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Thornton VFW 7945 Joseph J. Jacques Jr.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings to all,

I hope everyone is ready for the cool weather and yes the Holidays.

Our annual USO Show was a huge success again this year. Great Job to everyone who participated in the show, those who worked behind the scene cooking, serving food, etc. and everyone who came out to support this event. Thank you to everyone who brought all of the wonderful desserts (yum)!

I am sure many of you have been watching the Presidential debates and are ready for this election to be over. Don't forget to get out and vote on November 8th and report it.

This November 11th, Veterans Day is on a Friday so we will be doing our Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Post at 5 pm, followed by the Veterans Day Dinner. We will be serving those wonderful people who have served our country. If you and/or your family do something to celebrate this day, remember to report it.

Don't forget the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday November 20th.

We are almost half way through the 2016-2017 year and are doing great with our programs. Please feel free to contact me or any of the chairmen with ideas or to report the great things you and your family do for our veterans. Please look at the calendars in the newsletter and mark yours, as we have a lot of exciting events coming up.

May God continue to watch over and bless each and every one of us, especially those serving to protect us.

Brigitte M. Dolan, President

Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7945

AMERICANISM

Brandi Dolan, Chairman

*Hello,

As we move into our busy holiday season, let's not forget to take advantage of the opportunities we have to promote patriotism and honor our veterans by holding or participating in programs on patriotic holidays. We have Veteran's Day on November 11th, the Marine Corp birthday on November 10th, the National Guard birthday on December 13th, and Pearl Harbor Day on December 7th. Look for local programs on those days and attend them. If you can't find one, create one. You can also do something along the lines of creating a window display or promoting the holiday in the media (social media counts). Be creative, there are lots of ways to promote patriotism and remember all those who have served.

CHAPLAINS

Phil Garcia 303-655-9115

Shirley Colvin 303-427-2982

Please call our Chaplains, Phil or Shirley with any card requests due to illness, hospitalization or deaths. Funeral luncheons will only be provided for deceased members of our Post or Auxiliary, upon request of the family. If the deceased was not a member of our Post or Auxiliary, the family may contact Doug Gohr, (303-438-6700) about use of the Post for a luncheon.

TAPS :

Claude Sprinkle

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CANCER GRANT CHAIRMAN

Shirley Colvin 303-427-2982

The National and our Auxiliary Cancer Grant applications are available at the Post. Please contact me at 303-427-2982 if you need any information. The Auxiliary Grant can be mailed to me at 8381 Delaware, Denver CO 80221.

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Lennie Dolan, Treasurer

Time is getting short to renew your 2016-17 dues and have your name entered in our December 14th drawing. After December 31st you are not considered a member in good standing although you still have until June 30th to pay for this year but you will have missed the chance for the life membership drawing. This year we will be drawing for TWO life memberships! If you decide to convert your continuous membership to a life membership and

your name is drawn we will reimburse you the cost of your life. At the National Convention in Charlotte NC it was voted on to increase the life membership fees 15%. This will take effect December 31st so if you have been considering becoming a life member this would be the time to take advantage of the still low rates. The life membership fee is based on your age and I've included the schedule for you to look at. You can send your \$25 continuous dues or life membership conversion fee to me at 1170 Fulton Street, Aurora CO 80010. If you have any questions about this, please call me at 303-341-7488. Thanks!

Present Life Membership Fees (These fees will increase 15% January 1,2 017

Thru 20 = \$220, **21-25** = \$210, **26-30** = \$200, **31-35** = \$190, **36-40** = \$185, **41-45** = \$175, **46-50** = \$170, **51-55** = \$160, **56-60** = \$150, **61-65** = \$140, **66-70** = \$130, **71-75** = \$115, **76-80** = \$95, **81-85** = \$75, **85-90** = \$60, **91 over** = \$50

Young American Creative Patriotic Art

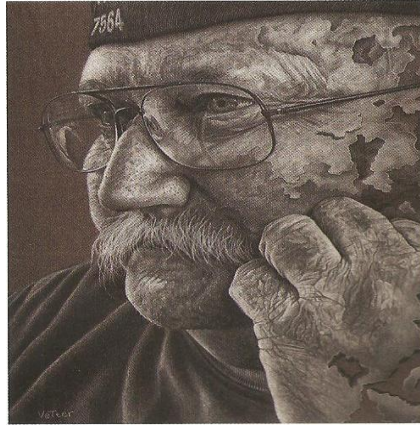
The Creative Patriotic Art competition is open to all students in grades 9-12 enrolled in public, private or parochial high school or home study program **in Colorado**, and a maximum of 18 years of age at the time of entry. The student must also be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. Students are required to submit their art on paper or canvas in water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink or oil (no digital art will be accepted). The art should not be framed; submit canvas entries on stretcher frames. Other entries must be matted on white. Do not use other color mats. In matting, use heavy paper to reinforce back. Mounted and floating mats may also be used. The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" or larger than 18" x 24", not including mat. The typed explanation of the patriotism expressed in the art work is limited to 150 words.

The entry form is online at www.vfwauxiliary.org: click on "Scholarships"; then "Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest"; you will find the entry form and rules. Attach the entry form to the back of the entry. **Complete rules are on the entry form. Please read them carefully.** Judging is based on originality of concept, presentation, and patriotism—how the content relates to patriotism, the clarity of the idea, technique, impact of the work, and its uniqueness. Deadline is March 31, 2017. Judging is done in each state (department) and the first place winners' entries will be sent to the National Convention for final judging. Eight prizes will be awarded with the national first place winner receiving \$10,000.

