and listening to "their" stories bolsters one's own patriotic pride. Then it's suitcase-packing time to head to National Convention in San Antonio, TX on Aug 26. It will be a week of learning more about the VFW and all the current events and changes. September brings a handful of VA and State Nursing

home visits where I am looking forward to more stories, more patriotism, and more pride that we live in America and that we are free. Thanks to each of you for that freedom and all you do for the VFW.

Researchers in Tennessee say they've discovered scarring inside small airways in the lungs of U.S. troops returning from Afghanistan and Iraq, causing a rare condition called constrictive bronchiolitis. The cause of the scarring -- and the number of troops that may have it -- isn't yet clear. But the findings, published 21 JUL in the New England Journal of Medicine, could help veterans prove disabilities stemming from their war service.

Pete Buchanan
Department Surgeon

Patriot's Pen Campaign 2011-2012

Along with Gloria Otwell of the Ladies Auxiliary, I am pleased to help your Post participate in this wonderful program this year. In 2010-2011, 46 Posts and 41 Ladies Auxiliaries participated and encouraged 1355 students to participate with 87 advanced from Post to District. Our Department entry, Katie Fink, took 12th overall nationally and was awarded a \$2,000 prize.

The Department of Colorado has 119 Posts, 79 Ladies Auxiliaries, and 15 Men's Auxiliaries. One Post sent 227 students to District in 2010-2011, but less than half the Posts participated at all last year. Colorado has 2,118 schools with 788 containing 6 through 8 graders and we simply need to reach more of them this year.

I know Colorado can do a lot better with early action by enthusiastic leaders at the Post and District level. The Patriot's Pen scholarship program not only recognizes outstanding students in our state, it simultaneously helps our organization's recruiting efforts by showing our relevance to the community through positive media opportunities and expanding person-to-

person contacts. With only 6% of VFW under 39 years of age, we must reach younger combat veterans (the future of the VFW) and potential Ladies Auxiliary members through the effective use of the Patriot's Pen program. Many participant families are military affiliated.

I am uploading a spreadsheet of all eligible schools at the Department web site with zip codes, phone numbers and addresses that can also be converted to labels by your Posts/Auxiliaries to send letters to schools you contact currently. Even more importantly, you can use the list to contact schools in your area who haven't participated before or have not done so for a long time.

The deadlines for the Patriots Pen Program are shown at the Department web site, with the first major requirement for entries due at the Post by midnight, November 1. Forms, applications, and brochures are also available online. Thanks for making this one of the best scholarship campaigns ever!

Tony Wolusky
Department Patriot's Pen Chairman

Colorado VFW Warriors Report

On Friday, August 19, the VFW Warriors proudly joined with other members of the Patriot Guard Riders, a total of over 70 motorcycle riders, to man the flag line at the funeral of CW4 David Carter, COARNG, one of the soldiers killed when the CH-47 he was co-piloting was shot down by Taliban forces in Afghanistan. We, along with the other Patriot Guard Riders, were honored to be escorts in the procession from the Church in Aurora to the Grandview Cemetery in Fort Collins.

He is leaving behind a wife and family and Parker VFW Post 4266 has contributed to the memorial fund that has been set up to take care of his family. Please contact Post Commander David Eyre if

your post would like to contribute.

The Warriors were also a major part of the parade at the Salute to American Veterans Rally in Cripple Creek on August 20. We had close to 50 bikes that made the trip from three District Chapters. A big thanks to the District 5 Warriors for organizing this.

The Colorado VFW Warriors were also visible at Sturgis and all, including me, returned home safe!

The Gathering of the Warriors at the Four Corners Rally at Sugar Pine Ranch near Mancos is coming up September 1 - 5.

Ride Safe!
Steve "SKIDD-R" Rylant
VFW Warriors Motorcycle Chairman

Council of Administration Meeting Schedule 2011-2012

October 22 - 23, 2011 Fort Morgan VFW Post #2551
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

Order Buddy Poppies NOW for Veterans Day

VFW Post Membership by District as of September 13, 2011

Number/City	2011	2012	%	Number/City	2011	2012	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	857	727	85	859 Leadville	43	36	84
501 Denver	438	341	78	1166 Buena Vista	181	165	91
2461 Denver	183	147	80	3820 Salida	120	86	72
2797 Denver	62	42	68	8661 Bailey	166	139	84
3971 Denver	115	98	85	10721 Minturn	103	77	75
5061 Denver	400	308	77	11411 Lake George	49	45	92
TOTAL	2055	1663	81%	12009 Conifer	83	72	87
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
61 Pueblo	122	100	82	2371 Walden	42	33	79
984 Trinidad	81	68	84	3311 Oak Creek	32	29	91
2643 Walsenburg	48	38	79	4264 Steamt Spgs	99	84	85
2788 Penrose	65	52	80	4265 Craig	160	142	89
3641 Pueblo	128	84	66	5261 Rangely	13	12	92
4061 Canon City	446	393	88	5843 Meeker	53	32	60
5812 Pueblo West	179	130	73	9374 Kremmling	42	36	86
7305 Colo. City	51	37	73	9471 Hayden	11	10	91
8301 Pueblo	10	4	40	TOTAL	452	378	84%
8898 Boone	56	42	75	DISTRICT #10			
12063 Westcliffe	59	60	102*	322 Englewood	135	118	87
TOTAL	1245	1008	81%	3471 Morrison	95	75	79
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	342	271	79	3631 Aurora	400	349	87
807 Boulder	73	59	81	4121 Idaho Spgs.	74	68	92
1771 Lafayette	426	311	73	4171 Golden	606	485	80
1781 Ft. Collins	341	281	82	4266 Parker	68	65	96
2121 Greeley	227	174	77	4331 Arvada	294	239	81
2585 Johnstown	110	84	76	4444 Cmmrc Cty	270	232	86
2601 Longmont	583	416	71	4666 Littleton	160	138	86
2841 Brighton	195	148	76	6331 Aurora	129	106	82
4334 Ault	84	73	87	7563 Black Hawk	20	15	75
6011 Platteville	75	66	88	7945 Thornton	484	385	80
6624 Evans	328	260	79	8449 Bennett	41	27	66
7206 Louisville	32	29	91	9644 Fort Logan	637	435	68
9565 Broomfield	147	105	71	10736 Fdrl Heights	30	27	90
9741 Dacono	37	29	78	TOTAL	3443	2764	80%
TOTAL	3000	2306	77%	DISTRICT #12			
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	324	242	75	784 Montrose	138	116	84
3378 Yuma	81	67	83	1247 Grnd Jctn	332	272	82
3541 Sterling	132	108	82	3571 Delta	79	60	76
3551 Brush	47	42	89	3981 Grnd Jctn	141	123	87
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	50	85
6482 Holyoke	73	62	85	9221 Cedaredge	136	110	81
7153 Fleming	45	40	89	9304 Rifle	37	34	92
8064 Akron	57	41	72	9333 Hotchkiss	40	30	75
TOTAL	915	736	80%	TOTAL	1198	1005	84%
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #14			
101 Colo. Spgs.	444	381	86	4031 Durango	246	200	81
3917 Security	738	597	81	5181 Dove Creek	55	40	73
4051 Colo. Spgs	830	682	82	5231 Mancos	88	66	75
5221 Calhan	90	67	74	5241 Cortez	75	55	73
6051 Wdln Park	45	36	80	6068 Dolores	45	41	91
6461 Fountain	280	243	87	9058 Nucla	30	26	87
7829 Monument	93	74	80	9398 Norwood	26	25	96
9669 Colo. Spgs.	66	47	71	9695 Pagosa Spgs	38	36	95
10649 Elizabeth	45	34	76	TOTAL	603	489	81%
TOTAL	2631	2161	82%	DISTRICT #15			
DISTRICT #6				DISTRICT #16			
336 Ordway	127	100	79	3411 Kit Carson	25	21	84
2411 LasAnimas	117	109	93	6491 Burlington	81	68	84
3621 Lamar	62	51	82	6492 Seibert	11	10	91
4001 Springfield	53	43	81	6612 Hugo	56	48	86
4091 Rocky Ford	78	68	87	9491 Deer Trail	27	22	81
4281 Holly	34	31	91	9700 Chynn Wlls	43	31	72
TOTAL	471	402	85%	TOTAL	243	200	82%
DISTRICT #7				DISTRICT #17			
899 Alamosa	164	122	74	15006 MAL	2130	1571	74%
3228 Monte Vista	48	40	83	TOTAL DEPT			
4849 La Jara	72	61	85	19573	15632	80%	
6101 San Luis	89	52	58	2012 dues are now DUE.			
8121 Del Norte	69	54	78	Be 100% +1 in 2011-2012			
TOTAL	442	329	74%				

