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POST COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members,

October has eluded us with all the great weather. Coming up this week the ghosts and goblins will be out to terrorize the neighborhoods, hopefully the weather will cooperate. The USO show was a big success again this year thank you Denise Taylor and cast of many.

Larry Miller has started paving our road and it looks great. Our back-parking lot has been returned to us, boy it's sure empty back there.

Dead line for the Post VOD and Patriots Pin is the Oct 31st. District level is due on November 15th.

Denver Veterans Homeless Stand down will run from November 8th through November 11th.

Veterans Day is coming up on the 11th of November. The Post Buddy Poppies donation collection will be held at the following locations November 9th, 10th, 11th:

King Soopers 104th and Federal

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Cabela's 144th and I-25

Men if you have spare time please come join us.

The Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner is also coming up on November 18th, and we will be looking for turkey donations around 16 to 20lbs by the 13th. Cooking of the birds will be on Friday the 16th, and we'll be needing volunteers from 11am to 4pm to prepare the birds.

Enjoy the fall season and raking up all the neighbors leaves that keep blowing in your yard, and will see you at the next meeting on the 14th.

Thanks,

Scott Evans, Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Greetings,

I hope you all are doing well as we are starting to head into the holiday season.

We will again be serving a free dinner to any veteran who would like to attend as a thank you for their service for Veteran's Day this year. The dinner will be held the night before Veteran's Day, November 10th. Please bring your favorite veteran(s) out for a nice dinner.

We will also be holding our annual Seniors Thanksgiving dinner on November 18th. Volunteers are always needed and much appreciated. We need people to work the dinner on the 18th, set up the day before, and also contribute turkeys or pies. This is a free dinner for the seniors in the community and always well attended.

The next Council of Administration meeting will be November 17th and 18th in Colorado Springs. This is always a fun and informative weekend. The Parade of Programs is on the 17th and that provides lots of information of each of the programs. The council meeting is on the 18th. Both of the days are great opportunities to network and learn, so please consider attending, especially if you haven't attended before.

There is also a mid-term election in November. Remember to get out there and vote, and also remember to report it!

And, speaking of reporting, as always, please remember to report, report, report. Some things you can report that you may not think about – sending cards, community service events and helping with campaigns during this election season. If you have any questions on what, where, when, or how to report, please contact Brigitte Dolan who is our reporting chairman and she will guide you through it. Her phone number is 720-394-5474 and her email is bmdolan@live.com.

I wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Brandi

AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

BRIGITTE DOLAN

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Happy Fall to everyone! What does yesterday , today and tomorrow have in common? They are ALL great days to promote patriotism! Think about it – what have you done – have you attended a Flag retirement ceremony? Attended a POW/MIA ceremony? Worn Red on Fridays? Taught a young person how to salute and say the pledge of allegiance? Thanked someone for their service? These are just a few of the many, many things we can do every day, why not report them? Please contact me if you have questions or want to report the awesome ways you show patriotism!

November is a superb way to show your pride in America. November 6th get out there and vote!! November 11th is Veterans Day. Attend a ceremony somewhere or every where you go THANK A VETERAN! Remember to report. Again, please contact me with questions or if you need to report some greatness.

Have a great Americanism Day!! Thank you for all you do.

Brigitte M Dolan
VFW Auxiliary District 10
President 2018-2019

CHAPLAINS Bill Nicolson 720-837-3616

Shirley Colvin 303-427-2982

Please call our Chaplains, Bill (Post) or Shirley (Auxiliary) 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 funeral luncheon.

TAPS:

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CANCER GRANT CHAIRMAN

Shirley Colvin 303-427-2982

Both the 7945 Auxiliary and the National Cancer grant applications are available at the Post and they are now both also available on our website. Go to myvfwpost7945.org and on the left side of the Home page there is a "Helpful Resources" link. Click on the link and then click on the PDF file which will bring up the applications. Fill them out and send the National application to National Headquarters in Kansas City, address is on form and send our Auxiliary grant to me, Shirley Colvin, 8381 Delaware, Denver, 80221. There is also cancer grant money available at the Ralph Emerson/Jack Gulden Cancer Grants. Contact the Department of Colorado for information and forms. The website for Department is vfw@vfwco.org, the phone number is 303-421-1630, address is 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Lennie Dolan

Now is the time you can help our veterans, by paying your continuous member dues for the 2018-2019 year. The annual dues are \$25.00 and if you would like to convert to a life membership go to the website: myvfwpost7945.org for the application form which has the life membership fees, or you can call me, and I will give them to you.

Once again, at our December meeting we will have a drawing for two life memberships for the 2019-2020 year for all who have paid their 2018-2019 dues by the December meeting date. We have 43 continuous members so hope you can get your dues in and convert or be

drawn and join our 213 life members. As of the end of October we only need 12 annual members to renew to be at 100%!!

