Joseph J. Jacques Jr. Post 7945

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**POST WEBSITE:** [**www.myvfwpost7945.org**](http://www.myvfwpost7945.org)

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST MAILED NEWSLETTER – FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO RECEIVE THIS BY MAIL PLEASE NOTE BELOW.**

Our newsletter will be available for you to read and print out at the above website. The website will have all your information available from calendars to the latest, breaking news. If you wish you can print pages you would like to have paper copies of. We will have some newsletters and calendars available at the Post, so if you frequent the Post, please pick them up. Our email address is VFW7945@comcast.net.

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Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary!

The Joseph J. Jacques Jr. Post was well represented at the year’s VFW State Convention. We were recognized for a number of achievements and I am proud to commend our members on these accomplishments: Our Ladies Auxiliary placed first in the State Buddy Poppy display competition! Great Job Ladies! We were also awarded first place for our Hospital program in the Class V Division. My sincerest appreciation for all of the Post and Auxiliary members who were involved with this very important service over the last year. Congratulations to Bruce Dolan on his re-election to the State Quartermaster/Adjutant position! Congratulations to Auxiliary President, Shelley Schlieman on her election as the Department Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain!

I would like to recognize and thank the Post line officers and past Ladies Auxiliary President, Brigitte Dolan for their participation in our annual Memorial Day ceremony. We received numerous compliments for the manner in which we conducted a very solemn ceremony.

I would also like to recognize and thank Buddy Poppy Chairman, Phil Garcia and all of the members who devoted their time to distribute buddy poppies throughout the community last month. This year we received nearly $5000 to support our Relief activities! Outstanding!

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer. Please remember that there are still plenty of volunteer opportunities to support our Post activities during the summer months. I urge everyone to review our events calendar for the next few months to see if there is Bingo session where you can lend a hand, or perhaps a help out on a Sunday morning breakfast, even if it is not your organization’s assigned date. A little bit of effort by a lot of people makes a task much easier. Feel free to contact me to find out how you can contribute.

Sincerely,

Leroy Chavez, Post Commander

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**FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

I would like to thank Brigitte Dolan for her service as President of the Ladies Auxiliary for the past two years. Good job Brigitte!!

The Department State Convention was over June 21 and we have already started our year with a meeting on June 22 of the officers and chairmen. We gathered at the Post to begin planning our calendar for the year. We will continue to have planning meetings for the special events that are already scheduled and hope that you will attend with your ideas and offers of help. Some of the things for you to look forward to are: September 19th, a Membership Tea at 2:00; October 3rd our annual USO dinner/show; November 7th a celebration of Joseph J Jacques Jr. Post 945 60th birthday and also Veterans Day. There will be other activities but this is a few of the ones to mark on your calendar.

We are excited to have our website up and running and feel that this will give you more current information each month as our Web Master, Kristi Wood, can update as news breaks. This will allow us to get information, such as deaths, illnesses, changes in events, notices out to you in a timely manner. Please feel free to call Kristi, our chaplains, myself, or the Post with information we need to place on the site for you, our members.

I would like to thank all the chairmen, on behalf of Brigitte, who worked so hard last year and were presented with awards at the Department Convention. Special thanks go to Barb Petschauer who did all the reporting each month. These reports are what the Achievement Report for the Auxiliary awards are based on at Convention. A list of the awards will be available soon on the website.

I look forward to the coming year, to welcoming new members, to welcoming back existing members, to working with each of you. Our Department President, Gloria Otwell’s theme for the coming year is “Cultivate the Caring for our Veterans and Their Families”. We can all work together to “Cultivate the Caring” for each other as we do this for our Veterans. Please feel free to call me at any time with any questions or needs.

Loyally,

Shelley Schlieman

**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 the Canteen Manage, Doug Gohr, (303-238-6700) about use of the Post for a luncheon.

**TAPS**  Virginia Callaway 6-12-2015

**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.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN Lennie Dolan, Treasurer**

Ladies, remember that after December 31, 2015 you are no longer considered a member in good standing if you haven’t paid your dues. The National Ladies Auxiliary changed their membership requirements at the last National Convention. There is no longer a reinstate status which means that the membership year starts July 1 and dues should be paid by December 31 or you are considered a lapsed member and cannot hold office or vote until your dues are paid. If you haven’t paid by June 30th your membership is terminated and you must reapply, you can’t reinstate. It doesn’t matter how many years you have been a member, once you terminate you start your membership over as year one. You must also wait for one year to apply for a Cancer Grant. What a great reason to become a life member and pay your one time life membership fee. Also Life Members need to send $6.40 to keep your Cancer Grant current. Once again we will be giving a Life Membership or converting your annual membership to a Life Membership if you have your dues paid by December 1, 2015. Send to me at 1170 Fulton Street, Aurora CO 80010. If you have any questions about this, please call me at 303-341-7488. Thanks!

