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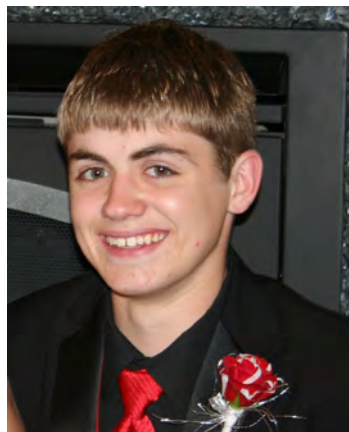
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District #5**

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District #2**

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District #10**

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District #13**

**5th Place Carson Leavitt
District #12**

Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?

There comes a time in the life of any generation when its members are forced to ask the simple question why? Why are they there? Why is this happening? This question usually comes at the lowest low, when all hope seems lost, the challenges they face seem insurmountable. Often it is only when they are faced with those challenges, and forced to ask that question, that they find the strength, the courage and the ability to be truly great. And it's because of this that I believe that my generation has a role to play in the future of America. And not just any role, I believe we will be faced with incredible challenges, we will find our courage and our leaders and we will overcome those challenges.

Today we are inundated with commentators, experts and the like barraging us with statistics that show us that this generation will be a failure. Our math scores are too low, our drug use too high. Our challenges are too great and our will too small. We're self-centered, lazy and lack the basic understanding of what it means to be an American. And yet that leaves me wondering how this generation is different than any other that we have seen throughout the history of our nation? After all the minutemen who overcame impossible odds to win the Revolution didn't exactly have the greatest math scores in the world, or they would have done some quick statistical work and laid down their arms. Admittedly, at first glance, this generation is self-centered. But consider this, what generation of young people is not self-centered? Do you think that the revolutionaries wanted to spend the prime of their lives in a war against impossible odds? No, in fact I would hazard a guess that their dreams were little different than ours. They wanted to get an education, a good paying job and find someone to settle down with. You see challenges unite us, force us to reassess and come together. And there is no doubt that this generation will face the challenges of divisive politics, an unstable world and a mounting national debt. Those are the challenges that will unite us, that will cause us to display the selflessness no one seems to think we are capable of.

A defining factor in the strength of our previous generations is one that no expert seems to pay attention to and no statistic can measure. It is the heart of an American, and a leader that will bring that heart out. It was that heart that emerged when the baby-boomer generation looked evil in the eye and didn't blink until the Soviet Union collapsed. And yet it had been only a decade before when President Jimmy Carter had proclaimed that America

faced a “crisis of confidence”. He was right; we did face a crisis of confidence. A crisis that was overcome by an inspiring leader who refused to budge one inch. Who told us that we were indeed looking at the face of evil and that we had to win, not that it would be nice to overcome this challenge, but that we had to overcome it. It was the turning point in a generation. I believe without a doubt that in the moment of crisis, when our need is the greatest, my generation will also find that leader and that courage.

Last of all I believe that we will overcome the challenges that we are presented with. My great grandfather was a member of the greatest generation. He lived through the Great Depression and wanted nothing more than to settle down with his family and live in peace. But the world had different ideas. Before he knew it he was fighting in the Pacific, fighting evil itself. The heart of that generation, their spirit, their unbelievable will, that's what makes us remember them and honor them. But I believe that same heart, that same spirit, same courage resides in me that was in my great grandfather. That the lessons I've learned from his story have showed me that within each of us is the will and the strength and the courage to be great Americans. I've seen it in the young men and women who dropped out of the Ivy League to fight a war in the desert that many people said simply wasn't worth fighting. You see my generation still has that heart, we have that courage and that selflessness. The role my generation must play will be defined by the same spirit and heart that has been in the generations before us and we will overcome the challenges we face.

In conclusion, we will be faced with challenges, find our leader and overcome them. We still have to answer the question “why?”. But I believe without a shadow of a doubt in my mind that we will play a good role, even a great role. I don't doubt that because I can't doubt that. The same way that the men who landed at Normandy couldn't doubt that the brother standing next to them would fight, bleed and die for his country. Just like the soldiers in Korea couldn't doubt that they were standing in the gap to prevent evil from spreading. Just like the soldiers in Vietnam couldn't doubt that they were doing the right thing, even when everyone else said it was a waste. I can't doubt the role that my generation has to play, because when you doubt yourself, doubt your heart, you just might live up to your own expectations.

**Shane Baumgardner
1st Place Voice of Democracy
Department of Colorado VFW**

MAY DISTRICT MEETINGS

1	5/21/11 Saturday	Post No. 5061 Denver	11:00 pm Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow (Election & Installation)	John Holland Linda Stahly
2	5/01/11 Sunday	Post No. 4061 Canon City	12:00 Meal 1:00 Meeting (Election & Installation of Officers)	Ron Davies Ginny Burris
3	5/01/11 Sunday	Post No. 1771 Lafayette	12:00 noon Meal 1:00 pm Meeting (Election & Installation)	Steve Rylant Colleen Rylant
8	5/14/11 Saturday	Post No. 12009 Conifer	12:00 noon Meal 1:00 pm Meeting Installation of Officers	Ron Davies Cindy Anderson
10	5/15/11 Sunday	Post No. 4171 Golden	1:00 pm (Election of Officers) Dinner and Installation	Ron Davies Carla Vaglianti
11	5/01/11 Sunday	Post No. 4663 Clifton	9:00 am Registration 10:00 am Memorial Service Joint Session 12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Meeting (Election & Installation)	D J Alberts Carolyn Simon

Loyalty Day Parade May 7th Calhan, CO (line up 10:00 am - Parade 11:00 am)
Mother's Day is May 8th

Hotel Information for April COA

Holiday Inn Express, 3418 Mariposa Street 719-589-4026 Code: Alamosa VFW

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Comfort Inn, 6301 US 160 719-587-9000

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Best Western Alamosa Inn, 2005 Main Street 719-589-2567

Inn of the Rio Grande, 333 Santa Fe Ave 719-589-5833

Days Inn, 224 O'Keefe Parkway 719-589-9037

Lamplighter Inn, 425 Main Street 719-589-6636

MARCH DISTRICT MEETINGS

1	3/26/11 Saturday	Post No. 2797 Denver	11:00 am Meal Meeting to follow	Ron Davies Carolyn Simon
3	3/06/11 Sunday	Post No. 9741 Dacono	12:00 Meal Meeting to follow (Mtg at the Frederick Am Legion)	Bruce Dolan Ginny Burris
10	3/20/11 Sunday	Post No. 9644 Sheridan	Breakfast 11:00 am Memorial Service Meeting	Jim Mauck Ann Mauck

**March 5th - 9th
March 12th** VOD and Legislative Conf., Washington DC
Youth Awards Carnival - Golden #4171

APRIL DISTRICT MEETINGS

3	4/10/11 Sunday	Post No. 41 Loveland	12:00 Meal 1:00 Joint Memorial Meeting to follow	John Holland Jo Najera
4	4/10/11 Sunday	Post No. 3378 Yuma	11:00 am Memorial Service 12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Meeting (Election & Installation of Officers)	Bruce Dolan Carla Vaglianti
5	4/10/11 Sunday	Post No. 4051 Colo Spgs	1:00 pm Lunch Meeting to follow (Election & Installation of Officers)	Ron Davies Cindy Anderson
6	4/23/11 Saturday	Post 336 Ordway	12:00 noon meal 1:00 pm Meeting (Election and Installation of Officers)	Jim Lafferty Cindy Anderson
7	4/10/11 Sunday	Post No. 4849 Antonito	12:00 noon meal 1:00 Meeting (Election & Installation of Officers)	Dick Wellensiek Carolyn Simon
8	4/16/11 Saturday	Post No. 11411 Lake George	12:00 noon meal 1:00 Meeting Memorial Service Election of Officers	Jim Lafferty Linda Stahly
9	4/02/11 Saturday	Post No. 4265 Craig	11:00 am Meeting Lunch to follow (Election & Installation of Officers)	Bruce Dolan Cindy Anderson
12	4/10/11 Sunday	Post No. 5181 Dove Creek	11:00 am Joint meeting 12:00 noon Lunch Memorial service Meeting to follow (Election & Installation of Officers)	D J Alberts Cindy Anderson
13	4/10/11 Sunday	Post No. 6491 Burlington	2:00 pm (Election Officers) Lunch after installation	Jim Lafferty Ginny Burris

April 2 - 8 Mid-Winter Conference - Alamosa, CO Post 899
Palm Sunday is April 17 Easter is April 24
UVC Banquet April 10, 2011 Sunday 3:30 pm cash bar 5:00 pm Dinner
Renaissance Denver Hotel 3801 Quebec Street

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District Meetings

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THANK YOU
EDITOR

Commander's Column D. J. Alberts



Comrades!

If you read this column within a few days of receipt of the *Colorado Veteran*, you should

know that I and a few other Department officers and Program Chairs will be in D.C., to, among other things, lobby the Colorado Congressional Delegation for issues important to the National VFW and our Department. There are two unusual highlights of this conference: a session devoted to Women Veterans and one devoted to finding out what the VFW offers our recently minted combat vets from Iraq and Afghanistan. Hopefully, both of these sessions will produce actionable results that can help all of us to do a better job of recruiting and retaining women and younger generation vets into our Posts here in Colorado. If these sessions are productive, I plan on holding seminar sessions at the April 2-3 COA. Stay tuned.

