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“We honor the dead by helping the living”



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Department of Veterans Affairs to Begin Ambulatory Surgery Services at Air Force Academy

DENVER - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Eastern Colorado Health Care System (ECHCS) is now offering ambulatory surgery services at the U.S. Air Force Academy 10th Medical Group (MDG) facility. Both organizations hosted an Open House on August 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the 10 MDG; 4102 Pinion Drive, Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs.

The new VA Operation provides Southern Colorado Veterans with surgical services that would have previously required them to drive to the Denver VA Medical Center.

The center is projected to perform surgery on approximately 1,000 Veterans in the first year. Initially, services will include general surgery, with plans to expand into Orthopedics, Urology, and Ophthalmology.

“This is a great way to eliminate the

travel inconvenience for Veterans who previously had to travel to Denver for these services, while also reducing VA fee-basis costs, and strengthening VA and DoD collaborative efforts” said Rebecca Keough, ECHCS Assistant Director.

Aside from reducing the travel time for Veterans by providing services closer to home, the new clinic also provides ECHCS with surgical capability where it is needed most while utilizing existing federal facilities to enable a “right sizing” of upcoming ECHCS construction and lease projects.

Combining surgical support staff of the 10th Medical Group and the VA ECHCS in Colorado Springs will provide economies of scale that will make the federal ambulatory surgical capability significantly more effective.

PROJECT EAGLE UPDATE

August 2010

This month, “*Future home of the VA Medical Center*” signs were placed at four locations on the site. Veterans and the community can now see where the facility will be and know that the project is moving forward.

July meetings are completed. The topic for this series was “Elevations”; this includes the placement of such things as: paper towel dispensers, blood pressure machines, shelving, white boards, and mirrors. For many areas the architects have created three dimensional renditions of spaces to assist users in envisioning what the rooms will look like and where the elevations will be located. The 3D modeling also assists the user groups to better see patient and employee flow and interactions. Several areas have “tweaked” their design based on these new views and better understanding of how the actual space will look.

I’ve received some inquiries about how many jobs will be created during the construction phase. We can’t provide any hard numbers at this point in time. However, we can generate an estimate based on similar projects. On the Children’s Hospital project in Aurora, CO, which was approximately the same size, at the peak of construction, there were 1,400 workers on site. Over the life of the project 9,400 identification badges were issued. While these are estimates, they provide a perspective into the significant size and scope of this VA project.

Jordan Schupbach, Public Affairs Officer, VA ECHCS

VFW Wants Full Life Insurance Disclosure

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 4, 2010

“News reports about life insurance companies profiting off our war dead struck an emotional nerve at every level,” said Thomas J. Tradewell Sr., national commander of the 2.1 million-member Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and its Auxiliaries.

“It may be a legal industry practice, but learning that a company is earning more interest than what they pay out to surviving families just reeks of corporate greed and irresponsibility.”

According to Bloomberg News, if beneficiaries do not request a lump sum payment or direct the money elsewhere, insurers are holding the funds in corporate accounts that provide ridiculously low interest rates, plus they are giving misleading guarantees about the safety of the funds.

For example, Bloomberg reported that Prudential in 2008 paid survivors 1 percent interest on their accounts, while the company itself earned a 4.8-percent return on the same account. Prudential is the nation’s second-largest life insurer and manages the Servicemember and Veterans Group Life Insurance programs for 6 million military and military retirees. MetLife, the country’s largest life insurer, provides insurance for all nonmilitary federal employees.

Prudential defended their practice by saying its Alliance Account “does not in any way take money from beneficiaries,” and that beneficiaries can withdraw the entire amount, plus interest, at anytime without penalty. Prudential admits the account is not FDIC insured — a fact disclosed in their material — but alluding to

State Guaranty Funds protections is misleading. State Guaranty Funds are nongovernment safety nets, similar to insurance to protect the policyholders of insurance companies that might fail. Only a fraction of the State Guaranty Funds provided in all 50 states and the District of Columbia would cover the top SGLI or VGLI amount of \$400,000.

“This entire issue is about full disclosure,” said Tradewell, a combat-wounded Vietnam veteran from Sussex, Wis.

“I know that the interest rate my savings account is earning is far less than what my bank earns by virtue of them holding my money. The difference is I know that, the surviving families do not. They think their money is safe and earning a good rate of return, where in fact their money isn’t fully protected and only the insurance company is earning the profit, which just isn’t right.”

In the aftermath of the Bloomberg article, the Department of Veterans Affairs, who oversees the SGLI and VGLI insurance programs, announced last week it would investigate the holding practice. Rep. Deborah Halvorson (D-Ill.), the step-mother of an Army Special Forces soldier who was wounded in Afghanistan, introduced legislation to require companies to tell beneficiaries how their money will be invested, and how much the insurer stands to make from holding the funds. And New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo announced an investigation of the practice, which Bloomberg reported has allowed more than 100 insurance carriers to retain and earn investment income on \$28 billion owed to life insurance beneficiaries around the country. MetLife is based in New York.

Fall Conference October 30 - 31, 2010

Golden VFW Post 4171

15625 W 10th Ave., Golden, CO

Saturday October 30th - Workshops, Lunch, 3:00 pm pre-council, dinner
Sunday October 31st - Joint Opening Session, Council of Administration meeting
Hotels - Days Inn, 15059 W Colfax Ave., Group Code CGVFWU
Hampton Inn, 17150 W. Colfax Ave., Group Code VFW

Please make your reservations now!

Western Slope VFW State Color Guard

Your Western Slope VFW State Color Guard is going strong. So far this year we have performed six functions. We have marched to start off the Relay for Life in Fruita, marched in Silt Hay Day Parade, three Flag ceremonies at three different Nursing homes in the Grand Junction area and presented the flags at District 11 meeting. We are also trying to get an

Auxiliary unit together and can always use Post members to join us. If anyone would like to become a member of our unit let me know.

Chuck Ackerman
District 11 Commader
Western Slope VFW State Color Guard

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.

The Foundation began selling blue Department of Colorado polo shirts at the State Convention and continued at the Council of Administration meeting at Post 4051. At close of the COA meeting we had sold 61 shirts. I want to thank each and every one of you that has purchased shirts and supported your Foundation.

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.

Please go to the Department web site <http://www.vfwcolodept.org/foundation.shtml> for photos and more details on how you can order yours.

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

**Please report Roster changes to
Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214
303-421-1630
If you have an officer change you must fill out a new election form**

Attention All Members, VFW, Family and Friends Just Say No to the Proposed Referendum P in the November 2, 2010 Election

The Colorado General Assembly has proposed to transfer the licensing and enforcement authority over the bingo program to the Department of Revenue, contained in Referendum P on the November 2, 2010 ballot. This program was developed, supported, and gotten passed by the people of this state by the nonprofit organizations in the State of Colorado to assist us in raising funds to carry out all of our charitable community activities... it is quite clear that the program has functioned quite well under the Secretary

of State for over 50 years. Additionally, the Department of Revenue has already requested an additional \$116,000.00 from the Bingo fund just to get it started in that Department.

We need all members of the VFW, family, and friends to Just Say No in order to defeat this proposed constitutional Amendment in November.

Wayne Thompson
VFW State Legislative Officer

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| SEPTEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|------------------|
| 1 | 09/25/10 Saturday | Post No. 501 Denver | 11:00 am Joint meeting 12:00 noon Lunch Meetings to follow | Ron Davies |
| 2 | 09/19/10 Sunday | Post 12063 4 th & Hermit Rd Westcliffe | 12:00 noon District Picnic to 4:00 pm | D J Alberts |
| 3 | 09/12/10 Sunday | Post No. 2121 Greeley | 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow | Ron Davies |
| 4 | 09/19/10 Sunday | Post No. 8064 Akron | 12:00 noon Lunch Meetings to follow | Darrell Anderson |
| 5 | 09/19/10 Sunday | Post No. 5221 Calhan | 1:00 pm Lunch Meeting to follow | Dick Wellensiek |
| 6 | 09/18/10 Saturday | Post No. 4001 Springfield | 12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Meeting | Bruce Dolan |
| 8 | 09/12/10 Sunday | Post No. 859 Leadville | 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow | Jim Lafferty |
| 10 | 09/19/10 Sunday | Post No. 4171 Golden | 1:00 pm Joint Mtg Mtg/Lunch to follow | Ron Davies |
| 12 | 09/19/10 Sunday | Post No. 5231 Mancos | 11:00 am Joint Meeting 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow | Bill Esch |
| 13 | 09/19/10 Sunday | Post 3411 Kit Carson | 2:00 pm Meeting Snack after meeting | Bruce Dolan |
| OCTOBER DISTRICT MEETINGS | | | | |
| 7 | 10/09/10 Saturday | Post No. 8121 Del Norte | 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow | Don Smith |
| 8 | 10/16/10 Saturday | Post #3820 Salida | 12:00 noon meal 1:00 pm meeting | Warren Tellgren |
| NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS | | | | |
| 1 | 11/20/10 Saturday | TBA Denver | 11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow | D J Alberts |
| 3 | 11/07/10 Sunday | Post No. 2841 Brighton | 12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting | |
| 4 | 11/14/10 Sunday | Post No. 3541 Sterling | 12 :00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting | D J Alberts |
| 5 | 11/14/10 Sunday | Post No. 3917 Security | 12:00 noon Lunch Memorial Service Meeting to follow | Don Smith |
| 7 | 11/14/10 Sunday | Post No. 899 Alamosa | 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow | Bruce Dolan |
| 10 | 11/21/10 Sunday | TBA | 11:00 am Joint Mtg 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow | Bruce Dolan |
| 11 | 11/07/10 Sunday | Post No. 9221 Cedaredge | 11:00 am Joint 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow | |
| 13 | 11/14/10 Sunday | Post No. 9700 Cheyenne Wells | 2:00 pm meeting Snack after | Jim Lafferty |

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



Let me start this column with a hearty thank you to the Pikes Peak Post 4051, its members and the members of its auxiliaries for hosting the July COA. As a member of the Post myself, I felt very proud of the effort they put forth and the welcoming atmosphere projected. It was sincere; I know that for a fact.

