

COMRADE

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DISTRICT 10 REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2011 VFW POST 322, 1:00PM

State Commander, Ron Davies, will be the Official Representative at our District meeting, Sunday, November 20, 2011, at Englewood Post #322, 3800 S. Windermere Street. The joint meeting will begin at 1:00 P.M. State Commander Davies and I would like to have all 15 Commanders or their representatives attend this district meeting.

As Commander of your Post, you are "Required" to attend ALL District 10 meetings and conventions. If you cannot attend the meeting or convention, you are required to send the Senior Vice Commander to act in your stead. If the Senior Vice Commander cannot attend, then the Junior Vice Commander will be your representative. This is not optional, it is mandatory. Please reference Sec. 404 - Governing Body; Composition, Page 18. (Veterans of Foreign Wars Congressional Charter By-Laws Manual of Procedure Ritual dated 2011, as amended August 26, 2010 with effective date of September 25, 2010.)

Let's show State Commander Davies that District 10 can have 100% participation of all Posts at the November 20 meeting. Be proud to be a Veterans of Foreign Wars member and honor your commitment by your attendance.

Members are reminded that their Annual Membership in the VFW will expire December 31, 2011, unless their 2012 dues are paid and reported to Department and National Headquarters. All officers are encouraged to renew the membership of continuous members prior to January 1, 2012.

Now is the time to file Internal Revenue Form 990N, 990EZ or 990 if your fiscal year end was June 30, 2011. The deadline for filing is November 15, 2011. Those VFW Posts that have a December 31, 2010 year end should have filed by May 15, 2011. If you cannot file the 990N on-line, call Department Headquarters and Ann will do it for you. Please do not lose your Federal Tax Exempt status.

Let's all work together to make District 10 the best in the state!

Allan P. Stone
Commander

Comrades and Sisters,

This year has been a very busy one. As we all know, the holiday's are upon us. May each and all enjoy but be safe.

To all the Ladies Auxiliaries: What is going on?? There seems to be some problems within the Auxiliaries and with their members. Please remember we are all about our Veterans. Unless we come together and be a family we will be seeing many problems in the future. We are here to support our Post and members but especially our VETERANS and must full-fill our duties, at all levels Auxiliary, District or Department level.

Remember there are two stories to every situation and you must listen to them both. One does not make it right. Please, if you are having problems please contact me or if necessary someone higher so we can help.

Please remember we will be having our District 10 Veterans Day Services at FT. Logan Cemetery at 11:00am. If the weather is not cooperating we will move it indoors to Post 9644.

Our District meeting will be on November 20th at 1:00pm at Post 322. Please try to make this meeting to get information and to ask questions. We need to make District 10 the best in Colorado.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me. Have safe and joyful Holidays.

With Loyalty,
Lucille Pacheco
District 10 President

Greetings District 10 Comrades and Auxiliary!

It has certainly been a genuine privilege and pleasure visiting our district's posts as Commander Stone and I conduct inspections. From Idaho Springs to Bennett and Thornton to Littleton it is truly gratifying to learn of all the exciting activities our members are engaging in their communities. Keep up the Great Work!!

I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of a tremendously positive and rewarding event that has been occurring in our community for the past twenty-one years. The Denver Homeless Veterans Stand Down Planning Committee sponsors the Annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down. This event is modeled after the Stand Down concept used during the Vietnam War – units returning from combat operations were provided safe relief, at a secure base camp area to attend to personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy a hot meal, receive medical and dental care, read mail from home, and enjoy camaraderie with their fellow troops. Stand Down now refers to a community-based service program that is designed to offer a temporary respite and safe environment from the “combat” of life on the streets.

During this single-day event the Denver Homeless Veterans Stand Down Planning Committee hosts volunteers and staff from the many veterans organizations and assistance agencies from throughout the Denver metro-area. They gather to make their services available at the same location as a way to meet the unique needs of homeless veterans. Hundreds of homeless veterans receive a variety of personal assistance such as food, winter clothing and other cold weather gear, personal hygiene items, medical and mental health services, legal aid, as well as employment counseling and referrals, and access to other self-help resources. More importantly however, these veterans receive recognition, respect, and appreciation for serving in our nation's military during times of war, and peace.

While much of the funding for the Stand Down is received from government agencies I would like to recognize an exceptional individual who has been instrumental in soliciting contributions from VFW posts and ladies auxiliaries from throughout the state. For the last three years our own District 10 member Dorothy Bush, from Post 322 Ladies Auxiliary has guided a fundraising effort which has garnered an average of \$1,240 for each years' Stand Down event. This year, as of October 15th we have received more than \$1,600 in contributions for the 2011 Annual Stand Down!! Outstanding Dorothy!! We are very proud of you! Thank you to all the posts and auxiliaries who have generously contributed to this meaningful event. Your compassion for our comrades is greatly appreciated.

May God continue to bless and watch over our great nation. Especially over those who serve in our defense.

Respectfully,
Leroy S. Chavez, Senior Vice Commander

DATES TO REMEMBER



Nov 01, VOD, Patriots Pen student entry and National Teacher Award Nomination due to Post
Nov 03, Veterans Stand Down – Denver Armory
Nov 03-06 Western Conference –Ogden UT
Nov 04, Veterans Day Parade in Denver
Nov 08, Election Day
Nov 11, Veterans Day (Service hosted by Dist 10 at Fort Logan)
Nov 14, VOD, Patriots Pen student entry and National Teacher Award Nomination due to District
Nov 20, District 10 regular meeting at Post 322
Nov 24, Thanksgiving Day
Dec 01, Colorado Veteran deadline
Dec 03, Grand MOC/MOCA C of A –VFW Post 2797
Dec 04, Grand MOC/MOCA hospital visit
Founders Day Banquet –VFW Post 1
Dec 05, VOD, Patriots Pen District entry due to Department
Dec 07, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Dec 15, National Teachers Award District entry due to Department
Dec 25, Christmas Day



More Than a Day

As Thanksgiving Day rolls around,
It brings up some facts, quite profound.
We may think that we're poor,
Feel like bums, insecure,
But in truth, our riches astound.
We have friends and family we love;
We have guidance from heaven above.
We have so much more
Than they sell in a store,
We're wealthy, when push comes to shove.
So add up your blessings, I say;
Make Thanksgiving last more than a day.
Enjoy what you've got;
Realize it's a lot,
And you'll make all your cares go away.

By Karl Fuchs