As of January 31, one Department had already achieved 100% in membership. That Department is Europe, but Europe has some rather marked tactical advantages in recruiting recent combat zone returning vets. We here in Colorado have slipped to the number 10 position, but please don't let that little bit of slippage deter you in your efforts to recruit or re-up lapsed members. On a percentage basis, we are not doing badly for this time of year, and more and more Posts are attaining 100%. In fact, District 5 is up to the high 90s and within striking distance, something unusual in the non-MIP era. By the time you read this, I feel confident that District 5 will be the first District to achieve 100%. This performance has been driven by the efforts of many within the District, led by Commander Bob Kidd,

and most notably by the Commander of Post 7829, Tony Wolusky: that Post is over 200% and climbing. Of course, the Department Membership Chairman, Dr. Fat Albert (aka Jim Mauck) once again has already excelled, personally recruiting over 50 new and reinstates. (NOTE TO ALL OTHER DISTRICT COMMANDERS: Just because you can't be first this year, don't let that stop you—keep pressing your Posts to get you over the top!)

My personal thanks goes out to those Life Members who have answered my appeal for funds to fully fund our Department budget this year. While still short of my projected goal, checks continue to come into the Department. If you haven't responded, please consider doing so. *Oh, and one more thing for Life Members:* have you considered upgrading your membership by taking advantage of the Legacy Life Program? (I have, and will, sometime this year—that's a promise!)

Last but not least, while visiting various Districts as Department Representative, I have been privileged to hear many of the participants and District winners in both the Patriot Pen and VOD programs present their respective entries. And for those of you who could not attend the Department VOD dinner, you missed something special. I am very glad that I was not a judge: such quality is hard to differentiate, let alone rank. Please pass on my congratulations and thanks to all of the fine young people who participated at your Posts. (National has already put next year's topics on its web site, so just like I'm sure the Pgh. Steelers are doing, you can start working on next year now!)

Yours in Comradeship,
D. J. Alberts
Department Commander

Quartermaster's Column Dick Wellensiek



Comrades, it is that time of the year again, as a Post or District Quartermaster,

you must fill out an Election Report with all lines filled. The Adjutant and Service Officers are appointed by the Commander, so therefore an Elected Officer can hold these offices. You must send an Election Report to Department Headquarters and National Headquarters, and keep one on file at the Post. We will send a copy to your District Commander.

You can get the Election Report on the VFW Department web site, which is www.vfwcolodept.org. You can download the form and fill it out legible by hand, or if you are a computer person, you can follow directions and fill it out on line and send a copy to Department Headquarters and National Headquarters and then print a copy for your Post files.

Don't wait until the nominating meeting night to decide who will be nominated. Form a nomination committee to find and make sure that the nominees want to take the position, know their job description, and are willing and ready to do the job! Try this and you might find that nominations might really go Smooth!

Get your Election Report to Department Headquarters as soon after Election as possible. Remember, Elections have to

be in April or May, not March. "Why you Ask", because in the By-laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual Book it says "Elections may be not less than 20 nor more than 60 days prior to the convening of the Department Convention, but shall not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed".

Remember, if all previous officers of the Post quit after election, which happens, you must do what you have to do to keep the Post running! Learn Your Job Sooner!

Do you know why I harp on Election Reports? Because in the 6 years I have been Department Quartermaster, we have never gotten the Department Roster Books out on time, because, we don't have every Post and District Election Report!

It is good practice to make sure that your Post Officers have a Podium edition of the Congressional Charter By-Laws Manual of Procedure Ritual book. At least read the By-Laws and Manual of Procedures sections on Posts, the Ritual section pertains to any Ritual the VFW has!

Please, Help Me Out Here, Let's Get The Roster Book Out on Time!

Thank You
Dick Wellensiek
Your Department Quartermaster

Sr. Vice Column Ron Davies



This time of the year is very exciting for me. It is nomination and election time in the VFW world. All Posts and Districts

should begin the process this month with nominations. The April meeting should conclude the nomination process and elections held.

To all the newly elected officers and appointee's please remember that "Communication" is a key word at the Post, District and Department levels. There should be no one Person, Post or District that should feel either by their own doing or someone else's that they are out on an island and not part of the bigger picture. Your members should feel they are a valuable part of your Post, your Post should all feel they have a roll to play at the District level and you all should feel pride for your Department and National officers who by the way are ALL working towards the betterment of veterans. Post Commanders, if you are not involved with

your Districts please get there, District Commanders if you are not involved with the Posts in your Districts you need to be. PLEASE! Posts and their members are the life blood of the VFW and if you are not demanding that Post Commanders or their designee attend your District meetings so they can bring vital information back to their members, PLEASE find a way to get them there. I will promise you that if any Post or District Commander contacts me with a call for assistance I'll be there. If I see any Post or District floating out on an island and not wanting to be or not being allowed to be part of our GREAT organization I will also be there.

One other item that I would like you all to work on before June, .0086%... I don't have the exact figures but that is close to the percentage of members in Colorado that attended the State Convention in Denver this past June. WHY! Someone needs to explain to me why the indifference towards this event, please. Thank you!

Ron Davies
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Jr Vice Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings,
I hope this finds everyone well.
I heard a clock ticking awhile

ago. It reminded me that we are now in the 8th month of the current year 2010-2011. Is your Post or District 100% in membership? There are 22 Posts that are 100% or better and one Post that is actually at 215%. Great job. Now the rest of us. We are approximately 1250 short of being 100% in the Department. That means if each member of each Post would contact someone who hasn't paid their dues for this year and got only 50% of them to pay their dues; we would be in excellent shape. I think this would be great for this department and all of our members.

I just read a report about homeless veterans and emergency shelter. How sad! 1 in every 168 is homeless and spent at least one night in a shelter. 96% of homeless veterans are alone. Homeless

veterans tend to stay in shelters longer than non-veterans. The VA Secretary and the President have both said they will end veterans homelessness in 5 years. (2015). I urge everyone to contact your elected officials and remind them we do not need to cut the VA budget and plan on ending veterans being homeless. In fact, cutting the VA budget is out of the question.

As I've traveled around the state I've been asked where to find information on different Veteran benefits. This past week I received an email address that is pretty good, www.colorado.gov/cvr. It's called the Colorado Veterans Resource Information Clearing House. Also, you can go on line to your Colorado Veterans Newsletter site and find great information.

Also, the VA has come out with new Enhanced VA benefits for CAREGIVERS. Contact your Service Officer for details.

Please pray for our Veterans and Troops in harms way.

Bruce R. Dolan
Department Jr. Vice Commander

Annual VFW Publication Contest

All Districts and VFW Posts that have Newsletters are eligible to enter the 2011 VFW Publication contest

Issues published between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010 are eligible

Entry forms must be into VFW Department Headquarters by March 31, 2011

**Contact Department Headquarters for entry forms
303-421-1630 ASAP**

Winning Post & District newsletter will be entered into the National Contest

**Next Council of Administration Meeting
April 2 - 3, 2011
VFW Post #899 Alamosa**

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

**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5
March 1, 2011 2010-2011**

Please remind all Posts that you MUST be 100% +1 to qualify for All State. Deadline is April 30, 2011. Entry forms will be mailed to all that qualify.

1. As prescribed by Sec 217 & Sec 221 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, Posts having two (2) meetings a month will hold nominations at the first meeting in April with elections at the next regular in April. While Posts with only (1) one meeting a month will hold nominations in March and elections in April and that all members must be notified of such elections.

2. Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers: All Posts, Districts and Department should be reminded of the provisions of Sec. 216(c), 316, 414(c), and 515(d) of the National By-Laws and Manual or procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until such proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Adjutant for review.

3. Registration for the VFW National Convention: Each Post will pay, in advance, a national registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the national convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee. In accordance with the requirements of Sec 222 of the National Constitution and By-Laws. Delegate fees should be sent directly to the Quartermaster General at National Headquarters.

4. Attention is directed to Sec. 213 of the National By-Laws concerning arrearages of Posts for National, Department, or District Dues, National Convention registration, poppy money, supply money or other financial obligations, or failure to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703 of the National By-Laws, or failure to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit or Post Election Reports. Posts that are delinquent in any of the aforementioned shall be deprived of all representation in County Council meetings, District, Department and National Conventions.

5. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Sec. 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees. Trustees Report of Audit must be completed by the Trustees, in detail, at the close of each quarter, one of which ends March 31st. Commanders are reminded that all funds are to be under the

custody and control of the Post Quartermaster. Persons other than the Post Quartermaster who may handle Post funds, such as club manager, bingo chairman, or committee chairmen are responsible to the Post Quartermaster to maintain accurate records and accounts and should be properly bonded. Post Trustees are to ensure that the financial records of these special funds are also audited in the same manner as the other accounts of the Post Quartermaster.

6. Commanders on all levels should begin organizing their 2011 Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. To qualify for Post All American, VFW Posts must order a minimum of five (5) Buddy Poppies per member for the program year from Department Headquarters.

