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“We honor the dead by helping the living”



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Director, Programs, Youth/Special Projects
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
National Representative - Voice of Democracy Weekend

Stephen L. Van Buskirk was appointed director of Programs, Youth/Special Projects in October 2005.

Steve originally began serving on the VFW national staff as a communications specialist with VFW Magazine in June of 1990. In December of that year, he was appointed assistant director – public affairs & media and then became director of public affairs in October 1994. Steve accepted the directorship of the VFW Foundation in August of 1997 and served in that capacity until he returned to VFW communications as director of that office in September of 1999. He left the VFW national staff in November of 1999 to become the director of development for Eastern Kansas Christian Schools, Inc. until returning to the VFW in February 2003 when he was appointed director of VFW Programs - Youth Development, Scholarship and Recognition.

Steve entered the U.S. Army in 1966 and served with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam, 1967-1968. In recognition of his service, he received the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the



Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service.

Van Buskirk joined the VFW in 1990 and is a Gold Legacy Life Member of VFW Post 7397 in Lenexa, Kansas. He is also a member of the American Legion and the P¹ Infantry Division Association.

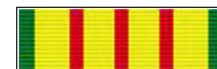
Steve and his wife Teresa, have two children and one grandchild and reside in Shawnee, Kansas.

Voice of Democracy Weekend

Friday January 28 - Student Check in and Pizza and Pool Party
Saturday January 29 - Breakfast
Air Force Academy Tour
Lunch
Return to Hotel
Awards Banquet 7:00 pm
VFW Post #4051, 430 E Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs
(call Dept. Headquarters for reservations 303-421-1630
by January 24th)
Sunday January 30 - Breakfast VFW Post 3917 Security
Hotel - Best Western - 1440 Harrison Ave., Colorado Springs



Prairie View Remembers



A Tribute to Vietnam Era Veterans

Friday, April 8th, 2011
Prairie View High School

4:00 to 5:00 Prairie View Gymnasium:
Performances by PVHS students and staff
Special presentations in honor of our veterans

5:00 to 6:00 Prairie View Great Hallway:
Veteran's red carpet walk of honor
(Yellow ribbon ceremony)

6:00 to 7:00 Prairie View Cafeteria:
Meet Our Veterans Social - hors d'oeuvres
Viewing of military artifacts and projects

Prairie View High School
12909 East 120th Ave
Henderson, CO 80640
PVHS: 303-655-8800

Contact: **Kate Hamilton** or **Kelly Gonzales**
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Please visit our website at:
www.namvettribute.org

Updates
on

Tribute to Vietnam Veterans
will be posted on our VFW
website

www.vfwcolodept.org

Please let them know
early if you plan to attend.

All Vietnam Veterans are
invited to attend.

DECEMBER UPDATE:

To: All organizations and individuals
Re: Update on Tribute to Vietnam Era Veterans
Date: April 8th 2011



The planning for our Tribute to local Vietnam Era Veterans is progressing well.

Special thanks to the following organizations for their monetary contributions:

American Legion post 180
American Legion Post 18

*To date we have contacted nearly 125 Vietnam Era Veterans with 500 new mailings going out this month! The number of veterans on our mailing list is growing on a daily basis!

We currently have five schools who will be participating in our tribute as well!

The number of exhibit curators confirming their attendance is growing! Many of these curators will be traveling a fair distance to be with us – some from out of state!

A number of Veterans and business organizations throughout the Denver and the Front Range area are participating as well!

Over the next few weeks we will continue to contact Vietnam Era Veterans in the hope of inviting them to our tribute!

● Please share this information and have Vietnam Veterans contact us!

Please visit our website at:

www.namvettribute.org

We sincerely look forward to seeing on Friday, April 8th!

For further information:

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Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation

The Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. The Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation Assistance Fund is established to provide financial assistance to worthy Colorado veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have insufficient financial resources to meet a critical or emergency need for shelter, food, and/or health care. You can find further information on the Foundation on the Department of Colorado web site: <http://www.vfwcolodept.org/foundation.shtml>

You see the blue Department of Colorado polo shirts everywhere there is a VFW Function. Do you have yours yet? You can order a shirt from Department Headquarters by phone. You will also find instructions on how to order a shirt at the Department of Colorado Web site: <http://www.vfwcolodept.org/foundation.shtml>

When you buy a shirt, you are making a contribution to the ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to Honor the Dead by


Helping the Living. The shirts have State Commander Albert's logo on the right side and either Department of Colorado VFW, Ladies Auxiliary, or Mens Auxiliary on the right side.

Ladies Auxiliary Department President Caroline Simon's Special Project this year is our Colorado VFW Foundation. Proceeds over cost on the Ladies Auxiliary shirts will be donated to the Department President's Special Project. Many of our Ladies Auxiliary members have purchased shirts, and we thank State President Caroline and her ladies for their support.

The Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation welcomes donation from Posts, individuals, corporations and any organization that is interested in assisting veterans with emergency needs. All donations are fully tax-deductible for individuals as well as corporations.

Steve Rylant
Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation


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JANUARY DISTRICT MEETINGS

1	1/22/11 Saturday	Post No. 2461 Denver	11:00 am Jt Mtg 12:00 noon meal 1:00 pm meeting	Bruce Dolan Ginny Burris
3	1/09/11 Sunday	Post No. 2601 Longmont	12:00 noon meal Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen 1:00 pm meeting	D J Alberts Carolyn Simon
4	1/16/11 Sunday	Post No. 4671 Wray	12 :00 noon meal 1:00 pm meeting	D J Alberts Carolyn Simon
6	1/15/11 Saturday	Post No. 2411 Las Animas	12:00 noon meal 1:00 pm meeting	D J Alberts Carolyn Simon
10	1/16/11 Sunday	Post No. 7945 Thornton	1:00 pm joint mtg Meeting Lunch to follow	Don Smith Cindy Anderson

January 29 - Voice of Democracy Banquet - Colorado Springs #4051 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY DISTRICT MEETINGS

2	2/06/11 Sunday	Post No, 3641 Pueblo	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Meeting	Bruce Dolan Carolyn Simon
5	2/13/11 Sunday	Post No. 101 Colorado Springs	1:00 pm Lunch 2:00 pm Mtg	Bruce Dolan Ginny Burris
7	2/13/11 Sunday	Post No. 899 Alamosa	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Meeting	D J Alberts Terryl Roane
11	2/13/11 Sunday	Post No. 3571 Delta	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Joint meeting Voice of Democracy & Patriot Pen 12:00 noon meal 1:00 pm meeting	Steve Rylant Cindy Anderson
12	2/13/11 Sunday	Post No. 4031 Durango	11:00 Joint Meeting 12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Mtg	Larry Mitchell Carolyn Simon
13	2/06/11 Sunday	Post No. 6612 Hugo	2:00 pm meeting Memorial Service Lunch after	Don Smith Carolyn Simon

February 14 - Salute to Hospitalized Veterans - Denver VA Hospital

February 19 - 23, Ladies Auxiliary Mid-Year Conference - San Diego, CA

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 (Mtg at the Frederick Am Legion)	12:00 Meal Meeting to follow	Bruce Dolan Ginny Burris
10	3/20/11 Sunday	Post No. 9644 Sheridan	Breakfast 11:00 am Memorial Service Meeting	Jim Mauck

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

Please advise Department of any changes in District Meetings

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POST & AUXILIARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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

NAME: _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ VFW POST NO. _____

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

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

THANK YOU
EDITOR

Commander's Column D. J. Alberts



Comrades,
First of all, Happy New Year! I for one am hoping the coming year (well, the first 5 and ½ months

at least—no, that would be selfish of me) is a truly prosperous one for the VFW as a whole and the Department of Colorado in particular.

The calendar year doesn't look like it ended prosperously, at least as far as membership is concerned. (And, since so many Posts have not filed Community, Hospital, Americanism, etc. reports, I cannot judge the status of that part of our mission.) As of Nov 30, Colorado had slipped to 9th out of 54, still below 90% for the year. December is traditionally not a good month for recruiting or renewing membership for those needing to be reinstated. We are actually some 400 plus below where we were last year at this time and that's after taking into account members having passed. The biggest surprise to me is that about half of our Colorado posts have not yet recruited or reinstated a single member. You know, if just 15% of our total life members each recruited one new member or talked a past member into returning, we would easily exceed 100%! Jim Mauck would feel a lot better if we all tried to get that one new or reinstate in January, and doing so would create a wonderful feeling throughout the Colorado VFW for the next year.