I had a Eureka moment when scanning the "order of march" for this year's Patriotic Rally Parade at the National Convention in Indianapolis. Now, I haven't double-checked, but it appears that I and Madam President (Honor Guard is not going to National that I know of) will be the 44th department in the line of march. (Pause for dramatic effect.) 44th out of 54 just happens to equate to what our membership performance was last year. 24 departments were at 100% or better, nearly half of us. I guess the good news is that Colorado wasn't last, so we won't have to carry brooms and sweep up for everybody else. I read in at least two other department newspapers that their Commanders are urging their Posts to get their department to 100% plus one member first, and certainly before Christmas. I'm sure your Senior Vice Commander and Madam President would like to be close to the front next year when they march with the Department name in San Antonio!

However, on another department placement list for a very important statistic—important because it is a statistic given in Congressional testimony each year—Colorado fares much better—not at the top mind you, but very much higher in relation to our membership standing.

The statistic? Well, the dollar total of the donations and the monetary equivalent for time and mileage devoted to program fulfillment. We stood at 17th (margin of error +/- 1) out of 54. We in Colorado even gave more in absolute terms than California, and an order of magnitude more when one calculates the per capita figure. On the other hand, I doubt if we could outdo Florida, hard as well might try, in either absolute or per capita terms. Just so you know, we in Colorado gave a bit over \$5.4M worth of time, mileage, blood, and hours, the vast majority of it to help our fellow veterans. That works out to something like \$222 per member. On behalf of us and the non-member veterans of Colorado, I want to thank you for that. But, one only has to look at Florida to realize we could do so much more to help our comrades and fellow vets in need.

To close, well, mixed feelings. On the one hand, come on Colorado VFW, get off your butts and get out there and recruit! (It isn't fun bringing up the rear.) On the other hand, thank you for your good work, keep it up! (Feeling of pride and satisfaction that we have done so much.) And, that lingering thought from active duty that also affects all politicians, ministers and leaders of volunteer organizations in general: well thanks, BUT WHAT HAVE YOU DONE LATELY??? Really, just remember, more members makes it easier to do programmatic things, and the more participation in programs motivates eligible vets to join and become active members. CARRY ON!

D. J. Alberts
Department Commander

Jr Vice Column Bruce Dolan



I hope this finds everyone well.

On July 13th of this year, Vernon Baker left us. Did anyone

see it on the new, or read about it in the paper? True, there were sketchy mentions here and there. I didn't hear of it until I received word from Boys Town where Baker had lived as a young man. Some of you are probably asking "Who is Vernon Baker?" So let me tell you if you don't know. He was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming December 17, 1919. His parents were killed in an auto accident when he was 4, and he went to live with his grandparents. Not able to get along with his grandmother, he went to live at Boys Town. He went on to serve in the Army during WWII and served until 1968. Vernon Baker earned the Medal of Honor in 1945. Vernon Baker received the Medal of Honor in 1997. He was the only living black WWII veteran to receive this distinguished award. He was also the "last" surviving member of the Buffalo Soldiers. There was a memorial service in his home town of St. Maries, Idaho where he passed away surrounded by his family. He will be buried; as he should be, at Arlington in September. We have lost another member of "The greatest generation." And few people even knew or noticed. This makes me very proud to

be a member of this great organization, where we truly live by our motto, "Remember the dead by helping the living." Should we build another memorial to honor Vernon Baker? Do you think he would appreciate it? I seriously doubt it. I think we should guide our efforts toward helping our veterans that need it. That is what we do best. Visit hospitals, nursing homes, and our older vets that stay at home. We can also help our veterans who are in need by donating to the Foundation. Contact your elected officials and let them know we vote and we are veterans. We must also as an organization support and promote our youth programs. We have to let our young people know what has been done to ensure they have what they have has come at a price, and to instill in them the need to never stop paying that price. As I get out and about to Posts and Districts, ask me questions and give me feedback about our organization. I may not have all the answers, (if I did I'd be doing something else) but I will get them. This is a year when our District Commanders need to step up and really guide your Districts. With an emphasis on IT and our Lady veterans, we will need to stay on top of everything going on. I will be sending each District Commander a short CD clip to show at District meetings to give you an idea why the push on IT. Please pray for our veterans and troops in harms way.

Bruce R. Dolan
Department Jr. Vice Commander

Sr. Vice Column Ron Davies



Note: I wrote this article last year for the Veteran but I thought it was appropriate to run it again. Plus Ann want-

ed an article from me ASAP, so here it is... again!

The unabridged dictionary definition of Resign/Resignation... to leave, leave your job, quit, walk out, give notice, give up your job!

The VFW meaning of Resign/Resignation... I'm mad at someone, I'm going to get back at someone, I think I'm the only one who can do the job, they can't live without me. I'll show them! Someone is just so intolerable and I can't work with them.

Sound familiar? Please don't resign. Please don't forget who we ALL work for... OUR VETERANS! Please don't cause someone to resign. Please don't let there be an "I" in TEAM. Please don't take a job for your Post if you can't do it to the best of your ability. I know what some of you are thinking. Why doesn't he shut up, we have a hard enough time getting folks to fill the chairs and/or chairmen positions as it is without him telling people not too! And I agree with those who say that, but maybe those positions may be hard to fill because others see how people in the past have been treated. Think about that!

I want to add a disclaimer to the above;

my thoughts are NOT about any one person or Post. I have seen and/or heard about these types of situations in all levels of the VFW. If your Post has similar problems you may think you are the only ones out there that do. Your not!

Maybe change is good. I do know this; if the VFW doesn't adjust to the times we will have some tough times ahead of us. I believe that is why the incoming Commander-In-Chief Richard Eubank and our National staff will be making changes at the National level and our present Department of Colorado Commander, DJ Alberts along with his staff and our recent past Department Commanders are doing the same. And it should be trickling down to the District and Post levels. Commanders should be coming to all District meetings and when they get there they should have open minds, good ideas and they should be always be attempting to come up with new programs to support our troops. The Comrades coming up through chairs in the Districts and Posts should be committed and want to succeed their predecessor. I would like to say to those Post Commanders who do not participated in District meetings... please get on board, we are all here for you and your Post. You as a Commander signed on to do the best job for your Post that you can. Come see what your District has to offer and try to make it better. Things are or should be changing!

Thank You for what you all do!

Ron Davies
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Quartermaster's Column Dick Wellensiek



Where has the Competitive Spirit gone among posts in each class for program awards? For Membership,

for All American Posts, All State Commanders or Quartermaster? For being the best at getting donations for Buddy Poppies? For having the Policeman, Fireman, or EMT of the year? Having a first place winner in Voice of Democracy or Patriot's Pen?

To be #1 in any of the above mentioned programs in the VFW, you must know the programs. We are all sales people for the VFW. After we know the program forwards and backwards, now we can go talk with people and answer all the questions that will be asked!

Where do we find these people? First lets do some things that might help them find us. Like wear hats or shirts with the VFW or your branch of service on it! Now lets go out to the community. Do any of you go to the Chamber of Commerce? You should, let them know what the VFW can do for them. Go to the schools, let them know about the programs we have to offer their students. Just Say No for the elementary, Patriot's Pen for the middle school, and Voice of Democracy for the high school students. People haven't convinced me that the teachers have changed from what we had as students. They still want the best education for their students! If we can help them through our programs or scholarships, they will work with us. Plus you will find a Teacher of the Year candidate! Meet your scout leaders in your community. There is a lot we can offer them and visa versa. Go to the firehouse and meet the Chief and the EMT group, and go

to the police station and meet the Chief. A lot of veterans are policeman, firemen and EMT people because they were trained in the military. Let them know of the benefits they may be entitled to or put them on the VFW Service Officer.

Where do we get Membership? We just talked about a lot of ways, with our Programs! If you throw in a Post Honor Guard and marching in parades, there is a couple of more! These will get you new and reinstated members, but what will get the continuous to pay their dues? We know National VFW sends out dues notices to every unpaid member, would it help for the Post to send a dues notice with a plea to get the post to 100%, I don't know. You might look up the unpaid records and see how long they have been a member and get a member around the same age and go visit the member. See how he is getting along in life, maybe he needs help paying his dues. That is a good use of Buddy Poppy donations. The older veterans say knocking on the door in person is the way to go. National VFW says e-mail for the younger vets is the best. I really don't know! You just have to keep trying "what ever works" to get membership.

I do know what a great feeling it is at Department Convention to walk down that aisle to pick up the awards your Post has earned! And you All State Commanders or Quartermasters, that don't want to turn in your Commander's Book or fill out the forms for a chance at getting a "White Hat". I got news for you, it isn't about you, it is as much about the other members of your Post that worked hard so you could have a chance at All State. Their proud that their Commander or Quartermaster got All State! Have a Great Year!
Your Quartermaster,
Dick Wellensiek

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**General Orders No. 2
September 1, 2010 Series: 2010-2011**

1. **Post & District Inspections** should be completed by December 31, 2010. Send all three (3) copies to Department Headquarters for the Department Inspector to review. If he finds any irregularities he will confer with the State Commander and a letter of recommendation will be written to the Post Commander.

2. **Section 709 of the VFW National By-Laws** concerns Disposition of Real Property, i.e. Post Homes. Written notice of such proposal has first to be given to each member of said unit and the Department Commander ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and then only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those present and voting at such regular or special meeting.

3. **September 11th has been designated as "Patriots Day"**. Flags are to be lowered to half staff in remembrance of those lives that were lost during the attack on America. All VFW Posts should plan an appropriate ceremony to recommit ourselves to our families, our communities and to our country.

4. It is the obligation of every member to **GET OUT AND VOTE** for the candidates of their choice. Take a friend or friends with you to the voting place. Election day is November 2nd and you must be registered to exercise your right to vote.

5. **Post Quartermaster and District Quartermaster Bonds** expired August 31, 2010. Applications have been mailed to ALL Quartermasters for renewal. Please see that your Quartermaster is bonded in an amount equal to your Post liquid assets. This means ALL funds, Post, Club, Bingo, CD's, etc. Cost is \$4.00 per thousand.