7. All-State Commanders and Quartermasters. Entry forms for All-State Commanders and Quartermasters will be mailed to all qualified persons. Posts and Districts must be 100% + 1 in membership by April 30, 2011, in order for the Commanders and/or Quartermasters to be eligible for this award. The Commander's Department Leadership Manual, along with the entry form, must arrive at Department Headquarters not later than close of business on Monday May 09, 2011, to be judged. Post Quartermasters need only submit the entry form by the same deadline date.

8. Council of Administration meeting will be April 3, 2011 at VFW Post No. 899, 519 Main St., Alamosa, 9:00 am for Joint Meeting. Pre-Council meeting will be April 2 at the Post home 3:00 pm.

9. State Convention is scheduled for Security, Colorado, June 15 through June 18, 2011. See Page 8 of the Colorado Veteran for pre-registration, golf, hotels and Convention Book ads.

10. The Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Loyalty Day Parade will be in Calhan, CO., Saturday May 7, 2011 10:00 am line-up time. Please contact Jim Crim 719-541-2650 or Rowland Hannon 719-347-2522 for further information.

11. Applications for the Department State Convention Site for 2012 can be obtained by contacting State Adj./Qm. Dick Wellensiek, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, CO. 80214, (303) 421-1630. A check for \$300.00 deposit must accompany the bid application.

ATTEST BY:
Richard L. Wellensiek, State Adj./Qm.

BY COMMAND:
Donald J. Alberts, State Commander

**Surgeon's Column
James Lafferty**



We are nearing the end of our year now. We need to make sure that we keep all of our veterans in our minds and our prayers. They all need our help and

we should be there to help them.

There are always new things that are coming up for the health of our veterans and it is for all of the veterans.

Everyone needs to remember that no matter if the person did serve in a hazard

zone or in the back area, they are still veterans. A person does not sign up to serve just to stay back in the safe area, they sign up to serve no matter where. The need to be informed of the help that they can get for serving too.

I have tried to keep up with all the things for the veterans and I hope that I have done just that.

Working for All Veterans

Jim Lafferty
Department Surgeon

**Chaplain's Column
John Holland**



To honor the dead by helping the living...

The Founders of the VFW had it right. If we do not help veterans (and active duty) we are not following the directions given us by those that felt

a need for an organization such as ours.

The VFW has many programs that are worthy of our efforts, and our donations. My favorite is the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program. It is absolutely inspiring to see the students, both here in Colorado, and in Washington D.C.

However, dollar for dollar, the National Military Services Program DOES SOMETHING for active duty, and recently discharged personnel, and their families.

Operation Uplink has connected over 5 MILLION calls home. My favorite aspect is the fact that our Ladies Auxiliary pays for calls on Mothers Day.

MAP helps us to fund functions that involve active duty personnel, and their families on their way to, or on their way

back from deployment.

Unmet Needs is a very aptly named program. Imagine the Soldier returning to Ft Carson that finds out that the spouse has been anything but supportive during his or her absence... Unmet needs might just have a way to give a hand up.

Our military stands between us and the forces that would take our precious freedoms from us. We need to honor those who preceded us by helping the living, Today.

National Military Services is ALWAYS looking for money. We, the Departments have lots of ways to help them spend the donations they receive.

If you, your Post, or Auxiliary (Ladies or Mens) don't know how to send money to National, we at Department will be more than happy to send it on.

Please Contribute!

Welcome Home

John Holland
Department Chaplain

Legislative Update:

First and foremost, the leadership of the House has changed hands from Democrat to Republican with 193 and 242 members respectively in the new 112th Congress. The Democrats retain control of the Senate but the chamber's composition is now more evenly balanced with 51 Democrats, 47 Republicans, and 2 independent members. Many committees relative to VFW concerns and issues have new leaders. .

Our VFW Commander-in-Chief Richard Eubanks will brief the Joint Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committee during the Mar 5th to Mar 9th Annual Legislative conference. Members of the Colorado VFW delegation will brief our Colorado Congressional members.

You must contact your District Representative member and our state Senators and voice your support of VFW 2011 Primary Goals. Dnn't wait!. Act nowt

- The planned recesses when they should be in state are as follows:
- Week of Feb 21 (both chambers)
- Weeks of April 18 & April 25 (both chambers)
- Week of May 16 (House only)
- Week of May 30 (Senate only)
- Weeks at June 6 & June 27 (House only)
- July 4 (Senate)
- Week of July 18 (House only)
- Weeks of Aug 8 thru Sep 5 (both chambers)
- Week of Sept 26 (both chambers)
- Week of Oct 17 (House only)
- Week of Oct 24 (Senate only)
- Weeks of Nov 7 & Nov 21 (House only)

Warren Tellgren
VFW National Legislative Committee

National Military Services/MAP Silent Auction

At Silent auction will be held at the Council meeting in April in Alamosa

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VFW Post 2601, 1771 and Auxiliaries for Scholarship Donations

VFW Post 5241 Mancos for Liberty Jacket Donation

VFW Post Membership by District as of February 24, 2011

Number/City	2010	2011	%	Number/City	2010	2011	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	696	675	97	859 Leadville	44	42	95
501 Denver	477	415	87	1166 Buena Vista	195	179	92
2461 Denver	170	174	102*	3820 Salida	125	119	95
2797 Denver	58	60	103*	8661 Bailey	172	161	94
3971 Denver	117	114	97	10721 Minturn	102	93	91
5061 Denver	483	386	80	11411 Lake George	52	48	92
6616 Denver	177	158	89	12009 Conifer	80	79	99
TOTAL	2178	1982	91%	TOTAL	770	721	94%
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
61 Pueblo	135	122	90	2371 Walden	50	42	84
984 Trinidad	84	81	96	3311 Oak Creek	32	31	97
2643 Walsenburg	54	47	87	4264 Steamboat Spgs	109	96	88
2788 Penrose	70	61	87	4265 Craig	169	160	95
3641 Pueblo	120	116	97	5261 Rangely	15	13	87
4061 Canon City	472	443	94	5843 Meeker	46	49	107*
5812 Pueblo West	177	173	98	9374 Kremmling	47	42	89
7305 Colo. City	50	49	98	9471 Hayden	11	11	100*
8301 Pueblo	13	10	77	TOTAL	479	444	93%
8898 Boone	57	54	95	DISTRICT #10			
12063 Westcliffe	53	58	109*	322 Englewood	145	132	91
TOTAL	1285	1214	94%	3471 Morrison	102	89	87
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	335	330	99	3631 Aurora	410	382	93
807 Boulder	72	70	97	4121 Idaho Spgs.	77	73	95
1771 Lafayette	421	375	89	4171 Golden	657	586	89
1781 Ft. Collins	348	331	95	4266 Parker	45	61	136*
2121 Greeley	234	221	94	4331 Arvada	308	281	91
2585 Johnstown	107	91	85	4444 Cmmrc Cty	276	263	95
2601 Longmont	567	574	101*	4666 Littleton	158	154	97
2841 Brighton	199	184	92	6331 Aurora	142	123	87
4334 Ault	87	81	93	7563 Black Hawk	22	18	82
6011 Platteville	75	73	97	7945 Thornton	482	457	95
6624 Evans	326	310	95	8449 Bennett	34	37	109*
7206 Louisville	36	32	89	9644 Fort Logan	630	514	82
9565 Broomfield	145	139	96	10736 Fdr Heights	31	28	90
9741 Dacono	34	32	94	TOTAL	3519	3198	91%
TOTAL	2986	2843	95%	DISTRICT #12			
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	309	292	95	784 Montrose	139	133	96
3378 Yuma	81	79	98	1247 Grnd Jnctn	345	323	94
3541 Sterling	141	131	93	3571 Delta	78	79	101*
3551 Brush	48	47	98	3981 Grnd Jnctn	140	134	96
3951 Ovid	29	28	97	4041 Ouray	20	19	95
3961 Otis	30	29	97	4267 Gunnison	139	123	88
4191 Crook	26	25	96	4663 Clifton	100	93	93
4671 Wray	72	72	100*	5485 Parachute	62	59	95
6482 Holyoke	80	73	91	9221 Cedaredge	143	135	94
7153 Fleming	45	45	100*	9304 Rifle	41	37	90
8064 Akron	53	57	107*	9333 Hotchkiss	41	40	98
TOTAL	914	878	96%	TOTAL	1248	1175	94%
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #14			
101 Colo. Spgs.	433	433	100*	4031 Durango	253	238	94
3917 Security	724	708	98	5181 Dove Creek	51	47	92
4051 Colo. Spgs	845	796	94	5231 Mancos	93	86	92
5221 Calhan	84	89	106*	5241 Cortez	79	74	94
6051 Wldnd Park	48	45	94	6068 Dolores	48	45	94
6461 Fountain	270	266	99	9058 Nucla	31	30	97
7829 Monument	39	84	215*	9398 Norwood	23	23	100*
9669 Colo. Spgs.	59	61	103*	9695 Pagosa Spgs	42	38	90
10649 Elizabeth	43	43	100*	TOTAL	620	581	94%
TOTAL	2545	2525	99%	DISTRICT #15			
DISTRICT #6				DISTRICT #16			
336 Ordway	126	118	94	3411 Kit Carson	26	23	88
2411 LasAnimas	118	114	97	6491 Burlington	85	77	91
3621 Lamar	60	61	102*	6492 Seibert	11	11	100*
4001 Springfield	51	53	104*	6612 Hugo	61	55	90
4091 Rocky Ford	84	78	93	9491 Deer Trail	27	27	100*
4281 Holly	37	34	92	9700 Chynn Wlls	40	42	105*
TOTAL	476	458	96%	TOTAL	250	235	94%
DISTRICT #7				DISTRICT #17			
899 Alamosa	175	160	91	15006 MAL	2145	2011	94%
3228 Monte Vista	51	47	92	TOTAL DEPT	19866	18681	94%
4849 La Jara	71	67	94	Is your Post 100%?			
6101 San Luis	86	73	85	Have you paid your 2011 dues?			
8121 Del Norte	68	69	101*				
TOTAL	451	416	92%				

MEMBERSHIP 2010-2011

First let us Congratulate Joe Gallegos, Post #5061 Commander 2009-2010, for his All American Award that was awarded at National Convention last August. This is an award not only for the Post Commander, but for the entire VFW Post. All of the members worked very hard to earn this award and it belongs to the entire VFW Post.