All life members should have received a letter from me asking for some finan-

cial help for the Department this year. I have not asked you for a specific amount, but would appreciate what you feel you can do for this one time appeal for help. The Department hasn't had to do this in several years: not since John Lewis was Commander. I'm sure that future Commanders will not want to ask again. Asking this of you was one of the hardest decisions I have had to make this year so far. Please, don't let the Department down: a little from each will go a long way.

Programs? Well, it is too early to know how extensive participation was for VOD, Patriots' Pen and Teacher of the Year on a state-wide basis, but if District 5 is an indicator, well, all I can say is that I am looking forward to being part of the Department VOD Dinner to be held at my home Post in Colorado Springs on Jan 29th. The numbers in Dist. 5 were more than encouraging. I want to express my appreciation to all of those individuals who served as judges or who will serve in the future—the greater the participation, the harder is the job of judging. But, the harder the job, the better the quality of product that comes forward. So, thank you judges!

Thanks for all the support you have given to me and all veterans in the year past. Let's renew our efforts and do more in this New Year. That is what we are supposed to be about, so let's get it done!

Donald J (DJ) Alberts,
Department Commander

Quartermaster's Column Dick Wellensiek



Comrades,
I hope you had a lot to be thankful for on Thanksgiving, a good holiday time with your

family on Christmas Day, and a Happy New Year!

Did you make a New Years Resolution? I hope your Resolution was to teach the members in your Post how to hold a correct meeting by first getting Officers and any other member a By-Laws and Ritual book. How to Recruit. How to do VFW

Programs by going to District and Council of Administration meetings. How to work at the Post, find things the members want to do. Teach them that Work can be Fun! Do something every day to make your Post Better. Good Luck and have a Great Year!

P.S. We should all take Great Pride in belonging to the Largest Combat Organization in the United States! The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States!!

Your Quartermaster
Dick Wellensiek

Colorado VFW Warriors Report

So what are the VFW Warriors doing in January when it is cold? Dreaming of warm weather coming so we can get back to riding and planning events for the spring and summer.

The Northern Gathering of the Warriors is tentatively planned for the weekend of June 11 – 12 in Saratoga, Wyoming. We will have a run open to all VFW, Ladies Aux and Men's Aux motorcycle riders the first day of State Convention, June 15 and the Sunday after Convention June 19. I hear plans are in progress for a Southern Gathering of the Warriors in Mancos the weekend of the 4 Corners Rally. Check my article in the March Colorado Veteran for more planned rides.

We received confirmation from Commander in Chief Eubank that our name will remain as the Colorado VFW Warriors. We presently have District Chapters in District 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, and 12. Our Warriors have been working hard to increase our membership in Colorado. We have approximately

150 members and are growing each day. And the Warriors are some of the top recruiters of VFW members in Colorado.

We are VFW members first, we enjoy riding together, and we have the following goals: **To** Promote and support the programs of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; **To** promote motorcycle safety programs. **To** provide a social atmosphere for VFW members who have the same interest.

If you are a member of the VFW, Ladies Auxiliary or Men's Auxiliary; own and ride a motorcycle 500 CC or larger; and would like to enjoy the comradeship of riding with, and for, Veterans, contact me through Department Headquarters or send me an e-mail at sarylant@comcast.net. And if you have a friend that rides and is eligible for the VFW, tell them about us and ask them to become a member of the VFW so they can ride with the VFW Warriors. You can find out more about us at <http://www.vfw-warriors.com>. **Ride Safe!**
Steve "SKIDD-R" Rylant, Chairman

Sr. Vice Column Ron Davies



WE ARE...
The Department of Colorado! Thank you to the WE in that sentence for making the first part of the year

an honor to serve as your Department Sr. Vice Commander. And to all of you, I wish you a Prosperous and Successful New Year, which translates into have a Happy New Year.

The first part of January is reserved for the Holiday hangover. But then we begin the New Year with five District meetings in January. Districts 1, 3, 4, 6, and 10. If you are a Post officer and haven't been attending District meetings please make a New Years resolution to do so. These meetings should be informative and important for your leadership of the Post. District Commanders if your meetings are not professional and well run please make your New Years resolution to make them that way.

On January 29th the Department will host their VOD banquet at Post 4051 in Colorado Springs. Please come and show

your support for our youth who have entered and won at the Department level. If we don't, who will?!

Last but certainly not least... Membership! As I write this article in mid December the Department is at 89.76%. WE are doing much better this year than last but "much better" is relative. It needs to be pointed out that when you read this article and you have an annual membership and haven't paid your dues your VFW privileges are suspended until you do. The Department of Colorado has 19,866 members. Right now we have 17,832 paid that is a difference of 2,034. We can make that difference up in several ways; the first and easiest is to have non paid members to pay their dues. New members are a must. If just 1/4th of our membership brought in 1 new member we would have 4,966 new members. Doesn't sound too difficult if you look at it that way does it. Please make it a point to "think membership" as much as possible.

Thank You for what you do!

Ron Davies
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Jr Vice Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings, I hope this finds everyone well.

We are at the beginning of a New Year. By now we all have

opened our Christmas gifts, had all the New Years Eve cheer we can handle for a year, and maybe or maybe not still have a membership in the VFW. Gaining new members is something all of us have done at one time or another. You wear your VFW hat, or jacket and someone asks about joining. Or maybe you go to a Yellow Ribbon ceremony and they're all right there. But this time of the year makes it even easier. It's called "closing the back door." We have so many members who are yearly members that do not, forget, or just can't afford to pay their due. So what is the solution? Simple! Every Post Commander should have a roster of all unpaid members for the coming year. Get a few names from your Commander and call, drop them short letter, or stop by and visit. It may be a member you haven't seen in awhile who just forgot, or maybe doesn't have any spare money to pay dues even though he'd still like to belong. We have a fix for that too. Under our by-laws, Posts may use the relief fund to help pay a member's dues if they are in need.

This whole process of contacting unpaid members doesn't take a lot of time. And as I found last year, you may find an old friend whom you didn't even know was still around. I ask each of you to take a few minutes and give it a try.

So you are thinking about running for an Elected Office or taking on a chairmanship?

When you take on the position of an Officer or anything in a position of trust,

you are voluntarily taking on the position of a FIDUTIARY (fi due she airy) and with it the duties impose by law.

The word Fiduciary comes from a Latin word meaning FAITH. A fiduciary must always act in good faith in their relationship to the organization. This means all Officers and Directors have an obligation to act in the interest of the organization rather than their own personal interests.

There are three duties of a fiduciary: Care, Loyalty, and Obedience.

Your duty of Care means you must act in GOOD FAITH in a way any prudent person would act in a similar manner under similar circumstances toward the interest of the organization.

Your duty of Loyalty means you must act with undivided loyalty to the interests of the organization rather than your own self interest. It forbids conflict of interests, and stresses an absolute duty to disclose any financial benefit from a transaction.

Your duty of obedience means you must act to assure the organization is operated to fulfill it's mission, (helping veterans) in accordance with the law, and compliance with it's by-laws.

Remember, we can be personally held liable for wrong doing. I think Common Sense should be our general rule.

(Some of this information was taken out of context from a hand out at the Jr. Vice Commanders Conference, K.C., Mo., October, 2010)

If you have any questions, or would like to chat about this, please contact me.

Please keep warm this winter, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone for the Midwinter C.O.A. in Alamosa.

Please pray for our veterans and troops in harms way.

Bruce R. Dolan
Department Jr. Vice Commander

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. 4
January 1, 2011 Series 2010-2011**

1. All Post Quartermasters must be bonded and in the proper amount. Bonds can be purchased through Department Headquarters at \$4.00 per thousand. If your Bond is not in the proper amount on the Quarterly Audit report or Inspection Form you will be contacted to increase your Bond.

2. ALL Posts must have a Dues Reserve Fund and must show them on the Quarterly Audit report.

3. POST VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CHAIRMAN should report the number of schools participating; number of students participating; total student monetary awards; and additional Voice of Democracy program expenses. This is the way the Department Voice of Democracy Chairman records our state information with National.