MEMBERSHIP 2011-2012

Continuous annual members are coming in on a steady pace. Keep up the good work and we will be an All American Department.

We will be giving the District and the Post with the highest per cent in each Class a Special Gift of Love from our State Commander Ron Davies, no steak dinner though.

The new and reinstate's are doing great. If we keep on the right track we will set a record for the Department.

I hope every one has read the Green (Navy) book to see all the information that is in there. State Commander Davies and I worked on it together and made a few changes. If you have questions please

contact me.

We will be having a workshop at the next Council meeting in Fort Morgan. If you have something that you would like for us to discuss, let me know.

Be sure to check your Life Membership report. National deceased some members when they checked the Social Security data base. They will have to be replaced by another member for your Post to be 100%.

Jim Mauck
Department Membership Director
aka Dr Fat Albert
303-517-5801 cell
303-774-8236 home

News from National VFW Headquarters

COMMUNITY SERVICE GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING.

Recent conclusion of the twelve-month Community Service reporting period seems to have revealed that too many Posts are not clear on the manner in which community service hours and dollars should be reported.

Twice each year, in December and June, VFW Departments file a report with the VFW Programs office regarding community service activities listed by Post.

When the Post reports to the Department, they should list the hours of community service performed by the Post, affiliated Cootie Scratch, Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the VFW, Men's Auxiliary and Junior Girls for that reporting period. Only volunteer service hours benefiting the community are to be reported. Volunteer hours committed to projects and activities benefiting the Post and the affiliated units listed above cannot be reported.

The money that should be reported are the dollars donated or expended in the performance of the community service hours reported, plus \$.14 per mile for each mile driven by the volunteers.

Posts should not report any figures derived from the value of hours worked.

POW/MIA FLAG - OFFICIAL DISPLAY DAYS. Public Law 105-85 (November 16, 1997) indicates the days that federal agencies, military installations, and U.S. post offices are required to display the POW/MIA flag. The days are: Armed Forces Day, May 19 (third Saturday in May); Memorial Day, May 28 (last Monday in May); Flag Day, June 14; National POW/MIA Day, September 16, (third Friday in September); and Veterans Day, November 11.

BUDDY POPPY:

Plans should be under way for the Veterans Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. Contact your Department Quartermaster to place your order for Buddy Poppies. Remember that your Poppies should be ordered a minimum of 8 - 12 weeks in advance of your distribution date. Be sure

to specify a date by which the poppies are required. Do not use, "ASAP." Miscellaneous items (coin cans, caps, buttons, posters, etc.) should be ordered directly from the VFW Store catalog.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, OPERATIONS:

MetLife Dental Insurance

Maximize the value from your VFW membership with Dental Insurance from MetLife. VFW has selected MetLife because of their 140+ years experience in the insurance business, extensive group benefits expertise and high-quality service.

\$1,000 No-Cost Personal Accident Insurance

The member insurance department at National Headquarters receives phone calls every day from family members of VFW members who have recently passed away. Callers want to know about the insurance that is provided for free. The benefit provided is a \$1,000 no-cost accidental death and dismemberment policy. All VFW members who are in good standing are insured under this policy (the plan reduces at ages 70 and 75). Benefits are payable in the event of an accidental death or dismemberment. For more information, please call the VFW Insurance Administrator at 1-800-626-0027.

Print a duplicate certificate of the no-cost accidental death and dismemberment policy/ beneficiary form and learn more about all of the VFW sponsored insurance at www.vfwinsurance.com

Cancer Insurance Plan

Help protect against the rising cost of cancer treatment with the VFW sponsored cancer insurance plan. Benefits can be paid directly to you regardless of any other insurance you may have or to your doctor if you request. Premiums are at affordable group rates. Certain limitations and exclusions apply. For more information, call 1-800-749-6983 or visit <http://www.vfwinsurance.com/cancer.htm>

Thank You Colorado

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and show of concern on the passing of my brother. Our VFW family is always there to lend a shoulder to lean on when a family member passes. I am proud to be a member and Donna and I cannot express enough how much each and everyone one of you mean to us.

Warren and Donna Tellgren, PDC and PDP

TAPS

Post 1: Joseph Katich

Post 41: Robert P. Moosdorf, Donald A. Taft

Post 1771: Frank E. Archuleta, Philip C. Bossung, Charles M. Whitman

Post 2121: Dale A. Brauher

Post 3641: Richard O. Whitmore, Mario Alberici

Post 4266: Emil J. Roethlisberger

Post 4051: Allan Carlson, Joseph Nolan, Howard French, Floyd Wagoner, Herman Kanis, Vernon Jensen, Edward Kafel Sr.