Your Post or District can attain this All American status for 2010-2011 if you achieve all the guidelines set out by National Headquarters. Then the entire State of Colorado needs to work on obtaining All American for our State Commander and that also recognizes the entire state for their accomplishments. Contact me at 303-588-7518 and I will inform you of the National guidelines if you have not looked them up in the Commander's Handbook that is on the Colorado Web site www.vfwcolodept.org.

Colorado membership has slowed down a little. Please use the list of names with phone numbers, emails, address that I mailed to Post Quartermasters. Some of them have not paid their 2011 dues, some 2010, some 2009, so some will be reinstates and some continuous. If your Post Quartermaster does not have the list, call me and I will send one to the Post Commander, Quartermaster or Member-

ship Chairman. We have a Department Commander that deserves the chance to be the one that receives the cap that says Colorado is an All American Department. We also, again this year, have Post and District Commanders that have worked hard and also deserve to receive the cap for their VFW Post or District.

We have Membership Assistants in all Districts that you can call upon to help with recruiting. Their phone numbers are in the Department Roster Book. Or you can call me and I will call someone in your District and ask them to assist you.

Just a reminder, your Post needs to be 100% + 1 members by April 15, 2011 to qualify for All State Commander or All State Quartermaster. This award is presented at State Convention and like the All American Award it is for the entire membership. The Commander or Quartermaster gets to wear the cap. District also may be awarded an All State Commander. All of the requirements are in the Colorado Leadership book.

If you have any questions call me now while there is still time. But please do not call me between 1:30 to 2:30 pm, that is my nap time (ha ha).

Jim Mauck
Dr. Fat Albert
Department Membership Director



Richard L. DeNoyer
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

National Representative to April C of A

Richard L. DeNoyer was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on August 26, 2010, at the VFW's 111th National Convention, held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

DeNoyer served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1960-1982 including a tour in Vietnam, July 1966-July 1967, attached to Ammunition Co., Force Logistics Support Group "A", 3rd Marine Division. His decorations include the Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Drill Instructor Ribbon. During his Marine Corps career he received a bachelor's degree from Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Mass.

DeNoyer joined the VFW in 1981 at Post 1012 in Medford, Mass., where he maintains his life membership. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department (state) levels culminating with his elec-

tion as Department Commander in 2000-2001. He also has served on numerous national committees and as chairman of the Eastern States Conference.

After his military retirement, DeNoyer served as a national service officer for American Veterans of World War II organization. In 1988, DeNoyer began working for Paralyzed Veterans of America as a national service officer, senior benefit advocate and national field director as well as supervising the Boston office and nine offices in the Northeast.

DeNoyer is a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, Marine Corps Mustang Association, Marine Corps League, U.S. Marine Corps Drill Instructors Association, Retired Officers Association and Masons.

Rich and his wife Theresa have two children and six grandchildren; they make their home in Middleton, Mass.

TAPS

Post 41: Courtland K. Hoffman
Post 501: Marlin A. Kelly
Post 807: Richard Lee Chase, Sr.
Post 1247: Floyd Kelly, Jr., John M. Pasnick, John Montrone, Berwyn H. Pollock, Michael Gandy
Post 2551: Ralph L. Amen, Vernon H. Dalluge, William G. Gonzales, Floyd O. Nichols, James F. Schantz, Robert L. Schwindt, Robert L. Schwindt, John S. Stratton, Earl D. Wilson
Post 2797: Cilimon "Phil" E. Ruybal, Frank Lopez
Post 3631: Cullen T. Carter
Post 3641: James B. Coudayre, Ed D. Hoffman, Orville Myers, Ronald R. Spicer
Post 3820: Clyde M. Sundstrom
Post 3981: Betty I. Calhoun, Jerome K. Aigner
Post 5181: Alfred C. Phelps
Post 9398: Albert Lawson, George E. Capps, John Gorliak, John McCallum, Thomas Scarbrough, Harold E. Orey

Please send all dues to National Headquarters
Do not hold - send as often as possible - if paid at the Post
Quartermasters can transmit via the internet
If you need help, call 303-421-1630
Department Headquarters
Internet is faster than snail mail



L-R: National Director Steve Van Buskirk; Department Ladies Auxiliary Chairman Caroline Gelatt; Department VFW Commander D. J. Alberts; Gretel Skelton (District #10); Shane Baumgardner (District #5); Hayden Schwab (District #2); Department President Carolyn Simon; Riley Holmes (District #13); VFW Department Chairman David Stone. Carson Leavitt (District #12) was unable to attend the Voice of Democracy Awards Banquet. Pikes Peak VFW Post #4051 and Ladies Auxiliary hosted the Banquet January 29th in Colorado Springs. 1st Place Shane Baumgardner will be going to Washington D C March 5 - 9, National Awards.



Dean K. Phillips Memorial #5061, Denver, World War II Veterans.

Front Row, L-R: Joseph Rodriguez, John Atencio, Ludvick Pecaric, Walter Colby, J.W. Turner, Lawrence (Bud) Carlson, Frank Shupe

Back Row, L-R: John Harrington, Lloyd Carda, Jose (Joe) Romero, Richard (Bart) Griffith, Gerald Tokie, Marty Ankenbrook, Raymone Redmann, Andrew (Andy) Fenner, Robert Polski.



The 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment held its annual Saint Barbara Day Ball December 15, 2010. Donna Watkins, center, was inducted into the Molly Pitcher Society who is named after Mary Hays McCauly an artillery wife who followed her husband into battle. She delivered water to the American Soldiers and ultimately manned an artillery piece when her husband was killed and his crew were wounded.



Charley Watkins, 5th from the left, was inducted into the Order of Saint Barbara by LTC Gary Graves, Commander of 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment. The Ball Denver 15, 2010, is to honor the Field Artillery's Patron Saint Barbara and to induct members into two Honorable Artillery Societies. Charley is Department VFW Chief of Staff and a member of Cheyenne Mountain VFW #3917 Security. Charley and Donna volunteer many hours to "Welcome Home" returning military.



Department Quartermaster and Department Jr. Vice Commander Bruce Dolan participated in a Flag Dedication and raising ceremony at ConAgra Mills November 18, 2010. Jr. Vice Cmdr. Dolan is an employee of ConAgra Mills and he and Qm. Wellensiek were very honored to take part in the festivities of the morning. ConAgra Mills is a Processing Company of hard wheat and soft wheat. Jr. Vice Cmdr. Dolan can tell you everything you would like to know about the flour you use in your everyday cooking and eating.

**State President's Winter Wonderland
February 5, 2011**



Kit Carson Auxiliary #3411 70th Anniversary. L-R: Jenny Schreivogel, Anna Gunderson, Mary Ellen Davis, Elsiemae White, Judy Jacobs, Betsy Evans.

State Qm. Dick Wellensiek presenting 75th Anniversary certificate to Yuma VFW #3378. Commander John Barker, center, and Wilbur Snelling, far right.

District 4 Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen Essay Winners. President Carolyn Simon, far left, and Commander D J Alberts, far right.



State Surgeon Jim Lafferty presenting a donation check from the VFW to Susan Barnhart, Pueblo VA Community Living Center Coordinator; and, La Vonne Garrison, Voluntary Service Specialist.

Irvin Krueger, VFW Post 4121 Idaho Springs was presented his 65 year membership pin by Post Commander Gene Eddy. Irv joined the VFW in 1946 shortly after returning from service in the Pacific during WWII. Post records show that Irv served as Post Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant and trustee. Irv is presently serving as Jr Vice Commander.

District 3 Patriot's Pen winners, top, and Voice of Democracy, bottom. President Carolyn Simon, far left and Commander D J Alberts, far right.

2011 State Convention

The sign up has a dead line of April 30, 2011. I know that this seems to be very early but look this year is almost over and April will be here way too soon. We will need to have all teams be a full team (4 players) at time of registration.

We are looking for any Posts or Districts within the Department that would like to sponsor a golf hole. The sponsorship is \$100.00 per hole.

Department of Colorado Convention Golf Tournament on 15th June 2011
Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course (Ft Carson)

This will be a 4 Member Team Best ball format, shotgun start @ 8:00 am

Registration:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

The cost is \$55.00 a person. This will include one round of golf with cart, Lunch, and goody bag.

Registration needs to be received by April 30, 2011

Make all checks to VFW Post #3917

Send to: Robert M Kidd Sr

4114 Morley Cir

Colorado Springs, Co 80916

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION
SECURITY, CO. JUNE 15TH THRU 18TH, 2011.

