

# COLORADO HEADQUARTERS

# *BULLETIN*

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

*“Get On Board”*

1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214

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**PLEASE SHARE** The information in this Bulletin is important to ALL of our members. Please help get the information out by reading the appropriate parts at your next meeting and/or publishing appropriate items in your newsletters or bulletin board.

**GENERAL ORDERS** Commanders and Quartermasters at all levels are hereby directed to review and comply with General Orders published in the *Colorado Veteran*.

**COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKEND** will be July 25 - 26, 2009 in Grand Junction. VFW will meet at VFW Post 3981, 503 1/2 Florence Rd., Grand Junction 1-970-243-0128. Saturday July 25th will have classes of instruction for Commanders 9:15 - 10:30 am, Quartermasters 10:30 - 11:45 am, Programs 1:15 - 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon at VFW Post 1247, 1404 Ute Ave., Grand Junction 1-970-242-9940 \$5.00 Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm at VFW Post 1247 \$8.00. Call Headquarters 303-421-1630 for meal reservations.

**PRE-COUNCIL will be held at VFW Post 3981 at 3:00 pm for Council Members.**

**Sunday July 26, 2009 will be a Joint Meeting at VFW Post 1247 8:30 am with the Ladies Auxiliary. VFW Council of Administration meeting will be at VFW Post 3981 as soon as members can travel from VFW Post 1247 to VFW Post 3981.**

It is important for NEW Commanders and Quartermasters to attend these meetings. It would not hurt for other Commanders and Quartermasters to be there also because of all the changes the VFW is going through. Plus, the Department Program Chairmen will be there for information and questions.

The only source of information for Post Commanders and Quartermasters, Service Officers and Program Chairmen is at District Meetings or a Council of Administration Meeting! If you want to know what is happening in the VFW, attend these meetings.

You can call the following motels for reservations and ask for VFW rates, reservations must be made by July 17. After that date the price will go up to regular price:

Mesa Inn 704 Horizon Dr. Grand Junction, CO 81503 970-245-3080 \$59 + tax	Country Inns of America 718 Horizon Dr. Grand Junction, CO 81503 970-243-5080 \$60 + tax	Super 8 Motel 728 Horizon Dr. Grand Junction, CO 81503 970-248-8080 \$68 + tax
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Motels are located I-70 to Horizon exit, turn left go under the interstate and Motels are down the road on Horizon. VFW Post 1247 - take Horizon Drive, south, go to the roundabout to 12th Street, follow 12th to Colorado, left to 14th, right and #1247 is on the left before Ute. VFW Post 3981 - go south on Horizon to the roundabout, take 12th to North Ave., left on North Ave., turn left just before the business loop on the frontage road and the post is on the left.

**ELECTION REPORTS are missing from the following VFW Posts: 9741 (Dist #3), 3551, 3951, 4191 (Dist #4), 10649 (Dist #5), 3621, 4091, 4281 (Dist #6), 3228 (Dist #7), 3311, 5261 (Dist #9), 4333, 9304, 11286 (Dist #11), 9058, 9695 (Dist #12). If they are not turned into Department by July 8th, you will not be listed in the 2009-2010 Roster.**

**NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE REGISTRATION:** Post Quartermasters, when you received the large white envelope from National Headquarters, you also received the form to register at least one member as a delegate to the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. Cost is \$10.00. **Every VFW Post MUST register at least one member, no exceptions.**

**BUDDY POPPIES** We can ship orders of 250 from Department Headquarters, but all other orders we have to fax to National. Please allow 6 weeks for orders of 500 or more. Please send ALL orders to Department Headquarters. **Veterans Day will soon be here, so place your order now.** The 2009-2010 year for Buddy Poppies started May 1, 2009 and will end April 30, 2010.

**NEW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN THEMES.** The 2009-2010 themes have been chosen by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Thomas Tradewell, Sr. The Voice of Democracy theme will be "Does America Still Have Heroes?" and the Patriot's Pen Theme will be "When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?".

**NEW 2009-2010 COMMUNITY SERVICE FORMS ARE READY TO GO. One is included with this Bulletin. It does not have to be reproduced on blue paper. We did this to call attention to all the changes. PLEASE DESTROY ALL OLD FORMS THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR FILES AND USE THE NEW FORMS. Send them monthly to Department Headquarters and we will distribute to the Chairmen.**

**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.

**COLORADO VETERAN** The next Colorado Veteran will be published the first of August 2009. The deadline for articles and pictures was July 1, 2009. **Then the next paper will be September 1, 2009. Deadline for articles and pictures is August 1, 2009 for the August paper.**

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEE** Post Quartermasters, there is a \$1.00 admission fee on ALL NEW MEMBERS to be submitted to Department Headquarters. This admission fee does not go to National. The Posts may submit monthly, quarterly or at the end of the year. But please remember the \$1.00 State New Member Admission Fee. Headquarters will be sending out notices, if you do not pay the Admission Fee on New Members. If not paid your Post will not be in good standing and will not be allowed to vote at State Convention June 2010.

**LATE FILING OR FAILURE TO FILE THE E-POSTCARD:** If you do not file your e-Postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice but you will not be assessed a penalty for late filing the e-Postcard. However, an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or information returns - Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the organization's tax exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year. If your tax exempt status is revoked by the IRS, you will have to apply and pay a fee, this would be very costly to any Post that does not file their E-Postcard, Form 990 or 990-EZ

**VFW Posts that have a year end of June 30 must file by November 15th. VFW Post that chose a calendar year end must file by May 15th. These are due dates for both Form 990 and the E-Postcard.**

**ELECTRONIC AGE** Department Headquarters is still working on the establishment of a complete e-mail data base of Post Commanders or Quartermasters or another person in each post that will be responsible for receiving communications from State Headquarters. If you are not receiving e-mails at this time from State Headquarters, please advise the State Quartermaster of an e-mail address that can be added to the data base for your post. E-mail [ann@vfwcolodept.org](mailto:ann@vfwcolodept.org) or [vfw@vfwcolodept.org](mailto:vfw@vfwcolodept.org) and then you can be added to the database. You will save Department postage if we can e-mail you the information. We know that we keep repeating this, but we really do need your e-mail address. Thank You!

**LEATHER SERVICE JACKETS** Department Headquarters has a fund raiser and you can wear a Leather Jacket with your branch of service emblem on the back for \$99.99. Please call Headquarters 303-421-1630 with your size and branch of service. We can even keep this a secret if it is an anniversary or birthday present. So tell your spouse, friend or relative that you would like one of these jackets.

**Thank You For What You Do For Our Veterans and God Bless America**