6. **Section 218, paragraph (11), Duty of Trustees**, Trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers whose books, records and accounts are audited by the Trustees. Among the duties of the three (3) elected Post Trustees, they shall: (duties are listed a - d).

Post Commanders and Post Trustees are reminded that the 2nd Post Trustee Report of Audit is due to be at Department Headquarters on October 31, 2010. Please see your Post Quartermaster for forms and records.

7. **Council of Administration weekend will be at VFW #4171 Golden, CO., October 30 - 31, 2010.** Workshops will be conducted on Saturday October 30, pre-council meeting at 3:00 pm. Sunday October 31 will be Council of Administration meeting. Information on hotels in this Colorado Veteran. Workshops will be announced in the October Bulletin.

8. **Please be informed** that any Post or District requesting a Department Officer to attend a VFW function should make such request in writing to the State Commander. Please allow sufficient time, at

least three (3) weeks, for Department to make arrangements.

9. **All VFW Posts** are required to purchase the revised By-Laws and Ritual books from the VFW National Emblem and Supply Department. Please see your Post Quartermaster and ask him to order for you. All members should be informed that the Post Quartermaster has a current supply catalog and he is instructed to assist you with your order.

10. **An annual income tax return (Form 990) is required of each Post, District and Men's Auxiliary exempt from tax under section 501 (c) 19 of the Federal Code.** Starting in 2008 ALL VFW POSTS, DISTRICTS and MEN'S AUXILIARIES with gross receipts of \$25,000 or less have to E-FILE, **EVERY YEAR.** All Posts exceeding \$25,000 in gross receipts must file on Form 990 which is a revised 2009 form. Forms and instructions are available from www.irs.gov. Gross receipts include income from all sources, including membership dues, bar or restaurant receipts, etc. Some of this may be unrelated business income, in which case filing of Form 990-T may be required.

For 2009, exempt organizations that are not private foundations, and have gross receipts greater than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000 and assets less than \$1.25 million, may file Form 990-EZ instead of Form 990.

This return must be filed on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the accounting year (November 15 for June 30 year end or May 15 for calendar year end).

Request for extension of time to file may be made by submitting form 8868, Application for Extension of Time to File. If a Post, District or Men's Auxiliary fails to file the return on or before the due date, or the extended date, a penalty of \$20 for each day the return is late (not to exceed the smaller of \$10,000 or 5% of the gross receipts of the organization for the year) may be imposed, unless the organization can show that the late filing was due to reasonable cause.

If you do not file for three (3) consecutive years your Post, District or Men's Auxiliary will lose their non-profit standing with IRS.

11. **All Posts are reminded** that they are responsible for filing of State Compensation Insurance, State and Federal Unemployment, State and Federal Withholding Tax and any local employee/employer tax, if you have one or more employees.

All units of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Colorado are NOT exempt from State Sales and Use Tax.

Attested By:
Richard L. Wellensiek
State Adjutant

By Command Of:
D. J. Alberts
State Commander

**Surgeon's Column
James Lafferty**



Another month has gone by and the year seems to be passing fast. There is one thing that we do need to work with, and that is PTSD in

in to see Doctors if they need to. We can all talk to our veterans and if they need help, get it for them. If you are not sure where to go, ask someone.

I am getting ready to make my visits to all of the nursing homes and VA hospitals that we have.

I hope that everyone that goes to National Convention enjoys themselves.

Working for All Veterans

Jim Lafferty
Department Surgeon

all of our veterans. There is a program in Elizabeth that is called Combat Veterans Cowboy Up. It is run by a combat veteran by the name of John Nash. He will help any and all veterans that need help.

We do need to make sure that all of our veterans are staying healthy and getting

United Veterans Committee

At the September 14 United Veterans Committee Annual Candidates Forum, Candidates for the offices of our State Legislature will be asked to give their position on a number of issues that affect you, a veteran living in Colorado. Following are issues they will be asked to address and publicly state their position:

Restoration of veterans' federal benefit moneys allocated to the State Central Fund (505) that have been misappropriated in support of Trinidad State Nursing Home operations rather than lower per diems and maintenance at veterans facilities and support the transfer or sale of the Home to a private entity.

Establish independent Veterans Trust Fund classification that prevents future raids of the fund by legislative or executive action, including the possibility of introducing a constitutional amendment that may be required to attain legally binding independent status.

Support funding for the programs

administered by the Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs, including: (a) an incentive-based funding increase for the County Veterans Service Officer Program; (b) increase funding for veterans and families mental health services; (c) sufficient funding for administration, maintenance and operation of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado.

Ensure funding and proper land use at Fitzsimons Nursing Home for comprehensive "Continuum of Care" complex that includes domiciliary and assisted living homes south and north of current facility.

The Forum will be at VFW Post 9644, 2680 W. Hampden, Englewood, and will begin at 8:00 AM. Please attend, wear your VFW cap, and let your future legislatures know that the Veterans in Colorado are NOT a SILENT majority

Steve Rylant
United Veterans Committee Secretary

Next UVC Meeting
September 14, 2010
VFW Post 9644, 2680 W Hampden, Sheridan CO
8:00 am Candidates Forum

ALL PATIENTS' ACTIVITIES DAY

September 18, 2010

VA EASTERN COLORADO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
Pueblo VA Community Living Center
2600 Oakshire Lane
Pueblo, CO 81001

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| Beginning at 7:00 a.m. | Volunteers Assemble Carnival Booths |
| 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. | Volunteer Registration |
| 11:00 a.m. | Patients Go Through The Lunch Line |
| 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Entertainment |
| 11:45 a.m. | Volunteers Go Through The Lunch Line |
| 12:45 p.m. | Gift Presentations by Organizations |
| 1:25 p.m. | Balloon Release - Volunteers Report to Game Booths |
| 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. | Carnival Booths Open For Business |
| 3:30 p.m. | Volunteers Disassemble Carnival Booths |

THANKS FOR COMING! HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!

Please read General Orders at your next Post Meeting or post on the Bulletin Board for all your members and remind them at the meeting to read the Colorado Veteran

**VFW Post Membership by District as of June 30, 2010
Adjusted by National**

| Number/City | 2010 | 2011 | % | Number/City | 2010 | 2011 | % |
|--------------------|------|------|---|---------------------|------|------|---|
| DISTRICT #1 | | | | DISTRICT #8 | | | |
| 1 Denver | 696 | | | 859 Leadville | 44 | | |
| 501 Denver | 477 | | | 1166 Buena Vista | 195 | | |
| 2461 Denver | 170 | | | 3820 Salida | 125 | | |
| 2797 Denver | 58 | | | 8661 Bailey | 172 | | |
| 3971 Denver | 117 | | | 10721 Minturn | 102 | | |
| 5061 Denver | 483 | | | 11411 Lake George | 52 | | |
| 6616 Denver | 177 | | | 12009 Conifer | 80 | | |
| TOTAL | 2178 | | | TOTAL | 770 | | |
| DISTRICT #2 | | | | DISTRICT #9 | | | |
| 61 Pueblo | 135 | | | 2371 Walden | 50 | | |
| 984 Trinidad | 84 | | | 3311 Oak Creek | 32 | | |
| 2643 Walsenburg | 54 | | | 4264 Steamt Spgs | 109 | | |
| 2788 Penrose | 70 | | | 4265 Craig | 169 | | |
| 3641 Pueblo | 120 | | | 5261 Rangely | 15 | | |
| 4061 Canon City | 472 | | | 5843 Meeker | 46 | | |
| 5812 Pueblo West | 177 | | | 9374 Kremmling | 47 | | |
| 7305 Colo. City | 50 | | | 9471 Hayden | 11 | | |
| 8301 Pueblo | 13 | | | TOTAL | 479 | | |
| 8898 Boone | 57 | | | DISTRICT #10 | | | |
| 12063 Westcliffe | 53 | | | 322 Englewood | 145 | | |
| TOTAL | 1285 | | | 3471 Morrison | 102 | | |
| DISTRICT #3 | | | | DISTRICT #11 | | | |
| 41 Loveland | 335 | | | 3631 Aurora | 410 | | |
| 807 Boulder | 72 | | | 4121 Idaho Spgs. | 77 | | |
| 1771 Lafayette | 421 | | | 4171 Golden | 657 | | |
| 1781 Ft. Collins | 348 | | | 4266 Parker | 45 | | |
| 2121 Greeley | 234 | | | 4331 Arvada | 308 | | |
| 2585 Johnstown | 107 | | | 4444 Cmmrc Cty | 276 | | |
| 2601 Longmont | 567 | | | 4666 Littleton | 158 | | |
| 2841 Brighton | 199 | | | 6331 Aurora | 142 | | |
| 4334 Ault | 87 | | | 7563 Black Hawk | 22 | | |
| 6011 Platteville | 75 | | | 7945 Thornton | 482 | | |
| 6624 Evans | 326 | | | 8449 Bennett | 34 | | |
| 7206 Louisville | 36 | | | 9644 Fort Logan | 630 | | |
| 9565 Broomfield | 145 | | | 10736 FdriHeights | 31 | | |
| 9741 Dacono | 34 | | | TOTAL | 3519 | | |
| TOTAL | 2986 | | | DISTRICT #12 | | | |
| DISTRICT #4 | | | | DISTRICT #13 | | | |
| 2551 Ft. Morgan | 309 | | | 4031 Durango | 253 | | |
| 3378 Yuma | 81 | | | 5181 Dove Creek | 51 | | |
| 3541 Sterling | 141 | | | 5231 Mancos | 93 | | |
| 3551 Brush | 48 | | | 5241 Cortez | 79 | | |
| 3951 Ovid | 29 | | | 6068 Dolores | 48 | | |
| 3961 Otis | 30 | | | 9058 Nucla | 31 | | |
| 4191 Crook | 26 | | | 9398 Norwood | 23 | | |
| 4671 Wray | 72 | | | 9695 Pagosa Spgs | 42 | | |
| 6482 Holyoke | 80 | | | TOTAL | 620 | | |
| 7153 Fleming | 45 | | | DISTRICT #14 | | | |
| 8064 Akron | 53 | | | 3411 Kit Carson | 26 | | |
| TOTAL | 914 | | | 6491 Burlington | 85 | | |
| DISTRICT #5 | | | | DISTRICT #15 | | | |
| 101 Colo. Spgs. | 433 | | | 6492 Seibert | 11 | | |
| 3917 Security | 724 | | | 6612 Hugo | 61 | | |
| 4051 Colo. Spgs | 845 | | | 9491 Deer Trail | 27 | | |
| 5221 Calhan | 84 | | | 9700 Chynn Wlls | 40 | | |
| 6051 WdlnD Park | 48 | | | TOTAL | 250 | | |
| 6461 Fountain | 270 | | | DISTRICT #16 | | | |
| 7829 Monument | 39 | | | 15006 MAL | 2094 | | |
| 9669 Colo. Spgs. | 59 | | | DISTRICT #17 | | | |
| 10649 Elizabeth | 43 | | | 899 Alamosa | 175 | | |
| TOTAL | 2545 | | | 3228 Monte Vista | 51 | | |
| DISTRICT #6 | | | | DISTRICT #18 | | | |
| 336 Ordway | 126 | | | 4849 La Jara | 71 | | |
| 2411 LasAnimas | 118 | | | 6101 San Luis | 86 | | |
| 3621 Lamar | 60 | | | 8121 Del Norte | 68 | | |
| 4001 Springfield | 51 | | | TOTAL | 451 | | |
| 4091 Rocky Ford | 84 | | | DISTRICT #19 | | | |
| 4281 Holly | 37 | | | DISTRICT #20 | | | |
| TOTAL | 476 | | | DISTRICT #21 | | | |
| DISTRICT #7 | | | | DISTRICT #22 | | | |