Post 5241: Homer E. Hartley

Post 15006: William H. Peck

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary National Convention, San Antonio, TX



L-R: Bruce Dolan, Jim Lafferty, Ron Davies, Dick Wellensiek resting before the Patriot Rally



L-R Warren Anderson, Cindy Anderson, Martine Arndt, Colleen Rylant, Susan Havens.



L-R: Ginny Burris, Warren Anderson, Cindy Anderson watch the Rally after they marched.



L-R: John Holland, Leslie & Allen, Rebecca Forbes at the Barley Booth.



VFW Officers in their assigned chairs at the VFW Business Session.



Ginny Burris and the new friend she found at the Convention Center.



Cmdr. Ron Davies & President Cindy Anderson led the Colorado delegation at the Rally.



VFW & Ladies Auxiliary officers & members marched in the Patriotic Rally.



L-R: Dan Griffith, Susan Griffith Rosie Mitchell and Larry Mitchell.



State Treasurer Colleen Rylant relaxing at National Convention.



Monument Commander Tony Wolusky receives his All American cap from CIC Richard Eubank.



Larry, Colleen, Rosie, Ginny at Reception.



National President Gwen Rankin & purple is the color.



VFW Post #4051 and Ladies Auxiliary, Colorado Springs transported the above tree to National Convention and took 2nd Place in the their category in the Buddy Poppy Display.



L-R Anna Jacobson, Sue Johnson, Jo Najera, Colleen Rylant, Ann Mauck, Wanda Painter, Cindy Anderson, Jean Carter, Charlotte Lattin, Carolyn Simon, Jane Ledesma, Val Fowler, Jo Ann Sparks. PDP's attended annual Luncheon at VFW Post #5061 Denver.



L-R: Terry Jacobson, Darrell Anderson, Ron Davies, Jim Mauck, Bill Esch, Darrell Elliott, Steve Rylant, Wes Berry, Ron Lattin, D J Alberts. PDC's attended annual Luncheon at VFW Post #5061 Denver. Looks like they let Ron have the microphone.



VFW Post 8661 Bailey donated a power Wheelchair and Power Scooter to Desert Storm Veterans. L-R: Tim Byrd, Dave Marlin Cmdr., Don Weitzel and David Cooper.



9/11 Parade in Edwards, CO.: Col Tom Kirk, Korea & Vietnam, Keynote Speaker; Higinio Romero, WWII and Dirk Dirks, 10th Mt WWI. 3,000 small flags were distributed by Boy Scouts along the parade route.




Grand MOC attending Department Loyalty Day Parade in Calhan. L-R: Dan Griffith, Earl Havens, Robert Kidd.



Loyalty Day Parade participants and attendees enjoyed a great lunch after the parade served by VFW Post 5221 Calhan.



MOC Honor Guard - many, many years ago. Do you know any of the above???



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

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Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

Sept	4 Mile High	#1771	Lafayette
	11 Silver Dollar PT. #1		Denver
	18 Skyline	#2797	Denver
	25 Rocky Mountain	#1781	Ft Collins
Oct	2 Eastern Star	# 98	
	9 Verle Huffman	#9644	Sheridan
	16 Francis Brown Lowry	# 501	Denver
	23 Joseph J Jacques	#7945	Thornton
	30 Englewood	# 322	Englewood
Nov	6 Golden	#4171	Golden
	13 Aurora	#3631	Aurora
	20 Longs Peak	#2601	Longmont
	27 Lambert-Wright-Roy	#8661	Bailey

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.

Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation

The Foundation Fund Raising polo shirts for 2011 – 2012 for the Ladies Auxiliary are now available! We have filled the orders from the state convention and will have a selection available at the October 22 – 23 State Council of Administration meeting at VFW Post 2551 in Fort Morgan.

You can see photos of them on the Foundation on the Department of Colorado web site:

<http://www.vfwcolodept.org/foundtion.shtm>

We have sold over 70 shirts so far this year, and orders are still coming in. You can get yours by contacting Department HQ or e-mail me at sarylant@comcast.net.

Thank you from the Hospitality Team

On behalf of Commander Ron Davies, President Cynthia Anderson, and the National Convention Hospitality Team, we would like to thank everyone for their outstanding support for the Hospitality Room at the 2011 National Convention, San Antonio. We would like to express special thanks to the following individuals and VFW Posts:

VFW Post 3917, 9644 and 7945 who allowed us to use their posts for our omelet bars.

PDC Don Smith for the donation of the moose that was a total hit with everyone visiting our Colorado Hospitality Suite.

PDC Darrell Anderson and Carol and State President Cindy Anderson for the donation of paper goods.

PDC Ron Lattin who gave so generously of his time and cooking talents for three omelet bars at Posts 3917, 9644 and 7945

Jr. Girls Unit

How fast the time flies, feel's like we just had Installation's yesterday. I hope all of the Girls had a wonderful summer vacation.

Ladies Auxiliaries please be sure to include the girls in your activities, the girls should be working side by side with you on most of the activities you have throughout the year.

Jr. Girls should be working on the Jump Badges, if you have any questions or need any help with this please do not hesitate

We will be receiving a much smaller amount from the Veterans Trust Fund Grant program this year, so we need you and your posts to help us help the veterans that are in desperate need. You can send your donations to the Colorado Veterans Foundation at Department HQ. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 corporation, so your donation, or donations from Corporations that you may know of, are tax deductible. You can use funds from your post relief fund to donate to our Foundation.

Thank you for your support of the Colorado Foundation.

Steve Rylant
Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation

to raise money for the Hospitality Suite.

PDP Charlotte Lattin and brother Gary, Dan and Susan Griffith and Melissa Dawson, who gave of their time and talent for the fundraising projects.

We would also like to thank Warren Telgren and Warren Wellensiek for assisting with the bartender duties. To all the Posts and Auxiliaries that sent money in support of this project **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!**

Please come to our omelet bar at Post 7945, Thornton, on Oct. 30, 2011- On to Reno!!!

Charley and Donna Watkins
Hospitality Chairs, but really only part of the TEAM!

to contact me.

Continue to report Community Service reports for the Jr. Girls and mail them into Janet Mills. I will be at the next Parade of Programs and COA in Ft. Morgan, CO. I hope to see some of you there. As always I am available if you have any questions or concerns.

Rita Fama
Department Jr. Girls Unit Co- Chairman

News from National VFW Headquarters

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:

Please remember VFW depends on your donations which cover 87% of the expenses for all VFWs life changing programs.

