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“We honor the dead by helping the living”



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Ronald W. Davies State Commander 2011-2012

Thank you all for being here tonight. And I'll use a cliché that everyone seems to use but is so appropriate... Thank you for having the confidence to elect me to the highest position in the State of Colorado VFW. YOUR State Commander!

Thank you Joe Archuleta my good friend and your installation team. Thank you Earl Havens and Don Smith for being my mentors and baby sitters. I have had a promise from both of them that if I goof up they'll be there. And thank you to another Great friend Dick Wellensiek for your support. Last but not least thank you DJ and Carolyn for the year you both had.

Congratulations to Cindy Anderson your new Department President of the Ladies Auxiliary and her team for the upcoming year. Cindy and I are not only counter parts in this great organization we are friends and have been for a number of years as is her husband Warren. I think that makes a huge difference in our ability to communicate and work together.

National District 13 Council Member

First I want to thank John Loring for his nomination in addition to Charlie Watkins, Warren Tellgren and Larry Mitchell for their seconds. I am privileged to have their support. To Dean K Phillips VFW Post #5061 and District #1 for always supporting me for every office to which I have been elected. Thank you to all the comrades in the Department of Colorado for the support and confidence that you expressed in electing me National District 13 Council Member. It is a great honor to represent Colorado and Kansas on the National Council. I look forward to the challenge and I embrace it with determination and commitment. Thank You for this Opportunity.

Ron Lattin

Here comes the fun part! I want to recognize some very special people in my life. My wife MJ (trinket) Davies. She always says that behind every good man there is a good woman and I absolutely cannot ask any thing better than her. My daughters Brittany and Meggie and Meggie's boyfriend Ryan Green are here with my wife tonight. I love ya all.

Thank you to Past CIC Tommy Tradewell I appreciate your presence here tonight and at our convention. Then there is my friend Charlie (Charles) Shoemaker, another baby sitter. Charlie thanx for all you have done for me. And to all my VFW comrades, ladies and men's auxiliary members, Thank you for all you do!

Now, to all the men and women who have built this great organization, we owe you a great dept of gratitude and thanks. I dare to think where we would be without your dedication and hard work in laying the foundation that we enjoy today. I want you never, ever to feel left out or left behind. And no

one and I mean no one should ever have the right to make you feel that way. With that said we have a lot of work ahead of us this upcoming year. And a lot of that work includes changes. We have to push forward with the same amount of enthusiasm and dedication that you had for your generation for our generation and generations to come. I'm afraid somewhere along the line some of the pride in the VFW has been lost and we need to regain that pride. VFW Posts have to dedicate themselves to being VFW's. They need to follow the rituals, they need to participate in the programs and they need to recruit new members. They need to stop thinking they are the only ones out there. They need to see the big picture through their district, department and national. A lot of posts out there have the culture in that anything that has to do with district, department and national will not benefit them. That has to change and can only be done with communication and education. We plan to increase both in the coming year. I consider myself very lucky

to have the team I have. Bruce Dolan and I have been working together in some capacity for a number of years so I feel confident that what we start this year will be carried through at least for the next three years as I feel Jim Lafferty is on board as well.

In conclusion I want to say that we will do the very best job we can for the upcoming year.

God bless you and Thank you for what you do!

Ron Davies
Department of Colorado
Commander



**Verle Huffman VFW, Ladies and Men's Auxiliary #9644
Cordially invite you attend**

State Commander Ron Davies Homecoming

September 10, 2011

3:00 P.M.

2680 W Hampden - Sheridan, CO

Fun activities, entertainment and food

Highlight of the day will be the

“Roasting” of Commander Davies.

We think there are some very entertaining stories out there about Ron, so come and share them with all that attend.

**For more information call the Post
303-789-9733**

Voice of Democracy

HOW TO ENTER:

Students should first draft their essay based on the 2011-2012 theme: "Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?" Students should then record their reading of the draft to a CD. The recording should be no shorter than 3 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes (plus or minus 5 seconds).

Entries begin at the Post level. Once the student has created their essay and completed burning the audio version to a CD, they should submit their typed version, CD and the Voice of Democracy entry form to their local participating VFW Post no later than November 1, 2011.

Gloria Otwell, Post 3917 Security and Peter Buchanan, Post 1771 Lafayette are your co-chairs Voice of Democracy this

year. We look forward to supporting and honoring your student applications this year. Just a few months away until your entries are due at your post homes for judging on November 1, 2011. Be easy on yourselves this year, plan early, visit your schools, judge your students and send them on to your districts for judging. Support your youth activities and receive the respect of our youth in your communities.

Full information can be found on our Department of Colorado web site: Click on the "Program" tab for a complete explanation of the program. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Peter Buchanan
Department Voice of Democracy Chrm.

**COLORADO STATE VETERANS
HOME AT HOMELAKE**

*Caring communities that honor
America's heroes!*



**Assisted living-like cottages
(Domiciliary)**

- Cottages available for immediate occupancy! Recently renovated, with each cottage providing an accessible living room, bedroom and bathroom.
- 24-hour emergency coverage and 11-hour/day nursing care offered.

Serving veterans, spouses/widows/widowers and Gold-Star Parents. VA disability or retirement from military service not required.

All-inclusive individual rates for nursing home and domiciliary cottages cover medications; oxygen; meals; activities; transportation; physical, occupational and speech therapies and more!

Nursing home care

- Providing long-term care, skilled nursing services, short-term rehabilitation, hospice and respite care.
- Veteran rate only \$129.41 per day. Medicaid, private pay, Medicare and VA accepted.

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Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation

The Foundation Fund Raising polo shirts for 2011 – 2012 are green and they are available. We sold 35 at the state convention and you will be seeing them at events throughout the year. You can get yours by contacting Department HQ or e-mail me at sarylant@comcast.net.

We will be receiving a much smaller amount from the Veterans Trust Fund Grant program this year, so we need you and your posts to help us help the veterans that are in desperate need. You can send your donations to the Colorado Veterans Foundation at Department HQ. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 corporation, so your donation, or donations from Cor-

porations that you may know of, are tax deductible. You can use funds from your post relief fund to donate to our Foundation.

You can find further information on the Foundation on the Department of Colorado web site:
www.vfwcolodept.org

Thank you for your support of the Colorado Foundation.

Steve Rylant
Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars
Foundation

**Colorado State Veterans Center
Homelake 10th Annual Summerfest**

Schedule Of Events:

- **Friday September 9, 2011**
• 2:00 - 3:30 Table/Booth set-up
- **Saturday September 10, 2011**
• 8:00 - 9:15 Breakfast bar with breakfast burritos served in the Homelake Theatre to all "Homelake Summerfest" participants
- 9:15 Flag Raising Ceremony
- 9:30 - 11:00 Tables/Booths will be open to the residents for the 10th Annual Homelake Summerfest
- 11:00 - 12:30 Lunch will be served to all residents by Homelake staff & Summerfest volunteers.
- 12:30 - 1:00 Awards/Certificate Ceremony

**All-Patients Activities Day
Pueblo VA Community Living Center
September 17, 2011
2600 Oakshire Lane
Pueblo, CO**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Beginning at 7:00 am
- 9:00 - 11:00 am Volunteers Assemble Carnival Booths
- 11:00 am Volunteer Registration
- 11:45 am Patients go through the Lunch Line
- 12:45 pm Volunteers go through the Lunch Line
- 1:25 pm Gift Presentations by Organizations
- 1:30 - 3:30 pm Balloon release - Volunteers report to Game Booths
- 3:30 pm Carnival Booths Open for Business
- Volunteers Disassemble Carnival Booths

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POST & AUXILIARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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

NAME: _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ VFW POST NO. _____

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

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

**THANK YOU
EDITOR**

Sr. Vice Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings,
I hope this finds everyone well and having a fun summer.

I would like to start by congratulating the newly elected officers. From Department, to Districts, to Posts. Thank all of you for stepping up and helping to forge ahead and help to continue to help our organization grow and help our Veterans and support our Troops.

It seems like schools are getting ready to start already, (what happened to being off ALL summer?) so what a perfect time to get our youth programs going. Last year we had some Posts from the Northeast part of the state that had what seemed like every student in school participating in one of the programs. So it doesn't take a large city to get large participation. This is also a great time to work on membership. The Veterans of Foreign Wars has and distribute TONS of information about what we do. Use this information. You can get it from the Department web site;

www.vfwcolodept.org, and the National web site. One of the big selling points for membership in our Organization is our Service Officers. I believe most Veteran organizations have some sort of Service Officer, but none as good as ours. The Veterans of Foreign Wars does a lot of training for their Service Officers, and it shows.

We should also understand there are a lot of troops coming home from our current conflicts that need our help and support. They are young and tech savvy. We need to realize our old ways attitudes are going to have to change for these veterans. I'm glad to say over the past several years, many of our Posts have done just that. It shows in their membership and stability. I hope everyone has a good summer, and I look forward to seeing you at District meetings, and C.O.A.'s.

Please pray for our Veterans, and our troops in harms way.

Bruce R. Dolan
Department Sr. Vice Commander

Quartermaster's Column Dick Wellensiek



A New Year for the VFW is upon us once again. We as Quartermasters should have a

good start in the new Year! The Elections have been held and the Election Report sent in to National and Department. You should have received your Bond Application from Department Headquarters, so you are getting that ready to send in. If you have sent in the June Audit, you are good to go! Now you can work on Membership and Programs.