NAME: _____

Post #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OFFICE/POSTION/TITLE: _____

Pre-Registration is \$15.00, and will include a ditty bag, convention book, and convention pin.

Make checks to: VFW POST #3917

Mail to: Robert M Kidd Sr. 4114 Morley Cir, Colorado Springs, CO 80916-2831.

REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS WILL BE READY UPON ARRIVAL IN COLORADO SPRINGS.

Registration at the Convention will be \$17.00

If you wish to pre-purchase your Banquet: Cost will be \$20.00 each.

Oven Fried Chicken Number of tickets: _____

Roast Beef AU JUS Number of tickets: _____

LADIES AUXILIARY CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION for
SECURITY, CO. JUNE 15TH thru 18TH, 2011.

NAME: _____

Ladies Auxiliary #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OFFICE/POSTION/TITLE: _____

Pre-Registration is \$10.00, this will include a ditty bag, convention book and convention pin.

Make checks to VFW POST #3917.

Mail to: Robert M Kidd Sr. 4114 Morley Cir, Colorado Springs, CO 80916-2831.

REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS WILL BE READY UPON ARRIVAL IN COLORADO SPRINGS.

Registration at the Convention will be \$12.00

If you wish to pre-purchase your Banquet: Cost will be \$20.00 each.

Oven Fried Chicken Number of tickets: _____

Roast Beef AU JUS Number of tickets: _____

MENS AUXILIARY CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION
SECURITY, CO. JUNE 15TH THRU 18TH, 2011.

NAME: _____

Mens Auxiliary #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OFFICE/POSTION/TITLE: _____

Pre-Registration is \$15.00, this will include a ditty bag, convention book, and convention pin.

Make checks to: VFW POST #3917

Mail to Robert M Kidd Sr. 4114 Morley Cir, Colorado Springs, CO 80916-2831.

REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS WILL BE READY UPON ARRIVAL IN COLORADO SPRINGS.

Registration at the Convention is \$17.00

If you wish to pre-purchase your Banquet: Cost will be \$20.00 each.

Oven Fried Chicken Number of tickets: _____

Roast Beef AU JUS Number of tickets: _____

Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

Mar. 6	George B. Williams	#2841	Brighton
13	John S. Stewart	# 1	Denver
20	Joseph J. Jacques	#7945	Thornton
27	Longs Peak	#2601	Longmont

Apr. 3	Aurora	#3631	Aurora
10	John S. Stewart	# 1	Denver
17	Arvada	#4331	Arvada
24	Golden	#4171	Golden

May 1	Francis Brown Lowry	# 501	Denver
8	Dean K Phillips	#5061	Denver
15	So Denver	#2461	Denver
22	John S. Stewart	# 1	Denver
29	Golden	#4171	Golden

This schedule will be published every Colorado Veteran. Plan to bring enough for both the Protestant and Catholic Services. Coffee will be supplied to the Hosts, you may bring juice if you wish.

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.

State Convention Hotels

Holiday Inn	1855 Aeroplaza Dr.	719-380-8516
Holiday Inn Express	1815 Aeroplaza Dr.	719-591-6000
Comfort Inn	2115 Aerotech Dr.	719-380-9000
Super 8	1790 Aeroplaza Dr.	719-570-0505
Americas Best Value Inn	1780 Aeroplaza Drive	719-574-7707

(mention VFW or Veterans of Foreign Wars when making reservations)

State Convention Book Ads

Full Page	8 1/2 x 11	\$100.00
Half Page	8 1/2 x 5 1/2	\$ 75.00
Fourth Page	8 1/2 x 2 3/4	\$ 25.00
Business Card	3 1/2 x 2	\$ 20.00

Ads should be camera ready and include artwork
Deadline is May 11, 2011

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Ad Size ___ Full ___ Half ___ Fourth ___ Business Card

Mail all Ads to Robert Kidd, Convention Book Chairman, 4114 Morley Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80916

MOC and MOCA Grand Convention

April 8 - 9, 2011 VFW Post #3917 Security

April 8 Friday Registration	4 - 6:00 pm	\$12.00	pre-registration is \$10.00
Friday Night Dinner	6:00 pm		
Friday Night -	7:00 pm		MOC & MOCA meeting
April 9 Saturday Registration	7:00 -10:00 am	\$12.00	
Saturday Breakfast	7:30 - 9:00 am		
Joint Memorial Service	10:00 am		
MOC & MOCA meeting	10:30 am		
Lunch	12:00 noon		
No Host Cocktail	5:00 - 6:00 pm		
Installation of Officers	6:00 pm		Banquet 7:00 pm

Send MOC Pre-registration to: Robert Kidd, 4114 Morley Cr., Colo Springs 80916 \$10.00

Send MOCA Pre-registration to: Betty Melsen, 10170 W 14th Pl., Lakewood 80215 \$10.00

American's Best Value Inn 1780 Aeroplaza Dr. 719-574-7707

**Next Deadline for Colorado Veteran
April 1, 2011 for the May 2011 issue**

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

Please submit by the deadline!



Auxiliary News

Published by the Ladies Auxiliary
to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Colorado

Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



Presidents's Column Carolyn Simon



Hello Sisters!

Because of your dedication and work, the Dept. of Colorado Ladies Auxiliary met its goal of 90% in membership by December 31. It wouldn't have happened without

each and every one of you, so THANK YOU all. There are many Auxiliaries now that need less than 10 members to make 100% of our goal, so please give that extra push to get us there. If each of us does our part for our own Auxiliary, we will collectively do the job for the Department. It has been a long time since we achieved that 100%, and it is only through our membership that we are able to continue serving our Veterans, Families, Active Military and our Communities. Our efforts are so needed and appreciated by those who receive from us.

The past couple of months have been filled with activities, from the holiday parties to the Voice of Democracy awards. It has been a distinct pleasure to visit many Districts as they presented their student awards. It will be an even greater honor to escort our Department winner, Shane Baumgartner, when he is presented at the National awards ceremony. On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, thank you to Caroline Gelatt and David Stone for a job well done. Many thanks also go to Post and Auxiliary 4051 for their hospitality at the award banquet. Don't forget the Youth Awards Carnival on March 12 at Golden Post 4171. Please contact Janet Mills to see how you can help.

I hope that everyone who is able will attend the April Council of Administration meeting in Alamosa. Presidents, this workshop will focus on ideas and suggestions you may have for the future of our organization.

April and May will be the months for election of officers at Auxiliary and District levels. In June, you will elect your state officers. Something I want to discuss with all of you is the requirements and expectations for state officers. We need good leaders and I know that there are many of you out there. The last thing I want to do is to discourage any of you who may wish to consider this service. But there are issues that you should discuss with your family and your places of employment before making this choice.

The first consideration is the amount of travel that is required. In the past we said that you don't have to travel very much for the first couple of years. But with most of the state level events scheduled on weekends and more districts meeting on the remaining weekends, we are asking more from the junior officers. It's not unusual to have six districts meet on the same weekend, and that means everyone travels. Attending the state level events is a learning tool to prepare for your year as President.

Out of state travel is not required until

you become Junior Vice President, but again, it is a time to learn more about our organization and how it works at the national levels. If you decide to take advantage of those trips, you should know that our current budget does not allow for any expense reimbursements for the first three years. Even as Junior and Senior Vice President, only your airfare for one conference per year is reimbursed. As President, you receive a travel allowance, but when it's gone, it's gone. It is not enough to cover all expenses.

The next thing to consider is the amount of time that is required to be a good officer. In addition to the time spent for district meetings, out of state travel and other state events, it is easy to use two full weeks of vacation time just for state and national conventions. Time is needed to write reports, read correspondence, study program rules and deadlines, visit hospital and nursing home facilities, attend council meetings including staff meetings and audits. Time is especially needed to talk to the members when they have questions or concerns. For my final year, I was able to set aside 8 weeks of vacation, and I believe that I will use all of it for required or expected activities. Many nights are not finished before 10 pm and most weeks are scheduled for at least one or two nights of VFW-related activities. Families must be willing to share your involvement.

At one time I was told that we are the most gift giving organization ever seen. While individual gifts are never expensive, when you put them all together, the amount does add up. Most of these gifts are paid for by each line officer from her own resources. You can prepare for it a little at a time, but it does cost. The President's Homecoming is also at her expense. Your Auxiliary can and probably will help you earn the money, but again, you should talk to them before making any decisions.

A final consideration is the mileage you will put on your own vehicle. If you start with a new vehicle at the beginning of six years in the line, you will probably have to replace it at least by the time your final year is complete, if not sooner.

Some assistance for these costs is built into the budget, but we don't have the money to cover it all. As our membership decreases, so does the available cash. It is a balancing act to decide how much help to give the officers, how much more can be given to the program chairmen (who work just as hard and have just as much responsibility as the officers), and how much should be returned to the Auxiliaries in the form of awards for their program participation. I've been told that Colorado has one of the higher Department dues levels, so increasing the dues doesn't seem to be the appropriate answer.

I say all these things, not to discourage you from becoming a state officer, but



**Arvada Ladies Auxiliary #4331
proudly endorse
Cindy Anderson
for the office of
Department President
2011 - 2012**

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 4331 Arvada proudly endorses Sister Cindy Anderson for the office of Department of Colorado Ladies Auxiliary President for the term 2011-2012.