America's Heroes...Honor America and Our Freedoms – Show tribute to fellow veterans by displaying your VFW 2012 Calendar. The calendars will arrive in early September. You will find powerful images in this calendar that we hope will remind you of your own service to this nation and that of all of America's Heroes are reflected here. Your 2012 Calendar includes reminders of days to fly the United States flag and other important dates in history to remember the sacrifices of America's veterans. You can also find useful information on VFW programs throughout the calendar that are available to all veterans, current service members and their families. Your support of the 2012 Calendar Program helps veterans in need in your department.

Veterans Day is not Far Away

– Later this month, we will be mailing out the Veterans Day Label package. Please use the patriotic address labels and stickers with pride. In the package, you will also find a 2011 Veterans Day petition to the United States Congress. Please sign and return the petition so we can deliver them to our Congressional leaders by Veterans Day to help make our voices heard in Washington! Your support of this important program will also help keep the VFW Veterans Service program strong and healthy.

Have you heard about VFW's Partners in Patriotism?

– Would you like to support VFW's life changing programs for veterans, service members and their families without receiving all of the unwanted mail? VFW has developed a program that lets you support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis, as well as reduce expenses and eliminate unwanted mail. It is called Partners in Patriotism. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) that is either charged to your credit card or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. If you are interested in joining Partners in Patriotism, you may contact the VFW Development Department at 816-756-3390, ext. 6318, or email us partners@vfw.org with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line.

VFW Friends of Freedom – If you are not already a member of VFW's online community, visit www.vfw.org/friend-offreedom to sign up. Members of this special online community will receive a monthly e-newsletter with new grassroots stories about VFW out in the communities assisting veterans in need, educating the youth, and assisting military families across the nation and overseas. These stories can also be found by visiting www.vfw.org/vfwatwork. Check back often to see newly posted stories! Also, as a member of VFW's Friends of Freedom, you will receive special e-mails with breaking VFW news, and special opportunities to help VFW in assisting our nation's veterans, service members and their families.

PROGRAMS: DISPLAYING MILITARY SERVICE SYMBOLS. Military Service flags, insignias, etc., should be displayed

in the following order (Left to Right as you face the flags): Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and then Coast Guard.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY, SEPTEMBER 16. Posts should conduct an appropriate ceremony. Information on conducting a ceremony can be found in the current VFW Manual of Procedure.

VFW HONORS AMERICA'S TEACHERS DURING 2011-2012 PROGRAM YEAR. The VFW wants to recognize the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers (teaching at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history, traditions and institutions effectively through the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, VFW posts, supervisors or other interested individuals (not relatives). Self-nominees are not eligible.

Based on the nominees submitted by November 1st, local VFW posts will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades, K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Posts then submit the winners' names to their District level judging who will forward their winners to the Department (or state level) by December 15. After judging, each Department forwards the names of its winners to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest. This is part of the 2011-2012 All American program.

VFW's National Citizenship Education Teacher awards include: three national \$1,000 awards for the top K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses; \$1,000 award to each winning teacher's school; plaques for both the winning teacher and school; and, an all-expenses-paid trip to attend the National Convention.

Order the Citizenship Education Teacher Recognition Citation from VFW Emblem and Supply, product #4320.

VETERANS IN THE CLASSROOM MONTH IN NOVEMBER. VFW and Ladies Auxiliary VFW members are encouraged to volunteer in their schools to talk about their military and home front experiences to students. Invite your local military recruiter to join you to talk about military service today. Additional information can be found in the 2011-2012 VFW Community Activities and Citizenship Education VFW Chairman's Guide.

VFW SPECIAL PROJECT PROGRAM. This program was put in place to recognize VFW units for creating and completing unique and extraordinary community service projects.

Record book entry nominations that are found to be complete and well-substantiated should be endorsed by the Department Adjutant or VFW Department Community Activities Chairman and forwarded to National Programs Department. Deadline for entries is April 30 of each year.

Every Post Special Project receiving the Award of Excellence in the December judging will be entered in the Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Competition. Complete information can be found in the 2011 – 2012 VFW Community Activities and Citizenship Education Chairman's Guide.

National Headquarters can be found at www.vfw.org



Auxiliary News

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Department of Colorado

Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



Presidents's Column *Cindy Anderson*



Greetings Sisters and
Comrades

Our new year is now well underway and there is much to be excited about. The Program Chairman

under the direction of Ann Mauck have rolled out their programs for this year and with all of the new projects that we have to work on this should be an exciting year. Thank you to Ann and her squad. The cadence was great as they took the floor at convention and our first parade of program.

I am most grateful to our Department Commander Ron Davies for deciding to join me in making Operation TBI Freedom our joint special project for the year. If you were at the last Council of Administration joint meeting on Sunday July 24, you saw a presentation on the project. This organization provides counseling and resources to assist our Colorado veterans who have returned from duty in Iraq and Afghanistan with traumatic brain injuries. They currently have offices in Denver and Colorado Springs and are hoping to open facilities in Grand Junction and Alamosa as funding is available. If you would like to learn more about Operation TBI Freedom there is information on the Department web site or you can go to their web site directly at www.OperationTBIFreedom.org.

Some of our Districts have already started with early meetings and I have had the pleasure of visiting District 5 and District 11 already. I also made my visit to the Cheyenne VA during their annual picnic. There is a little sadness there as I start these visits as I know this will be my last official visit as a Department officer, but I also know that I have made many friends everywhere I go and I will be back to see many of you just to visit as I have enjoyed making these visits so much through out the last five years.

With all of the preparations going on for the year I have not been able to get all of the training sessions scheduled, but they will happen before the weather gets bad. There will be a mailing sent out to inform

all of the auxiliaries when a session is scheduled in their area. I hope that you will all plan to attend as these meetings are open to all members who would like to learn a little more about the operation of the auxiliary and our programs. Stay tuned!

There are two special projects for us to take part in this fall. September is our opportunity to draw attention to the number of Military suicides. We need to make more people aware of what a serious problem this is for our active duty and veterans. Please be sure to wear the blue tear drop each day in September. This tear drop is available in the program book and on the National Ladies Auxiliary web site under program resources.

In our program book there is a suggested project for Make a Difference Day called the Ugly Quilt. Directions are included to make a bed roll from blankets to mattress pads and scrap material. While this is not a very difficult project and I know there are a lot of talented ladies out there, this might be a little too much for some of you. I would like to offer another suggestion. Your auxiliary might buy or get donations of blankets or sleeping bags to donate to a local shelter. You might put a hat, gloves, or a scarf inside the bed roll. We have so many homeless veterans that anything warm to help them through the Colorado winter would be appreciated.

Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to all to attend my homecoming which will be held October 2, 2011 from 2:30 to 5:00 at the Runway Grill which is located at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport which is located off Highway 121 just south of highway 36 in Broomfield. The restaurant is on the second floor of the building across from the terminal. The street address is 11705 Airport Way. For those of you who were familiar with the Jeffco Airport, this is the same place new name. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with a great view of Denver and watch the planes as they come and go.

With Loyalty to "Honor All Who Serve"
Cindy Anderson
Department President

Youth Activities

At the Parade of Programs. July 23. in Longmont. I saw many new faces. I have attended many Council Meetings over the years and have always learned one or two new things every time. It was great to see new faces attending, Thank You, and I hope you learned at least one thing. The Parade of Programs are designed to teach, explain and inform members of our programs. I know the information is in the Program book, but how many actually share the information with their members? It is very important to share the book with your chairpersons in order for them to do their part.

Getting youth programs introduced into the schools or to other youth groups is difficult and can be very time consuming but we need to keep trying. School has started and now is the time to get the info introduced.

The "Just Say No" coloring/poster contest pages will be coming out in September. The deadline isn't until February, getting a head start will be worth it in the

end.

On last year's year end reports, there were several Girl Scouts close to achieving their Could. Silver or Bronze awards, he sure to recognize their hard work with a citation from National Headquarters.

Last year, we installed a new Jr. Girls Unit in Lafayette. Let's see if we can get another Unit started this year. You only need ten (10) eligible girls from five (5) to sixteen (16) years of age to start.

Next we have the Young American Creative Patriotic Art, some artwork takes time to complete, oil painting as an example. Get the kids thinking of their artwork now and I am hopeful we will have a good showing again this year. Download the new entry form for the Patriotic Art Contest, from the National Ladies Auxiliary website, there have been some changes.

Yours truly,
Janet Mills
Department Youth Activities Chairman

Roster Changes – Ladies Auxiliary

Chief of Staff Rosalyn Mitchell – email is larryandrosie@amigo.net

District 5 President – Laura Stone 6740 Goldfield Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80911 719-391-9470

District 4 President – Betty Herman PO Box 1411, Ft. Morgan, CO 80701 970-370-1227

Auxiliary 6461 – President Melbadean Canape 426 Linda Vista, Fountain, CO 80817 719-382-5522

Auxiliary 6101 – President Casilda Arguello Zip Code is 81152

Auxiliary 4091 – Otero County
President Linda Mays, 18520 CR G, Ordway, CO 81063 719-267-3649
Secretary Katie Anderson, 206 Otero, Ordway, CO 81063 719-469-1587
Treasurer Ann Darling, 122 Seeley, La Junta, CO 81050 719-468-2177

Auxiliary 5843 – Meeker
President Vicki Crawford, 827 Strawberry Patch Rd, Meeker, CO 81641 970-878-5000 vcraw4d@gmail.com
Secretary Vicki Crawford, PO Box 1011, Meeker, CO 81641 970-878-5854
Treasurer Kim Gould, PO Box 144, Meeker, CO 81641 970-878-4520

Auxiliary 6331 Aurora
Sec/Treas Cecilia Schoonover, 7791 York St., Denver, CO 80229 303-288-0433

Auxiliary 9374 – Kremmling
President Mildred Kelm, 403 S 4th St, Kremmling, CO 80459 970-724-3465
Sec/Treas Laureen Myers, PO Box 478, Kremmling, CO 80459 970-724-3465

Jr. Girls Unit 899 – Mt. Blanca
President Sara Gallegos, 901 La Due Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 719-480-9737
Sec/Treas Sam Frye, 244 Calle Buena, Alamosa, CO 81101 719-589-4852
Leader Nikki Gallegos, 901 La Due Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 719-480-9737

Jr. Girls Unit 3571 – Lee Marts
President Makayla Reaksecker, 4201 Cedar Rd, Delta, CO 81416 970-874-8107
Sec/Treas Olivia Reaksecker, 4201 Cedar Rd, Delta, CO 81416 970-874-8107
Leader Ruth Fryman, 1445 Porter Ct. #312, Delta, CO 81416 970-623-6202

Please send ALL Ladies Auxiliary Roster changes to:
State Secretary Carolyn Simon
2682 E 90th Place
Thornton, CO 80229

Arvada #4331 VFW, Ladies and Men's Auxiliary

**Cordially invite you to attend
Department President Cindy Anderson's Homecoming
Sunday October 2, 2011**

2:30 – 5:00

Runway Grill

**Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport
(formally Jeffco Airport)**

11705 Airport Way Broomfield, CO 80021

**Donations to my Special Project Operation TBI with checks made out to
the Ladies Auxiliary Department of Colorado. No gifts please.**



Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Colorado

General Orders #2 September 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. THIRD QUARTER AUDITS cover the months of July, August and September and shall be conducted during the month of October (Section 814A, pg. 84 of the Bylaws). A copy of this audit must be mailed to Department Treasurer, Colleen Rylant no later than October 30, 2011.

3. DISTRICT AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS: The offices of Treasurer and President must be bonded. The application blank must be completed and returned to National Headquarters. Bond applications will be mailed to the Auxiliary President upon receipt of the Auxiliary Installation Report at National Headquarters. The bond is to be held by the Auxiliary and District President.

4. CHANGE OF OFFICERS: Notify (in writing) National Headquarters at 406 W 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City MO 64111; Department Treasurer, Colleen Rylant; and Department Secretary, Carolyn Simon of any changes in Auxiliary President, Treasurer or Secretary. Also notify the above if there are any changes in meeting dates, places or times. Remember that these changes require a vote by the Auxiliary and written notice to ALL members (see Section 210 of the Bylaws).

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

6. PROGRAM REPORT FORMS are in the Department Program Books. These new forms may be submitted as often as you wish but are required to be submitted by July 1st, October 1st, March 1st, and April 15th.

7. DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN: Please send copies of your promotional material to your National Director and Department Program Coordinator, Ann Mauck. Please follow your Director's instructions so our Department can be properly credited.

8. AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS: You shall conduct at least one (1) Business Meeting per month (Section 210). All Department General Orders are to be read at the first meeting after they are received.

9. NEW ROSTER: Check the new roster for correct names and addresses. If you find any mistakes, please send corrections to Department Secretary Carolyn Simon for posting in the Colorado Veteran.

10. AUXILIARY TREASURERS: Please forward dues to the Department Treasurer at least once a week. **DO NOT HOLD THEM...** we need them to go to National as soon as possible so that we may achieve the membership goals.