Membership is all year with your goal to be 100% + 1 so you and the Commander qualify for All State. It is a Great Honor for all the Members of your Post to realize the Quartermaster and Commander being All State. They all work hard to make that happen. The Membership Books for 2011-2012 were handed out to District Commanders at the Council of Administration in Longmont. Get hold of your District Commander and get together so

the District Commander doesn't have to mail it or you don't have to wait until a District meeting to get yours.

All information for Programs in on the Web Site www.vfwcolodept.org. There are no packets from National or Department, it is all ON LINE. The Quartermaster Manual, the Commander's Manual, all VFW forms and entry forms for programs, Membership, Election Reports, National Registration for National Convention, Emblem and Supply Store, anything else you can think of is ON LINE. What I am telling you is that you need to be ON LINE or have someone in the Post be your I.T. person.

One thing Department is looking at doing and we need your help to get it done, that is putting the Colorado Veteran ON LINE only! If you absolutely cannot get ON LINE, we need to know that. Let's all have a good year! Thank You for what you do for the VFW!

Your Quartermaster
Dick Wellensiek

All - State Post Commanders 2010 - 2011

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#9398	Craig Greager	Norwood

Jr. Vice Column Jim Lafferty



I wanted to thank every one for the support and the confidence that was given me at the election during the State Convention.

I am not much on writing a big article, but I want all the Commanders and ALL members to work on getting members and to see about attending the Convention and Council meetings when we have them. We need the support of all Veterans to do

the job that we are doing. One person can not do it by themselves. It will take all of us to get this done. We need to keep our membership up to help get all of the help that we can for our veterans.

We will have a good year, when all of us work together.

If anyone has a question for me, do not hesitate to contact me and I will get an answer for you.

Jim Lafferty
Department Jr. Vice Commander

Surgeon's Column Pete Buchanan



Comrades, sisters and brothers, it is time to look forward to an exciting year serving as your Department Surgeon for 2011-2012. All dated/ expiring medicine in my first-aid kit has been

replaced and I have added a couple of new items to the inventory. Now looking for my marching orders and ready to hit the road running to do the work of "Focusing on Veterans". Please help by reporting your Community Service, Youth, Americanism, Buddy Poppy and Hospital on the new 2011-2012 Community Service Report found on the Department Website

under forms. Last year only 69% of our 119 VFW posts reported hospital work. Just spotted this on the www.vfw.org website: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published the interim final rule for implementing the Family Caregiver Program of the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act 2010. This new rule will provide additional support to eligible post-9/11 Veterans who elect to receive their care in a home setting from a primary Family Caregiver. Thank you for your confidence in me this year. Enjoy your summer and stay well.

Peter Buchanan
Department Surgeon

Chaplain's Column John Holland



With the beginning of the VFW 2011-2012 year, I look back, and forward, with thanks in my heart. We are blessed with excellent leadership at all levels. We are blessed to live in Colorado, we are

blessed with the finest military that has ever walked the earth, led by a civilian government that wisely, we hope, guides it.

In the VFW we are truly blessed to have the National Military Services program. In Colorado we have a similar program that we call MAP. When a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine needs our financial help, we ask NMS to help them, and we try to match NMS with a 20% contribution.

Since January 1, National Military Services has helped our Service members with a whopping \$1.52 million!

I am proud to share with you the fact that Post 2551, Fort Morgan, has stepped up in a big way. At Department Convention, they caught me completely by surprise by donating \$3,000 to the Colorado MAP program. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude...

We are nothing as an organization if we don't help those that follow us, and put themselves between us and those that would do us harm.

Thank you for the things that you do.

Welcome Home

John Holland
Department Chaplain

Centarus High School, Lafayette, CO

This year the annual NYC Veterans Day Parade will also commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. 19 high school bands across the nation have been invited to participate in the parade.

Centarus High School, South Boulder Rd., Lafayette, CO has been invited to march and play patriotic music in 92nd Annual NYC Veterans Day Parade. Please contact the school and see if they would like assistance with the expenses. 303-665-9211.

Next Deadline for Colorado Veteran August 1, 2011 for the September 2011 issue

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

Please submit by the deadline!

**Department of Colorado, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214**

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1
June 18, 2011 SERIES: 2011-2012

1. Having been duly elected and installed into the office of Commander, Department of Colorado, according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby assume command of the Department of Colorado. All previously appointed officers and committeemen's term of office is hereby declared expired and now ineffective.

The following officers have been duly elected and installed at the 91st Annual Convention held June 15-18, 2011, Security, CO., and will have full authority to act and shall be obeyed accordingly:

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1. **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:**

The next Council of Administration meeting will be Sunday, July 24, 2011. Joint Opening will be at Longs Peak VFW #2601, 206 S Main St., Longmont, Time: 8:30 A.M. SHARP.

Workshops and Pre-Council meeting

will be on Saturday July 23, 2011 at VFW Post #2601 Longmont.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS OR THEIR PROPER REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT.

Any and all District and Post Officers and members are invited to attend. Uniform of the day will be black and white. All attending Officers must sign the roster with the Department Adjutant to record your presence at Council of Administration meeting

2. **PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:**

All Department Officers are instructed to comply with Sec. 515, Paragraph (c) "Proof of Eligibility". Such proof must be on file at Department Headquarters prior to July 23, 2011. Failure to comply will disqualify Council Members from participation in the Council of Administration and District Commanders for reimbursement of expenses.

3. **2011 SPRING SWEEPSTAKES:**

Prize winners of the Spring Sweepstakes are listed in this Colorado Veteran.

4. **DIRECT DUES** notices will be mailed to the membership. Bring your questions to the Midsummer Conference July 24th in Longmont.

5. **NATIONAL CONVENTION:** The 112th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. will be held in San Antonio, TX August 27-Sept 1, 2011. Please contact Department Headquarters for information.

6. **NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE:**

All Posts are reminded of the provision of the National By-Laws, which requires at least one registration from each Post. The registration fee of \$25.00 for the first Delegate and \$10.00 for the rest of the Delegates and a completed registration form must be sent to the Quartermaster General, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, prior to August 10, 2011. If the Post has not sent in a Post Election Report Form listing officers for 2011-2012, credentials will not be mailed to the Post Commander for the National Convention.

7. **2011-2012 POST OFFICERS:**

Posts that have not submitted Report of Election forms will do so immediately. The forms must be submitted even though the current officers served for the 2010-2011 year. Posts that have not submitted their Election Report to Department will not be listed in the Department roster.

Posts who have not properly reported elected officers by August 1, 2011, will be suspended for a period of ninety (90) days by the Commander-in-Chief. This suspension will automatically terminate when a properly completed Report of Election of officers is received at National Headquarters. At the end of ninety (90) days, the Commander-in-Chief may cancel the charter of any Post not properly submitting a list of officers to National Headquarters.

Please also send a copy of the Report of Election of officers to Department

Headquarters.

8. **QUARTERMASTER BONDS - AUDITS:**

It is the duty of Commander to see that the office of the Quartermaster is bonded and that Trustees Reports of Audits are completed, signed by the Commander, Trustees, and Quartermaster and mailed to Department Headquarters no later than 30 days following the close of each quarter. All Quartermaster bonds carried through Department expire **August 31, 2011. The foregoing is a requirement of the National By-Laws.** Bond Applications have been mailed to the Post and District Quartermaster.

9. **DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD:**

All requests for the State Color Guard Units or Ritual Teams will be directed by the State Commander to Phil Garcia and will be handled in order of priority established by the Commander and recommendations from the District being considered. All requests will be submitted in writing to the State Commander, and it is requested that a copy be sent to Captain Phil Garcia.

10. **COMMUNITY SERVICE and OTHER REPORTS:**

Post Commanders are advised to send an **ORIGINAL report form - Community Service, Youth Activity, Americanism, Loyalty Day, Hospital and others pertaining to the Department Program report - DIRECTLY** to Department Headquarters, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO, 80214. Department Headquarters will duplicate same and send copies to the various VFW State Chairmen. The reporting year commences May 1, 2011. Do not report programs completed prior to that date for the reporting year 2011-2012. Please make a copy of these forms for your Post files. Forms are available from Department Headquarters. **THERE ARE NEW FORMS FOR 2011-2012 REPORTING.**

11. **VFW CAPS, OFFICIAL:**

All personnel are advised that there is only one official cap of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, namely, a cap of the overseas type, lettered with VFW initials, Post numerals, State, rank of office (when applicable), and bearing the Cross of Malta emblem. The color shall be regulation Army Shade 51 or Suntan, tropical worsted. Organizational echelons will be designated by the appropriate color of the braid and lettering on the cap. **Caps will not be worn while eating or seated during meals.**

All other types of headgear, i.e., baseball types, western types, sporting types, are not official headgear and will not be worn at meetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

12. **2010-2011 AWARDS:** Posts or individuals who have not received the appropriate awards they earned from the Department of Colorado in the 2010-2011 year, please notify Department, in writing, within Thirty (30) Days by applying for the appropriate awards.

13. **MEMBERSHIP:** The new membership year has started. Sign up a new and/or reinstated members and earn awards from Department.

