

# COLORADO HEADQUARTERS

# *BULLETIN*

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

*“Get On Board”*

1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214

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**PLEASE SHARE** The information in this Bulletin is important to ALL of our members. Please help get the information out by reading the appropriate parts at your next meeting and/or publishing appropriate items in your newsletters or bulletin board.

**GENERAL ORDERS** Commanders and Quartermasters at all levels are hereby directed to review and comply with General Orders published in the *Colorado Veteran*.

**COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKEND** will be October 24 - 25, 2009 in Longmont VFW Post 2601, 206 South Main Street, Longmont 303-776-8590. Saturday October 24th we will have classes of instruction for Commanders 8:30 - 10:15 am, Service Officers 10:30 - 11:45 am, Quartermasters 1:00 - 2:00 pm, Membership 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Men's Auxiliary 3:00 pm. "VFW Warriors" will meet with Steve Rylant, Chairman at 1:00 pm.

Lunch will be at 12:00 noon \$6.00 Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm at \$10.00. Call Headquarters 303-421-1630 for meal reservations.

**PRE-COUNCIL will be held at 3:00 pm for Council Members.**

**Sunday October 25, 2009 will be a Joint Meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary. VFW Council of Administration meeting will follow. Past Commander in Chief Norman Staab from Kansas will be our National Representative. Also attending will be Charlie Shoemaker, District 13 Council Member from Kansas and John Stroud from Nevada who is a candidate for Jr Vice Commander-in-Chief 2012.**

It is important for NEW Commanders and Quartermasters to attend these meetings. It would not hurt for other Commanders and Quartermasters to be there also because of all the changes the VFW is going through. Plus, the Department Program Chairmen will be reporting Sunday morning.

The only source of information for Post Commanders and Quartermasters, Service Officers and Program Chairmen is at District Meetings or a Council of Administration Meeting! If you want to know what is happening in the VFW, attend these meetings.

You can call the following motels for reservations and ask for VFW rates.

Hampton Inn	Travelodge	Comfort Inn	Days Inn
850 S Main St.	3815 Hwy 119	10811 I-25	3820 Hwy 119
Longmont, CO 80501	Longmont, CO 81504	Longmont, CO 80504	Longmont, CO 80504
303-772-2554	303-776-8700	303-684-6779	303-651-6999

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEE** Post Quartermasters, there is a \$1.00 admission fee on ALL NEW MEMBERS to be submitted to Department Headquarters. This admission fee does not go to National. The Posts may submit monthly, quarterly or at the end of the year. But please remember the \$1.00 State New Member Admission Fee. Headquarters will be sending out notices, if you do not pay the Admission Fee on New Members.

**BUDDY POPPIES** We can ship orders of 250 from Department Headquarters, but all other orders we have to fax to National. Please allow 6 weeks for orders of 500 or more. Please send ALL orders to Department Headquarters. **Veterans Day will soon be here, so place your order now.** The 2009-2010 year for Buddy Poppies started May 1, 2009 and will end April 30, 2010.

**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:** Awards Banquet will be January 30, 2010, VFW Post 2121 Greeley, Colorado. Chairmen are still working out details for the 5 students that will be honored that weekend. They are looking at different agenda's in the Greeley area. Details will be in the January 2010 Colorado Veteran.

**COLORADO VETERAN** The next Colorado Veteran will be published the first of November 2009. The deadline for articles and pictures was October 1, 2009. **Then the next paper will be January 1, 2010. Deadline for articles and pictures is December 1, 2009 for the January paper.**

**LATE FILING OR FAILURE TO FILE THE E-POSTCARD:** If you do not file your e-Postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice but you will not be assessed a penalty for late filing the e-Postcard. However, an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or information returns - Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the organization's tax exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year. If your tax exempt status is revoked by the IRS, you will have to apply and pay a fee, this would be very costly to any Post that does not file their E-Postcard, Form 990 or 990-EZ

**VFW Posts that have a year end of June 30 must file by November 15th. VFW Post that chose a calendar year end must file by May 15th. These are due dates for both Form 990 and the E-Postcard.**

**ELECTRONIC AGE** Department Headquarters is still working on the establishment of a complete e-mail data base of Post Commanders or Quartermasters or another person in each post that will be responsible for receiving communications from State Headquarters. If you are not receiving e-mails at this time from State Headquarters, please advise the State Quartermaster of an e-mail address that can be added to the data base for your post. E-mail [ann@vfwcolodept.org](mailto:ann@vfwcolodept.org) or [vfw@vfwcolodept.org](mailto:vfw@vfwcolodept.org) and then you can be added to the database. You will save Department postage if we can e-mail you the information. We know that we keep repeating this, but we really do need your e-mail address. Thank You!

**LEATHER SERVICE JACKETS** Department Headquarters has a fund raiser and you can wear a Leather Jacket with your branch of service emblem on the back for \$99.99. Please call Headquarters 303-421-1630 with your size and branch of service. We can even keep this a secret if it is an anniversary or birthday present. So tell your spouse, friend or relative that you would like one of these jackets.

**Thank You For What You Do For Our Veterans and God Bless America**