Cindy has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States since 1991 when she joined Auxiliary 5661 in Garland, Texas. She joined the auxiliary under the eligibility of her husband Warren Anderson who served in the United States Air Force and is a Vietnam veteran. Cindy has been active in her local auxiliary ever since joining the auxiliary holding many offices and chairmanships over the years including Auxiliary President for three years 2001-2004. She is currently holding the office of Secretary/Treasurer and the positions of Americanism Chairman and Membership Chairman.

On the District level, she has held all of-

fices including District 10 President 2005-2006 when she was named Outstanding District President and continues to serve currently as Cancer Chairman.

Cindy has held all chairs leading to the Presidency on the Department level and is currently serving as Department Sr. Vice President. She held the position of Department Americanism Chairman for three years achieving a National 1st place and runner-up. She has also served as Membership Chairman twice, Courtesy Chairman and was the Games and Raffles chairman for three years.

We know that with Cindy's dedication to the organization, and enthusiasm she will lead the Department well and we respectfully ask you to join us in supporting her with your vote at the Department Convention in June.

Loyally,
Marie Worley, President
Ladies Auxiliary 4331 Arvada

Auxiliary President of the Year and Achievement Attention all Auxiliary Presidents

Ladies, this is the last issue of the Colorado Veteran before the year-end reports are due.

If you have not looked at the year-end reports,

PLEASE DO SO NOW !!!!!

See what the auxiliary needs to complete the achievement report and what you need to do as president for your portion of the report.

Remember, the reporting year is May 1, 2010 to April 15, 2011 and the

**REPORT IS
DUE ON MAY 1, 2011.**

Do not let your auxiliary down. We expect 100% reporting. That means we want a report from every auxiliary. Please fill in all the blanks with something, not

a check mark. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Be sure to send a copy of the report to:

Department Secretary, Valorie Fowler
531 Utica St
Denver, Co 80204-4631

and

Rosie Mitchell
PO Box 262
South Fork, Co 81154-0262

and a copy for your records

Loyally,
Rosie Mitchell,
Chairman of the Achievement
Committee

Parade of Programs and Council of Administration Meeting

April 2 - 3, 2011 - VFW Post #899 Alamosa, CO

Parade of Programs - 1:00 pm Saturday April 2 w/President's workshop
Joint VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 9:00 am Sunday April 3
Ladies Auxiliary Council of Administration meeting to follow

President's Column (continued)

so that you will know what to expect. The reward for your sacrifice by taking these offices is in knowing that you have done everything within your power to aid Veterans, their Families, Active Military and your Community. Most of all, you are rewarded with many new friends and visits to places you may never again have the opportunity to see. The ride is well

worth the cost of the ticket.

These are all things that we should discuss openly with anyone who wishes to sit in on the Presidents' workshop. Please bring your suggestions and participate. I look forward to seeing you there.

Carolyn Simon
Department President

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Colorado

General Orders #5

March 2011

1. **DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAROLYN SIMON'S SPECIAL PROJECT is Colorado Veterans Foundation.** Send your contributions to Department Treasurer Colleen Rylant earmarked "Department President's Special Project."

3. **DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS:** Auxiliaries may not possess credit cards, ATM (Automated Teller Machine) cards, and/or debit cards. The disbursement of money shall be upon motion made and passed at a meeting with the exception of the transmittal of membership dues, which does not require a motion (Section 810A, pg 69, Section 813A, pg 76 of the Bylaws).

3. **THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES** of the members of the Auxiliary shall be considered confidential and shall not be made available for commercial or political use (Section 912, Pg 90 of the Bylaws).

4. **AUXILIARIES,** County Councils, Districts or Departments shall not solicit funds or donations except by prior vote (Section 916, pg 91 of the Bylaws).

5. **FIRST QUARTER AUDITS** cover the months of January, February and March and shall be conducted during the month of April (Section 814A, pg. 83 of the Bylaws). A copy of this audit must be mailed to Department Treasurer, Colleen Rylant no later than April 30, 2011

6. **PARADE OF PROGRAMS and COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING:** Will be held at Mount Blanca VFW #899, 519 Main Street, Alamosa CO on April 2 and April 3, 2011. The Parade of Programs will begin at 1:00pm on Saturday with the President's Workshop. The Parade of Programs will focus on reporting. The Joint Council of Administration meeting will start at 9:00am on April 3, 2011.

7. **FISHER HOUSE PAPER DRIVE:** Remember that Fisher House has gone green and uses only the recycled paper products. Also, if you are closer to the Denver area, Department Headquarters will accept the paper to be delivered to Fisher House without hauling the paper to Alamosa and then back again. Fisher House also accepts the "green cash" donations which are even easier to transport. Please earmark your check accordingly.

8. **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AWARDS** will be based upon information provided on your Community Service Report Form, Combined Achievement/Auxiliary President Report, and District President Report. Each of these forms must be in the Department Secretary's hands no later than May 1, 2011.

9. **MAKE THREE (3) COPIES OF THE ACHIEVEMENT/AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT** one copy to Chairman Rosie Mitchell for judging, one copy to the Department Secretary, Valerie Fowler so she can make copies to pass on to the Program Chairmen

for their judging and one copy for your files.

10. **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF AUXILIARY OFFICERS** shall take place at a regular business meeting in April. Each year at the regular annual election, one Trustee shall be elected for a three-year period (sec 804A, pg 58). No member shall hold two (2) elective offices on the same level at the same time, but she may hold one elective and one or more appointive offices on that level. The one exception to this rule is the Trustee may hold another elective or appointive office other than President, Secretary or Treasurer (Sec 801, pg 57).

11. **INSTALLATION OF AUXILIARY OFFICERS** shall be held in accordance with Section 806A, page 62 of the Bylaws.

12. **INFORMATION REGARDING INSTALLATION WARRANTS** will be in the packets handed out at the April 2nd-3rd, 2011 Council Meeting or mailed to the President, provided audits are current and the office of Treasurer is bonded. The President-elect shall select the Installing Officer, date and time of the installation. The Auxiliary Secretary has the responsibility of filling out the request for the warrant to install the officers and the warrant will be sent back to her as soon as the Department Secretary, Valerie Fowler, receives the Request of Installation. Please PRINT OR TYPE all necessary information, double-checking all names, addresses and telephone numbers for accuracy.

13. **THE INSTALLING OFFICER** shall ask the retiring President if the office of the Auxiliary Treasurer is bonded. Immediately after installation, the Installing Officer shall submit the Installation report, properly signed to the National Secretary and the Department Secretary (Sec 806A, Par 5, pg 63).

14. **INFORMATION REGARDING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES** to the District, Department and National Conventions is contained in the packets mailed to the Presidents.

15. **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION** will be in Security, Colorado June 15-18, 2011. Any resolutions to be submitted to the Department convention must be properly acted upon according to Section 606A, Convention Committees, and pages 45-46 of the Bylaws.

16. **RITUALISTIC PRACTICE** shall be adhered to as per the Booklet of Instruction (Yellow Pages 35-36 of Bylaws). Especially Item, #8 - No alcoholic beverages will be permitted during Auxiliary Meetings. In addition, Item #9 - There shall be no smoking in the Auxiliary room while the meeting is in progress.

BY ORDER OF:
Carolyn Simon, President

ATTEST:
Valorie Fowler, Secretary

Roster Changes

Page #13 – Auxiliary #1 Secretary: Viola Stafford 13500 E Cornell Ave #307, Aurora CO 80014 720-535-5638

Page #27 – Auxiliary #6011 Treasurer: Diane Silbaugh 6927 WCR 32 Platteville CO 80651 970-381-4573

Page #27 – Auxiliary #6461 President: Claudia Grider, 800 5 Santa Fe Dr - Lot D-8 Fountain CO 80817 719-391-755

Send all Roster Changes to Dept. Secretary Valorie Fowler

Hospital

Our goal is to meet the needs of hospitalized patients at the VA Medical Centers and the Colorado state Veterans Nursing Homes. With the influx of this generation of veterans and the rise in long-term rehabilitate services, there is a much greater need for volunteers. The Coffee Admission program was started by the VFW & Ladies Auxiliary in the 40's over the year's we have fully sponsored this program. In the past two year we have been unable to get volunteers to cover the all of the week days needed. Therefor other organizations are now working the coffee program. It is very sad that we do not have the volunteers to keep this program entirety VFW & Auxiliary supported; consider working just one day a month.

There are many other opportunities at the Denver VA to provide assists and encouragement to our veterans. The VA is in need of Van drivers if you can drive even one day a month call Voluntary service.

One organization visits each month to serve ice-cream throughout the entire hospital all of the staff and patients look forward to this special day. If your Post and Auxiliary would like to make a special visit please let me know I will talk to the director for volunteers. All of the nursing homes would welcome a visit and your assistance with the many activities they plan for the patients.

I receive news letters from all the nursing homes our veterans have excellence care and every home has many successful programs with the help of volunteers.

Be sure your auxiliary has donated .50 per member to the hospital fund to help support all of the facilities you can earmark it as to which VA or nursing home you would like to give to, some auxiliaries select a different one each month.