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ Richard Wellensiek
Richard Wellensiek
Department Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:
/s/ Ronald W. Davies
Ronald W. Davies
Department Commander

Council of Administration Meeting Schedule 2011-2012

October 22 - 23, 2011 Fort Morgan VFW Post #2551

March 24 - 25, 2012 Grand Junction VFW #1247

June 13 - 16, 2012 Thornton VFW #7945 - State Convention

**Please mark your Calendar and
Attend these very Important Meetings**

VFW Post Membership by District as of June 30, 2011

Number/City	2010	2011	%	Number/City	2010	2011	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	696	696	100*	859 Leadville	44	43	98
501 Denver	477	438	92	1166 Buena Vista	195	181	93
2461 Denver	170	183	108*	3820 Salida	125	120	96
2797 Denver	58	62	107*	8661 Bailey	172	166	97
3971 Denver	117	115	98	10721 Minturn	102	103	101*
5061 Denver	483	400	83	11411 Lake George	52	49	94
6616 Denver	177	161	91	12009 Conifer	80	83	104*
TOTAL	2178	2055	94%	TOTAL	770	745	97%
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
61 Pueblo	135	122	90	2371 Walden	50	42	84
984 Trinidad	84	81	96	3311 Oak Creek	32	32	100*
2643 Walsenburg	54	48	89	4264 Steamboat Spgs	109	99	91
2788 Penrose	70	65	93	4265 Craig	169	160	95
3641 Pueblo	120	128	107*	5261 Rangely	15	13	87
4061 Canon City	472	446	94	5843 Meeker	46	53	115*
5812 Pueblo West	177	179	101*	9374 Kremmling	47	42	89
7305 Colo. City	50	51	102*	9471 Hayden	11	11	100*
8301 Pueblo	13	10	77	TOTAL	479	452	94%
8898 Boone	57	56	98	DISTRICT #10			
12063 Westcliffe	53	59	111*	322 Englewood	145	135	93
TOTAL	1285	1245	97%	3471 Morrison	102	95	93
DISTRICT #3				3631 Aurora	410	400	98
41 Loveland	335	342	102*	4121 Idaho Spgs.	77	74	96
807 Boulder	72	73	101*	4171 Golden	657	606	92
1771 Lafayette	421	426	101*	4266 Parker	45	68	151*
1781 Ft. Collins	348	341	98	4331 Arvada	308	294	95
2121 Greeley	234	227	97	4444 Cmmrc Cty	276	270	98
2585 Johnstown	107	110	103*	4666 Littleton	158	160	101*
2601 Longmont	567	583	103*	6331 Aurora	142	129	91
2841 Brighton	199	195	98	7563 Black Hawk	22	20	91
4334 Ault	87	84	97	7945 Thornton	482	484	100*
6011 Platteville	75	75	100*	8449 Bennett	34	41	121*
6624 Evans	326	328	101*	9644 Fort Logan	630	637	101*
7206 Louisville	36	32	89	10736 Fdrl Heights	31	30	97
9565 Broomfield	145	147	101*	TOTAL	3519	3443	98%
9741 Dacono	34	37	109*	DISTRICT #11			
TOTAL	2986	3000	100%*	784 Montrose	139	138	99
DISTRICT #4				1247 Grnd Jnctn	345	332	96
2551 Ft. Morgan	309	324	105*	3571 Delta	78	79	101*
3378 Yuma	81	81	100*	3981 Grnd Jnctn	140	141	101*
3541 Sterling	141	132	94	4041 Ouray	20	20	100*
3551 Brush	48	47	98	4267 Gunnison	139	123	88
3951 Ovid	29	28	97	4663 Clifton	100	93	93
3961 Otis	30	29	97	5485 Parachute	62	59	95
4191 Crook	26	26	100*	9221 Cedaredge	143	136	95
4671 Wray	72	73	101*	9304 Rifle	41	37	90
6482 Holyoke	80	73	91	9333 Hotchkiss	41	40	98
7153 Fleming	45	45	100*	TOTAL	1248	1198	96%
8064 Akron	53	57	108*	DISTRICT #12			
TOTAL	914	915	100%*	4031 Durango	253	246	97
DISTRICT #5				5181 Dove Creek	51	55	108*
101 Colo. Spgs.	433	444	103*	5231 Mancos	93	88	95
3917 Security	724	738	102*	5241 Cortez	79	75	95
4051 Colo. Spgs	845	830	98	6068 Dolores	48	45	94
5221 Calhan	84	90	107*	9058 Nucla	31	30	97
6051 Wldnd Park	48	45	94	9398 Norwood	23	26	113*
6461 Fountain	270	280	104*	9695 Pagosa Spgs	42	38	90
7829 Monument	39	93	238*	TOTAL	620	603	97%
9669 Colo. Spgs.	59	66	112*	DISTRICT #13			
10649 Elizabeth	43	45	105*	3411 Kit Carson	26	25	96
TOTAL	2545	2631	103%*	6491 Burlington	85	81	95
DISTRICT #6				6492 Seibert	11	11	100*
336 Ordway	126	127	101*	6612 Hugo	61	56	92
2411 LasAnimas	118	117	99	9491 Deer Trail	27	27	100*
3621 Lamar	60	62	103*	9700 Chynn Wlls	40	43	108*
4001 Springfield	51	53	104*	TOTAL	250	243	97%
4091 Rocky Ford	84	78	93	15006 MAL	2145	2130	99%
4281 Holly	37	34	92	TOTAL DEPT	19866	19573	98.5%
TOTAL	476	471	99%	WAS you Post 100%?			
DISTRICT #7				2012 dues are now DUE.			
899 Alamosa	175	164	94	Be 100% +1 in 2011-2012			
3228 Monte Vista	51	48	94				
4849 La Jara	71	72	101*				
6101 San Luis	86	89	103*				
8121 Del Norte	68	69	101*				
TOTAL	451	442	98%				

MEMBERSHIP 2011-2012

The new year has started with "A Lot Of Love".

We can do it when we all work together.

Please set up a Membership Committee at the Post level and also at the District level and work on shutting the back door to membership. Last year we needed 283 members to be 100%. We had 587 members that did not renew for 2010-2011.

Lets work on the New and Reinstates along with our Continuous.

We only had 1 (one) Post that made All American. That was VFW Post #7829 from Monument. Great Job to all the members, you can do it again this year.

If you would like e-mails from me, send

me your e-mail address and I will add you to my address book.

Good Luck, We can do it together. Be sure to read your entire Membership Book for 2011-2012. It has a lot of LOVE in it. District Commanders that attended Council Meeting in Longmont were given Membership Books for Post Commanders and Quartermasters in their District. Be sure that you get yours.

Jim Mauck
aka Dr Fat Albert
colofatalbert@vfwonline.net
303-588-7518 cell
303-774-8236 home

All American Post
Msg William J. Crawford VFW Post 7829 Monument
Cmdr: Tony Wolusky
Qm: Ted Carlson

Outstanding District Commander
Robert Kidd - District 5
Peter Buchanan - District 3 - runner up
John Yost - District 4 - 100%

All - State Post Quartermasters
2010 - 2011

# 41	Harry D. Weber	Loveland
# 101	Gregory Wawrytko	Colorado Springs
#1771	Kenneth J. Sniff	Lafayette
#2551	Charles E. McFarland	Fort Morgan
#2601	James E. Mauck	Longmont - CAPTAIN
#3571	James W. Baker	Delta
#3641	Arthur J. McFarlane	Pueblo
#3917	Robert M. Kidd Sr	Security
#3981	Dielon C. Harwood	Grand Junction
#4001	Marion Chenoweth	Springfield
#4266	Roland R. Henkel	Parker
#4671	Ronald L. Brown	Wray
#4849	Edward D. Knecht	Antonito
#6624	Leroy Dentlinger	Evans
#7945	Ron Schlieman	Thornton
#8064	Carlos T. Gomez	Akron
#9565	Timothy J. Hutchinson	Broomfield
#12063	George A. Knox	Westcliffe

Colorado VFW Warriors Report

The Convention Rides were Awsome! And we had a much larger group that participated. If you missed the rides, make plans now for next years rides. And yes, I did stay upright the whole time.

Thanks to the District 5 Warriors for planning and leadins the rides. You did a great job!

Have a look at the VFW Department Web Site:
ww.vfwcolodept.org/stateconvention
2011photos.shtml and click on the VFW Warrior web photo pages to see the great time we had.

Upcoming events are the 19th Annual Salute to American Veterans Rally & 24th Annual POW/MIA Recognition Ride August 19-21; and The Gathering of the Warriors at the Four Corners Rally at Sugar Pine Ranch near Mancos Septem-ber 1-5.

District 1 is in the early stages of forming a VFW Warriors Chapter. We look forward to riding with them soon.

Ride Safe!