11. WESTERN CONFERENCE will be held in Ogden Utah – November 3 to November 6, 2011. See Carolyn Simon, Department Secretary for registration forms.

12. OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING will be October 22nd and 23rd at VFW Post #2551, 208 W. Beaver, Ft. Morgan, CO 80701.

13. CANCER, HOSPITAL, HEALTH & HAPPINESS: You may pay your \$2.00 per member Cancer Aid and Research and your \$0.50 per member Department Hospital per capita to the Department Treasurer at any time now. Your \$0.10 or more per member for Health and Happiness may be sent to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, National Headquarters, 304 W 34th St, 10th Floor, Kansas City MO 64111. **NOTE:** All three per capita's are based on your June 30, 2011 membership standings as determined by National Headquarters.

14. COMMUNITY STAND DOWNS: Stand-downs in your Communities are not Department projects. Any monies or items collected should not be sent to the Department Treasurer. Please remember to vote on the project and report on your Program Report forms.

15. HOSPITAL REPORTING: Hospital Chairman Charlotte Lattin has requested that when filling out the Hospital Section of the Program Reports form, you **MUST** indicate if volunteer hours are provided by a VFW Post member or Auxiliary member.

16. MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY: After making one of the Ugly Quilts as described in the Program Book, Dept. President Cindy has offered another option for participating in Make-A-Difference Day. If you do not have the time or materials needed for an Ugly Quilt, you could donate a sleeping bag or warm blanket made into a bedroll and include a hat, gloves and scarf or other personal items wrapped up inside. Any such items brought to the C of A will be donated to the Denver Stand Down, but you can also donate them to a shelter in your area.

17. AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS: Department will begin sending dues notices in October. If you **DO NOT** want Department to send notices for you, please notify Treasurer Colleen Rylant by October 1, 2011. If Department sends notices for your Auxiliary, your Auxiliary will be billed for the postage.

BY ORDER OF:
Cindy Anderson, President

ATTEST:
Carolyn Simon, Secretary

Second Saturday Night Nursing Home Bingo Party Schedule

Post and/or Auxiliary are Assigned the Following

2011

September 10th Golden #4171
October 8th South Denver #2461
November 12th Twee Tooty 2 MOCA #10
December 10th TBA

2012

January 14th Verle Huffman #9644
February 11th John S. Stewart #1
March 10th Francis Brown Lowry #501
April 14th Dean K. Phillips #5061
May 12th Paul A. Westover #3471
June 9th Arvada #4331
July 14th Aurora #3631
August 11th Broomfield #9565

Bingo Procedures:

1. VFW and Auxiliary's second Saturday night Bingo parties are in the Nursing Home Care unit main floor of the VA Hospital.
2. Volunteers should arrive at the hospital at 6:30pm and encourage and assist patients in coming to the Nursing Home Care unit. Post Members are needed for Escort.

3. Ward 7 North/South has a permanent assignment and may need one volunteer. Bingo at Ward 7, must always have at least two people.

4. Refreshments will be served at the close of the Bingo Party.

a. All refreshments will be furnished by the Post/Auxiliary assigned that night, including beverages.

b. Refreshments can be any of the following: sandwiches, fruit compote, cheese and crackers, raw vegetables or fresh fruit, cake, cookies, pie, ice cream, and punch. **NO coffee will be furnished.**

5. Prepare enough refreshments to serve 25 to 30 patients in the nursing home.

6. Bingo games start at 7:00pm and stop at 8:00pm. Games played have no limit. Good Bingos are horizontal, vertical, diagonal, four corners, the little diamond and the big Diamond. Two cards will be used to play. Family members and/or visitors of the Veteran may play but **cannot receive canteen books, cash or other prizes.**

7. **Any Post/Auxiliary that cannot fulfill their assignment must work out a trade with another Post/Auxiliary and then notify Betty Melsen (303-237-6646) or Rita Roseman (303-445-1403). You may also call with any other questions or problems.**

VFW Nursing Home Birthday Parties Post and Auxiliary

August 2011 to July 2012

Third Saturday of each Month - Arrive at Noon!

2011

August 20th Dean K Phillips #5061
September 17th So Denver #2461
October 15th Thornton #7945
November 19th Francis Brown Lowry #501
December 17th Englewood #322

2012

January 21st John S Stewart #1
February 18th Verle Huffman #9644
March 17th Silver Dollar MOC/MOCA #1
April 21st John S Stewart #1
May 19th Verle Huffman #9644
June 16th Grand MOC/MOCA
July 21st Golden #4171

Please bring the following:

Birthday cake, ice cream or sherbet, fresh fruit or compote and punch. Please also bring; table cloth, napkins, birthday cards and party balloons to make this a fun event.

Any Post/Auxiliary that cannot fulfill their assignment must work out a trade with another Post/Auxiliary and then notify Betty Melsen 303-237-6646 or Rita Roseman 303-445-1403. You may also call with any other questions or problems.

EMAIL ADDRESS CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is to increase the number of viable email addresses logged into the National Ladies Auxiliary VFW computer system so that matters of importance such as Legislative Alerts and other important news and changes may be forwarded through email for a quicker and more thorough delivery to the members.

One goal of this contest is that each Ladies Auxiliary would have a minimum of one officer (President, Secretary, or Treasurer) with a working email address. Ultimately, we envision having the ability to contact every single member of our organization via email.

1. Competition shall be by membership groups with there being one prize awarded per group. Prizes will be awarded at the National Mid-Year Conference.

The Department in each membership group with the greatest percentage of increase in the number of "new" [Changes and/or corrections to existing email addresses will not count.] email addresses added to the system through the member login feature on the Ladies Auxiliary Website shall be determined the winner in each membership group.

3. This contest shall begin at six o'clock a.m. August 1, 2011 and conclude at six o'clock p.m. on December 31, 2011.

4. Departments are encouraged to establish their own internal contest to increase the number of email addresses gathered per Department.



Aux 2551: Florence Brunkhardt
Aux 5221: Elsie Brauer (correction)

Membership

Thank you for all the transmittals submitted in Longmont last month. I hope that all of you have started on your membership drive for the coming year and sent out dues notices. Congratulations to Arleen Webb and Arlee Lee and their Auxiliary for submitting the most that day. There was a lot of enthusiasm that day and know it will continue through out the year.

GREAT NEWS! Colorado reached its first goal. We are at 65% but we can't slow down now our next goal 70% by September 30th is just around the corner.

On September 11th President Cindy and I will be at the Ladies Auxiliary booth at the 911 Freedom Rally at Dick's Sporting God Field, Events will start at 10:00 a.m. We would like to meet you and thank you for always taking the time "TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE".