We have several special activities

Pictures - Pictures - Pictures

Our wonderful Department President Carolyn has been traveling the state attending meetings and social functions. Many of you have taken pictures of President Carolyn at these events or will be taking pictures. As Department Historian it is my pleasure to comply a Historian Book for this year, so I am asking that you please send copies of all pictures taken to me:
Donna Tellgren PO Box 176 Conifer, Co. 80433

coming up, The Disabled Winter Sports Clinic March 27- April 1 Snowmass Colorado. The Grand Junction VA Medical Center, VFW & Ladies Auxiliary help sponsor the number of recreational activities for Veterans with spinal cord injuries, amputations, traumatic brain injuries and visual impairments from across the country. Send donations to department treasurer earmarked Sports Clinic.

Denver VA bake sale will be April 13th, we need donations of bake goods also a few sugar free items are desired and volunteer to assist for the day please call me if you can help. You can deliver your bake goods to main entrances 7am- 10am a volunteer will be there to receive them. The Fall Fling with the help of the Auxiliaries was very successful, please help us succeed with the Spring sale. All proceeds go to Veterans assistance program at the VA. The Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project is always in need of volunteers to assist veterans tell his/her experiences by writing a story, poem or drawing. Help the veterans to submit the work to "Veterans' Voice magazine."

I am on a special project at the VA to put Entertainment Carts in all wards. Many patients have long recovery times and others must return numerous times to complete rehabilitation this cart could help to pass the time. Your auxiliary could help by donating new CD players, new CD's or Books on tape. Call me if you need more information. Other donation needs; Clothing, warm hats, scarves, boots, underwear, socks, lip balm & lap robes.

Be sure to report all the hospital work on the community service form each month. Year-End reports Due by May 1, 2011.

Leaving Veterans and Families with Hope-- United by Love for Our Veterans and Country

Charlotte Lattin
Department Hospital Chairman

Please number the pictures and on a separate sheet of paper, numbered accordingly include: date, function, names and titles of those in the pictures.

Thank you so much for your time and effort to help me preserve all of these found memories of the 2010-2011 year.

Donna Tellgren
Department Historian

Fisher House Paper Drive
April Council of Administration meeting April 2 - 3
Alamosa, CO
Checks are always welcome
Donation of paper goods may also be taken to VFW Department Headquarters,
1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO.

Thank You - Thank You
Thank You to everyone for all the cards and prayers when I lost my son Joe.
They helped me in my Darkest moments.
Lillian Canzona

TAPS

Aux 1771: Helen Shields
Aux 2601: Joan Hartzler, LaVergne Spence, Betty Clay
Aux 4061: Louise Willyard
Aux 4171: Carolyn L. Holland
Aux 5231: Doreen Zwicker
Aux 6331: Rochelle Kamen

Membership

As of this letter we have just celebrated our "Winter Wonderland." What a fun time was had by all. Certificates were handed out to the Auxiliaries reaching their 90% membership by December 15th. A thank you gift was also given to each membership chairman reaching 90%. I had hoped to give out the first 100% awards but my supplier did not have them ready. They will however be ready by the Council meeting in Alamosa.

All of you have been working hard on membership and I realize that after reaching a goal we want to sit back and relax, but it is time to talk about the last two or three members holding out for membership renewal. Maybe your auxiliary has lost elderly members that were loyal about paying their annual dues and you need to replace them. Are you thinking you have exhausted all avenues of recruiting? We all know that isn't true. Several of our auxiliaries have not only achieved their 100% but have actually increased their membership. Many that were struggling last year have already surpassed themselves. Do you carry your membership purse with you?

We all need to put on the very best sales pitch. Have you looked at all of the benefits of belonging to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars? The National Cancer grant program is one of the most important and some of the Auxiliaries have a local cancer grant. Consider all the scholarship opportunities available not only for youth but also for the Ladies seeking to better themselves through education. We all rely on our families in times of trouble, so emphasize that the VFW and Auxiliary are a family, standing ready to assist our own.

According to Phil the Groundhog, we are in for an early spring, which means that the springtime festivities will begin. Look for festivities where you can set up a booth to recruit members. Stock your

booth with information pamphlets, facts leaflets and legislative goals. Work with the Post and Men's Auxiliary to recruit entire families. Be sure to emphasize there is a place for everyone in the VFW. If we can show the community that we are "United by Love for our Veterans", we can "Leave our Veterans and Families with Hope."

Membership Chairmen, please make sure that you are sending in the requests for the bracelets for the recruiters earning them and that they have been verified by the Treasurer. Please don't wait until the very end of the year when everyone is busy with year end reports and convention preparation. I have really enjoyed creating and putting these bracelets together and am very proud every time I see those that have already received theirs. I also don't want to run out of charms and have to wait to award a recruiter.

Remember that the membership year runs though June 30 and we still have four months to get those members in. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have all 80 auxiliaries within the state at 100%? Let's all give President Carolyn the chance to go out with a real bang for making Colorado 100%. So let's get out there and get those members.

- "Retain continuous members"
- "Reinstate former members"
- "Recruit new members"

I want to thank each of you for this great year for membership as we continued to be United by Love for our Veterans and Country by Leaving Veterans and Families with Hope.

Loyally,
Ginny Burris
Dept. Jr. Vice and
Membership Chairman



DIXIE HILD, Omaha, Nebraska
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
NATIONAL BYLAWS REVIEW AND NATIONAL BUDGET & ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER
Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

National Representative to April Council of Administration Meeting April 2 - 3, Alamosa, CO

Past National President Dixie Hild of Omaha, Nebraska, continues to serve the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as a member of the National Bylaws Review, Budget and Advisory Committees and as a member of the National Council of Administration.

In 2008-2009, she led the 560,000 members under her theme, *Our Dreams Become Rainbows*.

She is eligible through her husband, Rolland, who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, and is a VFW Past State Commander.

A Life Member of Herman Godbersen Auxiliary #8334 in Millard, she has served as Auxiliary and District President, and when she was 1994-1995 Department President, she was named Runner-up President of the Year in her membership group.

She has served in numerous other ca-

pacities for the organization, including three terms as Department Chief of Staff. On the National level, she has served as National Aide-de-Camp, Convention Page, Flag Bearer, Youth Activities and Voice of Democracy Director, Buddy Poppy Director, and Big Ten Conference Chairman for the Safety, Legislative and Community Service programs.

Retired after 21 years in insurance and bonding management, and five years in pharmaceutical sales, she holds memberships in the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, and is a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. She is also active in her community through the Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The Hilds have been married for 44 years. They have one daughter, Kim, a Life Member of Auxiliary 8334; two sons, Greg, and Troy, Life Members of VFW 8334; and seven grandchildren.

Auxiliary Membership by District 2010 - 2011 February 18, 2011

Number	City	2010	2011	%	Number	City	2010	2011	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #7				
I	Denver	130	125	96	899	Alamosa	79	81	103*
501	Denver	180	161	89	3228	Monte Vista	38	38	100*
2461	Denver	124	109	88	4849	La Jara	46	46	100*
2797	Denver	30	34	113*	6101	San Luis	43	44	102*
3971	Denver	68	40	59	8121	So Fork	87	90	103*
5061	Denver	157	123	78	TOTAL	293	299	102%*	
6616	Denver	84	74	88	DISTRICT #8				
TOTAL	773	666	86%		859	Leadville	33	33	100*
DISTRICT #2					1166	Buena Vista	92	97	105*
984	Trinidad	28	25	89	8661	Bailey	60	55	92
2643	Walsenburg	26	24	92	11411	Lake George	34	35	103*
2788	Penrose	37	32	86	12009	Conifer	18	23	128*
3641	Pueblo	85	82	96	TOTAL	237	243	103%*	
4061	Canon City	276	247	89	DISTRICT #9				
5812	Pueblo West	21	21	100*	4264	Stmbt Spgs	33	33	100*
7305	Colo. City	35	34	97	4265	Craig	70	68	97
TOTAL	508	465	92%		5843	Meeker	33	36	109*
DISTRICT #3					9374	Kremmling	15	15	100*
41	Loveland	145	137	94	TOTAL	151	152	101%*	
1771	Lafayette	404	386	96	DISTRICT #10				
1781	Ft. Collins	96	80	83	322	Englewood	115	117	102*
2121	Greeley	106	106	100*	3471	Morrison	50	49	98
2585	Johnstown	37	39	105*	3631	Aurora	124	112	90
2601	Longmont	299	289	97	4171	Golden	331	328	99
2841	Brighton	80	76	95	4331	Arvada	138	125	91
4334	Ault	43	42	98	4444	Cmmrc City	183	174	95
6011	Platteville	41	38	93	6331	Aurora	66	67	102*
6624	Evans	213	191	90	7945	Thornton	253	249	98
9565	Broomfield	52	47	90	8449	Bennett	11		
TOTAL	1516	1431	94%		9014	So Lakewood	31		
DISTRICT #4					9644	Fort Logan	401	368	92
2551	Ft. Morgan	163	155	95	TOTAL	1703	1589	93%	
3541	Sterling	106	101	95	DISTRICT #11				
4671	Wray	39	33	85	784	Montrose	32	32	100*
8064	Akron	50	36	72	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	107	96	90
TOTAL	358	325	91%		3571	Delta	80	81	101*
DISTRICT #5					4267	Gunnison	48	42	88
101	Colo. Spgs.	55	51	93	4663	Clifton	90	86	896
3917	Security	263	246	94	9221	Cedaredge	73	72	99
4051	Colo. Spgs	385	362	94	9304	Silt	25	24	96
5221	Calhan	30	30	100*	9333	Hotchkiss	29	28	97
6051	Woodlnd Prk	14			TOTAL	484	461	95%	
6461	Fountain	104	96	92	DISTRICT #12				
10649	Elizabeth	17	18	106*	4031	Durango	86	76	88
TOTAL	868	803	93%		5181	Dove Creek	47	43	91
DISTRICT #6					5231	Mancos	100	94	94
336	Ordway	99	96	97	9058	Nucla	29	25	86
2411	LasAnimas	85	88	104*	TOTAL	262	238	91%	
3621	Lamar	18	7	39	DISTRICT #13				
4001	Springfield	33	33	100*	3411	Kit Carson	33	33	100*
4091	Rocky Ford	41	34	83	6491	Burlington	20	19	95
4281	Holly	16	14	88	6612	Hugo	80	68	85
TOTAL	292	272	93%		9491	Deer Trail	4		
					TOTAL	137	120	88%	
					15006	At Large	153	180	118%*
					TOTAL DEPT.	7,735	7,244	94%	

