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POST COMMANDER

Post Members and Auxiliary,

December 2017

Good afternoon Members and Auxiliary as we are into the month of December and the Holidays are upon us. And like I said, it's not snowing yet. Be careful out there with those crazy shoppers.

Veterans Day assembly at Mountain Range High School was a huge success as Elizabeth Sedainick did a fine job as always. There were more veterans that showed up to speak on the behalf of Veterans than did last year. Post 7945 was well represented. Thank you all.

VFW Post 7945 held a Buddy Poppy drive over that weekend and Phil Garcia and his crew raised funds for the Post Relief Fund. Good job.

Thanksgiving for seniors was November 19th and Ron Schlieman and his staff along with the ROTC from Adams City High School made the senior guests feel at home and it was a fine dinner.

There will be a VFW Post planning meeting on the 9th of December for the upcoming VFW Convention. This will take place at 10:00am at the Post. Volunteers are welcome to attend as help is needed. See Leroy Chavez, as he is setting this up and also has all the info on Hotels etc. Again, help is needed as VFW Post 7945 will be hosting the Convention in June of 2018.

Don't forget our Monthly Meeting, which is on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. (January 10th at 7:00pm) Hope to see you there.

David Garcia

Commander VFW Post 7945

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Greetings,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed your holidays are ready for 2018. Let's make it a positive, productive year!

We are over halfway through our reporting year and are doing great, so please remember to report, report, report. The program chairmen are also always open to suggestions, etc. on ways we can promote the chairs, so please do not hesitate to contact any of us with your ideas.

I want to give a big congratulations to our Patriots Pen and VOD winners. We had five of them move on to the district level judging and should know soon if any have advanced further. There will be a district level banquet on January 20th at post 322 in Englewood and a state level banquet at post 9644 in Sheridan on January 27th to honor the winners.

I also want to congratulate Mike Grapner, a teacher at Century Middle School, who was chosen as our posts teacher of the year nominee.

The next district 10 meeting will be held on January 21st at our post. If you have not been to a district meeting, this is a great opportunity to come out and see what they are all about.

Our annual sweetheart dinner/dance will be held on February 11th. This is our biggest auxiliary fundraiser and we look forward to everyone's participation.

We will be hosting the next state convention in June. Until that time, we will have convention planning meetings the Saturday before our regular 2nd Wednesday meeting (January 6, February 10). We welcome everyone's participation and help. If you have any questions, please contact any of the officers.

Sincerely,
Brandi Dolan, President

CHAPLAINS Phil Garcia 303-655-9115 Shirley Colvin 303-427-2982

Please call our Chaplains, Phil (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 Nick Sisneros, Dewight Trickler, Virginia Covillo

VETERAN'S BENEFIT ASSISTANCE

The Northglenn Senior Center is having a "Veterans Benefit Assistance" talk on January 29, at 1 p.m. The Adams County Veterans Service Office is putting it on for Adams County residents to help them obtain VA benefits. The program is free of charge and open to: veterans, their widows, and dependents.

Sally Adam

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 myfwpost7945.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.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Lennie Dolan, Treasurer

If you have not paid your 2017-2018 dues as of December 31, you are no longer a member in good standing. If your dues have not been received by National by June 30st, you are no longer a member and must reapply, with proof of eligibility (DD-214) and application to start your membership again. You will be starting at year one and must wait one full year to be able to apply for both our Auxiliary and the National cancer grants. These cancer grants are a great benefit of your membership and we would hate to see any of you lose them. The annual dues are \$25.00 and if you would like to convert to a life membership see the website,

myvfwpost7945.org for the application form which has the life membership rates, or call me and I will give them to you. At our December meeting, two names were drawn, for life memberships, from the continuous membership who had paid their 2017-2018 dues. Names drawn were Connie Kolk and Nancy Gleason. Also, life members, your \$6.40 cancer grants are also due. Please send to me, at 1170 Fulton Street, Aurora CO 80010. If you have any questions about this, please call me at 303-341-7488.