Department of Colorado Voice of Democracy Awards Banquet will take place Jan. 29, 2011, 7:00 pm at Pikes Peak VFW Post 4051, 430 E Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs. Tickets will be available through Department Headquarters for \$8.00 per person. Money may accompany reservations or you may pay at the door. Call 303-421-1630 for reservations.

4. 2010 MEMBERS who fail to pay their 2011 membership dues prior to or by December 31, 2010 will be considered delinquent. Delinquent members are not legally permitted to attend regular meetings of their Posts or any other unit of this organization until said delinquent member returns to good standing by payment of the 2011 membership dues.

5. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, "Duty of Trustees". Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ended December 31, 2010. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as the Post Quartermaster.

6. A thorough program of Post inspection is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department By-Laws and directives. District and Department Inspectors to include Assistant Inspectors shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.

7. The distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in sections 711 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Department, District, Post Commanders, and Men's Auxiliary should arrange now for the distribution of Buddy Poppies for Memorial Day campaign in their respective areas. All profits from the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be used in accordance with Section 704 of the Manual of Procedure.

8. PLEASE BE ADVISED that everyone who recruits a new member, or reinstates a former member, should sign and date the membership application on the front (lower left corner) so they may receive the awards they earn. Record your Membership Number, print and sign your name that you are the Recruiter. There are many awards from State and National that can be earned by recruiting. Everyone is eligible to earn the awards but we must have the name at Department. Anyone who has earned a recruiting award but has not received it should contact their Post Quartermaster for follow-up. The definition of a new life member is one who has never

belonged to the VFW before. All **NEW** members must pay, to the Department, a \$1.00 admission fee and the name of the recruiter must be noted by the Post Quartermaster on the Recruiter form in order for Department to give proper recognition to the recruiter.

9. OFFICERS PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: All Posts and Districts are reminded of the Provisions of Section 216 (c), 414 (c) and 515(d) of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility to their respective Adjutant and that officers not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and received.

10. LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE: Any applicant whose 31st, 41st, 51st, 61st, 71st or 81st birthday will occur after the date of application and on or before December 31st of the current year shall pay only the fee that would be required on his next birthday.

11. NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS: The Department of Colorado VFW has been granted National appointments by Commander-in-Chief Richard Eubank. A Post requesting assistance from one of the National Appointees is directed to make such request in writing through their Post Commander to State Commander D. J. Alberts. All requests will be considered and acknowledged.

12. ATTENTION OF POST COMMANDERS is directed to the Commander-in-Chief's decision in response to questions raised concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting as set forth below:

It is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting. Accordingly, the presence, dispensation and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting is completely unacceptable and any such practice known to exist shall be terminated.

13. NATIONAL BY-LAWS PROVIDES FOR ONLY ONE TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP; that is active membership. There are no provisions in the National By-Laws, nor is there any authority or justification for issuance of Club Membership cards, Associate Member cards, Honorary Membership cards, Courtesy Membership cards or any other special type of cards. Any Post issuing such unauthorized cards, or conducting club operations open to the general public, endangers its standing with the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit organization. Officers signing outlaw cards admitting non-members to VFW premises are subject to disciplinary action. National and Department officers cannot defend practices that conflict with VFW By-Laws or procedure.

14. PROGRAM CREDIT FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE will be given to both Post and Auxiliary **regardless of which entity submits the report.** All Community Service reports will be submitted to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr St., Lakewood, CO 80214.

BY COMMAND OF:
D. J. Alberts
D. J. Alberts
State Commander

ATTESTED BY:
Richard Wellensiek
Richard Wellensiek
State Adjutant

**Surgeon's Column
James Lafferty**



This year is gone and the new one is here. We need to remember our veterans during the new year. We need to see that when our

veterans come home that they are treated with respect and dignity that they deserve. We also want to make sure that all of their benefits, current vets and the others, are not having the benefits taken away from them. Our leaders seem to think that the veterans are a good place to get the funds to help with the money problems instead of cutting there own

pay and benefits. I hope that all members are helping the veterans in their community to see that they are getting the help that they need. I know that we have veterans out here who are not getting any help, that is a lot because they do not know where to go. Always remember that there are new things being done to try and help our veterans, so as surgeons we need to keep up to date, along with our service officers, on any and all of the new regulations.

Working for all veterans

Jim Lafferty
Department Surgeon

**Chaplain's Column
John Holland**



American Trinity

I would like to thank Dennis Prager, who has made me aware of the fact that all we need to know about America is on every US coin...

E pluribus Unum. "Out of many... One"

There are those who think that we are a nation of hyphenated Americans, but we are truly One Nation. We have our problems and our differences, and we are very public about them. But we are a unique blend of many cultures and religions. We are an ethnic mixture unlike any other.

Liberty.

There is no other nation on earth that allows ALL of its citizens the freedom that ALL Americans enjoy. Each of us has the freedom to choose how to succeed or fail, or to choose any course in between. The concept of a Bill of Rights,

which sets forth the limits of government is very nearly unheard of in the rest of the world.

In God We Trust.

The Founders of our republic did not insist that we worship a particular God, and they did not outlaw non belief, either. They were a diverse group that chose to create a form of government that WOULD NOT interfere with one's religious beliefs. However, they were aware that they were embarking on a revolutionary concept of a country, and that it could not succeed without the will of God.

We are a diverse, yet united free people, that enjoys the grace of God...

May God bless those that "even now guard the gates of freedom", and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

Welcome Home

John Holland
Department Chaplain

New Offer: TRICARE Supplement

Through the VFW you now have access to a TRICARE Supplement plan that's designed to fill in the gaps not covered by TRICARE. The new Health Care Reform law preserved your TRICARE coverage. But even with TRICARE you can be left with thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket expenses with deductibles and coinsurance. That's why a TRICARE Supplement policy is a great choice.

The new VFW Sponsored TRICARE Supplement insurance plan is easy to apply for:

- Enroll by mail or phone
- No Medical exam
- Affordable VFW group rates with flexible billing options
- Eligibility extends to your spouse and children (If applicable)

