

LONGS PEAK VFW 2601 NEWS

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Commander's Corner By Commander Vic Madonna

A new year is now here and I would like to wish all of you a prosperous and joyous one.

The post has just completed buying the new stools for the canteen. I would like to thank all who participated in this endeavor. No monies were taken from the post for this fund raiser. All of it was done by donations and raffles. Great job to all of you!

Our post is in need of a new sign on the front of the building. The current neon sign is in very poor condition and needs to be redone. The cost is about \$2500.00. I am asking the general membership for help with this endeavor. So far we have received \$250.00 toward this but still need more. If you can find it in your hearts to help the post with a donation it would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to remind all of you that the post does provide hall rental, so if you are in need or know of anyone in need to rent the hall for any purpose please let us know. Rentals help to keep the post open.

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Commander's Corner (Cont'd)

I mentioned last year that we are considering possibly starting post breakfasts again and asked for input. I have not had any response to that. I am asking again. Do we want to do this and will you either help out or support it by attending the breakfasts?

Happy New Year
Respectfully,
Vic Madonna, Post Commander

Quartermaster's Corner

By Quartermaster Jim Mauck "Dr. Fat Albert"

2012 Membership is coming in very very slow. If you have not paid your dues, PLEASE DO SO NOW, and Thank You!

We want to thank all the members who donated money, toys and items for the Bar Stool Raffle. We now have 12 new Bar Stools. Thanks Again.

Our next meeting will be January 12, 2012. Please try to come, our meeting starts at 6:00 pm.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Jim Mauck Aka Dr Fat Albert

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Men's Auxiliary Corner

By President Gary Marcantonio

Brothers,

Happy New Year! There are many things that we need to do to support our Post in their efforts to help veterans, their families, and our local Longmont community. I would like us to look at our own commitment to veterans and resolve to do all that we can this year to support our Post and veterans through our programs, and Post activities.

We need you at our meetings! We would like to do more fun things but one or two people cannot do all of the work. We need you!!! We need your voice and ideas to continue to support our Post.

Don't forget the Margaritaville party on the 27th. Doug is coordinating this party and we will have a Cheeseburger in Paradise themed dinner! Cost will be

Thank you Bob Stahl and Dick Sardo for fixing the ice machine downstairs!

President

Gary Marcantonio

Club Manager's Corner

By Club Manager Jim Mauck

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year.

We have a lot of open dates for our Hall Rental. If you know anyone that needs to have a Birthday Party, Anniversary Party, etc., please have them call for rates.

Our raffles are doing great and thanks to all for your help. We also would like to thank everyone for the volunteering they have done to help us out.

We would like to welcome back Jennifer as a Bartender. Hope you come down and get reacquainted with her.

Penny, Kay, Kris, Nancy, Gary, Jen, Johnny, Judy and Me, Jim Mauck

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Ladies Auxiliary President's Corner

By President Barbara Harrison

Hello Sisters,

Happy New Year! I am like anybody else this time of year; I made a New Year's Resolution. I have resolved to improve my own health and happiness, advocate more for our veterans, and improve my leadership skills.

Remember if you have paid your dues you will need a new key card. Please see the bartender the next time you visit our Post home. Be sure to have your membership card available for them to verify your membership.

Our bylaws changed at National Convention. Please let our Secretary know if you would like a copy. They are \$8.00 each.

Our district 3 meeting will be Sunday January 15, 2012 at the Loveland 41 Post and begins with lunch @ noon, and a joint meeting to recognize the top three winners in District 3 for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen Contest.

I know that we meet once a month and maybe that should be enough. I would like you to try and reach out an Auxiliary sister at least once a month outside of our meetings. We all joined this organization for a common cause. Let's not let our sisters be out of sight out of mind this year!

Additionally, remember our Post. While some may get frustrated and not always understand why the Post made a particular decision, without them we would not exist! Our Men's Auxiliary has and does work very hard to support the Post just like we do! Don't forget to thank them for all that they do!

Wishing you the very best for 2012,
Barbara J Harrison President

Ladies Auxiliary Secretary / Treasurer News

By Secretary/Treasurer Ann Mauck

2012 is here and those of you that have not paid your 2012 dues, you will now need to pay \$25.00. As of January 1, 2012, National raised their dues, and we voted to also raise our dues as of January 1st.

We only get to keep a portion of what you pay in dues and we do have bills to pay the same as any other organization. We understand that many of you are experiencing financial problems and may have medical bills and maybe you have lost your job. We may be able to help out of our small relief fund, if you would contact us and let us know.