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These are the programs that allow us to have a non-profit status. Each of these impact our communities, Veterans, active duty and their families. If you are interested in becoming involved in any of these worthy programs, please give the chairman a call and offer your ideas and time. The hospital program can always use volunteers for chapel hour, coffee admissions, donations of good used clothing and household items. Volunteers for patriotic programs in our schools, handing out certificates to residents and businesses that fly their flags helps our Americanism program. Stay involved with the legislative issues impacting our Veterans, make your voice heard.

UPDATE VOD/PP SCHOLARSHIPS

Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Essay Competitions **Sally Adam, Chair**

For 2017, entry forms were submitted to 22 middle schools and 14 high schools in our area. This year our Post received 82 entries for the middle school--Patriot's Pen--competition. The

judging was held the beginning of November and 5 winning entries were submitted to District 10, the next level of competition. Our Post and Auxiliary awarded prizes for first, second, and third place in each grade, 6th, 7th, and 8th.

For the high school competition--Voice of Democracy--we received 6 entries. Awards for first, second, and third place were given out and the first place winner's entry was submitted to District 10 for the next level of competition. A pizza party was held on December 13 for the participants and their families and the winning entries were shared with those in attendance.

We will know the winners of the District 10 level competition after January 20. The District awards dinner will be held January 20th at Post 322 and the Department awards dinner will be held January 27th at Post 9644. All are welcome to attend.

For the school year starting in September, if you have children or grandchildren in middle school or high school, please encourage them to submit an entry for the essay competition. Complete rules and the entry forms can be found at www.vfw.org website. The 2018 theme for each competition will be available after March 1, 2018; they can get a head start on their essay.

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

- ❖ The kitchen will be closed on Friday nights for a long winter's sleep. Remember that Dougie G's has delicious pizzas, chips, snacks, popcorn available.
- ❖ Dougie G's and the Post will be closed on Sunday's beginning in January.
- ❖ Jan 6th - Homeboard meeting at 9:00 am. Convention meeting at 10:00 am.
- ❖ Jan 10th - Post/Auxiliary meeting at 7:00 pm, soup, subs, and dessert at 6:00 pm.
- ❖ Jan 11th & 25th - Texas Holdem at 6:30 pm.
- ❖ Jan 21st - District 10 meeting at 12:00 noon lunch, 1:00 pm meetings.
- ❖ Jan 27th - Jim Hyatt Band 7-11 \$5.00 cover, food available.
- ❖ Jan 29th - Veterans Benefit Assistance at 1:00 pm Thornton Senior Center

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

- ❖ Feb 3rd - Homeboard meeting at 9:00 am, Convention meeting 10:00 am.
- ❖ Feb. 3rd - Danny G's Band 7-11 \$5.00 cover, food available.
- ❖ Feb 8th & Feb 22nd - Texas Holdem at 6:30 pm.
- ❖ Feb 10th - Sweetheart Dinner at 5:30 – 7:00 pm, Dance at 7:30 – 11:00pm.
- ❖ Feb 14th - Post/Auxiliary Meeting at 7:00 pm, Food served at 6:00pm.
- ❖ Patty's Country Line Dances every Friday night from 6:30-7:30 pm. \$5.00 charge.
- ❖ Karaoke and dancing every Friday night at 7:30 pm.

ANNUAL SWEETHEART DINNER/DANCE – FEBRUARY 10th

The Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner/Dance on February 10th. The proceeds from this dinner are used by the Auxiliary to support the National programs, VA Hospital, Scholarships, Veterans and Family Support, Legislative, Youth Activities, Americanism and support of our local Veterans, Active Duty, their families and our Community. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated and is open to all.

Dinner 5:30 to 7:00 pm

\$15.00 per person

Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Salad, Roll, Dessert

Complimentary glass of wine

Young at Heart Band at 7:30 pm

Great selection of Oldies, Rock & Roll, Country music.

We will have raffle items and some fun for all. Bring your friends and your Sweetheart for the best food and dancing to celebrate Valentine's Day.

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HELPFUL WEBSITES

http://www.vfw.org	National VFW	
http://www.vfwaux.org	National VFW Auxiliary	
http://www.vfwco.org	Dept. of Colorado	303-421-1630
http://www.myvfwpost7945.org	Post/Aux	303-438-6700

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POST HOURS

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