Steve "SKIDD-R" Rylant
VFW Warriors Motorcycle Chairman



- Post 1: Loren Zoberst
- Post 1247: Howard Tellinhusen, Ed DeLucas
- Post 2371: Carl Trick
- Post 3571: Noel Overman, William Tuck
- Post 3631: Glen Brookins, Lawrence Canter, Emil R. Armstrong, James Murray
- Post 3981: Merle J. Samson, Vernon A. Delp, Philip Powers
- Post 4051: Paul Blinkinsop, Howard Hills, Elmer Graykowski, Harry Woodcock, Theodore Grannis, Edwin A. Halderman, Frank D. Matthews, Maurice Ketchum, David Dent
- Post 4061: James C. Adam, Fred D. Coppa, Jame E. Clark, Neil Edwinthurp, Claude A. DeWolf, Lewis F. Vandra
- Post 6616: Vern Andrews
- Post 7206: Ron Fenolia, Frank Sipes
- Post 7829: Frank Sipes
- Post 7945: LeRoy Waltman
- Post 9333: Chester Penland

Spring Sweepstake Winners

1. Maurice Drake	Clifton	\$2,500	6. Forrest Hansen	N Platte NE	\$100
2. Michele Hoffman	Westcliffe	\$1,000	7. Vernon Evans	Fruita	\$100
3. Eldred Chicoire	Canon City	\$ 500	8. Joseph Bishaw	Colo Spgs	\$100
4. Charles Agnes	Walsenburg	\$ 300	9. Michael Lawrence	Littleton	\$100
5. Richard Gandolf	Colo Spgs	\$ 200	10. Robert Pounders	Deland FL	\$100

Congratulations



Kenosha Auction



Crossroads



O'Malley's Automotive



The Bailey VFW Post 8661 and Ladies Auxiliary have presented the above with a patriotic certificate for flying the American Flag at their businesses. Flag folks are proud folks! L-R: Kim & Rick Arnold, Sandra Weitzel - President, Rob Witherington; Janet Kuecher accepts the certificate from Sandra Weitzel - President; Leo P. O'Malley accepts certificate from Sandra Weitzel - President.

L-R: Don & Sandy Weitzel, Wes Morrow, Jerry Burke. Flags & Flowers for Bailey Main Street for Memorial Day traffic.



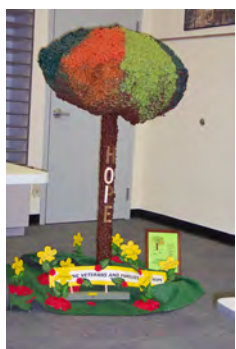
Holly VFW Post 4281 Honor Guard traveled to Kansas for Memorial Day Services May 30, 2011 at the Hartman Cemetery in Coolidge, Kansas; On the same day they also were the Honor Guard for the Memorial Day Services at the Holly Cemetery. Thanks to Calvin and Viola Melcher for sharing with us.

VFW Post 5241 Cortez Cmdr. Valencia presented Cy Miller with a 65 year pin and patch. Cy is currently a Post Trustee.



VFW Post 10721 Minturn placed 40 flags on all the Georgetown Cemetery veterans graves from the gate leading up to where they buried Lt. Marni Jump, USN. USN Honor Guard from Buckley and VFW did the burial honors. Lt. Jump served in WWII. She and her husband Larry (deceased) started Arapahoe Ski Basin and is in the National and Colorado Skier's Hall of Fame.

Dept. Adj./Qm Dick Wellensiek and Warren Hutchins met up at VFW Post #501 during the CIC's visit to Colorado.



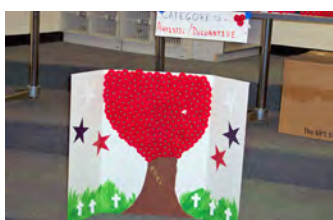
Buddy Poppy Display Winners

#4051 Colorado Spgs

#5231 Mancos

#2121 Greeley

#1771 Jr Girls Lafayette



July 2, 2011 "Welcome Home" a Marine coming home from Afghanistan and also an Army man. Western Slope State Guard with Military Families of America at the Grand Junction Regional Airport.

Commander-in-Chief Richard Eubank visit to Colorado VFW Posts



Hospital News

“Step Up-- Leave No Veterans Behind”

That is our 2011-2012 National Ladies Auxiliary President's Gwen Rankin slogan. What better way to show our Love for our Veterans than to volunteer at a VA Hospital or the many state nursing homes, outpatient clinics and satellite facilities where veterans and their dependents are patients. All of the facility's are in need of more volunteers. The biggest challenge facing these medical centers is the influx of this generation's veterans and the rise in long-term rehabilitative services. With more female and disabled veterans, we must look for new ways to better serve them. Women's Health Care units are being created to fill the needs for female veterans. New treatments for (Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom) veterans rehabilitation and transitional programs. The need for volunteers is greater now than ever. The VAVS Representative and Deputies will have a list of activities for each facility and opportunities to assist our veterans. Volunteers can work from home performing duties like making lap robes, wheelchair bags, donate treats for parties. At the Denver VA the Coffee Admissions Programs (this is a VFW & Auxiliary sponsored program) needs volunteers. Call chairman Myra Dawson, for days she need's workers.

I will be presenting a special award this year to members that recruit 1 new volunteer for the VA Medical Centers or State Nursing Homes or in home volunteers.

At the Denver VA you can go on line to read and take most of the pre- prep then attend one of the annual training classes

to be a regularly scheduled or occasional volunteer. The Volunteer Service office will be setting up some evening classes to allow everyone a opportunity to volunteer.

Check the new Denver VA schedule for Chapel Hours, Bingo & Birthday Parties. Be sure to attend when you are scheduled or Call VAVS Representative **Betty Melsen**

Denver Hospital Core Meetings 7:00pm at VFW Post #5061 first meeting Sept 8th Please plan to send your hospital chairman if the president can not attend, the VA will send a representative to give us important information about activities at the VA and on all volunteer's needed, you can ask question or address any concerns. We will receive a report on the new VA at Fitzsimons. Also a speaker from Friends of Fisher House with requests to help support this special home.

Important Dates activities at the Cheyenne VA and Co. State Nursing Homes Make plans to volunteer at one of these special programs, contact the representative for more information, these are very special days for the residents.

Cheyenne VA Picnic Aug. 14th 2011 Carol Gelatt

Home Lake- Summerfest Sept. 10th 2011 Sammie Smith

Pueblo All Patients Day Sept. 17th 2011 Rita Kindell

Be sure to report all hospital activities and donations on the Program Report form.

Charlotte Lattin
Department Hospital Chairman

Historian

I thank President Cindy so much for asking me to be her Historian for the 2011-12 year. It promises to be a very busy year – lots of miles for her to travel with meetings and functions across the state. I plan to be her “shadow” as much as I can and if you see someone looking like a tourist in the crowd with several cameras hanging off their body, it is me.

I know that I can't attend every visit, so I'd like to ask for your help in documenting Cindy's year as your Department President. When she visits your meetings or social functions, please take pictures and send me a copy of your prints. Your Auxiliary President and Cindy could have the same pictures in their memory books. Just number the pictures on the back and include a separate piece of paper with the corresponding numbers with the date and

name of the event, who is in the picture from your left to right as you look at it from the front with their official title if any. If there are any news clippings from your local newspaper regarding President Cindy, please send it also with the newspaper heading and the date included.

If I have a picture that you would like a copy of, I'll be glad to send it to you. Just drop me a line, e-mail or give me a call. With your help, Cindy will have a wonderful book filled with memories of the activities and people that were a part of her year. Working together will make this a fun and productive year of HONORING ALL WHO SERVE as we STEP UP – LEAVE NO VETERAN BEHIND !

Susan Griffith
Department Historian

THE MEMBER WHO NEVER CAME BACK

It amuses me now to think that your organization spends so much time looking for new members... when I was there all the time.

Do you remember me?

I'm the person who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have her own friends to talk to and sit with. I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times, but they didn't pay much attention to me.

I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the committees or to somehow participate and contribute... But no one did.

Finally, because of illness, I missed a meeting. The next month no one asked me where I had been. I guess, it didn't matter very much whether I was there or not. On the next meeting date I decided to stay home and watch a good television program.

When I attended the next meeting, no one asked me where I was the month before. You might say that I'm a good person. That I hold a responsible job and love my community.

You know who else I am?

I'm the member who never came back.

Anonymous

Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

Aug 7	Francis Brown Lowry	# 501	Denver
	14 Mile High	#1771	Lafayette
	21 TREA #39		
	28 Arvada	#4331	Arvada

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.

Youth

I would like to start with a BIG “thank you” to all those participating in youth activities last year. As our new year begins, I'm asking everyone to help get the word out, about all youth programs. Our youth programs offer scholarships, recognition and monetary rewards, so get the programs into schools as soon as possible.

I know it is tough introducing the programs to the schools, if you just drop the information off – it will most likely be put aside and not introduced to the students. You need to get your foot in the door and get to know the teachers, if need be, you can present the programs to the students, by explaining our programs to the students yourself, the programs are presented to the students and we may get a lot more participation. Remember, it can be frustrating and it takes repeat visits, so don't give up, it is very rewarding to work with the youth of today.

Targeting art students for the Patriotic Art Contest, may be one way of getting more participation from the schools. Don't forget our programs are also available to home schooled children. All the information you will need is in the Program Book, or get it online.

Be sure to report everything you do, taking the information to the schools or youth groups, takes time and mileage. Make sure you explain on the Program report what you've done, if need be put it on an extra page. We need to hear from you.

I am sure we are going to have a great year, get the word out early and be sure to follow up as many times as it takes.

“To Honor All Who Serve”

Janet Mills
Department Youth Activities Chairman

Jr Girls Unit

I would like thank all of the Jr. Girls advisors who were able to make it to the COA in July. We were able to cover a lot of questions. We have some new changes to look for. VFW Post, Ladies Auxiliary's and Men's Auxiliary's can still receive program reporting credit on their Donations to the Jr. Girls Units and Scholarship fund, please be specific when sending in your donations to Department of L.A. Treasurer. There is also a new line for donations sent directly to the Jr. Girls Unit of your choice. Please have the girls start working on the JUMP Badges, it's amazing how many of the badges the girls can earn as a unit and individually. The girls should be able to complete most of the badges by just helping with the VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary projects.