**Request a free TRICARE Information Kit & Enrollment form
Call 1 (877) 850-0183**

National Military Services/MAP Silent Auction

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

**Proceeds
80% to National Military Services
20% Colorado MAP Fund**

**Please bring your check book and support those who
"Guard the Gates of Freedom"**

VFW Post Membership by District as of December 27, 2010

Number/City	2010	2011	%	Number/City	2010	2011	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	696	661	95	859 Leadville	44	42	95
501 Denver	477	396	83	1166 Buena Vista	195	178	91
2461 Denver	170	161	95	3820 Salida	125	108	86
2797 Denver	58	46	79	8661 Bailey	172	151	88
3971 Denver	117	114	97	10721 Minturn	102	86	84
5061 Denver	483	367	76	11411 Lake George	52	46	88
6616 Denver	177	157	89	12009 Conifer	80	78	98
TOTAL	2178	1902	87%	TOTAL	770	689	89%
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
61 Pueblo	135	121	90	2371 Walden	50	41	82
984 Trinidad	84	79	94	3311 Oak Creek	32	30	94
2643 Walsenburg	54	44	81	4264 Steamboat Spgs	109	96	88
2788 Penrose	70	58	83	4265 Craig	169	155	92
3641 Pueblo	120	114	95	5261 Rangely	15	13	87
4061 Canon City	472	432	92	5843 Meeker	46	48	104*
5812 Pueblo West	177	166	94	9374 Kremmling	47	42	89
7305 Colo. City	50	48	96	9471 Hayden	11	11	100*
8301 Pueblo	13	10	77	TOTAL	479	436	91%
8898 Boone	57	47	82	DISTRICT #10			
12063 Westcliffe	53	58	109*	322 Englewood	145	131	90
TOTAL	1285	1177	92%	3471 Morrison	102	81	79
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	335	318	95	3631 Aurora	410	374	91
807 Boulder	72	69	96	4121 Idaho Spgs.	77	72	94
1771 Lafayette	421	364	86	4171 Golden	657	562	86
1781 Ft. Collins	348	322	93	4266 Parker	45	58	129*
2121 Greeley	234	216	92	4331 Arvada	308	271	88
2585 Johnstown	107	90	84	4444 Cmmrc Cty	276	259	94
2601 Longmont	567	546	96	4666 Littleton	158	157	99
2841 Brighton	199	176	88	6331 Aurora	142	120	85
4334 Ault	87	81	93	7563 Black Hawk	22	18	82
6011 Platteville	75	71	95	7945 Thornton	482	441	91
6624 Evans	326	295	90	8449 Bennett	34	32	94
7206 Louisville	36	32	89	9644 Fort Logan	630	502	80
9565 Broomfield	145	124	86	10736 FdrHights	31	28	90
9741 Dacono	34	29	85	TOTAL	3519	3106	88%
TOTAL	2986	2733	92%	DISTRICT #12			
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #13			
2551 Ft. Morgan	309	281	91	4031 Durango	253	229	87
3378 Yuma	81	73	90	5181 Dove Creek	51	44	86
3541 Sterling	141	127	90	5231 Mancos	93	86	92
3551 Brush	48	46	96	5241 Cortez	79	59	75
3951 Ovid	29	28	97	6068 Dolores	48	45	94
3961 Otis	30	26	87	9058 Nucla	31	30	97
4191 Crook	26	25	96	9398 Norwood	23	23	100*
4671 Wray	72	72	100*	9695 Pagosa Spgs	42	37	88
6482 Holyoke	80	71	89	TOTAL	620	553	89%
7153 Fleming	45	44	98	DISTRICT #6			
8064 Akron	53	51	96	336 Ordway	126	114	90
TOTAL	914	844	92%	2411 LasAnimas	118	112	95
DISTRICT #5				DISTRICT #7			
101 Colo. Spgs.	433	415	96	899 Alamosa	175	149	85
3917 Security	724	671	93	3228 Monte Vista	51	47	92
4051 Colo. Spgs	845	777	92	4849 La Jara	71	64	90
5221 Calhan	84	83	99	6101 San Luis	86	68	79
6051 Wldnd Park	48	41	85	8121 Del Norte	68	65	96
6461 Fountain	270	260	96	TOTAL	451	393	87%
7829 Monument	39	70	179*	Is you Post 100%?			
9669 Colo. Spgs.	59	56	95	Have you paid your 2011 dues?			
10649 Elizabeth	43	41	95				
TOTAL	2545	2414	95%				

MEMBERSHIP 2010-2011

Colorado is at 90.05%. That shows that you guys and gals are working membership. If we can work a little harder, we will be 100% by the end of January. That would be GREAT!! Thank You!

I will be mailing all the Post Quartermasters a list of names, some are ones that have not paid their dues for three or more years. Some are members that have moved to Colorado and belong to another state and have not paid their 2011 dues. If you will contact them, they may transfer to your Post since they now live in Colorado and become an active member for you. There will be some that just need to pay their 2011 dues. So get a recruiting team together and work the list.

We Congratulate the 10 Posts that are 100% already. Also Monument VFW Post

7829 is at 179% and still working. We also have another Post that is at 128%. Congratulations to everyone!

Please set up a Membership Drive to show our State Commander that Colorado is an All American Department. I know that we can do it. If you need help, brochures, membership lists, or applications, please contact me and I will see that you receive your supplies.

Hope you all had a very great Christmas and that you will be a very successful 100% New Year.

Good Luck

Jim Mauck
aka Dr Fat Albert
State Membership Director

United Veterans Committee

At the November United Veterans Committee meeting the membership unanimously passed the UVC State and National Legislative Goals and Priorities. They can be found on the UVC Web Site: http://unitedveteranscommittee.com/colorado_legislative_agenda.htm

Military Appreciation Day at the Capitol is scheduled on the General Assembly calendar for 24 JAN 10. The tentative schedule is as follows:

0900-0930 Breakfast reception in the West Foyer.

1000-1200 Military Appreciation Day activities on the House floor.

It would be great to see lots of VFW caps at this event. Come join us!

The UVC Awards Banquet will be held on 10 April, 2011 at the Renaissance Hotel located at Quebec and Smith Road.

The VFW in Colorado is an active participant and supporter of the Colorado UVC because it brings together over 50 organizations that are concerned with the rights and entitlements of the Veteran and they work as a united coalition with our legislators to ensure our rights are respected and protected.

The meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM and are held at VFW Post 9644. I hope to see many of your there.

Steve Rylant
United Veterans Committee Secretary

Life is Fragile
Life is Precious

Marsha Harrison and I would like to thank all of you for Flowers, Calls, Thoughts and especially your Prayers.

In a life threatening crisis, our family has shown itself to be a powerful force for healing.

Again, THANK YOU

John Holland

Thank You - Thank You

We would like to Thank the VFW's and Auxiliaries for the many expressions of sympathy in the loss of our loved one, Marciano R. (Richard) Carrillo.

God Bless
Jan Carrillo and Family

TAPS

Post 41: Paul J. Newman, Raymond J. Stigge, Charles L. Amen, Robert F. Ortman, William H. Lee Jr., Louis Ornelas, Wilbert Hart, Floyd Keener, Garold A. Kurth

Post 501: Thomas R. Pruitt

Post 1247: Harvey Reese, Ronald L. Graham

Post 2121: James F. Anderson, Daniel Ginther, Arval B. Stewart, Herman Brug, Eugene W. Allen, Wallis Avenell

Post 3228: Donald Antencio

Post 3631: Dean Wear

Post 3971: Dionicio Leyba

Post 3981: Frank Simonetti Jr.

Post 4061: Bob Nichols, Frank Konte, Fred S. Peterson, Vern E. Hamann

Post 4051: Claude Bishop, M M Casner, Leo De Greef, Charles Deeren, Holland M. Falls, Bernard Gano, James Gravit, Orville Hamm, William Hart, Thomas Henson, Lewis Hodge, Albert Jones, Walter Kensler, Othal Knowles, Robert Kushnir, Orville Lee, Harry Mellinger, Donald Miller, Eugene Romero, Theodore Schubert, Robert Spiegel, Lennart Tillman, Warren Towner, David White, Clarence Wiley

Post 4267: John W. Peck, Kelcie Odom

Post 4444: Marciano R. (Richard) Carrillo

Post 5241: Clyde B. Larsen

Post 6331: Timothy G Carolton, Raymond Spiro, Robert M. Talbot, Robert A. Yett Jr.

Post 8121: Jack Stout

Post 9644: Fidel O. DeLuna

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



State President Carolyn Simon, Parade of Programs October 30, Golden VFW #4171.



Americanism Chairman Eileen Vegoren read the Flag Folding ceremony as State Officers folded the Flag at Parade of Programs.



The residents of Colorado State Veterans Nursing Home in Walsenburg, thank you for your most generous donation. Your contribution has been allocated to help purchase a large screen TV which will greatly enhance our residents' leisure-time activities.

L-R: Marge Schooley, Hospital Chairperson, Doris Landerway, Stan Abel of VFW 7305 and a couple of nursing home residents.



30 soldiers from Fort Carson were invited by Park County ranchers to hunt on their property during hunting season. October 30th at the Community Center in Jefferson Colorado, "Wounded Warriors" were honored with a prime rib dinner by VFW #8661 and American Legion. Commander Dave Marlin and President Sandy Weitzel are in the center of the picture.



Homelake State Veterans Nursing Home cemetery honored Veterans with "Wreaths Across America" December 11, 2010. State Jr. Vice President Ginny Burris, PDC Larry Mitchell, PDP Rosie Mitchell and members from the four corners area helped with placing the wreaths and ceremony.



Evans Ladies Auxiliary #6624 Membership Brunch in October. L-R District #3 President Glenna Medina, Pat Douma, #6624 President and State President Carolyn Simon.



L-R bottom: Mary Lynn Mann, #6624 Treasurer, Elnora Bliss receiving her 60 year pin from State President Simon and Pat Douma, #6624 President.

**State Commander, Officer's and Guests Christmas Party - VFW Post #4051 - Colorado Springs
December 11,2010**



**State President, Officer's and Guests Christmas Luncheon - Arvada, CO
December 4, 2010**



**VFW Post #1 - Founders Day Banquet - Denver, CO
December 5, 2010**



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

Jan. 2	Paul A Westover	#3471	Morrison
9	Verle Huffman	#9644	Sheridan
16	Francis Brown Lowry	# 501	Denver
23	So Denver	#2461	Denver
30	John S. Stewart	# 1	Denver

Feb. 6	Englewood	# 322	Englewood
13	John S. Stewart	# 1	Denver
20	Broomfield	#9565	Broomfield
27	Mile High	#1771	Lafayette

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

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.