Will have more news to share after National Convention and hope to see you at Council of Administration on October 23rd in Fort Morgan. I am looking forward to awarding many dream catcher necklaces that day,

Valerie Shaffer
Department Membership Chairman

EXTENSION

As we begin another year, we may face many challenges, but with the help of each and every one of you, the Members, we can meet those challenges.

I would ask any auxiliary that is struggling in any area to please contact us while we can still help.

We will be contacting the Bachelor Posts throughout the state to let them know the benefits of having an Auxiliary and encourage them to approve an Auxiliary to their Post.

We will assist in the transfer of members from a defunct auxiliary to retain their membership. We ask that all auxiliaries have a team to contact those ladies who did not renew their membership and encourage them to reinstate.

If we all reach out "To Honor All Who Serve", we will "Step Up Leave No Veteran Behind" nor will we leave their family members behind.

I read the following poem a few years ago and thought it was worth sharing.

Rosie Mitchell
Department Extension / Chief of Staff

Don't Quit

Author Unknown

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must - but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow -
You might succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggle has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late, when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out -
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt -
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

Resolution #3: The office of President shall hold the original bonds of both offices. A copy of both the President and Treasurer bonds shall be incorporated into the minutes each year and a copy of the Bond shall be placed in the Secretaries Book.

Resolution #4: "National dues shall be \$5.00 per annum on each member." This increase will become effective January 1, 2012.

Resolution #10: Choosing of a new uniform was given back to the National Committee to continue searching for a vendor for a new uniform for the Ladies Auxiliary. National President Gwen Rankin was given permission to choose the uniform for her year and she stated that the blue uniform was her choice and since you can no longer purchase them, and if you cannot borrow or purchase one from another member, then she stated black slacks or black skirt and white blouse. The new Ladies Auxiliary VFW logo pin may be purchased when available and worn in place of the pocket badge and on the black suit.

New By-Law and Ritual Books will be available as soon as they are printed.

Auxiliary Membership by District 2011 - 2012 September 12, 2011

Number	City	2011	2012	%	Number	City	2011	2012	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #7				
1	Denver	130	104	80	899	Alamosa	85	34	40
501	Denver	172	99	58	3228	Monte Vista	38	28	74
2461	Denver	114	78	68	4849	La Jara	46	31	67
2797	Denver	34	33	97	6101	San Luis	44	33	75
3971	Denver	51	24	47	8121	So Fork	90	77	86
5061	Denver	128	76	59	TOTAL	303	203	67%	
6616	Denver	74	53	72	DISTRICT #8				
TOTAL	703	467	66%		859	Leadville	33	17	52
DISTRICT #2					1166	Buena Vista	97	80	82
984	Trinidad	25	15	60	8661	Bailey	60	42	71
2643	Walsenburg	24	10	42	11411	Lake George	34	29	85
2788	Penrose	33	24	73	12009	Conifer	26	8	30
3641	Pueblo	86	54	63	TOTAL	250	176	70%	
4061	Canon City	252	119	47	DISTRICT #9				
5812	Pueblo West	22	14	64	4264	Stmbt Spgs	33	25	76
7305	Colo. City	35	14	40	4265	Craig	69	64	93
TOTAL	477	250	52%		5843	Meeker	37	24	65
DISTRICT #3					9374	Kremmling	15	11	73
41	Loveland	141	65	46	TOTAL	154	124	81%	
1771	Lafayette	392	326	83	DISTRICT #10				
1781	Ft. Collins	93	35	38	322	Englewood	120	57	48
2121	Greeley	106	71	67	3471	Morrison	50	25	50
2585	Johnstown	39	39	100*	3631	Aurora	118	68	58
2601	Longmont	299	240	80	4171	Golden	345	236	68
2841	Brighton	84	39	46	4331	Arvada	133	106	80
4334	Ault	41	26	63	4444	Cmmrc City	180	145	81
6011	Platteville	39	25	64	6331	Aurora	67	58	87
6624	Evans	197	149	76	7945	Thornton	254	187	74
9565	Broomfield	49	31	63	9014	So Lakewood	2	0	0
TOTAL	1480	1046	71%		9644	Fort Logan	382	276	72
DISTRICT #4					TOTAL	1651	1158	70%	
2551	Ft. Morgan	163	55	34	DISTRICT #11				
3541	Sterling	103	84	82	784	Montrose	32	18	56
4671	Wray	33	8	24	1247	Grnd Inctn	99	74	74
8064	Akron	39	8	21	3571	Delta	81	63	77
TOTAL	338	155	46%		4267	Gunnison	45	25	56
DISTRICT #5					4663	Clifton	87	62	71
101	Colo. Spgs.	54	44	81	9221	Cedaredge	73	61	84
3917	Security	256	210	82	9304	Silt	26	6	23
4051	Colo. Spgs	364	320	88	9333	Hotchkiss	28	11	39
5221	Calhan	32	24	75	TOTAL	471	320	67%	
6461	Fountain	104	84	81	DISTRICT #12				
7829	Monument	20	7	35	4031	Durango	83	49	59
10649	Elizabeth	19	7	37	5181	Dove Creek	45	22	49
TOTAL	849	696	81%		5231	Mancos	102	66	65
DISTRICT #6					9058	Nucla	25	19	76
336	Ordway	95	62	65	TOTAL	255	156	61%	
2411	LasAnimas	92	55	60	DISTRICT #13				
3621	Lamar	18	7	39	3411	Kit Carson	33	14	42
4001	Springfield	33	31	94	6491	Burlington	19	6	32
4091	Rocky Ford	34	16	47	6612	Hugo	69	24	35
4281	Holly	14	0	0	TOTAL	121	44	36%	
TOTAL	286	171	60%		15006	At Large	183	153	84%
Auxiliary Treasurers -					TOTAL DEPT.	7,521	5,119	68%	
Please send all Dues to					State Treasurer				
					Colleen Rylant				

National Convention Colorado Department Awards

Cancer Aid & Research

Cecelia Schoonover - Chairman

Award #8 - Keepsake to each Department Chairman with each Auxiliary contributing \$2 or more per member and received at National Headquarters by June 30, 2011

Veterans and Family Support

Carol Anderson - Chairman

Award #2 - Award to the Department with the best promotion of the National Military Service programs.

Extension

Ann Mauck - Chairman

Group 6 - Runner Up Outstanding Performance Award in each Membership Group based on criteria by the National Director.