Please remember to report what the girls are working on the JR. Girls

Community Service report. Jr. Girls Units will not be reported on the new Programs Reporting from with the VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary. I will be trying to meet with all of the Jr. Girls Advisors as time permits, either by phone, or a visit. I hope to see you at the next COA in October. I'm looking forward to a very successful year for the Jr. Girls Units in Colorado. As always let's continue to try and get more girls signed up and involved. If anyone should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rita Fama
Jr. Girls Unit Co- Chairman

Americanism

Americanism is loyalty to the traditions, interests and standards pertaining to the United States of America. It is the common customs and attitude expressed by the citizens of the United States that binds all of us together in an unbreakable alliance. As members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we have taken up the obligation to promote true allegiance to all the citizens of this great land, to ensure that the premise of the United States as a country of freedom, justice and equality to all is, in fact, a reality.

New this year, our organization has decided to STEP UP and alert all American citizens of the fact that the number of suicides within our military community is rising at an alarming rate. During the month of September we are requesting each Auxiliary Sister wear a TEARDROP STICKER daily as a symbol of our sorrow for each soldier who takes his or her life. the TEARDROP is available for downloading at www.ladiesauxvfw.org for printing on you sticker backed printer

paper. Please plan to participate in this worthwhile new project.

September 11, 2011 will be the Tenth Anniversary of the horrible terrorist attack on the Twin Towers in New York City, the Pentagon, and United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. We must never forget that terrible day. It has become evident that we are a strong and prepared county of patriots to be reckoned with.

On September 16, 2011 is POW-MIA Recognition Day, please plan to purchase and distribute POW-MIA flags. These military heroes cannot be forgotten and their families need to know that they are not forgotten.

As the year progresses, I will be sending/e-mailing things that you should know, there will also be articles in the Colorado Veteran, I hope that you will all read them and do those projects to honor our veterans and this great nation of ours.

Eileen Vegoren



Auxiliary News

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Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



Presidents's Column *Cindy Anderson*



Thank you all for being here tonight on this very special occasion. I am so honored to have in the audience, Past National President Evelyn McCune from

the great state of Kansas and our National Council District 13 representative for the states of Kansas and Colorado, Roberta Purue. I have a very special guest here tonight that I would like to recognize, my Mom, Maxine Eittreim. She has recently moved to Colorado from Minnesota and I am so glad to have her here with me. Please join me in giving her a big hand as she is celebrating her 85th birthday with us today. Most of you know my husband Warren. To him I would like to say thank you for standing by me though the years and supporting me in all that I do, I love you. To my own Post and Auxiliary members thank you so much for the support that you have given me as I take this journey. Your faith in me keeps me going.

Six years ago when I was installed as Department Guard and started this journey, it felt like there was so much time to prepare for this night, and now, suddenly, here it is. All of the learning and planning has culminated in this moment. Now I am excited to share with you some of the things that I have in store for the coming year.

I started out my first year as Guard for then Department President Ruth Gulden. Ruth was a great teacher and she felt deeply that we as Department Auxiliary officers needed to go to the membership and instruct the members at the local Auxiliary level how to do the jobs that we ask them to do. I chose to accompany her on the series of training sessions that she did, and many things happened during that time. First of all, I learned much more than I was able to contribute. Second, I saw members at each session getting the information that they needed. Their questions confirmed what a great idea this was. I have chosen to repeat these sessions throughout the state. I am inviting all of the Ladies Auxiliary members to join me at one of these sessions. I know from experience that you will come away with information that you did not have before, no matter how long you have been a member. A big part of each session will be open for questions, so please tell us how we can help you to achieve the goals that you set for yourself and your Auxiliary.

You may have noticed that the new line officers are carrying something special with them tonight. I have presented each of them with a Native American Prayer Feather. I hope that at times when it is hard to know what to do or the ideas won't come, they will look at this and be able to focus their thoughts and find the guidance within themselves to carry on, or find that creative spark to make others enthused about their program or project.

You may wonder what makes the Scandinavian Norwegian girl interested in Native American traditions which will be part of my theme for this year. When I moved to Colorado in 1998, I began working with a lady who was part Indian. She told me if I wanted to see something that I would never forget, I should attend the grand march at an Indian Pow Wow. I did and was amazed to see that the Indian Veterans were honored and revered among their peers. Since then I have learned that the American Indians have the highest number of Veterans per capita of any ethnic group. They have been American Veterans, protecting this land long before we formally recognized them. We have now lost almost all of the Code Talkers who were so instrumental in WWI. I would like to take my cue from these famous Americans and live the respect for Veterans that they have shown me. So you will see Indian symbols here and there throughout the year.

My special project for this year will be Operation TBI Freedom. This organization is a non-profit privately funded group of professionals who are trained in the effects of traumatic brain injury and PTSD. They provide counseling on a one to one basis through a two year program for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans who have been diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries, and they work only with Veterans who are residing in Colorado. This group of Veterans has a long hard road to a productive life with all of the side effects that TBI can bring, and I feel that we need to recognize and provide any assistance that we can to this group of Veterans who are left with what has become known as one of the signature injuries of these conflicts.

I would like to introduce you to the ladies who will make up my team of program chairmen for this year. Ladies please rise as I call your name and program. We will start with our Program Coordinator, Ann Mauck, Achievement and All State Presidents is a committee of four headed by Sue Johnson along with Ruth Gulden, Valorie Fowler and Jane Ledesma. All State Treasurers will be Colleen Rylant. Veterans & Family Support is Nancy Russell. Working with Nancy on this large program will be Sandy Ackerman with Buddy Poppies. Americanism and Patriotic Instructor is Eileen Vegoran, Auxiliary News/Web Site will be Ann Mauck. Cancer Aid and Research will be Arlene (Lennie) Dolan and helping her will be Cecilia Schoonover, Courtesy will be our newly elected Chaplain Martine Arndt, Extension will be my Chief of Staff, Rosie Mitchell, Fisher House will be chaired by Jo Najera, Hospital will be Charlotte Lattin, Legislative Caroline Gelatt, Membership Valerie Shaffer, Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen is our newest line officer Gloria Otwell and Youth Activities will be chaired by Janet Mills along with Rita Fama as Jr. Girls Advisor. Games and Raffle chairman

All-State Presidents 2010-2011

GROUP I	Christine LeDoux-Garcia	Auxiliary #2797	Denver
	Jennifer Matic	Auxiliary #5812	Pueblo West
GROUP II	Sharon Swett	Auxiliary # 859	Leadville
	Dorothy Balcom	Auxiliary #2585	Johnstown
GROUP III	Irene Knecht	Auxiliary #4849	Antonito
	Sandra Wetzel	Auxiliary #8661	Bailey
GROUP IV	Linda Stahly	Auxiliary #3571	Delta
	Judy Reed	Auxiliary #3641	Pueblo
GROUP V	Bertha Jones	Auxiliary #3541	Sterling
	Rose Naughton	Auxiliary #2121	Greeley
GROUP VI	Nancy Russell	Auxiliary #5061	Denver
	Gerri Tolen	Auxiliary #2461	So Denver
GROUP VII	Carol Knutson	Auxiliary #4051	Colo Spgs
	Terri Lieby	Auxiliary #9644	Sheridan

Outstanding District Presidents 2010-2011

GROUP I	Betty Herman	District #4 President
GROUP II	Linda Reinpold	District #2 President

All-State Treasurer's 2010-2011

GROUP I	Lillie Mason	Auxiliary # 5221	Calhan
	Judy Lacy-Runner up	Auxiliary #10649	Elizabeth
GROUP II	Anna Bunderson	Auxiliary # 3411	Kit Carson
	Peggy Haley-Runner up	Auxiliary # 3228	Monte Vista
GROUP III	Vickie Chavez	Auxiliary # 4849	Antonito
	Alice Martin-Runner up	Auxiliary # 3471	Morrison
GROUP IV	Kathleen Tomlin	Auxiliary # 2411	Las Animas
	Rita Kindell-Runner up	Auxiliary # 3641	Pueblo
GROUP V	Louise Jones	Auxiliary # 3541	Sterling
	Linda Cox-Runner up	Auxiliary # 2121	Greeley
GROUP VI	Phyllis Contreas	Auxiliary # 501	Denver
	Evelyn VanDalsem-Runner up	Auxiliary # 41	Loveland
GROUP VII	Ann Mauck	Auxiliary # 2601	Longmont
	Michelle Hall-Runner up	Auxiliary # 9644	Sheridan

Congratulations to all who placed at State Convention 2010-2011

To My Sisters and Comrades!

There aren't enough THANK YOU's in this world to express my feelings of gratitude to all of you for the kindness, courtesy, friendship and love that you have shown throughout my years as Dept. President and in the line, not only to me personally, but more importantly, to the Veterans and Families that we serve. I can't begin to offer the awards and rewards to all of you who deserve them so richly, but I will pray that you find your own reward in the service that you provide. May God watch over you as you live your daily lives, and grant you peace and rest when your work is done. THANK YOU!

Carolyn Simon, Past Dept. President

(President's Column continued)

will be Glenna Medina. Ladies Auxiliary Convention Chairman for 2012 will be Shelly Schleiman and National Convention Open House Chairman will be Donna Watkins.

I have chosen to create a new Chairmanship position this year, and have asked Ruth Gulden to be our Training Coordinator to assist me with the training sessions. She will be available for special requests of assistance from any Auxiliary. Ladies, thank you so much for accepting these positions. Together we will teach and inspire our Auxiliary sisters in the programs of the Auxiliary.