Since National has not added in Life Membership for 2011, we have not listed membership for 2011 or %

MEMBERSHIP 2010-2011

Colorado is getting off to a GOOD start. Keep up the GOOD work! Working together we will be ALL AMERICAN at the end of the year.

If you need materials for recruiting members, reinstated members or continuous members, call me and I will get them to you. We have applications, brochures, etc. that you can use in recruiting.

In the Emblem and Supply Book you can order a "Silent Recruiter" that can be placed in a store, shopping mall, grocery store, gas station to help get names and addresses of veterans that are interested in joining the VFW.

Last issue of the Colorado Veteran I advised you that National had contacted the Obituary Register and removed 382 deceased members from our membership. State Commander Alberts and myself reviewed the membership classifications and instead of six (6) classes, there are

now FIVE (5) classes. This will mean that there will be more competition during the year for awards at State Convention. The FIVE (5) classes are listed below. You will need to find your adjusted 2010 year end membership for your VFW Post and see what class you were placed in. Then you can locate other VFW Posts with the same membership range and see who you will be in competition with.

National should add in your Life members for 2011 sometime in September. Then our Membership report for 2010-2011 can be updated. Right now we have only listed the 2010 adjusted membership numbers.

If you have any questions, please call me 303-588-7518

Jim Mauck
Department Membership Director
aka Dr Fat Albert

**Attention All VFW Posts
There has been a change in the Post Class Structure
that is listed in the 2010 - 2011
Membership Leadership Plan**

- Class I - 0 to 50 Members**
- Class II - 51 - 125 Members**
- Class III - 126 - 225 Members**
- Class IV - 226 - 400 Members**
- Class V - 401 - over Members**

Class VI has been deleted

**The above is based on the June 30, 2010 National
Adjusted Membership after 382 deceased
members were deleted.**

**Please check you membership on this page and find the
Class you will be in for 2010 - 2011**

Chairmen have been mailed a revised list of the five (5) classes

**Chaplain's Column
John Holland**



Some days are better than others... Today, I had the opportunity to attend a function conducted by the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, at Fort Carson.

The unit was "Uncasing the Colors". This was to signify that the entire unit was now back at Fort Carson after a very difficult deployment to Afghanistan.

After the uncasing, each of the unit's MA was saluted as his name was read: a very emotional time for both the Soldiers involved, and the families in attendance.

Afterwards, the unit hosted a luncheon for several hundred of us. Most of the attendees were in BDU's. One could only compare today's experience to being at a very moving church service. I was, after

all, surrounded by the best Army ever to walk the face of the earth. Some of the men and women there were certified heroes, with the medals to prove it.

These men and women say "Not on my watch!" when someone wants to try to deprive us of our precious, hard fought freedoms. To spend a day with them was inspiring.

The bottom line? At least twenty of these young warriors, who will not let our freedoms go... Thanked ME (and the VFW) for sharing the experience with them! Any time, my young Heroes, Any time.

May God bless them, and keep them safe.

Welcome Home
John Holland
Department Chaplain

TAPS

- Post 2461: W. Ray Fowler
- Post 3541: Jess L Lester Sr.
- Post 3981: Jack L. Gosnell
- Post 5241: Arthur W. Denny, Elvin Vavra
- Post 9014: Gene Kois
- Post 11411: Fergus Lewis



Voice of Democracy 2010-2011 Theme
"Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future"

Patriot's Pen 2010-2011 Theme
"Does Patriotism Still Matter"

Every VFW Post & Auxiliary should participate in the above programs



Annual Cheyenne VA Picnic Aug. 8th. Cooks are getting hot dogs, brauts and hamburgers for residents, family, staff and VFW & Ladies Auxiliary volunteers.



Everyone is lining up to eat. Volunteers helped the residents fill their plates and then helped themselves to all the food supplied by the volunteers.



The dining room was full with residents, family members, staff and VFW and Ladies Auxiliary volunteers for the Annual Cheyenne VA Picnic.



State Soloist Debbie Hillis and two ladies from #6624 Evans entertained with patriotic songs and other upbeat songs during lunch.



PDC Jim Mauck and PDP Ann Mauck enjoy the rear patio with one of the residents and his family. Members from #9644 helped with the annual picnic.



MOCA Clowns entertained during lunch and then visited the residents in their rooms. Everyone always enjoys the Clowns when they visit.



State President Carolyn Simon presents a check for \$500 to the Director at the Cheyenne VA for resident needs from the Auxiliary members of Colorado.



L-R: VFW Warriors Tam Thistlehawk, Bill Esch, Dave Gelatt and Ron Davies present a \$100 check to the Director for resident needs.



L-R: Sr Vice Cmdr. Ron Davies, Jr Vice Cmdr. Bruce Dolan, Surgeon Jim Lafferty, MOC Dan Griffith present a \$250 check to the Director for resident needs. Sr. Vice Cmdr. Ron Davies did not get the microphone any time during the picnic. Members from #2121 Greeley, #6624 Evans, #9644 Verle Huffman, #2601 Longmont, #2461 So Denver, #322 Englewood, #41 Loveland, #1771 Lafayette, #7945 Thornton, #3411 Kit Carson, #4331 Arvada, #2841 Brighton all helped with the picnic.



State VAVS Associate Representative Caroline Gelatt (back row white shirt) organizes the picnic every year for the residents. She is busy serving hamburgers, hot dogs and brauts along with PDP Colleen Rylant (far right). Prepared food is furnished by the volunteers that travel to Cheyenne VA. This picnic has been held every year for 25+ years and everyone looks forward to visiting and touring the Medical Center in Wyoming. Caroline is to be congratulated on a job well done and thanks to all the volunteers for their help.

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State VFW Color Guard prepares to post the Colors at Council of Administration meeting July 25th at VFW Post 4051 Colorado Springs. District 13 Council member Charlie Shoemaker from Kansas looks on.



First Place Voice of Democracy State winner Robert Wilson gave his winning essay at Joint Opening Session and thanked the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary for giving him the opportunity to visit Washington DC and the Freedom Foundation.



First Place Patriot's Pen Essay State winner, Katie Burger from Denver (center red blouse), gave her winning essay at the Joint Opening session in Colorado Springs. She also received a Bond from National.



Eagle Scout of the Year, Thomas Price from Colorado Springs was presented at Joint Opening Session and talked about his scouting experiences and how much being an Eagle Scout meant to him and his family.



John S. Stewart VFW members Ferron and Connor proudly wear their VFW caps with "Detached Afghanistan" embroidered on them under the name of the Post. Both are serving with the U.S. Army National Guard.



John S. Stewart VFW Post #1, Denver member with "Detached Afghanistan" embroidered on his VFW cap.

Department Commander D. J. Alberts Homecoming

September 25, 2010



VFW Post #4051
430 E Pikes Peak
Colorado Springs, CO



1:00 - 4:00 pm

Please RSVP to Department Headquarters 303-421-1630
by September 17th

(Parking on the East side of the Post Home and in Back)

Department President Carolyn Simon's Homecoming September 26, 2010



VFW Post #322
3800 S Windermere

(corner of Lehigh and Windermere, south of Hampden and east of Santa Fe, no direct access from Santa Fe)

Englewood, CO



Open House 1:00 - 5:00 pm



In lieu of gifts, donations to
"Department President's Special Project", please

Please RSVP to Department Headquarters 303-421-1630
by September 17th

Colorado State Veterans Center Homelake 9th Annual Summerfest!

Schedule of Events:

Friday September 10, 2010

2:00 - 3:30 pm Table/Booth set up

Saturday September 11, 2010

8:00 - 9:15 am Breakfast Bar with breakfast burritos served in the Homelake Theatre to all "Homelake Summerfest" participants

9:15 am Flag Raising Ceremony

9:30 - 11:00 am Tables/Booths will be open to the residents for the 9th Annual Summerfest volunteers!

11:00 - 12:30 pm Lunch will be served to all residents by Homelake staff & Summerfest volunteers.

12:30 - 1:00 pm Awards/Certificate Ceremony

Facts about Homelake that are important for hosting the Summerfest:

- Because of our campus size and layout, residents and large numbers of visitors can easily be accommodated.
- Nursing home residents with electric wheelchairs can maneuver around the entire campus with little effort.
- Weather in September is beautiful!
- 50 nursing home residents can ambulate or be taken to the event. An additional 10 veterans will enjoy a visit from you in the nursing home.
- 21 DOM residents are physically able to participate in the event.
- Homelake will provide breakfast and a veteran appreciation barbecue during "HOMELAKE SUMMERFEST."
- Monte Vista and Alamosa have several motels and other accommodations to meet the demands of housing for this event.
- The Center will have RV parking available without hook-ups.