Citation to each Department Chairman with at least 80% participation by Auxiliaries: All Membership quotas were met - Ginny Burris

Americanism - Eileen Vegoren

Cancer Aid & Research - Cecilia Schoonover

Hospital & VAVS - Charlotte Lattin

Legislative - Linda Stahly

Veterans and Family Support - Carol Anderson

Voice of Democracy / Patriot Pen - Caroline Gelatt

Youth - Janet Mills

Legislative

The National Legislative Service represents the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary on various issues before Congress. They are working hard to achieve our organizational National Priority Goals. The goals affect both our veterans and our military. The goals listed below are for 2011:

VA HEALTH CARE

Provide sufficient funding so the highest quality care is available for all veterans.

Ensure the many health care and benefits challenges facing OEF/OIF veterans are met.

Expand programs that improve specialized care for women veterans. Provide training to address shortfalls in gender-specific care and mental health care services.

VA BENEFITS & COMPENSATION

Ensure Congress provides resources to enable the VA to reduce claims backlog.

Adjust the VA's Schedule for Rating Disability to ensure veterans are adequately compensated.

Call on Congress to pass legislation that offers workable solutions, not quick fixes.

SEAMLESS TRANSITION

Encourage seamless transition for veterans transferring from DoD to VA to include electronic medical records.

Improve veteran's transition services and benefits to include training and education.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE

Call on Congress to remain fully committed to improving the quality of life for service members and their families.

Fully fund all programs that enable our troops to succeed in their mission.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT

Congress must immediately address the highest unemployment rates among veterans in recent history.

Ask Congress to pass legislation that will strengthen USERRA.

Urge Congress to mandate that all agencies reach the 3% government-wide procurement goal for Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses.

DEFENSE & HOMELAND SECURITY

Support troops and their mission to prosecute the war on terrorism.

Halt the development and/or proliferation of nuclear weapons or material.

Secure U.S. borders, shorelines and all ports of entry to the U.S.

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Seek to improve quality of life for troops, reservists and their families.

Provide a military base-pay raise to restore comparability with private sector wages.

Oppose any TRICARE fee increases.

POW/MIA

Achieve the fullest possible accounting of all U.S. military personnel from all wars.

Ensure the U.S. government keeps the POW/MIA issue elevated as a national priority.

Urge the President and Congress to fully fund the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

Additional information is available on the Weekly Legislative newsletter. Go to www.vfw.org and click on VFW in D.C. or go to www.ladiesauxvfw.org and click on programs, from there you will also find some additional websites with excellent information. WE HAVE TO BE THE VOICE OF OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY.

Caroline Gelatt
Department Legislative Chairman

Veterans and Family Support

This program is WHAT we are ... WHY we are... WHO we are. The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars was founded in 1914 with the goal of assisting veterans and their families. We are carrying on that tradition today with our Veterans and Family Support program.

Now is the time to start planning your fundraisers for these programs. I know that we have many creative minds in our state. Have a breakfast, a dinner, pass the hat, hold a bake sale, have a penny, nickel, dime or better yet a quarter drive. There are endless fundraising ideas.

Buddy Poppy— Our next big distribution day for Buddy Poppies is Veterans Day and only 2 months away. Now is the time to make sure you have ordered your Poppies and to contact your stores and distribution points to obtain permission to distribute our Poppies. Start recruiting your members and order "The Story of the Buddy Poppy" brochures from the VFW Supply Catalog. This is a great way to educate people about what the Poppy is and why it is so important to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

VFW National Home for Children—Support is given by:

- Sending in your 10 cents per member based on your June 2011 membership. Remember this is only a guide – more is always better.
- Clipping and sending in those Campbell labels.
- Purchasing a Life Membership

Operation Uplink – Support of this program helps our deployed military members and hospitalized veterans stay in contact with family. Also in these economically hard times please keep in mind that the Unmet Needs program is available.

Unmet Needs – Does someone in your post or auxiliary know of a veteran or military family experiencing financial hardship due to deployment or service? Offer assistance with an application for one of the grants available to help with mortgages, unexpected home or auto repairs.

President Cindy Anderson has come up with a project for "Make a Difference" Day. We would like auxiliaries to donate blankets, hats, gloves and personal items for the homeless. This is in place of the "Ugly Quilts" that were talked about at the July Parade of Programs. The same principle applies with the blankets being rolled and secured with a belt or cording. More on this at the next Parade of Programs.

The local Homeless Veterans Stand downs will be held again this year in October and November. These are not a Department or National Program. Your help is always appreciated to give these veterans a "Hand Up" not a "Hand Out". Remember that your auxiliary must vote on this project for it to be considered Community Service.

Remember it is our duty as members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to make sure that our veterans and their families are taken care with pride and dignity. Through their selfless service, they have earned it.

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

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Parade of Programs this year.

Nancy Russell
Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman

DRUMMING UP AWARENESS FOR CANCER



Auxiliary Ladies were given the opportunity to receive a cloth bag at the Parade of Programs in Longmont. They are to decorate the bag in any way but it must have a dream catcher on it.

Auxiliaries should put this bag out at all meetings and all special events for donations to President Cindy's pledge of \$45,000 to the cancer program. Collect money all year and send it to Department Treasurer Colleen.

Bring the bag back to the October Parade of Programs in Ft. Morgan for awards for the most creative bag and the most money collected so far in each membership group.

Remember, September is Prostate and Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, Childhood Cancer Month, Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Month and Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month.

Lennie Dolan
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

VFW National Home for Children HELP HOPE HONOR

News Release: More that \$150,000 raised for Guest Lodge bathrooms

Eaton Rapids, MI - With the help of generous donors from across the country, the Guest Lodge bathroom renovation project at the VFW National Home for Children has surpassed its goal of raising \$150,000. As of August 1, the project has raised \$151,000.

"With a project of this magnitude, every dollar helps. We are grateful to all the donors from across this great nation who helped us meet our goal," said National Home Executive Director Patrice Green. "That being said, I want to extend a special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary

under the leadership of National President Cortina Barnes. This project would not have been possible without their energy, leadership and dedication."

The project, which is now nearing completion, was launched by the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW under the leadership of President Barnes and called for renovating all 13 guest room bathrooms and the two public restrooms in the building.

Photos of the project, including the completed units, can be found online at www.vfwnationalhome.org/photos

Hospital Awards 2010-2011

Group I
5812 Pueblo West

Group II
7305 Colorado City

Group III
6101 San Luis

Group IV
3571 Delta

Group V
1247 Grand Junction

Group VI
5061 Denver

Group VII
1771 Lafayette

The above awards were not printed in the August Colorado Veteran

Thank You Colorado

Thanks so much for the flowers, cards and phone calls during my recent time in the Hospital. I am now home-the cards and prayers are so much appreciated.
I really do miss you.

Much Love, Helen Lenehan PNP