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*We value our
veterans*

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SAINT PATRICKS DAY DINNER

Saturday, March 20 (rescheduled from March 13th due to weather), the Post and Auxiliary will be hosting our Saint Patrick's Day dinner. Because last March we were all introduced to a new phenomenon called Corona Virus, our dinner was cancelled and we have been locked down, opened, locked down, opened, and not hosting our usual VFW activities.

Now with our numbers going down, vaccine's being given, our large building opened to 50% capacity, we feel capable of starting a return to normal. Therefore, PUT ON THE GREEN, and come join us for our annual dinner. The Auxiliary will be cooking Saturday and the Post will be serving Corned Beef and Cabbage, New Buttered Potatoes and Carrots, Dinner Rolls and Homemade Dessert from 6 to 8, all for the price of \$10.00. If you are coming just for dinner, come to the dining area and buy your dinner.

Dougie G's will have the Jim Hyatt band playing from 7 to 11. The price for the band is \$10, or if you came to listen and dance to Jim on Friday night and bring your ticket back Saturday, the price is \$5.00. So, what better bargain can you get in north Denver? A great dinner (if you chose to eat) and entertainment (if you chose to stay for music).

*Greetings Comrades
and Auxiliary
Members*

Post

Scott Evans

Here we are in March already. Hopefully you have all thawed out, after the spat of below zero weather and snow storms. Unfortunately because of restrictions this year, we were not able to host the Valentine Dinner Dance. However, restrictions have now eased, so we are having our St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 13th. Come on up for Corn beef and cabbage. At our last meeting, I presented a question to the Post about providing our facility for Covid vaccines. This question was a feeler put out by VFW National to all Post. We sent back a "Yes" answer through our chain of command. There has been no further word on this program. However, we are currently working with another outfit on our own. This is to start providing contactless drive thru Covid testing in the near future, out in our back lot. Suggested hours are M-F 8-5pm. More to come, hopefully by the next meeting.

The Post is looking at doing our Spring Clean-up on April 24, weather permitting. Mark the date on your calendar. Please come up help. We even have a new wheel barrel.

Come up and test drive it! ☺

We are also planning on resurrecting our steak fry Fridays this summer. Please, Please, Please mark this on calendars to. You all need to get out and get reacquainted with our members, neighbors and patron at our club, and volunteer in the kitchen. Let do this, to make us look even more viable to our community, and show we are still a strong VFW Post!

Other things going on: The District 10 meeting will be on March 7 at Post 9644 starting at 10am.

Dougie G's is open for business Wednesday thru Saturdays. Doug is hosting bands Friday and Saturday nights starting at 7pm or sometimes earlier. Come on up and see a live band. It's FUN!!!!

Last month's monthly drawing winner was Mr. Casie from Thornton. YOU missed out. Come to meeting everyone.

Hope to see you all at the Post soon!

*Greeting Auxiliary
Members*

Auxiliary

Kathy Trickler

I have never been so happy to see the arrival of Spring in a new year as I am this one. After the isolation and limitations put on all of us this last year because of COVID-19, we can all use a fresh start. With more and more of us being vaccinated, and the positive COVID numbers going down in our state, we should be able to count on fewer restrictions as far as VFW activities for the coming year.

As an example of that, as of this writing, we are preparing to host our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner at the Post. Tina Jacobsen has asked Safeway to donate the cabbage. We are also going to take donations for the Food Bank from anyone who wants to contribute. We are still limited as to what we can collect for our veterans and the needy. But, there is no doubt that we can be a big help in feeding those in need. The unprecedented unemployment we have seen has made feeding our brothers and sisters more important than ever.

We should also be able to open our patio and host our famous Friday night steak fries this summer. Keep an eye out for a date to come and help us clean up the patio for this special event. It almost makes spring cleaning feel GOOD!

The VA hospital is still limiting the number of people who can accompany our Veterans to their appointments to “caregivers”. Hopefully, soon we will be able to accompany them as “spouses” like we used to do. I will keep you posted on when that is going to happen.

Little by little, we are getting back to a normal routine. Consider joining us at a meeting on the second Wednesday of every month. Your input is always valued. For the time being, we are still being asked to wear masks and to “social distance”.

Have a wonderful and healthy Spring and keep up to date on our website.

*We're here to meet
your needs*

Chaplains

Bill Nicholson / 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 the use of the Post for a funeral luncheon.

TAPS

*We're here if you
need us*

Cancer Grant

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 www.myvfwpost7945.org and on the left side of the Home page there is a “Helpful Resources” link. Click 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 the form and send our Auxiliary grant application to me, Shirley Colvin, 8381 Delaware, Denver, CO 80221. There is also cancer grant money available at the Ralph Emerson/Jack Gulden Cancer Grants for all VFW and Auxiliary members. Contact the Department of Colorado for information and forms.

*Doing all we can for
veterans*

Reporting

Brigitte Dolan

Hello all, it is that time again, 31 days until the end of our reporting year. Even with the craziness of all that has been going on in the last year, I know we have all done something we can report. Please send me an email or quick call and I will make sure it

gets reported. bmdolan@live.com or 720-394-5474. Keep well, keep safe and don't forget to report.

It takes a village

Membership

Lennie Dolan, Chairperson

Thank you to our annual members, who sent in your 2021-22 dues by December 1. Unfortunately, because of the Corona virus and our state restrictions, we did not hold a meeting in December. Fortunately, we were able to hold our January meeting and drew two names to receive a life membership. Our newest life members for the 2021-2022 year are Larry Ford and Kathleen Pitiak. Congratulations!

We value your continued membership with our Auxiliary and we thank you for honoring your Veteran who gave you your eligibility. You can reach me, at any time, with questions you may have. My address is 1170 Fulton Street, Aurora, CO 80010, 303-341-7488, arlinedolan@comcast.net. If you are a Life Member, you can send your cancer dues to me at the above address. Please, also check out our website at www.myvfwpost7945.org.

*Paying tribute to our
veterans*

Americanism

Brandi Dolan

Happy Spring everyone! As the weather starts to get warmer and we start to see an end in sight to this darn pandemic, I hope everyone is well. During March brings the last month of the current reporting year. Let's make one last push to get those Americanism items, and all programs, taken care of. But don't stop there! Anything done April forward goes to the next year. March 16th is Vietnam Veterans Day, which is a great opportunity to get out and get some patriotic holiday recognition time in. Remember this can be done online, you don't have to go out and do a huge in person program. This is a very easy to do via social media, email, or whatever platform you have available to you. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions. My email is purpleseals@comcast.net.

*Stay safe and support
our veterans*

Veterans and Family Support

Cindy Anderson

The special project for National President Sandi Onstwedder named Stars, Strips and Support is an initiative to support food insecurity. Donations for this project are being collected by the National VFW under the Veterans and Family Support program. In this time of crisis all across our country our military and veteran families are finding themselves having to rely on food banks to put food on the table. For many this has

never happened before. Donations have been coming in from Posts, Auxiliaries, Districts and Departments. Individual donations are also gratefully accepted. Donate by mail by sending funds to the VFW Foundation earmarked for Unmet Needs – Hunger. Mail check to: VFW National Headquarters.

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