Community Service

Some of the things that I have found on the Community Service Reports that are not reportable:

- Reporting of assistance to Veterans, but you do not put down how they were assisted. Need to know this to see if it is for Community Service or Hospital.

- Cash for the use of Buddy Poppies, can only be reported when purchasing of poppies, not when you receive the donation when you pass them out. You can report the money you receive when you donate it to a project.

- Assistance to Veterans and their family time, cash, projects and miles, but you do not explain what was done. Need to know who, what and where.

- You cannot take the value of Coupons, only time, project and miles can be taken.

- Bake sales itself cannot be taken unless the money made is designated to a charity by vote on meeting floor.

- Other, under Hospital is not for Community Service, it is for Hospital only. Use other, under Community Service for all the rest.

- The totals on the back for the forms need to be added.

- If there is more than one member at an event it is only one project, not one for each person.

There are still 48 Post & Auxiliaries that have not reported anything this year.

Totals for the first six months are:

Hours: 40,956.26

Cash: \$106,056.13

Projects: 4,664

Miles: 135,098.28

\$ for Miles: \$1,8913.70

Chuck and Sandi Ackerman
Department VFW and Ladies Auxiliary
Community Service Directors
970-858-4944

Legislative Update

Did you know?

Your service and sacrifice for our nation has not been forgotten. Even though those who have been "comrades at arms" and are now serving in our Congress are getting few and far between.

There are numerous examples of our nation's support of our military, our veterans and our families. Right now, there are over 300 proposed bills in Congress which address active duty, reserve, national guard and veterans needs and concerns.

You can find these by going to thomas.loc.gov to access and track bills involving veterans.

You may also track the status

of these bill through the Senate (veterans.senate.gov) and the House (veterans.house.gov). This info will provide the number of co-signers and which committee is assigned to that bill.

All of our members and their families are encouraged to contact their members of Congress and urge them to support veteran's related bills.

It is imperative that our legislators realize the grassroots' concerns. We are veterans serving veterans in our dedication to service for America's heroes.

Warren "Chief" Tellgren,
Chairman VFW National Legislative Committee

Next Deadline for Colorado Veteran

February 1, 2011 for the March 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



Dear Sisters and Comrades,

That Special Moment! Maybe it happened in the chaos of surrounding family and friends, or at midnight on Christmas Eve as you turned out the

last light. Maybe it came to you from a young child's shining eyes, or in a small smile on a face that's seen too much sadness and hurt. But for that one fleeting instant, the world is right and you are at peace. These are That Special Moment, the ones we never forget. Often they define our reasons for volunteering. I pray that each of you experienced a special moment this Christmas season.

I am always humbled by the wide variety of ways you find to fulfill our obligations as a service organization. I recently saw the six-month community service report compiled and submitted by the VFW. To then, as a joint organization, we have submitted nearly 109,000 hours and over \$350,000 in service to Veterans, families, children and our communities. All I can say is THANK YOU for everything you have done. I know that the recipients of your work will always be touched by your generosity.

As much as you have done this far, I am asking you to do even more. The deadline for Just Say No is rapidly approaching. Volunteers for the Children's Carnival should be organizing now. We must continue our efforts for Cancer Aid and Research and every day brings a new opportunity to assist Veterans or their families. We should never pass up a chance to teach patriotism or to lobby our congressional leaders to stand by

America's heroes. Our hospitals always need more volunteers. And don't forget the fun side of the Buddy Poppy hat parade. Most of all, our organization needs every willing hand, and it is up to us to reach out to everyone who will listen.

I was privileged to join JoAnn Sparks as she honored as a Channel 7 Everyday Hero. I hope you all were able to see this tribute to a dedicated lady. If in my power, I would see you all honored in the same way. I also listened to an impressive history of women in the military at the Founders' Day banquet. Post 1 and its Ladies Auxiliary are to be commended for the program. Thanks go to Post 9644 and its Auxiliaries for an invitation to their Seniors Thanksgiving dinner. Many Posts and Auxiliaries prepare dinners for Seniors during the holidays, and although I can't visit them all, I know they were well received. Thank you all for reaching out to our community.

Congratulations to all Auxiliary Presidents, Treasurers and Membership Chairmen that obtained 90% of their membership by December 15. I look forward to celebrating with you at our Winter Wonderland. We have planned what I hope you will remember as an exciting and fun afternoon.

With many district meetings on my schedule for January and February, I look forward to seeing many of you personally. Until then, I and the other line officers are only a phone call away if you wish to talk to us. Please don't hesitate to ask any time you have a question.

Loyally,
Carolyn Simon
Department President

Fisher House

A Fisher House is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available. There are 53 Fisher Houses located in the United States and Germany. Typically, the houses are 5,000 to 16,000 square foot homes donated by Fisher House Foundation. Each house is designed to provide eight to 21 suites. All are professionally furnished and decorated in the tone and style of the local region. The houses can accommodate 16 to 42 family members. They feature a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and an inviting living room with library, and toys for children.

Who runs a Fisher House:

Fisher Houses are given to the U.S. Government as gifts. Military service secretaries and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the homes. The Fisher House Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit

organization under section 501(c) (3) of the IRS code, builds new houses, and assists in the coordination of private support and encourages public support for the homes.

Who is Eligible to Stay At A Fisher House:

Criteria established locally by hospital or installation commanders. Families do not pay to stay at a Fisher House. Fees at Army, Navy and Air Force Fisher Houses are underwritten by Fisher House Foundation.

2009 Highlights:

Families served: Approximately 11,000
Average length of stay: 15 days
Average (combat casualties): 45-60 days
Average occupancy level: 87%
Saved families more than \$15 million in lodging cost plus food and transportation

For more information please visit the website:
www.fisherhouse.org

Americanism

The goals of the Americanism program are to promote patriotism, teach students about our American heritage, demonstrate the proper care of the U. S. Flag, and ensure that the public will never forget the sacrifices made by America's soldiers. Members are also passionate about helping bring attention to Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action by holding ceremonies to both educate their communities and honor these special veterans. The full accounting of those missing in action is a high priority of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary VFW.

History

1931--The "Star Spangled Banner Bill" made it to the floor of Congress. Americanism became the third National continuing service program adopted by the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. Seventy-four years later the program continues stronger than ever.

Patriotic Instructors

Appointed by the President on each level, the Patriotic Instructor encourages members on the proper salute of the U.S. Flag, as well as the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Do not pause while saying, "One nation under God." She also takes the time to understand the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Ritual and the Federal Flag Code.

Hospitals & VAVS

History

In 1928 Volunteer Hospital work became the second National Program adopted by the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. As America's troops return from battle and aging warriors need medical attention, the Ladies Auxiliary has been there to assist with a cheerful smile, an encouraging word, and time to write or read a letter from loved ones. The organization volunteers 1.8 million hours a year.

Volunteers are always needed for Coffee Admissions at Denver VA Medical Center and for Chapel Hour - Contact Myra Dawson for information on dates and times on Coffee Admissions 303-727-4271 or Betty Melsen for Chapel Hour 303-237-6646.

Resignation Notice

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and New Years too. I am announcing my resignation of my office due to personal and health issues. This is something I truly do not wish to do, but I need to.

I so love being a part of our Department Auxiliary. So ladies, someone needs to step up and take my position. Since I am dropping out, there will be two (2) officer positions available at State Convention.

Please consider running. It is so much fun to be a line officer. You get the opportunity to meet a lot of ladies that you may not know already. You will have experience's you will never forget and a lot memories. Who ever decides to run, I

What is reportable?

A. Any Americanism-related program that is voted on the floor of the Auxiliary. To name a few (you are limited only by your own imagination):

- Get Out the Vote Program/Candidate Forums
- Teaching the Pledge of Allegiance in schools
- Patriotic coloring contests
- Flag-raising ceremonies
- Observance of patriotic holidays
- Any program that promotes patriotism
- Sponsoring Young American Patriotism awards
- Donating unused frequent flyer miles to Hero Miles
- Parades/rallies
- Nominating a candidate for Teacher of the Year Award
- Promoting Veterans in the Classroom
- Assistance for those wishing to obtain citizenship
- Flag presentations to classrooms/businesses
- Flag retirement ceremonies.