Also, Life members, your \$6.40 Cancer grant dues are due by December 31, 2018. Please make checks payable to VFW Auxiliary 7945 and send to:

Lennie Dolan, 1170 Fulton St., Aurora, CO 80010.

If you have any questions, please call me at 303-341-7488.

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Post and Auxiliary Meeting November 14 at 7:00

Our monthly meeting will be November 14th. Bill Nicholson, our Post Chaplain will be doing an interview with Don Whipple. Don is a 94 year old WW2 Iwo Jima Marine Veteran. He is a life member of VFW Post 1 and Don's life and WW2 experience is well worth hearing. We would love to have you attend our monthly meetings, hope to see you on the 14th!

District 10 Meeting

The scheduled District 10 Meeting for the Auxiliary has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Our next meeting will be January 21 at our Post 7945. The District Post meeting will be held as scheduled.

Department COA

The Department Post and Auxiliary meeting weekend will be held at Post 4051, Colorado Springs on December 17th and 18th. Friday night they will be serving a turkey dinner at 6:00, call Department for reservations. Saturday will be the Parade of Programs and Post workshops. Saturday night will be a prime rib dinner, no reservations required. Sunday the joint Council of Administrations meeting will begin at 8:30 with separate meetings to follow. Details on the Department website, vfw@vfwco.org.

Events for November and December

The busy holiday season is fast approaching, and we look forward to seeing you at the Post to have a festive drink, sing some carols or dance yourself silly.

There will be bands **on November 3, 4, 10, 17, 24** to help you work off those holiday calories. **November 10** we will celebrate our Veterans with a free dinner for them and a \$5.00 charge for all others. A creamy meatball pasta dinner will be served.

Annual Thanksgiving Senior Dinner

We need donated turkeys to the Post no later than **Nov. 13th** so they can thaw and be ready to cook **Friday 16th**. If you can come help debone between 11-2pm that would be great. On **Sunday the 18th** we will need people at the Post by 8:30am to set tables, dish up coleslaw and cranberries and be ready to serve Cadets by 10:30am public by 11. When the dinner is over at 2pm help with clean up would be greatly appreciated. We will also need donations of pumpkin pies that week. This is our Community Senior Citizens dinner we provide every year.

The Post will be closed Thursday, **November 22** for everyone to enjoy Thanksgiving with their families.

December bands on 1,2,8,15,31 . Now you can really dance off those calories from all the goodies you are making for Christmas.

December 12th we will host a pizza party for all our Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen students who entered the contest. This will start at 6pm with winning entries read and prizes awarded. Come attend and show your support for students and their families. Post/Aux meetings will follow with Auxiliary cookie/goodie exchange.

December 21, we will be serving hor d'oeuvres at 6pm to have with your holiday drink. Stay for Karaoke, maybe some good old Christmas carols. Christmas Eve, the Post will be closing at 6:00pm. It will also be closed **December 25th** for Christmas day. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY December 31, Danny G's Band. Details will follow so see website, www.myvfwpost7945.org, and flyers as the date draws near.

Karaoke every Friday night and keep your Calendars posted in a good spot to remember all these upcoming events. Can't wait to see all of you at the Post.

USO Show 2018

It's a wrap. Our annual USO Show, held October 13, was a well-attended event. The theme this year was "Remote Control Wars" and as our husband and wife couple sat in their easy chairs, in their comfy PJ's, and flipped through the channels, we watched blasts from the past. The singers performed many well-known tunes, there were short skits, a magician, dancers, and, of course Patriotic numbers, which honored our Veterans and active duty, the reason we do this show every year. Thanks to all who put in endless hours of practice and to the Post and Auxiliary members who prepared a delicious dinner and many homemade desserts. Thanks to the young AF cadets who helped serve and tear down.

There were many donations of canned goods that will be taken for the VFW Department CABA airlift in December. CABA (Colorado Air Business Association) flew 33 planes last year, all over Colorado, distributing food and toys to outlying needy Veterans and their families. We expect even more planes and distributions this year and your generosity helps.

The proceeds from this year's show came to \$1640. This is split between the Post and Auxiliary and is used to fund our Veterans Programs. We hope we can donate part of this money to our Department President's Special Project, which is the Ralph Emerson, Jack Gulden Blood and Cancer Fund of Colorado. This fund helps our Colorado Post Veterans and Auxiliary members to apply to receive grants of \$500 to help defray the costs of this horrific disease. Again, your attendance helps us.

The people who help with this fund raiser of too numerous to name but please know that Post 7945 and its Auxiliary thanks you from the bottom of our hearts as we "Join Hands to Support Veterans".

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POST HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 12:00-8:00 pm

Friday and Sat. 11:00-2:00am

Sunday Closed