There are approximately 20 tables/booths available for sponsorship. If your Post or Auxiliary would like to sponsor a booth, please call Vickie Olson or Melanie Squire at 719-852-5118 or 888-838-2687. If you had a booth for Summerfest 2009, we have the game listed for your booth as long as you RSVP.

Resident Gift suggestions for the booths: Hats, socks, t-shirts, wind breaker jackets, 12 packs of pop (diet, caffeine free and regular), bags of candy (sugar and sugar-free), nuts, popcorn, writing paper with pens/pencils, postage stamps, oldies music tapes, large print books on history of armed forces, etc., wallets, disposable camera, Homelake Market Certificates \$1.00 - \$5.00, Gift Certificates to Subway, Pizza Hut, Safeway, etc., garden hand tools. Cash donations are also accepted to help defray some costs to the meals served during "SUMMERFEST".

Colorado VFW Warriors Report

The Colorado VFW Warriors motorcycle organization has been active and keeping us in the public eye this summer. We are recruiting more Gulf War veterans into the VFW each month and these are members that pay their dues year after year. They are proud to be called veterans and welcome opportunities to help other veterans. We also have recruited Vietnam veterans that didn't previously belong for a variety of reason.

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. 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.

Steve "SKIDD-R" Rylant
VFW Warriors Motorcycle Chairman

Items needed by the Red Cross to send to our Troops

Deodrant, Good Disposable Razors, Shave Cream,
Small Containers of Foot Powder, Summer Weight Boot Socks,
Chapsticks, Wet Wipes, Slim Jims and Peanut M&Ms
HELMET LINERS
Coffee Creamer, Comfort Items, don't forget the ladies
Avon Skin So Soft (helps keep the sand fleas away)

Put a little note in the box telling who you are and
thanking them for what they do for us.

Due to security, we cannot share the unit addresses, but whatever the Red Cross
receives in the mail will be turned over to the MPS (military postal service)
to reach our troops.

American Red Cross
ATTN: Susanne Harlandt
Bagram Airfield
APO AE 09354

Thanks for what you do for our Veterans. Keep flying those American flags, if
you fly one 24 hours a day, be sure there is enough light on it at night, that it
can be recognized as the American Flag.

Eileen Vegoren, Ladies Auxiliary Americanism Chairman

Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

| | | | |
|---------|------------------|-------|------------|
| Sept. 5 | Mile High VFW | #1771 | Lafayette |
| 12 | Silver Dollar PT | # 1 | Denver |
| 19 | Skyline VFW | #2797 | Denver |
| 26 | Rocky Mtn VFW | #1781 | Ft Collins |

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| Oct. 3 | Eastern Star | | |
| 10 | Verle Huffman | #9644 | Sheridan |
| 17 | Francis Brown Lowry | # 501 | Denver |
| 24 | Joseph J Jacques | #7945 | Thornton |
| 31 | Englewood | # 322 | Englewood |

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| Nov. 7 | Golden | #4171 | Golden |
| 14 | Aurora | #3631 | Aurora |
| 21 | Longs Peak | #2601 | Longmont |
| 28 | Lambert-Wright-Roy | #8661 | Bailey |

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

By the time you have read this, four months of the VFW Community Service Reporting year will be over and only 24 Post and Auxiliaries, out of 119 have sent in a Community Service report. Not very good. Do not wait until the end of the year, for this makes it hard on all the chairman to get their reports in. So please send your reports in often. If you have any question on Community Service, give us a call and we will give you an answer or will get an answer for you.

Chuck and Sandi Ackerman
1-970-858-4944

Department VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Community Service Directors

Legislative / VFW PAC

Our goal is educate, inform and to get our members involved with the legislative process that concerns Veterans and their Families and National Security. We have made a difference in the past and we will continue to do so.

We must continue to coordinate with our members by keeping them informed on current state, federal and local legislative goals. Continue to provide timely listing of pending legislative issues for state veterans programs. Let all of your members know of the National Priority Legislative Goals and periodic information from National Legislative offices. The best legislative Web sites are www.vfwdc.org for National bill information e-mail address is [http://thomas.loc.gov](mailto:thomas.loc.gov), House Web site is www.house.gov Senate Web site is www.senate.gov.

Some you may not have e-mail or feel comfortable writing letters to your congressmen on issues. Bring up the matter and please stay informed on all issues that are happening in our world and if it concerns you have somebody write up a sample letter, then give it to members and either have them sign the one copy or make copies and send it to all legislators and remind legislators know that VET-ERANS Vote. Please be polite, courteous

and to the point and do only one issue at a time. With the Election coming up shortly please stay informed on all issues from local to Washington D.C. Schedule meetings with Legislators at special meetings or in their office within the state.

Report all legislative activity by the Aux/Post activity in a timely manner. Include hours, miles, and expenses. List all e-mails sent, letters sent, visits made, and phone calls.

Please remember that if you are donating to PAC you must have a fundraiser for it. It can not come out of the Auxiliary/Post funds. If you have a fundraiser and the public is invited you must inform everybody that it is a fundraiser for PAC and what the money will be used for. Then please send it in as you only have 30 days after the fundraiser to send it in. I would like to have every Auxiliary and Post in the state to donate something to PAC.

Lets get out there and Promote Legislative/VFWPAC for it is time to Be United by Love and Leave Our Veterans with Hope and Support.

Loyally Yours
Linda L. Stahly
Department Ladies Auxiliary
Legislative VFWPAC Chairman

Next Deadline for Colorado Veteran

October 1st, 2010 for November 2010 issue

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

Please submit by the deadline!



Auxiliary News

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

Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



Presidents's Column Carolyn Simon



Hello, Auxiliary Sisters

By the time you read this article, over two months of our year will have passed. It

doesn't seem possible that it has gone so quickly. Yet, here we are, with National Convention completed and many activities having either already taken place or being planned for the very near future. We are off to a great year!

I extend a most grateful "Thank YOU" to the Program Chairmen for their excellent presentations in Colorado Springs to start our new program year. I have said it before, and I will say it often, these ladies go an extra mile to bring you the latest news and ideas for program projects. We were all thrilled to have 28 Ladies attend their very first Parade of Programs and I'm certain that they learned a lot about us and about our organization. A special Thank You also goes to the members of Post, Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary of 4051 for their hospitality in hosting this year's first C of A. You did an outstanding job! Sisters, if you missed this meeting, you have another chance to see our Program Chairmen at their best at the Parade of Programs in Golden on October 30-31. Not only will these Ladies share their materials and knowledge, this is the FUN meeting, where they are preparing skits for your entertainment as well as your education. I hope you will share this fun meeting with us!

As of this writing, Chief of Staff Ann Mauck and I have made initial contact with both Monument and Grand Junction in the hopes of starting new auxiliaries. I feel that with the continued efforts of the District Presidents, Deputy Chiefs of Staff and appointed organizers, we will be successful in bringing these new auxiliaries into our Department. If you live in either of these areas, please offer your assistance as well. The strength of us all is dependent on the strength of our individuals. They, and you, are the support on which our organization is built.

I have already visited Leadville to march with the Ladies of #859 Two Mile High in their Boom Days Celebration. While in Leadville, I bought a new magnet for my car that reads: "To See the Cost of Freedom, Visit a VA Hospital." How true is that statement! The following day, with Dept. Surgeon Jim Lafferty, I made my official tour of Cheyenne VA along with a picnic, music by Dept. Soloist Debbie Hillis, and clowns from the MOCA.

Thank You - Thank You

Thank You for all the cards and prayers when my brother passed away. Colorado is the best. Each and every one of the cards was greatly appreciated and helped in a difficult time.

Cecelia Schnoover, Ladies Auxiliary #6331 Aurora

Thanks to your generosity in donations, VAVS Rep Caroline Gelatt allowed me to present a check for \$500 for activities. Thank you for the honor, Caroline, and congratulations on a great job of planning the picnic. It truly is a highlight of the summer for the residents of the extended care facilities. I plan to attend the Summerfest at Home Lake on September 11 as well, and I hope to see many of you there.

Soon after we return from the National Convention, we will receive our official visit from newly elected National President Cortina Barnes, on October 12-14. President Cortina is a very gracious lady and I am certain you will all enjoy meeting and visiting with her. Please try to attend one of the following events if at all possible, on Wednesday, October 13: Lunch in Longmont at #2601; Afternoon sightseeing and shopping in Morrison with #3471; and Dinner at South Denver #2461. Everyone is invited, but please RSVP to the Auxiliary where you intend to visit.

Since October 23rd is Make-A-Difference Day, we have decided on a particular project for anyone having difficulty thinking of something they can do. Many times, we have been told that family support groups on military bases are in desperate need of disposable diapers for the young families, and it occurred to us that family shelters in every town or city would have the same need. So for this year, let's **Make-A-Difference With Diapers**, either in your community or by bringing disposable diapers to the C of A in Golden on October 30-31. Diapers brought to this location will be given to Ranya Kelly at the Redistribution Center for donation to the military bases that she serves.

I would like to add a word about the Colorado Foundation, which is my Special Project for this year. The Colorado Foundation works much like the National Unmet Needs Program, in that any Veteran or Veteran Family in need can contact the Foundation to request a grant. Funds are paid directly to the creditor (such as a mortgage or utility company, garage for car repair, doctor or hospital). Personal information is kept confidential except for the actual administrators of the Foundation. Please send your donations to Dept. Treasurer Colleen Rylant, earmarked for President's Special Project.

I wish you all a most successful year and safety in all your travels. Most of all, I wish to "Leave You With Hope!"

Loyally,
Carolyn Simon
Department President



CORTINA BARNES NATIONAL PRESIDENT

**Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans
of Foreign Wars of the U.S.**

**Will make her Official Visit to
Colorado October 12 - 14, 2010**

Cortina Barnes, was elected National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States at its 97th National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 26, 2010.

The theme for the 2010-2011 year is **United by Love for Our Veterans and Country**. Cortina plans to focus attention on the Auxiliary's core programs for veterans and their families. She also hopes to lead members in topping donations to the Cancer Aid & Research Fund at more than \$3 million to assist members with cancer and fund important research to fight this disease.