I haven't yet shared with you my motto for this year. I would like to do that as part of my closing. To the Ladies Auxiliary,

I pledge to you that I will dedicate this year to teaching, to sharing, and to working for and with each of you to the best of my ability. I want you to know that I love each and every one of you and this organization. To the Veterans that we serve, to the line officers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Colorado and most particularly to Commander Ron, I pledge my support and that of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Department of Colorado as we strive "To Honor All Who Serve."

Thank you.

(The above speech was given at State Convention at Installation of Officers by Department President Cindy Anderson 2011-2012)

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Colorado

General Orders #1 July 2011

1. All General Orders from the Department President are official and must be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference.

2. Having been elected and installed as the Department President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Colorado, for the ensuing year, I assume command as of June 18, 2011.

3. All previous elections and appointments expired as of June 18, 2011, and are hereby null and void.

4. The following officers were elected or appointed and installed at the Department Convention in Security, Colorado, on June 18, 2011, and will be recognized accordingly.

President: Cindy Anderson, 9134 W 93rd Ave, Westminster CO 80021

Sr. Vice President: Ginny Burris, P O Box 388, Cortez CO 81321

Jr. Vice President: Linda Stahly, 821 1525 Rd., Delta CO 81416

Treasurer: Colleen Rylant, P O Box 2499, Loveland CO 80539

Secretary: Carolyn Simon, 2682 E 90th Pl, Thornton CO 80229

Chaplain: Martine Arndt, 445 Palm Springs Way, Colorado Springs CO 80921

Conductress: June Spencer, 2302 E. St. Vrain, Colorado Springs CO 80909

Guard: Gloria Otwell, 7350 Treasure Trail Cir, Widefield CO 80911

5. **Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents:** All communications must be answered promptly, using proper channels as listed on page 12 of the Booklet of Instructions (yellow pages of the National Bylaws).

6. **Department Officers, Department Chairmen and Auxiliary Secretaries:** Please place the names of the Department President (Cindy Anderson) and Department Secretary (Carolyn Simon) on your mailing list so all activities will be reported to this office.

7. **ALL Auxiliary and District Presidents and Treasurers,** in accordance with the Bylaws Revision enacted at the 2010 National Convention, must be bonded for the 2011-2012 year. Bond applications will only be sent to those Auxiliaries that have submitted an Installation Report and when National receives the Department Installation report.

8. **District Presidents:** Send a complete schedule of your District Meetings including dates, time and location to Department Secretary, Carolyn Simon, if you have not already done so. Please do this promptly so representatives may be scheduled.

9. **District Presidents:** Please make sure you do not schedule any District Meetings during the dates for Western Conference, November 4-6, 2011.

10. **Auxiliary Presidents:** You are encouraged to register for the National Convention so that even if you do not attend, you receive one copy of the National Program Book. The book contains valuable information and ideas for projects for

each program and explains the National Directors' focus for 2011-2012.

11. **Auxiliary Secretaries:** Please send names and addresses of your Auxiliary Chairmen to the corresponding Department Chairmen and to the Department Secretary, Carolyn Simon.

12. **Department Chairmen:** Funds or donations are not to be solicited except by prior vote and with the consent of the Council of Administration.

13. All communications, including correspondence and telephone calls regarding the Department of Colorado, **must be placed through channels**, i.e. through President Cindy Anderson and **not directly to National Headquarters** unless a specific order is issued in GENERAL ORDERS requesting you to do so, or unless the National President or National Secretary asks for a direct reply (Page 12, Booklet of Instructions).

14. Minutes of the 87th Department Convention held in Security, Colorado, June 15 through June 18, 2011, will be mailed to the members of the Convention Composition, with the exception of the Delegates (see Section 812D).

15. **Reminder:** Auxiliaries may not possess credit cards, ATM cards and/or debit cards (Pg. 21, Item 3, Auxiliary Treasurer Miscellaneous, Booklet of Instructions).

16. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted during Auxiliary meetings and there shall be no smoking in the Auxiliary room while the meeting is in progress (Pg. 36, Items #9 and #10 in Booklet of Instructions).

17. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Council of Administration and the Parade of Programs will be held in Longmont at VFW Post #2601, 206 S. Main Street, on Saturday, July 23, 2011, beginning at 1:00 p.m. with various workshops, followed by the Parade of Programs and closing at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be available but details are being determined. A dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Post (make your reservations through Department Headquarters). On Sunday, July 24, 2011, there will be a joint meeting at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Council of Administration meeting at 9:00 a.m. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS.**

18. Continuous, new, reinstates, and life membership dues for 2012 can now be paid. Let's get them in early. This year's Membership goal will be **91%** by December 15th.

19. **To Department Commander RON DAVIES,** Department Officers, VFW Members and to the Mens' Auxiliaries: I hereby pledge the continued support of **all the members of the Ladies Auxiliary** to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Colorado.

BY ORDER OF:
Cindy Anderson
Cindy Anderson, President

ATTEST:
Carolyn Simon
Carolyn Simon, Secretary

Veterans and Family Support

I would like to Thank President Cindy Anderson for appointing me as Chairman of the Veterans and Family Support Program. This is a program very dear to my heart.

This program is WHAT we are ... WHY we are... WHO we are. The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars was founded in 1914 with the goal of assisting veterans and their families. We are carrying on that tradition today with our Veterans and Family Support program.

With longer and multiple deployments for our military service members we are seeing more and more veterans and their families in need of assistance. Through our Veterans and Family Support program, we have the means to provide that assistance.

Veterans and Family Support consists of four (4) components:

National Military Services (NMS) including the Military Assistance Program (MAP) which provides grants to Ladies Auxiliaries and Post to assist financially with events such as Welcome Homes, Deployment send-offs and Family Readiness Group activities.

Operation Uplink, which provides Virtual PIN to, deployed service members and hospitalized veterans to stay in contact with family members.

Unmet Needs, which provides grants up to \$2,500 to service members of all five branches of the military, Guard and Reserves experiencing financial hardships.

The NMS program depends on donations from the Ladies Auxiliaries and Post. I would like to encourage each Auxiliary to use their Relief Funds to support these very important programs. Better yet, have a special fundraiser.

Ladies Continuing Education Scholarship is one of the premier programs of the Ladies Auxiliary and from my research, perhaps one of the most underutilized programs. Application to this \$1,000 scholarship is open to all Ladies

Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen

It is my honor to be working with each VFW Ladies Auxiliary this coming year on programs that I believe should be given our utmost attention. Many times our society dwells on the negative of our youth. Your involvement in this program will show the extraordinary difference between the impressions given and the reality of our young Americans.

The Voice of Democracy Speech Contest gives high school students an opportunity to express their own views on a predetermined patriotic theme. This year's theme **"Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?"** will be expressed in a 3-5 minute recorded speech. The Patriot's Pen Essay Contest for middle school, 6-8th graders, is a 300-500 word essay on the theme **"Are You Proud of Your Country?"** All entries will be judged at the Post, District, and Department levels with the Department winners advancing on to the national competition held in Washington, DC.

Auxiliary members, their spouses and children over the age of 18 pursuing a college degree or technical trade. One scholarship is awarded to a recipient in each of the four Conferences. With the skyrocketing cost of higher education, every Auxiliary has at least one or two individuals that could benefit. Let see if we can get an application from each Colorado Auxiliary.

VFW National Home for Children – depends on your donations. The VFW National Home for Children receives no state or federal funding. Please make sure that one of your first donations made for the New Year is your Health & Happiness/Christmas Cheer donation of a **minimum** 10 cents per member based on your June 30, 2011 quota. Send in more if possible. Send in those Campbell's Labels for Education and consider purchasing a National Home Life Membership.

Buddy Poppy – the official red flower of the VFW. Start planning your Distribution campaigns now for Veterans Day. Use your campaigns to provide funding for your Relief Funds and also to educate your community about the Buddy Poppy and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Remember every day is a good day to distribute Buddy Poppies.

Remember it is our duty as members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to make sure that our veterans and their families are taken care with pride and dignity. Through their selfless service, they have earned it.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 720-434-5891 or nancy@hdnewspaper.com with any questions or needs.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Parade of Programs this year.

Nancy Russell
Department Veterans &
Family Support Chairman

In the past our young Colorado authors have done well in the national competitions. It is my goal to maintain this high standard. Below are some of the most important deadlines, please mark your calendars.

Nov. 1 – Entries due to the Post
Nov. 14 – Completion of Post Judging
Dec. 5 – Completion of District Judging
Jan. 6 – Completion of Dept. Judging
Jan. 15 – Dept. winners to National

The weekend honoring our Colorado winners is tentatively scheduled for 27-29 January 2012. Look for more information regarding this in the upcoming months.

Please let me know if I can help in any way with your programs this year. I am looking forward to hearing all your success stories.

Gloria M. Otwell
Department Voice of Democracy &
Patriot's Pen Chairman



Aux 1771: Eloise Gurley, Ida Beth Crowder, Charlotte Thrasher
Aux 2601: Mickey Duffey, Joyce Hexum
Aux 6616: Lillian Canzona

Membership

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all Auxiliaries who participated in the transmittal march. Congratulations to Norma Timmerman and her auxiliary Sterling #3541 for submitting 46 members.

As This Membership Drive begins, REMEMBER THE 3 R'S

- Retain continuous members
- Reinstate former members
- Recruit new members

To that I am going to add:

- RESPECT ALL MEMBERS.