JULY EVENTS:

JULY 3: The Kitchen will be closed as everyone prepares to celebrate the 4th. Karaoke will still be held at 7.

July 4th: Happy 4th, have a fun, safe day with family.

July 8th: Post and Auxiliary Meeting at 7.

July 9th and 23rd: Texas Holdem at 6:30.

July 11th: Creole Stomp will be playing from 7-11. $10 public, $5 to members and this includes a complementary free dance lesson. They play Louisiana Blues, Swing, Waltz and Zydeco.

July 19th: The Jubilee is back with Colorado Storm playing from 2-6. $5 cover and there will be a taco bar available.

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AUGUST EVENT:

August 1: Dougie G’s Line Dancing, 7-11.

August 6th and 20th: Texas Holdem 6:30

August 12th: Post and Auxiliary Meeting

July 14, 15, 16th: Grand Opening of Dougie G’s Lounge. Festivities will be each day with daily surprises. Colorado Storm will play the 15th from 7-11 and Sunday from 2-6. NO cover. Come and welcome Dougie.

August 22nd: Bob Briggs Band from 7-11. $5 cover.

July and August we will be continuing our Friday night Patio Steak cookouts, $10 and our Burger Baskets, $5. Karaoke begins at 7 and we would love to see you.

**MINUTES OF THE CANCER RELIEF COMMITTEE**

**Joseph J. Jacques, Jr. VFW Post 7945 Ladies Auxiliary**

A meeting of the Cancer Relief Committee was held on May 15, 2014 at VFW Post 7945. In attendance were President Brigitte Dolan, Trustees Brandi Dolan, Maggie Munoz, and Sally Adam, and several other members of the Auxiliary. The members present at the meeting reviewed the program from the previous year and following are the guidelines for the 2014-2015 year.

**CANCER PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

1. Our program is modeled after the National VFW Auxiliary Cancer Grant Program.
2. A member of our Auxiliary diagnosed with cancer will be eligible for a lifetime maximum amount of $1,000, payable in two $500 grants, with not less than six months between each grant application. All types of cancer are included.
3. A signed statement from the Auxiliary member’s physician is required to be filled in at the time the application is made by the member. Application forms are available at Post 7945 and can also be downloaded from our website at [www.vfwpost7945.org](http://www.vfwpost7945.org) under the Auxiliary heading. The completed application should be mailed to the Auxiliary Cancer Chairman, Shirley Colvin, 8381 Delaware Street, Denver, CO 80221.
   1. Applicant must be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 7945 at least one full year before making application. This also applies to reinstated members. Applicant must be current in her dues before making application.
   2. If twelve months have passed from the date of the last surgery or cancer treatment, no application will be accepted.
   3. Applications will not be accepted for deceased members.
   4. Grant application “in process” (postmarked) prior to the death of a member will be completed.
4. The Auxiliary shall maintain a separate savings account, preferable an interest-bearing account, for the cancer relief fund.
5. The Cancer Relief Committee shall be comprised of the Auxiliary President, Auxiliary Treasurer, Auxiliary One-Year Trustee, and the Auxiliary Cancer Committee Chairman. The Committee shall call meetings as it deems necessary and will reevaluate the Cancer Relief Program Guidelines each year during the month of May. All interested Auxiliary members are invited to attend the annual meeting.
6. Each Auxiliary member will receive a copy of the Cancer Relief Program Guidelines as adopted each year.
7. Life members must pay their cancer premiums of $6.40 each year in order to make a claim. Our year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. The premiums are to be mailed to Auxiliary Treasurer Arline Dolan, 1170 Fulton Street, Aurora, CO 80010
8. All applications for grant funds will be kept strictly confidential. Applicants are encouraged to apply for National VFW Auxiliary grant funds. Applications for these grants are available at the Post.

These Guidelines were presented to the Auxiliary membership for approval at the May meeting.

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| **Web Master** | **Kristi Wood** | **kmltwood10@msn.com** | **720-201-4062** |

**POST HOURS**

**Monday thru Thursday 12:00 – 8:00**

**Friday & Sat. 11:00 – 2:00 Sunday 8:00 – 9:00**

**Sunday Drink Special 8:30 – 11:30 is Bloody Mary’s and Screw Drivers for $2.00**