A life member of Woodbridge Auxiliary #9755 in Washington, D.C., she is eligible through her father, Benjamin F. Willis, who served in the United States Army from 1944-1946 in the European Theater.

Since joining in 1987, she has served in several capacities for the organization including Auxiliary President and 2000-2001 District of Columbia Department President. As Department President, she earned Outstanding Department President of the Year. She has served several terms as Auxiliary Treasurer, Auxiliary

Secretary, and Department Secretary. She also served three terms as the Ladies Auxiliary National VFW-Political Action Committee Director.

Barnes was been employed with the federal government for 32 years. She worked with the Department of Defense Human Resources Activity outside of Washington, D.C., as a Resource Manager and is a Certified Defense Financial Manager. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa.

She is a life member of the VFW National Home for Children, a member of Sodality of Our Lady at St. Francis de Sales Church, American Society of Military Comptrollers and the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary (MOCA).

She is married to Vietnam veteran Gerald C. Barnes Sr., who is a Native American, gives lectures and demonstrations on the traditional Native American culture and the art of basket-making in addition to weaving traditional Native American baskets. Gerald is a Life Member of the VFW and a Past All-American District Commander.

Barnes is stepmother to three adult children and stepgrandmother to five.

National President Cortina Barnes Official Visit Itinerary

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|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| Arrival | October 12, 2010 | 1:58 pm | | |
| | | | Check into Hotel and Dinner with the Department Officers | |
| | October 13, 2010 | Lunch | VFW Post #2601 | Longmont |
| | | | Afternoon sightseeing and shopping in Morrison with #3471 Morrison | |
| | | Dinner | VFW Post #2461 | Denver |
| Depart | October 14, 2010 | 10:30 am | | |

Everyone is invited, RSVP to the Auxiliary where you intend to visit

Thank You Colorado

Thank You Colorado Ladies Auxiliary and VFW Members for all the cards, prayers and show of concern during my recent hospital stay and being out of the state. I am beginning to feel a little better each day. If the next tests come out OK and the Dr's will let me travel, I hope to be back in Colorado by Council of Administration meeting the end of October in Golden. It will be good to see everyone and to be in my own home. Thank you all again and I hope to see you soon.

June Lay, Ladies Auxiliary #3631 Aurora

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Colorado

General Orders #2 September 2010

GENERAL ORDERS MUST BE READ AT THE FIRST MEETING FOLLOWING RECEIPT BEFORE BEING FILED FOR REFERENCE.

1. Department President Carolyn Simon's SPECIAL PROJECT is Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation. Send your contributions to Department Treasurer Colleen Rylant earmarked "Department President's Special Project."

2. THIRD QUARTER AUDITS cover the months of July, August and September and shall be conducted during the month of October (pg. R4 of the Bylaws). A copy of this audit must be mailed to Department Treasurer, Colleen Rylant no later than October 30, 2010.

3. National President, Cortina Barnes will make her official visit to Colorado on October 12-14, 2010. Please plan to visit with a great Lady at a function near you if possible. **ALL** members are welcome. Additional detail of her itinerary will be posted as they become available.

4. DISTRICT AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS: The office of Treasurer must be bonded. The application blank must be completed and returned to National Headquarters. Bond applications will be mailed to the Auxiliary President upon receipt of the Auxiliary installation Report at National Headquarters. The bond is to be held by the Auxiliary and District President.

5. CHANGE OF OFFICERS: Notify (in writing) National Headquarters at 406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City MO 64111; Department Treasurer, Colleen Rylant; and Department Secretary, Valorie Fowler of any changes in Auxiliary President, Treasurer or Secretary. Also notify the above if there are any changes in meeting dates, places or times.

6. DISTRICT AND AUXILIARY OFFICERS: You should have current Bylaws and Rituals. Please have your Treasurer order them from the VFW Supply Department, 406 West 34th St, Kansas City MO 64111.

7. COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT FORMS are in the Department Program Books. These new forms may be submitted as often as you wish but are required to be submitted by July 1st, October 1st, March 1st, and April 15th. Reporting your activities on the community service report form is important to helping your Post maintain its Not-For-Profit status with the IRS.

8. DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN: Please send copies of your promotional material to your National Director and Department Program Coordinator, Ruth Gulden. Please follow their instructions

so our Department can be properly credited.

9. AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS: You shall conduct at least one (1) Business Meeting per month. All Department General Orders are to be read at the first meeting after they are received.

10. NEW ROSTER: Check the new roster for correct names and addresses. If you find any mistakes, please send corrections to Department Secretary Valorie Fowler so a notice of correction can be issued.

11. AUXILIARY TREASURERS: Please forward dues to the Department Treasurer at least once a week. **DO NOT HOLD THEM...** we need them to go to National as soon as possible so that we may achieve membership goals.

12. WESTERN CONFERENCE will be held in Wichita, Kansas – November 5 to November 7, 2010. See Valorie Fowler, Department Secretary for registration forms.

13. OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING will be October 30th and 31st at Golden VFW Post #4171, 15625 W 10th Ave - Golden CO 80401.

14. "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY": Credit for a project will be given at the October Council Meeting for donations of disposable diapers in all sizes. These are needed not only for military families, but for shelters everywhere that support families with children. If you bring your donations to Golden, please provide a piece of paper with your Auxiliary name and number and the quantity and sizes of diapers donated. If you take them to your local shelter, ask for a receipt acknowledging your donation. Let's Make A Difference with Diapers!

15. CANCER, HOSPITAL, HEALTH & HAPPINESS: You may pay your \$2.00 per member Cancer Aid and Research and your \$0.50 per member Department Hospital to the Department Treasurer at any time now. Your \$0.10 or more per member for Health and Happiness based on your June 30, 2010 membership may be sent to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, National Headquarters, 304 W 34th St, 10th Floor, Kansas City MO 64111. There is a National Citation for a one-time donation of \$0.25 or more per member based on the June 30, 2010 membership.

14. COMMUNITY STAND DOWNS: Stand-downs in your Communities are not Department projects. Any monies or items collected should not be sent to the Department Treasurer. Please remember to vote on the project and report on your Community Service Report.

BY ORDER OF:
Carolyn Simon,
President

ATTEST:
Valorie Fowler,
Secretary

ROSTER CHANGES SEPTEMBER 2010

Page #2 – Please change Department Conductress e-mail to: roaneterryl@hotmail.com

Page #3 – Please change Auxiliary # for Soloist to: 6624

Page #5 – Cancer Aid and Research Chairman, elssemperfi34@peoplepc.com

Page #8 – Name of Cheyenne VAVS Associate Representative, Caroline

Page #10 – Please correct zip code for District #3 President to: 80651

Page #11 – District #7 President Pat Cooper 719-937-3178

Page #12 – Please change name of District #10 Secretary to: Arline Dolan

Page #14 – Please correct spelling of #501 President's name to: Agee

Page #20 – President of #3631, 80136 303-622-6506

Page #27 – Please add the following officers for #6101:

Secretary: Arguello, 11030 CR 21, San Pablo 81152 719-672-0217

Treasurer: Patricia Busby, P O Box 455, Ft Garland 81133 719-298-1793

Treasurer: Juanita Gurule, P O Box 648, San Luis 81152 719-672-3878

Page #61 - #6331 to: 15821 E Center Tech Circle

Page #29 – Please correct spelling of Secretary of #7945 to: Arline

Page #34 – Please correct Jr. Vice Commanders telephone number to: 303-341-7488

Page #35 – PDPresident Jo Ann Sparks, 111 Emerson St #366 – Denver CO 80218

Jr Girls Unit

My name is Rita Fama; I am looking forward to helping with the Jr. Girls Units this year.

Ideally we would like to see more Jr. Girls Units instituted this year. I know this is not an easy task; most often there are schedule conflicts, school activity conflicts and possibly lack of participation. I would like to help with getting more units instituted this year and also help to recruit new members and support to our existing Jr. Girls Units.

We currently have 4 Jr. Girls Units in the State of Colorado; Golden, L.A.VFW #4171; Delta, L.A.VFW #3571; Evans, L.A. VFW #6624 and Alamosa, L.A.VFW #899. We have many young girls that are eligible for the Jr. Girls Unit but have reasons why they are not members.

There are many advantages to being a Jr. Girl. We have a Scholarship for our young members. The Jr. Girls also qualify for the Cancer Grant. All of the leadership skills they learn and the many other skills will help them with their future endeavors.



Roberta Perue, of Topeka, Kansas, was elected to represent Colorado and Kansas on the National Council of Administration, which governs the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States between National Conventions.

Installed at the 96th National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, she is serving a two-year term as one of 28 representatives who make up the Council along with the top seven National Officers, the National Chief of Staff, and the four Junior Past National Presidents

A member of Phillip Billard Ladies Auxiliary #1650, she is eligible through her father Andrew Howe who is a U.S. Army 1943-1945.

Roberta has held numerous positions for the organization including Auxil-

ors.

All of our Ladies Auxiliaries have an opportunity to support each Jr. Girls unit and yes report their support on the Community Service Report; by sending donations through the Department Treasurer earmarked for either Jr. Girls Units or Jr. Girls Scholarship, and yes even Buddy Poppy donations to the Jr. Girls is reported.

I can go on and on, but I will end with this. Eligibility for the Jr. Girls is similar to that of the Ladies Auxiliary with the exception of the age, the age limit is age 5 through 16. Even if they cannot actively participate lets get them signed up to a Jr. Girls Unit. You never know when they might be free to help with even 1 of the many projects the Jr. Girls Unit are working on.

I am almost always available to help and answer questions. "Leaving Veterans and Families with Hope"

Rita Fama

Department Jr. Girls Unit Co-Chairman

**ROBERTA PERUE,
Topeka, Kansas
NATIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL MEMBER, #13
Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans
of Foreign Wars of the U.S.**

**National Representative to
October Council of Administration
Meeting in Golden**

ary, District and State President and is currently serving as the President of her Auxiliary and Chief of Staff for the Department of Kansas. On the National Level she has served as Western Conference Chairman for the Legislative/VFW-PAC and Americanism programs.