Please remember that once you have a new members join our auxiliary, don't forget about her. Make her feel welcome. Invite her to your meetings and Post events. Ask her for her and any ideas she may have. Most important is teaching her about what our organization is about, explain our programs, and how we impact the community and our legislators.

There will be a new membership form this year and will be available by National Headquarters July 1, 2011

These are the following goals for the 2011-2012:

- \$75.00 will be awarded by National to each auxiliary with 100% turned into National Headquarters by the following dates: 10-75 members by September 30,2011
- 76-150 members by October 31,2011
- 151-250 members by November 30,2011
- 251 and over by December 31,2011

More information will be given at Parade of Programs July 25 & 26th. Please try to attend. I am counting on our District Presidents to work closely with their auxiliary's. Please don't make your inspection your only contact with the auxiliaries in your district.

Let's all unite and support Cindy this year "To Honor All Who Serve" Join me in showing every auxiliary that Colorado **can be #1** by having 100% December 31, 2011. It is time to start your membership drive by sending out dues notices now!

Valerie Shaffer
Department Membership Chairman

Auxiliary Membership by District 2010 - 2011 June 30, 2011

Number	City	2010	2011	%	Number	City	2010	2011	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #7				
I	Denver	130	130	100*	899	Alamosa	79	85	108*
501	Denver	180	172	96	3228	Monte Vista	38	38	100*
2461	Denver	124	114	92	4849	La Jara	46	46	100*
2797	Denver	30	34	113*	6101	San Luis	43	44	102*
3971	Denver	68	51	74	8121	So Fork	87	90	103*
5061	Denver	157	128	82	TOTAL	293	303	103%*	
6616	Denver	84	74	88	DISTRICT #8				
TOTAL	773	703	91%		859	Leadville	33	33	100*
DISTRICT #2					1166	Buena Vista	92	97	105*
984	Trinidad	28	25	89	8661	Bailey	60	60	100*
2643	Walsenburg	26	24	92	11411	Lake George	34	34	100*
2788	Penrose	37	33	89	12009	Conifer	18	26	144*
3641	Pueblo	85	86	101*	TOTAL	237	250	105%*	
4061	Canon City	276	252	91	DISTRICT #9				
5812	Pueblo West	21	22	105*	4264	Stmbt Spgs	33	33	100*
7305	Colo. City	35	35	100*	4265	Craig	70	69	99
TOTAL	508	477	94%		5843	Meeker	33	37	112*
DISTRICT #3					9374	Kremmling	15	15	100*
41	Loveland	145	141	97	TOTAL	151	154	102%*	
1771	Lafayette	404	392	97	DISTRICT #10				
1781	Ft. Collins	96	93	97	322	Englewood	115	120	104*
2121	Greeley	106	106	100*	3471	Morrison	50	50	100*
2585	Johnstown	37	39	105*	3631	Aurora	124	118	95
2601	Longmont	299	299	100*	4171	Golden	331	345	104*
2841	Brighton	80	84	105*	4331	Arvada	138	133	96
4334	Ault	43	41	95	4444	Cmmrc City	183	180	98
6011	Platteville	41	39	95	6331	Aurora	66	67	102*
6624	Evans	213	197	92	7945	Thornton	253	254	100*
9565	Broomfield	52	49	94	8449	Bennett	11		
TOTAL	1516	1480	98%		9014	So Lakewood	31	382	95
DISTRICT #4					9644	Fort Logan	401	1649	97%
2551	Ft. Morgan	163	163	100*	DISTRICT #11				
3541	Sterling	106	103	97	784	Montrose	32	32	100*
4671	Wray	39	33	85	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	107	99	93
8064	Akron	50	39	78	3571	Delta	80	81	101*
TOTAL	358	338	94%		4267	Gunnison	48	45	94
DISTRICT #5					4663	Clifton	90	87	97
101	Colo. Spgs.	55	54	98	9221	Cedaredge	73	73	100*
3917	Security	263	256	97	9304	Silt	25	26	104*
4051	Colo. Spgs	385	364	94	9333	Hotchkiss	29	28	97
5221	Calhan	30	32	107*	TOTAL	484	471	97%	
6051	Woodlnd Prk	14			DISTRICT #12				
6461	Fountain	104	104	100*	4031	Durango	86	83	97
7829	Monument		20		5181	Dove Creek	47	45	96
10649	Elizabeth	17	19	112*	5231	Mancos	100	102	102*
TOTAL	868	849	98%		9058	Nucla	29	25	86
DISTRICT #6					TOTAL	262	255	97%	
336	Ordway	99	95	96	DISTRICT #13				
2411	LasAnimas	85	92	108*	3411	Kit Carson	33	33	100*
3621	Lamar	18	18	100*	6491	Burlington	20	19	95
4001	Springfield	33	33	100*	6612	Hugo	80	69	86
4091	Rocky Ford	41	34	83	9491	Deer Trail	4		
4281	Holly	16	14	88	TOTAL	137	121	88%	
TOTAL	292	286	98%		15006	At Large	153	185	121%*
Auxiliary Treasurers -					TOTAL DEPT.	7,735	7,521	97%	
Please send all Dues to					State Treasurer				
Colleen Rylant									

State Convention Program Awards 2010-2011 (continued)

GROUP VI		GROUP VII	
1 st Place 4331	Arvada	1 st Place 4051	Colo Spgs
2 nd Place 2551	Ft Morgan	2 nd Place 2601	Longmont
3 rd Place 5061	Denver	3 rd Place 3917	Security
GROUP VII		YOUTH	
1 st Place 7945	Thornton	GROUP I	
2 nd Place 4171	Golden	1 st Place 10649	Elizabeth
3 rd Place 4051	Colo Spgs	2 nd Place 2797	Denver
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT PEN		3 rd Place 3621	Lamar
GROUP I		GROUP II	
1 st Place 5812	Pueblo West	1 st Place 11411	Lake George
2 nd Place 2797	Denver	2 nd Place 4264	Stmboat Spgs
3 rd Place 9304	Rifle/Silt/N Castle	3 rd Place 2585	Johnstown
GROUP II		GROUP III	
1 st Place 4671	Wray	1 st Place 4849	Antonito
2 nd Place 784	Montrose	2 nd Place 9565	Broomfield
3 rd Place 3411	Kit Carson	3 rd Place 3471	Morrison
GROUP III		GROUP IV	
1 st Place 4849	Antonito	1 st Place 4265	Craig
2 nd Place 8661	Bailey	2 nd Place 9221	Cedaredge
3 rd Place 3471	Morrison	3 rd Place 6612	Hugo
GROUP IV		GROUP V	
1 st Place 4265	Craig	1 st Place 8121	So Fork/Del Norte
2 nd Place 3571	Delta	2 nd Place 6461	Fountain
3 rd Place 3641	Pueblo	3 rd Place 4663	Clifton
GROUP V		GROUP VI	
1 st Place 3541	Sterling	1 st Place 41	Loveland
2 nd Place 1247	Grnd Jnct	2 nd Place 2551	Ft Morgan
3 rd Place 8121	So Fork/Del Norte	3 rd Place 1	Denver
GROUP VI		GROUP VII	
1 st Place 5061	Denver	1 st Place 2601	Longmont
2 nd Place 2461	So Denver	2 nd Place 9644	Sheridan
3 rd Place 41	Loveland	3 rd Place 6624	Evans

Ladies Auxiliary Western Conference Guard

It is a great honor to serve as the Western Conference Guard. Thank you to South Denver Auxiliary and District #1 for your support during my candidacy. I wish to thank the members that expressed confidence in electing me to this high office. It is a privilege to serve the Ladies Auxiliary in this new position. I look forward to working with the Western Conference officers gaining knowledge, ideas and making new friendships. It

will be a honor to represent the Department of Colorado and all the members. As we know "The West is the Best" is more than a slogan, it is a fact that has been proven time and again. I pledge to you that I will work with all the officers in the Western Conference to insure the heritage of achievement will live on.

Loyally
Charlotte Lattin

Thank You Colorado

Thank you for all the cards and prayers that we received in our Mothers passing. We are so thankful to have such a caring and thoughtful VFW family here in Colorado. The cards and prayers helped us in getting thorough this difficult time. Again many thanks and God Bless you all.
The Hope Chavez Family
Lucille & Ruben Pacheco, #4171 Golden

2011 - 2012 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:
Lennie Dolan
1170 Fulton St.
Aurora, CO 80010
(303) 341-7488

This year our Cancer pin is a Dream Catcher with the Cancer ribbon in the middle. Please purchase Cancer pins using the form above. Cancer donations will be accepted at each Parade of Programs and COA meetings. Thank you to everyone that has purchased Cancer pins so far! Our goal is to achieve 100% of our \$2.00 per member obligation which funds the National Cancer Grants. Lennie Dolan, Chrm