But we hope that you will send your \$25.00 and keep your membership current. We also need new members, and applications are always available in the Club Room. New members pay \$30.00 the first year and then \$25.00 after that. In order to obtain a new key card you will have to show a 2012 paid membership card or your Life Membership card.

I wish you a Happy New Year and Good Health!
Ann Mauck Secretary/Treasurer



Revamped LAVFW Emblem



Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes

Program Update Corner

We had 2 Voice of Democracy entries and over 84 Patriot's Pen entrants. This was exciting and a big task to judge! Thank you Lana Anderson for helping judge at the last minute! Awards will be presented this month \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for 3rd place. The prizes were split 3 ways; the Post paid 1/3, The Men's Auxiliary paid 1/3 and The Ladies Auxiliary paid 1/3. The Department VOD weekend is January 27-28. The banquet will be on the 28th @ 6PM at the Golden Post. Cost is \$9.00. Please RSVP to Department 303-421-1630.

2012 Legislative Priority goals are out. Please review them and let's support our veterans! Help us ensure that our legislators keep current benefits intact and look at expanding healthcare, and other benefits. Senator Michael Bennett has introduced a bill to create a National Veterans Foundation similar to the National Parks Foundation only it would help veterans returning from service find work. These are the types of activities that our legislative program supports. Tony Wolusky of Colorado Springs was our representative for the VFW. Here is the link to our Priority Goals:

<http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1106108136009-43/2012VFWPriorities.pdf>

Our Ladies Auxiliary National Cancer Aid & Research chairman has challenged us to the 7-7-7 Campaign. This is a challenge to call 7 people for 7 days and ask for a \$7 donation for Cancer Aid & Research. Inza Peele is our chairman.

The Hospital VAVS chairman would like help with coffee hour the third Monday of each month. Please call Jim Mauck or Inza Peele for how you can help.

Membership is slow. These dues are part of how we fund the maintenance and activities at our Post home. If you know of a potential member, or a member who is not paid talk to them. Find out what the reason is. 100% membership is what makes us an All American Post.

Thank you for all that you do!

TAPS Corner

We will begin this column going forward. If you know of a Post or Auxiliaries' members who have passed away please let the treasurer, Quartermaster, or Veteran and Family Support chairman for the Ladies Auxiliary, Inza Peele know.

We will be holding the annual memorial service for District 3 in April. This will be a very special service to remember those we have lost this year from our Post and Auxiliaries as well as those from across District 3.

- Mary Gonzales passed away 01/10/2012. Cards of sympathy can be sent to 951 17th Ave #84 Longmont, CO 80501 to the family.



Chaplain's Corner

This corner is a new corner as well. If you know of one of our members in need of get well wishes or cheering up please let our Chaplains know and we will get it published here.

Please send Get Well cards and prayers to:

- Mama Bear Svedson, was in the hospital
- Jim Mauck, was in the hospital
- Lana Anderson will be having surgery.

Lift the following up in thought & prayer; a card of cheer would be appreciated to:

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Calendar of Events

Wed Jan 11

6:00pm – 7:00pm 🗳️ House Committee Mtg. - 206 S. Main St. Longmont, CO 80501

Thu Jan 12

6:00pm – 7:00pm Post Mtg. - 206 S. Main St. Longmont, CO 80501

6:30pm – 7:30pm Ladies Auxiliary Mtg - 206 S. Main Street Longmont, CO 80501

Fri Jan 13

8:00pm – 11:00pm 😊 Karaoke with Terry - 206 S. Main St. Longmont, CO 80501

Sun Jan 15

1:00pm – 4:00pm District 3 - Loveland Post 41

Mon Jan 16

7:00am – 2:00pm 🏠 Denver VA Coffee Hour - Denver VA Hospital

Fri Jan 20

8:00pm – 11:00pm 😊 Karaoke with Terry - 206 S. Main St. Longmont, CO 80501

8:00pm – 12:00am Karaoke w/ Terry Behm - 206 S. Main St. Longmont, CO 80501

Wed Jan 25 📖 Newsletter Submission to Barb

Fri Jan 27

6:00pm – 8:00pm 🍴 Cheeseburger in Paradise Dinner - 206 S. Main St. Longmont, CO 80501

7:00pm – 12:00am 🌴 Margaritaville Party - 206 S. Main St.

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Longs Peak VFW 2601 THANKS YOU VETERANS!!!

Welcome to Longs Peak VFW 2601

This column will be to welcome new members when they come in! Please remember when we have a new member to welcome them and be friendly. Invite them to meetings and offer them the opportunity to get involved. Make them feel like they are a part of us.

Comrades

Sisters

Brothers

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"Honoring the dead by
helping the living"

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In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915



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