She is also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, a Life member of the Women's Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cooties, Pup Tent #3, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Women of the Shrine, Arab Temple, Kansas Avenue United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

In her spare time she enjoys traveling, sharing time with family and friends and being active in the organizations she belong to and in her community.

**Fall Conference October 30-31, 2010
Golden VFW Post #4171, 15625 W 10th Ave., Golden
Saturday October 30th - Lunch 12:00 noon
Parade of Programs 1:00 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm
Sunday October 31st - Joint Opening Session**



Aux 1771: Fran Henigar, Belle Whipple
Aux 2601: Della Scott, Della McCormick, Elizabeth Baker
Aux 4444: Alice Bernshausen, Mary Brown, Jean Klein, Margaret Kretschmar, Rhonda Martin, Phylliss McGee, Daisey McKay, Bessie Revello, Elsie Risavi, Lenora Staab, Adlyne Viles

Membership

I am so proud of all of my Auxiliary Sisters. We have just completed the Program Book and held our first Parade of Programs. I hope that you have all read the information provided.

Please send me the name and address of each of your Membership Chairman. I would like to work very closely with everyone to reach our goals.

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, or 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.

We will be working on the list of our

"lost" members. The list will be available soon.

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"

I look forward to working with each of you and 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."

Loyally,
Ginny Burris
Department Membership Chairman

Auxiliary Membership by District 2010 - 2011 August 15, 2010

| Number | City | 2010 | 2011 | % | Number | City | 2010 | 2011 | % |
|--|-------------|------|------|-----|---------------------|-------------|-------|-------|------|
| DISTRICT #1 | | | | | DISTRICT #7 | | | | |
| I | Denver | 129 | 81 | 63 | 899 | Alamosa | 79 | 44 | 56 |
| 501 | Denver | 180 | 99 | 55 | 3228 | Monte Vista | 38 | 24 | 63 |
| 2461 | Denver | 124 | 80 | 65 | 4849 | La Jara | 46 | 22 | 48 |
| 2797 | Denver | 30 | 18 | 60 | 6101 | San Luis | 43 | 16 | 37 |
| 3971 | Denver | 68 | 23 | 34 | 8121 | So Fork | 87 | 80 | 92 |
| 5061 | Denver | 157 | 76 | 48 | | TOTAL | 293 | 186 | 63% |
| 6616 | Denver | 84 | 34 | 40 | DISTRICT #8 | | | | |
| | TOTAL | 772 | 411 | 53% | 859 | Leadville | 33 | 28 | 85 |
| DISTRICT #2 | | | | | 1166 | Buena Vista | 92 | 66 | 72 |
| 984 | Trinidad | 28 | 16 | 57 | 8661 | Bailey | 60 | 28 | 47 |
| 2643 | Walsenburg | 26 | 11 | 42 | 11411 | Lake George | 34 | 16 | 47 |
| 2788 | Penrose | 37 | 15 | 41 | 12009 | Conifer | 18 | 8 | 44 |
| 3641 | Pueblo | 85 | 54 | 64 | | TOTAL | 237 | 146 | 62% |
| 4061 | Canon City | 275 | 210 | 76 | DISTRICT #9 | | | | |
| 5812 | Pueblo West | 21 | 10 | 48 | 4264 | Stmbt Spgs | 33 | 25 | 76 |
| 7305 | Colo. City | 35 | 11 | 31 | 4265 | Craig | 70 | 28 | 40 |
| | TOTAL | 507 | 327 | 65% | 5843 | Meeker | 33 | 21 | 64 |
| DISTRICT #3 | | | | | 9374 | Kremmling | 15 | 11 | 73 |
| 41 | Loveland | 144 | 63 | 44 | | TOTAL | 151 | 85 | 56% |
| 1771 | Lafayette | 404 | 334 | 83 | DISTRICT #10 | | | | |
| 1781 | Ft. Collins | 96 | 36 | 38 | 322 | Englewood | 115 | 66 | 57 |
| 2121 | Greeley | 106 | 62 | 58 | 3471 | Morrison | 50 | 25 | 50 |
| 2585 | Johnstown | 37 | 20 | 54 | 3631 | Aurora | 124 | 69 | 56 |
| 2601 | Longmont | 298 | 223 | 75 | 4171 | Golden | 331 | 235 | 71 |
| 2841 | Brighton | 80 | 35 | 44 | 4331 | Arvada | 138 | 83 | 60 |
| 4334 | Ault | 43 | 21 | 49 | 4444 | Cmmrc City | 183 | 151 | 83 |
| 6011 | Platteville | 41 | 19 | 46 | 6331 | Aurora | 66 | 55 | 83 |
| 6624 | Evans | 213 | 149 | 70 | 7945 | Thornton | 253 | 153 | 60 |
| 9565 | Broomfield | 52 | 16 | 31 | 8449 | Bennett | 11 | | |
| | TOTAL | 1514 | 978 | 65% | 9014 | So Lakewood | 31 | 2 | 6 |
| DISTRICT #4 | | | | | 9644 | Fort Logan | 401 | 204 | 51 |
| 2551 | Ft. Morgan | 163 | 56 | 34 | | TOTAL | 1703 | 1043 | 61% |
| 3541 | Sterling | 106 | 86 | 78 | DISTRICT #11 | | | | |
| 4671 | Wray | 39 | 10 | 26 | 784 | Montrose | 32 | 19 | 59 |
| 8064 | Akron | 50 | 7 | 14 | 1247 | Grnd Jcnctn | 107 | 73 | 68 |
| | TOTAL | 358 | 156 | 44% | 3571 | Delta | 80 | 63 | 79 |
| DISTRICT #5 | | | | | 4267 | Gunnison | 48 | 27 | 56 |
| 101 | Colo. Spgs. | 55 | 31 | 56 | 4663 | Clifton | 90 | 58 | 64 |
| 3917 | Security | 263 | 190 | 72 | 9221 | Cedaredge | 73 | 52 | 71 |
| 4051 | Colo. Spgs | 385 | 268 | 70 | 9304 | Silt | 25 | 5 | 20 |
| 5221 | Calhan | 30 | 21 | 70 | 9333 | Hotchkiss | 29 | 11 | 38 |
| 6051 | Woodlnd Prk | 14 | | | | TOTAL | 484 | 308 | 64% |
| 6461 | Fountain | 104 | 73 | 70 | DISTRICT #12 | | | | |
| 10649 | Elizabeth | 17 | 6 | 35 | 4031 | Durango | 86 | 49 | 57 |
| | TOTAL | 868 | 589 | 68% | 5181 | Dove Creek | 47 | 21 | 45 |
| DISTRICT #6 | | | | | 5231 | Mancos | 100 | 46 | 46 |
| 336 | Ordway | 97 | 48 | 49 | 9058 | Nucla | 29 | 23 | 79 |
| 2411 | LasAnimas | 85 | 50 | 59 | | TOTAL | 262 | 139 | 53% |
| 3621 | Lamar | 18 | 7 | 39 | DISTRICT #13 | | | | |
| 4001 | Springfield | 33 | 30 | 91 | 3411 | Kit Carson | 33 | 13 | 39 |
| 4091 | Rocky Ford | 41 | 17 | 41 | 6491 | Burlington | 20 | 6 | 30 |
| 4281 | Holly | 16 | 3 | 19 | 6612 | Hugo | 79 | 25 | 32 |
| | TOTAL | 290 | 155 | 53% | 9491 | Deer Trail | 4 | | |
| | | | | | | TOTAL | 136 | 44 | 32% |
| Auxiliary Treasurers - Please send all Dues to State Treasurer Colleen Rylant | | | | | 15006 | At Large | 162 | 181 | 112% |
| | | | | | | TOTAL DEPT. | 7,737 | 4,748 | 61% |

**Sign up a new or reinstated member and have your
Auxiliary Treasurer send your name to Ginny for a recruiting award**

Extension

"Leaving Veterans and Their Families With Hope" A great theme our Department President Carolyn has chosen for this year. As Members of the Ladies Auxiliary, each of us play an important role in the success of our Auxiliaries and organization.

Our focus is on Extension and Retention. We will be working to institute new Auxiliaries, assist the new or struggling Auxiliaries and keep our continuous members coming back.

Every Member is invited to join the Extension Team for 2010-2011. We have no dues or initiation fees, just a commitment to making The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars the best that we can be.

President Carolyn has appointed each of the District Presidents with a Deputy Chief of Staff. Their positions are very important to the success of our Extension Team-you are the Team Leaders-and I look forward to serving with you.

In fact we have already started. In District 5 a new Ladies Auxiliary for MSG William G Crawford VFW Post 7829 in Mounument has been approved by the Post Members, President Carolyn has appointed an organizer, Martine Arndt from Ladies Auxliary #4051. We have already met with 6 potential members and Martine has applications, and brochures. The next meeting will be with District 5 President Carolyn Richards and Deputy Chief of Staff Sue Johnson and a new Ladies Auxiliary will be instituted.

We also have made a trip to District 11 and District President Sandi Ackerman and Department Guard Linda Stahly were there to meet potential members. The Post voted this last week to approve the Auxiliary and we will be making more trips to Western Slope VFW Post 3981 in Grand Junction to institute this Ladies Auxiliary. The Charter was turned in several years ago and there have to be 15 new or reinstated members before we can institute. Deputy Chief of Staff Peggy Vanderberg will also be helping with this Ladies Auxiliary.

WE ASK EVERY MEMBER IN THE STATE TO JOIN THE EXTENSION TEAM TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

DEPARTMENT:

- We will be contacting each Batchelor Post in the State to ask them to approve a Ladies Auxiliary for institution.
- We will be assisting Auxiliaries that are new, struggling or experiencing difficulty.

- We will assist in the transfer of members from a defunct Auxiliary to retain their membership.
- As Team Leaders, Deputy Chiefs of Staff will be called upon by Department to assist Districts and Auxiliaries as needed in addition to their assigned specified duties.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:

- Appoint a Mentoring Committee to welcome new members and educate all members so they become familiar with us, our programs and the workings of The Ladies Auxiliary.
- Have a line of communication with all members of your Auxiliary. This can be done by newsletter, quarterly note, phone call, email, all of the previous-something other than just a dues notice to show their membership is important to our Auxiliary.