Remember: the freedoms we all enjoy and take for granted are constantly at risk. Our freedom is in place only because of the sacrifices of our military heroes, the men and women who served and are still serving. It is for them and for the veterans of past wars that we remain **United by Love for Our Veterans and Country.**

wish you all the luck and joy, like I have experienced being a line officer for the Department of Colorado VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

We are a very important organization that helps our Veterans and the hero's fighting for our freedom. I can proudly say, I am so glad that I am a part of something so wonderful.

I would also like to thank everyone that sent me cards and well wishes when I broke my arm. I certainly have learned to watch where I step from now on.

Sincerely,
Teryl Roane
Department Conductress

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Colorado

General Orders #4 January 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."

2. **AUXILIARY, DISTRICT and DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:** You must have current copies of the National By-laws and rituals.

3. **ELECTED OFFICERS AND ALL MEMBERS:** In order to be considered a member in good standing, your 2011 dues must be paid by December 31, 2010 or you are no longer in good standing and will not be permitted to attend meetings, hold an office, or be eligible for a cancer grant, if otherwise eligible.

4. **FOURTH QUARTER AUDITS** cover the months of October, November and December and shall be conducted during the month of January (pg. 84 of the By-laws). A copy of this audit must be mailed to Department Treasurer, Colleen Rylant no later than January 30, 2011.

5. **MEMBERSHIP:** Keeping your membership current is the easiest way to keep our organization membership whole and healthy. If you have not already paid your 2011 dues, your membership ceased to be in good standing as of December 31, 2010. Please pay your 2011 dues now. Your dues help to keep our congressional voice strong for military, veterans and families. Your dues also entitle you to receive a cancer grant, provided the eligibility requirement is met. Recruit new members by always carrying an application card with you. Use it to sign up your friends and family. The Auxiliary shall fix an admission fee not less than \$5.00 per member. This entitles each new member to a membership pin and a copy of the current Bylaws and Booklet of Instruction. (See Section 103, pg 11 of the Bylaws)

6. **AUXILIARY TREASURERS:** Please forward dues to the Department Treasurer at least once a week. Please make sure the cards are filled out completely and correctly, so it does not hold up the transmission of your new members. PLEASE DO NOT HOLD THEM.

7. **ROSTER CORRECTIONS:** The roster is typed from the Report of Installation. If the information is listed with incorrect addresses and phone numbers on that form, they will be wrong in the roster. Please be sure to check these before they are sent to the Department Secretary. If you are an officer and move or your address has changed in any way, let your Auxiliary Secretary know so she can inform the Department Secretary.

8. **CHANGE OF OFFICERS:** A form was sent to each Auxiliary with their Warrant request showing how to notify National, the Department Treasurer and the Department Secretary of the changes in your officers. Please use them.

9. **DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:** Sec. 810C, Page 70 of Bylaws. The District President shall hold at least one District meeting each year to promote schools of instruction for Auxiliary Officers, in addition to the District Convention. She acts as a liaison between the Auxiliaries in

the District and the Department, and to do whatever may be for the best interests of the Auxiliary. The District President may conduct an annual Memorial Service in accordance with the Ritual to pay tribute to deceased members.

10. **DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:** Please complete your inspection reports of Auxiliaries and send to the Department President immediately following the inspection. Please cooperate with your Department Officers and Chairmen. You are the link between Department and the Auxiliaries in your District. It is your responsibility to see that all information reaches them. Please stay in touch with your Auxiliaries after you have done your inspections.

11. **ALL COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS** must be completed and sent to VFW Department Headquarters. Remember to report as soon as you complete your projects. All community Service reports must be kept on file for five consecutive years for IRS purposes.

12. **ALL SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS DEADLINES.** Please check the National 2010-2011 Program Book, read and review the information on pages 37-39 concerning all the deadlines for all programs.

13. **"JUST SAY NO"** Please work on the "Just Say No" program Commander D.J. Alberts sent to Auxiliary Presidents and Post Commanders. Entries are due to Department no later than February 7, 2011.

14. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS.** All Auxiliaries that have achieved 90% in membership by December 15, 2010, will receive an invitation to an afternoon in Winter Wonderland, scheduled for February 5, 2011, and held at Englewood VFW #322, 3800 S Windermere St, in Englewood, Colorado. It is the President's responsibility to share this invitation with her Treasurer and Membership Chairman, so that all three may attend and participate in the rewards for their hard work.

15. **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY BANQUET** to be held at Pikes Peak VFW #4051, 430 E Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs CO 80903, on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 7:00pm. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Call VFW Department Headquarters for reservations 303-421-1630.

16. **DEPARTMENT YOUTH AWARDS CARNIVAL** will be held March 12, 2011 at Golden VFW Post #4171, at Noon. Please let chairman, Janet Mills know if you can sponsor a game booth or help in any way.

17. **PARADE OF PROGRAMS** will be April 2, 2011 in Alamosa, VFW #899. Workshops will begin at 1:00pm.

18. **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING** will be April 3, 2011 in Alamosa. Please check the March issue of the Colorado Veteran for the schedule.

BY ORDER OF:
Carolyn Simon
Carolyn Simon, President

ATTEST:
Valorie Fowler
Valorie Fowler, Secretary

Roster Changes

- Page 10 - District #4 President 970-370-8109
- Page 10 - District #5 Treasurer: Donna Watkins, 3113 Broadmoor Valley Rd. Unit B, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 719-576-0559
- Page 20 - St. George S. Creagh, Jr #3621
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Continuing Education Scholarship Application

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW is pleased to present scholarships to assist members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or a career direction at technical school. The spouse, daughter, and son of a member are also eligible to apply.
One scholarship will be presented each year to a selected candidate in each of the four Ladies Auxiliary VFW Conferences. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older. Qualifying member must have been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW for one year prior to application. Previous national winners are not eligible.

Please complete this application in full and return to Administrator of Programs, Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, 401 W. 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, Mo. 64111 so it is received by February 15, 2010.

Applicant Name _____ Relationship to Member _____
Member Name _____ Auxiliary Membership ID# _____
Auxiliary Name & Number _____
Date Member joined Auxiliary _____
Applicant Street Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Telephone (____) _____ Today's Date _____

This scholarship shall be used in the 2010-2011 academic year to further my education and will be in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship will be paid directly to an American college or vocational/technical school of my choice.

Signature of Applicant _____

On a separate sheet of paper please provide the information below

1. A brief essay (no more than 300 words) describing your commitment to your goals and how this scholarship will help you attain these goals.
2. Name of college, university or vocational school that you plan to attend.
3. Course or major _____ Have you been accepted? _____
4. Adjusted Gross Income from the family's Federal Income Tax return for the previous year _____ How many dependents in household? _____
5. Please describe your financial reasons for applying for this scholarship.
6. Have you been awarded financial aid from any other sources? Please specify.

Life is Fragile Life is Precious

Marsha Harrison and I would like to thank all of you for Flowers, Calls, Thoughts and especially your Prayers.

In a life threatening crisis, our family has shown itself to be a powerful force for healing.

Again, THANK YOU

John Holland

Thank You

Thank You Colorado for all the sympathy cards and prayers when we lost Keith, husband and brother-in-law and a VFW member. Your show of concern helped us thru a very difficult time.
Anna and Terry Jacobson and Vera La Grange and family

Thank You Colorado

Thank You everyone for all the cards, letters and prayers for Hallie. To update everyone she is much improved. The cancer was removed with surgery and has not progressed. She must continue treatment for another year. Thanks again to everyone for your concern.
Vince LaCapra

Thank You - Thank You

Thank You Sister and Comrades for all the cards, phone calls and concerns during my recent health problems. Many of you know that I am now living with my daughter Linda and family, and they are taking very good care of me. Thank you everyone.
Mary Ina Mick, Delta #3571

TAPS

Aux 501: Eunice Leasure, Norma Sarno
Aux 1771: Nellie Brown, Bernice Warembourg, Shirley Gross
Aux 2551: Lura Bassett, Verna Zwirn, Clara Ringo
Aux 3631: Mildred M. Bartrow, Helen Carrasco, Kaeko Dmytryk, Mildred Fishencord, Vera M. LeGendre, Burnelda Pearson, Nancy Pittaway, Lois M. Souza, Marguerite Stover
Aux 4444: Carol Caughman, Rose Jump, Margaret Harper
Aux 4663: Mary Dial, Dorothy Short
Aux 8661: Themetra Morgan
Aux 9304: Pearl Antonelli, Edith E. Keller

Membership

I am so proud of all of my Auxiliary Sisters. All of you have been working very hard on membership. The Department has attained four of the National awards, but we are still striving for the next. Thanks to the efforts of our members, our Department was at 88.31% as of December 17th. But we still need to work on Membership.