Ladies Auxiliary State Convention Program Awards 2010-2011

ACHIEVEMENT		2 nd Place 3631	Aurora	2 nd Place 4031	Durango	2 nd Place Unit 6624	
GROUP I		3 rd Place 41	Loveland	3 rd Place 1166	Buena Vista	3 rd Place Unit 3571	
1 st Place 2797	Denver	GROUP VII		GROUP VI		LEGISLATIVE	
2 nd Place 5812	Pueblo West	1 st Place 9644	Sheridan	1 st Place 3631	Aurora	GROUP I	
3 rd Place 12009	Conifer	2 nd Place 4171	Golden	2 nd Place 5061	Denver	1 st Place 12009	Conifer
GROUP II		3 rd Place 7945	Thornton	3 rd Place 4331	Arvada	2 nd Place 2797	Denver
1 st Place 859	Leadville	CANCER AID & RESEARCH		GROUP VII		3 rd Place 5812	Pueblo West
2 nd Place 2585	Johnstown	GROUP I		1 st Place 4051	Colo Spgs	GROUP II	
3 rd Place 7305	Colo City	1 st Place 5812	Pueblo West	2 nd Place 3917	Security	1 st Place 3411	Kit Carson
GROUP III		2 nd Place 2797	Denver	3 rd Place 1771	Lafayette	2 nd Place 2585	Johnstown
1 st Place 4849	Antonito	3 rd Place 4001	Springfield	HOSPITAL		3 rd Place 11411	Lake George
2 nd Place 8661	Bailey	GROUP II		GROUP I		GROUP III	
3 rd Place 3471	Morrison	1 st Place 784	Montrose	1 st Place		1 st Place 4849	Antonito
GROUP IV		2 nd Place 3228	Monte Vista	2 nd Place 2797	Denver	2 nd Place 5181	Dove Creek
1 st Place 9221	Cedaredge	3 rd Place 859	Leadville	3 rd Place 10649	Elizabeth	3 rd Place 3471	Morrison
2 nd Place 3571	Delta	GROUP III		GROUP II		GROUP IV	
3 rd Place 3641	Pueblo	1 st Place 6101	San Luis	1 st Place		1 st Place 3571	Delta
GROUP V		2 nd Place 8661	Bailey	2 nd Place 859	Leadville	2 nd Place 899	Alamosa
1 st Place 6461	Fountain	3 rd Place 4849	Antonito	3 rd Place 784	Montrose	3 rd Place 6331	Aurora
2 nd Place 3541	Sterling	GROUP IV		GROUP III		GROUP V	
3 rd Place 322	Englewood	1 st Place 6331	Aurora	1 st Place		1 st Place 3541	Sterling
GROUP VI		2 nd Place 3641	Pueblo	2 nd Place 3471	Morrison	2 nd Place 2121	Greeley
1 st Place 2461	Denver	3 rd Place 899	Alamosa	3 rd Place 5181	Dove Creek	3 rd Place 6461	Fountain
2 nd Place 5061	Denver	GROUP V		GROUP IV		GROUP VI	
3 rd Place 4444	Commerce City	1 st Place 6461	Fountain	1 st Place		1 st Place 2461	So Denver
GROUP VII		2 nd Place 322	Engelwood	2 nd Place 6612	Hugo	2 nd Place 1	Denver
1 st Place 7945	Thornton	3 rd Place 8121	So Fork/Del Norte	3 rd Place 4265	Craig	3 rd Place 5061	Denver
2 nd Place 9644	Sheridan	GROUP VI		GROUP V		GROUP VII	
3 rd Place 3917	Security	1 st Place 4331	Arvada	1 st Place		1 st Place 3917	Security
AMERICANISM		2 nd Place 41	Loveland	2 nd Place 4663	Clifton	2 nd Place 1771	Lafayette
GROUP I		3 rd Place 4444	Commerce City	3 rd Place 8121	So Fork/Del Norte	3 rd Place 4171	Golden
1 st Place 12009	Conifer	GROUP VII		GROUP VI		MEMBERSHIP	
2 nd Place 2797	Denver	1 st Place 1771	Lafayette	1 st Place		GROUP I	
3 rd Place 5812	Pueblo West	2 nd Place 6624	Evans	2 nd Place 2461	So Denver	1 st Place 12009	Conifer
GROUP II		3 rd Place 9644	Sheridan	3 rd Place 3631	Aurora	2 nd Place 5221	Calhan
1 st Place 11411	Lake George	COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES		GROUP VII		3 rd Place 2797	Denver
2 nd Place 3228	Monte Vista	GROUP I		1 st Place		GROUP II	
3 rd Place 859	Leadville	1 st Place 2797	Denver	2 nd Place 6624	Evans	1 st Place 5843	Meeker
GROUP III		2 nd Place 12009	Conifer	3 rd Place 9644	Sheridan	2 nd Place 2585	Johnstown
1 st Place 8661	Bailey	3 rd Place 10649	Elizabeth	JR GIRLS UNITS		3 rd Place 11411	Lake George
2 nd Place 4849	Antonito	GROUP II		Americanism		GROUP III	
3 rd Place 3471	Morrison	1 st Place 11411	Lake George	1 st Place Unit 899		1 st Place 6101	San Luis
GROUP IV		2 nd Place 3411	Kit Carson	2 nd Place Unit 6624		2 nd Place 101	Colo Spgs
1 st Place 3571	Delta	3 rd Place 784	Montrose	3 rd Place Unit 4171		3 rd Place 8661	Bailey
2 nd Place 9221	Cedaredge	GROUP III		Buddy Poppy		GROUP IV	
3 rd Place 6331	Aurora	1 st Place 4849	Antonito	1 st Place Unit 4171		1 st Place 2411	Las Animas
GROUP V		2 nd Place 8661	Bailey	2 nd Place Unit 6624		2 nd Place 899	Alamosa
1 st Place 3541	Sterling	3 rd Place 6101	San Luis	3 rd Place Unit 3571		3 rd Place 2841	Brighton
2 nd Place 4663	Clifton	GROUP IV		Cancer Aid & Research		GROUP V	
3 rd Place 6461	Fountain	1 st Place 9221	Cedaredge	1 st Place Unit 6624		1 st Place 1166	Buena Vista
GROUP VI		2 nd Place 3571	Delta	2 nd Place Unit 4171		2 nd Place 322	Engelwood
1 st Place 5061	Denver	3 rd Place 3641	Pueblo	3 rd Place Unit 3571		3 rd Place 8121	So Fork/Del Norte
2 nd Place 2461	So Denver	GROUP V		Community Activities		GROUP VI	
3 rd Place 4444	Commerce City	1 st Place 6461	Fountain	1 st Place Unit 3571		1 st Place 501	Denver
GROUP VII		2 nd Place 1247	Grnd Jct	2 nd Place Unit 6624		2 nd Place 4444	Commerce City
1 st Place 4051	Colo Spgs	3 rd Place 5231	Mancos	3 rd Place Unit 4171		3 rd Place 1	Denver
2 nd Place 4171	Golden	GROUP VI		Hospital		GROUP VII	
3 rd Place 7945	Thornton	1 st Place 3631	Aurora	1 st Place Unit 6624		1 st Place 3917	Security
BUDDY POPPY		2 nd Place 4444	Commerce City	2 nd Place Unit 4171		2 nd Place 4171	Golden
GROUP I		3 rd Place 2461	So Denver	3 rd Place Unit 899		3 rd Place 9644	Sheridan
1 st Place	none qualified	GROUP VII		Legislative		VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT	
2 nd Place	none qualified	1 st Place 9644	Sheridan	1 st Place Unit 3571		GROUP I	
3 rd Place 2797	Denver	2 nd Place 4061	Canon City	2 nd Place Unit 6624		1 st Place	none qualified
GROUP II		3 rd Place 4051	Colo Spgs	3 rd Place Unit 4171		2 nd Place 5812	Pueblo West
1 st Place 7305	Colo City	FISHER HOUSE		Membership		3 rd Place 2797	Denver
2 nd Place 3228	Monte Vista	1 st Place 5812	Pueblo West	1 st Place Unit 4171		GROUP II	
3 rd Place 859	Leadville	2 nd Place 9304	Rifle/Silt/N Castle	2 nd Place Unit 6624		1 st Place 859	Leadville
GROUP III		3 rd Place 9333	Hotchkiss	3 rd Place Unit 3571		2 nd Place 784	Montrose
1 st Place 8064	Akron	GROUP II		National Home		3 rd Place 3411	Kit Carson
2 nd Place 101	Colo Spgs	1 st Place 2585	Johnstown	1 st Place Unit 6624		GROUP III	
3 rd Place 4334	Ault	2 nd Place 3228	Monte Vista	2 nd Place Unit 3571		1 st Place 3471	Morrison
GROUP IV		3 rd Place 859	Leadville	3 rd Place None qualified		2 nd Place 9565	Broomfield
1 st Place 6331	Aurora	GROUP III		Veterans & Family Support		3 rd Place 4849	Antonito
2 nd Place 2411	Las Animas	1 st Place 8661	Bailey	1 st Place Unit 6624		GROUP IV	
3 rd Place 2841	Brighton	2 nd Place 6101	San Luis	2 nd Place Unit 3571		1 st Place 3641	Pueblo
GROUP V		3 rd Place 4267	Gunnison	3 rd Place Unit 4171		2 nd Place 6612	Hugo
1 st Place 1247	Grnd Jct	GROUP IV		Youth		3 rd Place 6331	Aurora
2 nd Place 8121	So Fork/Del Norte	1 st Place 3641	Pueblo	1 st Place Unit 6624		GROUP V	
3 rd Place 4031	Durango	2 nd Place 2841	Brighton	2 nd Place Unit 4171		1 st Place 8121	So Fork/Del Norte
3 rd place 2121	Greeley	3 rd Place 6331	Aurora	3 rd Place Unit 3571		2 nd Place 322	Englewood
GROUP VI		GROUP V		FISHER HOUSE		3 rd Place 6461	Fountain
1 st Place 4331	Arvada	1 st Place 1247	Grnd Jct	1 st Place Unit 4171			