- A call to the Department President when your Auxiliary needs assistance before it is too late.

- Assist in the transfer of members from a defunct Auxiliary to retain their membership

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

- Inspect your Auxiliaries and communicate to the Department President those Auxiliaries needing assistance before it is too late. Ask your Deputy Chief of Staff that President Carolyn has appointed to your District and to accompany you on your visitations. She can be a real asset to you. Some of them have already been a Department or Distict President and can advise you as a District President. I will be asking each of these Ladies to send me a report on each of their visitations with you,so use them wisely.
- Reinforce Auxiliaries at District Meetings to appoint a Mentoring Committee and open the lines of communication with their membership.
- A call to the Department President when the Auxiliary needs assistance before it is too late.
- Assist in the transfer of members from a defunct Auxiliary to retain their membership.

- As active members of our Extension Team we will be "Leaving Veterans and Their Families With HOPE" so "We are United by Love for our Veterans and Country" in 2010-2011.

Ann Mauck
Department Extension / Chief of Staff

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR AND ACHIEVEMENT

ATTENTION ALL AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS!!!!

You should have received the Colorado Program Book 2010-2011. Please read the Auxiliary President of the Year and Achievement Report.

It has been combined and there are only three pages to fill out. You may add two pages for each report to describe the activities of the Auxiliary and your activities as President. By reading this now, you can set goals for yourself and your auxiliary to achieve.

Keep a good record of the activities so at the end of the year you will have them at your fingertips when you have to fill out the reports. Remember the reporting year is May 1, 2010 to April 15, 2011.

The All State President and Achievement is under a committee of four this year, they are Sue Johnson, Ann Mauck, Ruth Gulden and me, Rosie Mitchell. Best wishes for a successful year.\

Loyally,
Rosie Mitchell

Thank You

Thank You for all the cards prayers, and good wishes sent my way during my recent illness. I now live with my Daughter Linda Stahly and her family and am getting a little stronger each day. Thank you again, it was great to open the cards that came every day.

Ina Mick, Ladies Auxiliary 3571 Delta

Veterans and Family Support

Many thanks to those of you who attended the July Council Meeting. Your enthusiasm is contagious!! The following is to keep you up-to-date and communication lines open. First, **CONTACT INFORMATION**: A few folks, serving as local Veterans and Family Support Chairs, provided me their contact information at the Council Meeting. Please be sure I have: your name, Auxiliary #, e-mail address or mailing address so I can send materials to you throughout the year. Information is power. Be sure you have the information.

VFW National Home for Children

Have you sent the 10 cents per member for the Health & Happiness/Christmas Cheer as of the June 30 membership? Let's shoot for 100% participation by the October Council Meeting.

Did you know that there is a Colorado House at the National Home? Just like your house, the CO house needs to be maintained. As of the June 30, 2010 Report from the National Home, 4 Auxiliaries and 2 Posts contributed a total of \$626.29 toward the maintenance. The house needed the following repairs: new furnace, inspect/replace fire extinguishers, changed dryer igniter/service call and replaced front and rear door handles – total = \$3,656.15.

Funds from the Gaugenmeier Estate made up the difference. The current fund balance is zero. Can your Auxiliary help?

Campbell's Van – The National Home only needs 47,500 labels before they can

select the color of their much-needed new van. Visit www.labelsforeducation.com for the latest information on eligible products to clip and send. This has been a very strongly supported effort by Colorado Auxiliaries and a great project for Jr. Girls.

National Military Services (NMS)

The Military Assistance Program (MAP)

- . Operation Uplink
- . Unmet Needs

Each of the above services require financial assistance. Use your Relief Fund or hold special fund raisers. Checks can be earmarked for one or more of the services OR marked (NMS) for the VFW to use the donations to where they are needed most.

Ladies Continuing Education Scholarship

School has started. School cost \$\$\$\$. Get the application in students' hands.

Forms– The 2010-2011 Ladies Auxiliary VFW Program Book provides a full description of the Veterans & Family Support Program + all of the forms and promotional materials. Please utilize this resource.

Let's shoot for 100% participation for this program!! Thank you, in advance, for your help.

Loyally,
Carol Anderson
Department Veterans & Family Support
Chairman

Youth Activities

We had a great time at the Parade of Programs in Colorado Springs, a lot of first timers attended. It was good to see new faces.

The "Just Say No" Coloring Pages will be mailed out sometime in September to Presidents and Commanders, District Presidents and Commanders and their line officers. Please get these distributed as soon as you can. Be sure the forms are filled out - in full, if that entry wins at Department level, I need addresses of those winners, in order to send them invitations to the Youth Carnival in March. Also, the sign up sheet for the Youth Carnival will be coming out soon, let's fill the hall with booths, and make this year the best ever.

I would like to see Colorado shine with National Citations for our "Youth Groups Supporting Our Military". I know there are youth groups sending packages, clipping coupons and supporting our Military

overseas in many other ways, these young people deserve recognition for their efforts, so please fill out the form in the Program Book and send it to me.

As for the Jr. Girls Units, Rita Fama is assisting me this year, she will a great help to me as well as the Jr. Girls Units. We have reworked the Community Service Report and Year End Report, we would like to see these new forms used in a monthly report of what your Unit has been doing. If you have questions about starting up a new Unit or keeping your Unit together, please feel free to give Rita a call at 303-742-0826 or e-mail her at ritafama4171@hotmail.com.

"Leaving Veterans and Families With Hope"

Janet Mills
Department Youth Activities Chairman

Fisher House

Thank you so much for all you do for the Fisher House. There are many new and exciting things happening at the house. The biggest thing is the approval of a new Fisher House on the Fitzsimmons Medical Campus. I will be giving you more information on this as we progress. We are going to have to do some serious fundraising for this to happen.

There is a new director at the house as Jan Griffiths has retired but is active as a Fisher House board member. The new director's name is Joy Weyna-King. She is doing an amazing job at the house.

Keep them donations coming whatever they are, money, paper products or toiletries there is always a need.

We had a picnic in July for the board members and guest at Fisher House well attended good food and very nice people. The Sons of the American Le-

gion did all the cooking and we had a flag raising ceremony replacing the old with the new and the old was folded and given to one of the guest who was very moved by the gesture.

Sorry I missed the Council meeting but just could not go. I have some new Fisher House books to share with you and I will try to make some of the district meetings to give them out. I will try. Please if you have questions feel free to call me I will always return the call back. As we do our best to make everyone have more knowledge about Fisher House what it stands for and how it helps all our veterans we remember "Leaving Veterans and Families with Hope"

Jo Najera
Department Fisher House Chairman

Hospital

IMPORTANT DATES

**HOMELAKE-SUMMERFEST
SEPTEMBER 11th-
VAVS SAMIE SMITH**

**PUEBLO-ALL PATIENTS DAY
SEPTEMBER 11th
VAVS RITA KINDELL**

Pueblo is looking for Post's & Auxiliaries to volunteer for carnival booths. I have all the information.

**Denver VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System Fall Fling --Bake Sale
-Sept. 14, 2010 -Charlotte Lattin**

We need bake goods and volunteers to help for the day.

"Hospital Corps Meetings 7:00pm"

VFW Skyline Post # 2797

963 Federal Blvd. Denver

September 15th, 2010

Activities at VA and Nursing Homes

These are some important dates for September VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes. Be sure to check the schedule for Denver-

Bingo, Birthday Parties, Chapel program, if you cannot attend call Betty Melsen

I gave a list at the Parade of Programs of suggested items for the nursing homes when you visit. If your auxiliary did not receive one please give me a call. I have several items to cover at the Hospital Corps Meeting, that were covered at the VAVS meeting for the Denver VA. Please plan to attend so you can get all the news.

If your auxiliary would like to help with the VA Christmas party in December, let me know as we have two wards open.

The Denver VA & all of the nursing homes are in need of volunteers. Let give that extra care to the veterans that served for us, it takes so little to mean so much.

Be sure to report all the volunteer hours and expenses on the Community Service form.

Thank You for your Dedication to our Veterans

Charlotte Lattin
Department Hospital Chairman

Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen

Thank you to all the auxiliaries who attend the Parade of Programs in Colorado Springs last month.

A lot of great information was presented on all of our programs. VOD/PP focused on getting the word out to students about what we have to offer in the form of scholarships. I hope by now you have contacted your local schools and dropped off the information on how they can participate. Other suggestions would be to contact your local libraries, community centers and Boys & Girls Clubs to see if they would allow you to post the information. For less than \$30.00 you can purchase a kit from the VFW Store that has posters and brochures that can be posted and handed out. Remember I will be looking at new and creative ways that you, as auxiliaries will be promoting you program this year and a special award will be given in each group, so send me a picture of how you promote your program this year.

The hard work put forth by our Post and Auxiliaries is not always seen by the number of entries they receive for these

outstanding programs but know it does not go unrecognized by those of us at Department. **The Post entry deadline for both programs is November 1st.**

If you have any questions please contact Dave Stone at 719-391-9470 or dave.stone@brooks.com or myself at 970-396-3275 or cagelatt@netzero.net. All deadlines for both programs are as follows:

November 15, 2010 – Post Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winning entries to District

December 6, 2010 – District winning entry for each program (with student photo) to Department Headquarters. District VFW chairman should complete and send District Voice of Democracy Summary and District Patriot's Pen Summary along with the District winning entry for each program.

January 29, 2011 – Department Voice of Democracy Banquet will be hosted in Colorado Springs.

Caroline Gelatt, Department Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Chairman

Cancer Aid & Research

What a wonderful weekend at Colorado Springs; first the Post & Auxiliary did an outstanding job on everything Thank you !

I sold over 1,300 pins; Great ! The Auxiliaries that have not purchased them will have time. Don't forget the deadline for the \$2.00 per member on Cancer is Oct.31st, that's also the Council Meeting at Golden VFW to get my Cancer Ribbon pin. Let's not forget to send any donations or bring them to the Meeting. Below will be the form to purchase pins.

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

Cecilia Schoonover
Department Cancer Aid & 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