**Auxiliary Treasurers -
Please send all Dues to
State Treasurer
Colleen Rylant**

Extension - Chief of Staff

MSG William J. Crawford #7829 Ladies Auxiliary Institution
Sunday March 13, 2011 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Doolittle Hall - Air Force Academy

If you plan on attending please advise President Carolyn Simon or Chief of Staff Ann Mauck, so your name can be submitted to the Guard Shack and then you will be admitted thru Security. Need the names by March 8, 2011. VFW members and Ladies Auxiliary members are welcome and urged to attend. We will also be swearing in the new members, election and installation of officers. We are very excited to institute this Ladies Auxiliary and hope you will help welcome them. Reception to follow.

**Thank You
Ann Mauck
Department Chief of Staff**

District #1 Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser

District #1 Ladies Auxiliary is holding a Baked Potato and Salad Bar Fundraiser, April 16, 2011, 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm at VFW Post #5061, 5220 W Warren Ave. Also will be holding several drawings for baskets made by each District #1 Auxiliary. Call District President Nancy Russell 720-434-5891 with any questions. Tickets are available from any District #1 Auxiliary or at the door, \$5.00 each.

**Hotel listing for April 2 - 3 weekend
listed on page 2 of this Colorado Veteran**

Make your reservations now and attend this important workshop and C of A

Veterans and Family Support

2011 is off and active. The purpose of this note is to inquire about the activities your Auxiliary is doing for the Veterans and Family Support Program.

Perhaps you will recall at the 2010 State Convention, I solicited your help to share the "Best of the Best". You all do tremendous work in such fun and clever ways, I felt sharing your successes and ideas would be a powerful tool to help our sisters and show new members how easy it is to be involved with the program.

The April 2-3 Council Meeting will be "SHOW TIME". I have 4 thank you gifts for 4 Auxiliaries who will present the program or activity they did for National Military Services (NMS) which includes:

- . Operation Uplink
- . Unmet Needs
- . The Military Assistance Program (MAP)

Do write, e-mail, fax, or call me if you will be presenting: My contact information:

Address: 70 North Dutch Valley Road
e-mail: votecj@aol.com
Home Phone: 303-644-5746
Fax: 303-644-5726

As of the due date for this Colorado Veteran issue, I do not have any reporting information from the National or State Departments. I hope all Auxiliaries have made their annual donation to the National Home for Children's Health and Happiness Fund. How many Campbell's labels have you sent for the 6th minivan? Remember, June 9 is the annual Fishing Derby for the children at the Home. Do donate to make their day special.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Alamosa. I will have NMS Donor Support Cards for you to pick up.

Be sure to contact me on or before March 31 if you plan to present your NMS program/activity.

Loyally,
Carol Anderson, Chair

State Convention Buddy Poppy Display Contest

A Buddy Poppy Display Contest will again be held in connection with the State Convention. Rules have been designed to put emphasis on the **purpose and effectiveness** of the displays.

rules
(1). Displays will be presented and judged in four categories:

CATEGORY 1 Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign.

(Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.)

(a). Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW Buddy Poppy

(b). At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 2 Memorial or Inspirational Displays

(Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes)

(a). Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy.

(b). At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 3 Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies

(Post Home displays, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)

(a). Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3.

(b). At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 4 Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Jr. Units)

(a). Display must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities

supported by the Buddy Poppy.

(b). At least one of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

The State Buddy Poppy Committee shall have no responsibility in setting up, taking down, or returning displays.

Displays may be entered and set up at any time from 7:30 a.m. Thursday June 16.

Displays shall be set up in space provided in the Convention exhibit or meeting halls. At the time the display is set up, the responsible person must complete an entry form which will show the category of competition, the number of Poppies used, the purpose of the display, the use to which it has been put and plans for future use, the Post and/or Auxiliary number and location, and the name of the person who will dismantle and remove the display at the close of the Convention.

Displays may be accompanied by a white card, not to exceed 4 inches by 6 inches in size, on which is lettered in black ink an explanation of the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewer or the judges.

Post name, number or location may not be visible on display entries; failure to comply will result in disqualification.

judging

Judging of displays will be on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of Poppies used. Where a sample of a large number of identical items (such as corsages or wreaths) is entered, full credit shall be given for the total number of Poppies used.

prizes

Plaques will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each of the four categories. Plaques will be awarded at the Military Banquet when the winners are announced.

Legislative

New year has begun for our legislators they say there is going to be different and there is going to be change in America.

But what kind of changes are we going to do? Go back to personnel responsibility and accountability from or government or are they going to give us everything and let others be responsible for paying for it? Are we going to forget the most responsible people that have given us the Freedom and Liberty to what we want to do? Our Veterans!

Are we going to let our Legislators forget the promises made to our Veterans when they marched off to war to protect us? Or are we going to remember to keep speaking out on Capitol Hill for veterans and their families to protect the promises made for those that sacrificed for our country and are not forgotten? We must continue to write letters, e-mail, fax or make phone calls to bring issues affecting veterans and their families to the attention of lawmakers on all levels.

There is a lot of issues and reasons that we must be diligent for our veterans and families, from Health Care, VA benefits,

VA Hospital budget and funding plus a lot more issues concerning our newest Veterans that are fighting as we speak. Please keep abreast of the promises made and make sure they are kept. If you get the Washington Weekly or whatever stay informed and keep our legislators informed on how you feel in what they are doing. Veterans are the first ones to give their all and Congress is the first ones to take it away as they think they have a better idea on how to spend our tax dollars.

Our year is beginning to close I have not heard from many of you what you are doing on Legislative so please report all of your activities on the Community Service reports. Remember we must have your year end reports done by April 15th this year and to me by May 1, so with the new year going so fast PLEASE REPORT !!

Always remember we are United by Love and Keep on Leaving Hope for Our Veterans and their families and Our Country.

Linda L. Stahly
Department Legislative Chairman

Community Service Report! Report! Report!

More than half of the year is over and we still have 37 Post's and 18 Auxiliary's that have not reported any Community Service. You all know who you are and if you have reported.

This is a very important part of the VFW and it is the only way, the VFW Department of Colorado and the VFW National, to know that we are active in our communities at the Post level.

We would like to have the report every month, or every couple of months, not just at the end of the year. If everyone did not turn in their reports until the end of the year it would make it hard for the

different chairman to get their end of the year reports done on time and to get things together for the awards at the State Convention.

So! District Commanders and District Presidents please let your Post's and Auxiliary's know at your meeting how important it is to report what they are doing.

We need to stay on top of the reporting.

Chuck and Sandi Ackerman
Department VFW and Ladies Auxiliary
Community Service Directors

Cancer Aid and Research

Auxiliaries we need your help to achieve our 100% in reporting on the \$2.00 per member quota. I have 14 Auxiliaries that have not responded to Department Treasurer Colleen Rylant. This helps an Auxiliary member to receive her Cancer Grant.

From the National Cancer Chairman, we aren't even halfway to meet the goal of \$3.5 million, right now setting at \$2,193,750. So PLEASE Auxiliaries, make Colorado 100% in reporting.

So far National has given to more than 100 Research Centers: Jackson Lab., Bar Harbor, ME; M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX; St. Jude's Children Research, Memphis, TN; Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, MO; and Mayo Clinic Research, Rochester, MN.

Still have over 800 Cancer Pins to sell; we will have them at the C of A meeting in April in Alamosa; also another Basket of Goodies.

See you then

United by Love for our Veterans and Country - Leaving Veterans and Families with Hope.

Cecilia Schoonover
Department Cancer Aid & Research Chairman

2010 - 2011 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:

Cecilia Schoonover

3200 S Broadway

Englewood, CO 80113

(303) 781-3818

Community Service - May 1, 2010 - October 31, 2010

Department of Colorado	Hours donated	108,346
		\$2,259,014
	Cash donated	\$356,379

The above is compiled by Community Service and Hospital Chairman from Community Service reports turned in by VFW and Auxiliary members.
Please remember to report all that you do and report often!

(volunteer hours valued at \$20.25 per hour by Natipasswordonal Headquarters)