If you have any questions regarding the competition, please feel free to call me at 303-452-0474.

Sally Adam, Scholarship Chair

★ WINNERS



First Place

HE REMEMBERS, REMEMBER HIM



MEGAN VETTER
12th Grade
\$10,000
Sponsored by
VFW Auxiliary 7564
West Fargo, N.D.
Sheyenne High School

HE REMEMBERS, REMEMBER HIM
Media: Charcoal and Graphite

In essence, this piece embodies the quiet subtleness of a veteran, someone who is often white-washed into society, walking unrecognized. The black-and-white tones and incredible detail emphasize the veteran's age, boldly stressing that this is a man who wears his life with pride. To the right, the veteran's face begins to deteriorate or fade away, creating a double meaning. This symbolizes how memories ferment for a lifetime, and can eat away at a soldier's mind as well as how veterans fade away if a nation neglects them.



Second Place

HOME OF THE BRAVE

LINDSAY KNIGHTS
11th Grade
\$5,000
Sponsored by VFW Auxiliary 1827
Charlottesville, Va.
William Monroe High School

HOME OF THE BRAVE
Media: Chalk and Pastel

Patriotism is expressing pride in your nation, even if it means fighting for it. The World War II veteran in my chalk pastel drawing shows his continuing love and support for America through his pride in serving his country. The reflection of the American Flag in his glasses reveals the passion and honor he feels as he is marching in a Memorial Day parade. I wanted to honor this veteran for his dedication to the defense of our country and convey to the viewer his bravery and service on our behalf. Similarly, I want the viewer to feel a sense of patriotism as they look into the eyes of this courageous hero.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

A year ago the National VFW changed us from the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Auxiliary and opened membership to male members of eligible veterans. Since then over 20,000 male members have joined.. We have several male members that have joined our Auxiliary and we would like to see many, many more. All we need is an application, the eligible veterans DD-214 and the \$30 fee. Join us as we serve our active duty and our Veterans.

SAVE THE DATE February 11th

The Auxiliary has begun working on its Sweetheart Dinner Dance. This is our fundraiser for the year and will be a great evening. The members are already working on obtaining some great raffle items. At last year's event there were over 70 items for you to choose from. We will, once again, have our famous Dessert Table with many delicious desserts, from pies to cakes, to candy to tempt your tickets. We will be serving a scrumptious Prime Rib dinner with baked potato, salad bar and a fabulous dessert. Take your Sweetheart to our dance floor and enjoy the music our DJ will provide for you. We still have a few months to plan so there may be other surprises in store for you.

NOVEMBER

It is with a heavy heart that we will be closing our kitchen for our Sunday Breakfasts. Unfortunately we are unable to get the volunteers needed to continue to serve you but we thank you for your support over the years and please know that you have helped us serve our Veterans.

November 4th, - Free, La Fontaine Belly Dancers Spooky Show. Auxiliary will serve a spaghetti dinner from 5:30-7:30 \$6.00 proceeds to Veterans program

November 9th – Homeboard 6:00. Post and Auxiliary meeting 7:00. Chili with trimmings for members attending – 6:30. November birthday cake.

November 11th – Veterans Day, Flag Retirement at 5:00, dinner 5:30-7:30 served by Auxiliary, free to all our Veterans \$6 others. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and

gravy, vegetable, dinner roll, desert. Patriotic music and Karaoke. November 12th
– Dougie G’s presents the Jim Hyatt Band 7-11. \$6.00 cover.

November 13th – District 10 meeting at Post 3631 lunch at 12 meeting 1:00.

November 15th – Deadline to have turkeys to Post for Senior Dinner.

November 18th – Cook and debone turkeys at Post. Noon

November 19th – Dougie G’s presents the Rick Martin Band 7-11. \$5.00 cover.

November 19th and 20th – Department Parade of Programs and COA in Colorado Springs. See The Veteran for details.

November 20th – Senior Thanksgiving Dinner. Set up at 8:30, volunteers needed.

November 24th – Thanksgiving, Post Closed.

DECEMBER:

December 3 – Christmas Decorating 1:00, pizza for helpers. Planning meeting.

December 7th – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 9th – Holiday Party. Join us for snacks, a free keg, Santa, carols and dancing. 7:00 till the Elves take us home.

December 10th – Dougie G’s presents Young at Heart 7-11, \$5.00 cover

December 14th Homeboard 6:00. Post and Auxiliary meeting 7:00. VOD/PP pizza party 6:00. Presentation of essays and awards 7:00. The Auxiliary will do a cookie exchange at their meeting.

December 17th – VA Christmas party 1-3.

December 24th – Post closes at 6:00 for Christmas Eve.

December 25th – Post closed for Christmas.

December 31st – New Years Eve party by Dougie G’s. Rick Martin Band beginning at 8:00. \$10.00 cover includes taco bar, party favors, champagne at midnight.



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POST HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 12:00-8:00 Friday and Sat. 11:00-2:00am Sunday 12:00 -9:00pm

Come and watch the Broncos and check the calendar for events at Dougie G's.