I am again asking for each auxiliary to send me the name and address of your Membership Chairman. I would like to work very closely with everyone to reach our goals. I hope that you all are using your membership packet that was given out at the last Parade of Programs. As a Membership Chairman, if you didn't get yours please contact me. I will send your packet.

Congratulations to those auxiliaries that have already attained their 100% and a note of encouragement to those auxiliaries that are really close. President Carolyn and I have some wonderful plans for our own "Puttin on the Ritz." The date has been set for February 5, 2011. Make sure to keep that date open. Invitations will be going out soon.

Treasurers please don't hold onto your transmittals. Send them to Colleen as soon

as you get them. This will help to attain the goals set. Remember, you can use your Relief fund for members that may need help, are in a nursing home or just to say thank you to a member that has given that extra effort in time or work to help your auxiliary.

Did you hold your Recruiting Drive? I have only received a few reports on this event. Remember there will be a special award for this event.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance with anything. Our work is cut out for us but I know we can attain the goal if we remember the 3 R's of Membership.

"Retain continuous members"

"Reinstate former members"

"Recruit new members"

Thank you, Colorado for working hard to attain the membership goals. I am enjoying working with each of you and we are having a great year for membership as we are "Leaving Our Veterans and Families with Hope" in this year when we are "United by Love for Our Veterans and Country."

Sister Loyalty,
Ginny Burris
Department Membership Chairman

Extension - Chief of Staff

We are still working on new Ladies Auxiliaries for Monument #7829, Westcliffe #12063, Grand Junction #3981, Durango #4031 and a Jr. Girls #1771. This takes time, a lot of talking and paper work. All the records have been turned in from So Lakewood #9014 and are at Department Headquarters and the charter has been mailed to National Headquarters. Please keep working on membership and Colorado can be 100%. Ann Mauck, Extension and Chief of Staff

Homelake Domiciliary open house

October 26, 2010, was a historical day for Homelake—the official "open house" of the newly renovated domiciliary cottages, which were originally constructed between 1913 and 1939. Completion of the construction merged these 20th century buildings with 21st century, state-of-the-art, energy efficient renovation.

Adjutant General H. Michael Edwards and many guests from Denver were transported to the open house by Blackhawk helicopters. It was a thrill for San Luis Valley residents, students and community members to witness the landing and take off of these incredible aircraft just across the street from the Home-lake campus at the Monte Vista Middle School. Homelake advocates and supporters drove from across the state to attend the long-awaited event.

The re-dedication ceremony began with the singing of the national anthem. Administrator Mindy Montague then

Thank you to our many supporters

Homelake has worked hard to make this dynamic facility "home," with fun and meaningful activities, campus-wide accessibility, loving quality nursing care, transportation services, choices involving personal care and meals and now an environmentally friendly "green" environment.

Throughout these changes, there has been one very important constant: Homelake's advocates and supporters, who have carried Homelake through many glorious, sad and tumultuous times. Home-lake asks—you give, you support and you advocate.

The domiciliary renovation is a perfect example of this support. Local contractors went above and beyond because of a vested interest in "their" Homelake.

introduced Viki Manley, director of the Division of State and Veterans Nursing Homes, who in turn introduced keynote speaker, Karen L. Beye, executive director of the Colorado Department of Human Services. Senator Gail Schwartz and former Senator Lewis H. Entz also provided comments, and other dignitaries and individuals involved in the renovation were introduced. Thanks were given to residents for their patience during the renovation, to staff for their contributions to the project and to advisory and foundation board members, of the Board of Veteran Affairs and VA representatives for their support.

Travis Seyfried, domiciliary resident council president, and Edna Hiller, our longest-lived domiciliary resident, made the program complete with the traditional ribbon cutting, followed by refreshments.

During our 120 years of providing care,

Staff brought personal items from home to help decorate the cottages. Foundation and advisory board members spent hours cleaning the older, unused campus buildings because of a patriotic pride for the facility and what it means to veterans. At the open house, volunteers served refreshments and handed out programs. Past VA survey team members drove from Denver to celebrate with us. State and local veteran supporters, community members, future residents, current residents and family members braved the chilly weather to show their support.

The foundation of success includes many unnamed and unsung heroes. We thank each of you. Our celebrations and successes are yours. We are who we are because of you.

Auxiliary Membership by District 2010 - 2011 December 27, 2010

Number	City	2010	2011	%	Number	City	2010	2011	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #7				
I	Denver	130	122	94	899	Alamosa	79	69	87
501	Denver	180	149	83	3228	Monte Vista	38	37	97
2461	Denver	124	100	81	4849	La Jara	46	44	96
2797	Denver	30	34	113*	6101	San Luis	43	44	102*
3971	Denver	68	23	34	8121	So Fork	87	90	103*
5061	Denver	157	111	71		TOTAL	293	284	97%
6616	Denver	84	74	88	DISTRICT #8				
	TOTAL	772	613	79%	859	Leadville	33	33	100*
DISTRICT #2					1166	Buena Vista	92	96	104*
984	Trinidad	28	25	89	8661	Bailey	60	55	92
2643	Walsenburg	26	23	88	11411	Lake George	34	35	103*
2788	Penrose	37	31	84	12009	Conifer	18	23	128*
3641	Pueblo	85	83	98		TOTAL	237	242	102%*
4061	Canon City	276	241	87	DISTRICT #9				
5812	Pueblo West	21	21	100*	4264	Stmbt Spgs	33	32	97
7305	Colo. City	35	33	94	4265	Craig	70	68	97
	TOTAL	508	457	90%	5843	Meeker	33	21	64
DISTRICT #3					9374	Kremmling	15	15	100*
41	Loveland	145	129	89		TOTAL	151	136	90%
1771	Lafayette	404	379	94	DISTRICT #10				
1781	Ft. Collins	96	80	83	322	Englewood	115	110	96
2121	Greeley	106	106	100*	3471	Morrison	50	45	90
2585	Johnstown	37	39	105*	3631	Aurora	124	102	82
2601	Longmont	299	276	92	4171	Golden	331	311	94
2841	Brighton	80	69	86	4331	Arvada	138	120	87
4334	Ault	43	34	79	4444	Cmmrc City	183	173	95
6011	Platteville	41	34	83	6331	Aurora	66	67	102*
6624	Evans	213	190	89	7945	Thornton	253	241	95
9565	Broomfield	52	45	87	8449	Bennett	11		
	TOTAL	1516	1381	91%	9014	So Lakewood	31		
DISTRICT #4					9644	Fort Logan	401	350	87
2551	Ft. Morgan	163	150	92		TOTAL	1703	1519	89%
3541	Sterling	106	97	92	DISTRICT #11				
4671	Wray	39	33	85	784	Montrose	32	32	100*
8064	Akron	50	33	66	1247	Grnd Jnctn	107	91	85
	TOTAL	358	313	87%	3571	Delta	80	79	99
DISTRICT #5					4267	Gunnison	48	42	88
101	Colo. Spgs.	55	47	85	4663	Clifton	90	78	87
3917	Security	263	241	92	9221	Cedaredge	73	69	95
4051	Colo. Spgs	385	356	92	9304	Silt	25	24	96
5221	Calhan	30	26	87	9333	Hotchkiss	29	28	97
6051	Woodlnd Prk	14				TOTAL	484	443	92%
6461	Fountain	104	86	83	DISTRICT #12				
10649	Elizabeth	17	18	106*	4031	Durango	86	76	88
	TOTAL	868	774	89%	5181	Dove Creek	47	41	87
DISTRICT #6					5231	Mancos	100	90	90
336	Ordway	99	89	90	9058	Nucla	29	24	83
2411	LasAnimas	85	86	101*		TOTAL	262	231	88%
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	263	90%	9491	Deer Trail	4		
						TOTAL	137	120	88%
Auxiliary Treasurers - Please send all Dues to State Treasurer Colleen Rylant					15006	At Large	153	164	107%*
						TOTAL DEPT.	7,735	6,940	90%

Treasury Publishes Final Regulation to Phase Out Paper Checks by 2013

WASHINGTON (Dec. 21, 2010)- The Department of the Treasury announced a new rule that will extend the safety and convenience of electronic payments to millions of Americans and phase out paper checks for federal benefits by March 1, 2013. Officials at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) urge Veterans to sign up for electronic payment of their benefits. "Receiving VA benefits electronically will increase the security, convenience and reliability of these vital payments," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "VA encourages Veterans who are now receiving their benefits in paper checks to set up direct deposits before the deadline."

On March 1, 2013, VA will stop issuing paper checks. People who do not have electronic payments for their federal benefits by that time will receive their funds via a pre-paid debit card. Called the Direct Express card, it is issued by

Comerica Bank as the financial agent of the U.S. Treasury.

Another deadline affects people receiving VA's compensation or pensions for the first time after May 1, 2011. Those people will automatically receive the benefits electronically.

Anyone already receiving federal benefit payments electronically will be unaffected by the changes. To learn more about the federal government's switch to direct deposit - or to change VA benefits to direct deposit --visit www.GoDirect.org. Information about the federal government's "Go Direct" campaign is also available at 1-800-333-1795.

Along with payments for VA benefit, the change will also affect recipients of payments from Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Railroad Retirement Board, or Office of Personnel Management.

Veterans and Family Support

National Military Services (NMS)

•Kudos – as of November 30 - 13 Colorado Auxiliaries have donated \$1,719.70 well on the way to the \$6,000 challenge! Keep up the good work!! Let's be sure ALL Auxiliaries participate.

How are your Alpha Hit Fund Raisers going? Please share your ideas, so we can pass them on.

Do you need more NMS Donor Cards? Let me know. Let's see every Post covered with committed donors. Remember, ALL of the above funds go to help support:

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

Education:

February 15 is just about here. Have your distributed the Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship Application? Help someone make their dream of a postsecondary education come true.

More help for military students – Pass the word along – handout/advertise this information:

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW has partnered with software provided eKnowledge to help military students perform well on their college entrance exams. PowerPrep tm software helps students prepare for SATs and ACTs and eKnowledge makes it available to students in military families for a mall processing fee only.

Do you know a military family with a

student who may soon be taking his or her college entrance exams? Direct them to www.eknowledge.com/LadiesVFW or have them call 1-951-256-4076 and mention the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. Neither the Ladies Auxiliary VFW nor eKnowl- edge profit from this venture. It is strictly to help students of military families have every change to do well on their tests, get into college and lead successful lives.

Stand Downs: Word from the field reports over 500+ homeless veterans were served at **EACH** of the six regional Stand Downs. That's 3,000 veterans who know we care and remember their service. Bless You!

National VFW Home for Children: Has your auxiliary made your donation to Health & Happiness? Remember, the National Home has a new pin. Is each of your members wearing the new pin? Let's share our support labels: Campbell's labels for a new 6th mini van – send your labels today! UPC labels for education – everyone deserves an education. Send your labels.

Resources for You: There are many items Ladies Auxiliary VFW members need or use to make the programs and contests happen. Here's where to find it all: www.ladiesauxvfw.org Click "Program" then "Resources."

Loyally, Carol Anderson,
Department Program Chairman

Youth Activities

We are half way through our year and still have a lot of work to do.

I am sure during the Holidays a youth group in your area sent packages or letters to our military. Please fill out the form in the program book and get it to me. I would love to put Colorado on the map with citations from National.

Deadlines are fast approaching for Young American Creative Patriotic Art entries, to Department, April 15, 2011 is the deadline.

Judging criteria is:

Patriotic Expression – Concept, Presentation and Patriotism Expressed.

Content – Clarity of idea, Elicitation of Emotion and Can It Stand On Its Own

Design – Technique, Creativity, Contrast, Total Impact of Work

Send only your first place winner to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood CO 80214. DO NOT send them to National Headquarters in Kansas City. They will only send them back with postage due.

The deadline for the "Just Say No" coloring/poster contest is February 7, 2011. The entries also go to Department Headquarters. Youth Carnival will be in Golden Post 4171 on March 12, 2011 at noon. This is a fun time for family and friends, after playing games and eating hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, the "Just Say No" winners will be announced and receive

their awards. If you haven't signed up for a booth at the Youth Carnival yet, there is still time. Contact Mort Anderson, 8171 South Quatar Circle, Aurora CO 80016 or me and we will get a spot reserved for you. If you cannot man a booth maybe a donation to the Youth Carnival through Colleen Rylant, Department Treasurer would work for you.

Make sure all the forms are filled out completely for Patriotic Art and Just Say No, notifying the winners is so much easier when I have all the information.

Last but not least is the Girl Scout Awards (Gold, Silver & Bronze), many auxiliaries work with the girl scouts and we thank you for that, now let us recognize these young ladies for their accomplishments with Gold, Silver or Bronze awards. Find out who is eligible for these awards and fill out the form in the Program book and get it sent off. These awards are presented by the Auxiliary. This form is sent to National Headquarters, if you have any questions contact Jan Thompson at 816-561-8655, ext. #25.

"United by Love for Our Veterans and Country"
"Leaving Veterans and Families with Hope"
Janet Mills
Department Youth Activities Chairman

Deadline for "Just Say No"

February 7, 2011

Ladies Auxiliary and VFW Posts

Only send your first place winner to Department Headquarters

State Winners will be notified by Department and Awards will be announced at Youth Carnival

March 12, 2011 held at VFW Post 4171, Golden CO

Legislative

Accountability! Accountability! Be Accountable!

We have all said these things a million times about our Legislative and Congressional Leaders but how many time have we heard that you can't buck the system. But how many of us have tried, now is the time to get out and try to see that things are done to help our Veterans and their families!

We must educate our sisters, families, friends and communities on the legislative process. We need to refresh ourselves on the three branches of government. There are many levels of a bill before it gets signed into law.

Keep yourself current on all veterans' legislation, encourage them to take an active part in the legislative process on all levels of government. Find out how is a bill is passed and becomes law. Please familiarize yourself with the process.

If a bill is passed and the money appropriated for something don't stop then,

because sometimes things can take awhile to get done by one congress and then it can be put on the back burner thinking that we won't worry about it and the next congress can write a new bill to override if their has been no action taken.

The election is over but that doesn't mean that we must not make the ones that are still in office until January accountable for their actions let them know about what they are doing daily and what they are not doing and how you feel about the issues that are important to you and your Veterans family. Everyone of them have a office close to you with representatives that report to them. When you call write or e-mail them please be polite and try to stick to the issue on hand

"Remember we are United by Love and Leaving Hope for our Veterans their families and our Country."

Loyally Yours,
Linda L. Stahly
Department Legislative Chairman



Cancer Aid and Research

FUN-TASTIC! That is what I call this last C of A Meeting. I had no idea what would be happening: Lead Lady (Lennie Dolan) did a terrific sign on the \$2.00 per member; followed by me and Department President Carolyn Simon and National Representative Roberta Perue joining in my Pink Hats; followed by Golden Auxiliary members Rita Fama and Lucille Pacheco doing a skit on Cancer with a song everyone enjoyed.

A very big Thanks to Auxiliary #9014 on their generous donation for Cancer Aid and Research of \$2,400. This helps make our goal for National. So far Colorado had 15 grants - money awarded was \$6,500. Hoping the other 35 Auxiliaries will support this and send in their \$2.00 per member soon to make us 100% in reporting.

The Cancer Pins are selling really good, the Auxiliaries are saying how beautiful they are. So far I have sold 65 from the Gas Station and brought in \$174.00. So thanks to all for your support.

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

Cecilia Schoonover
Department Cancer Aid and 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

