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THE POST OBSERVER

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FROM YOUR COMMANI	DER-				
Greetings Comrades and					
It is truly gratifying to see such motivation and dedication to the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars by all of our Post members. Many of you have contributed toward the goals of this organization in a variety of ways and it is apparent that you are genuinely committed to the well-being of the veterans and their families whom we serve. Although I can never thank you enough, still I thank you.					
I would like to encourage everyone to be thinking about recruiting new members to our organization. Our post has a lot to offer, not only from a social aspect but from a service aspect as well. I cannot help but think that there are a number of eligible veterans and family members in our neighborhoods who are looking for an opportunity to be involved with community service projects and building new friendships. So if you know of a veteran who may be eligible to join the VFW or perhaps a family member of a veteran who is eligible to join the Auxiliary, please invite them to come and be a part of something special.					
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Respectfully,					
Leroy Chavez, Post Com	mander				
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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello Auxiliary Members.

Welcome 2016. This will be another great year for our Auxiliary. We are pleased that we are getting male members to join us and look forward to working together for our Veterans. The Department of Colorado held its Voice of Democracy banquet the end of January and was happy to present \$1000 from Post 7945 to the first place VOD winner. We wish her luck as she and her family travel to Washington DC for the national contest. The money for this award was earned from our Sunday Joint Breakfasts and a big thank you to the Post and Auxiliary members who worked and the members and public that came and contributed your \$\$ to this cause.

Our February Sweetheart Dinner/Dance Auxiliary fundraiser was a huge success this year. Many thanks are owed to many people. Thanks to the Post for providing the prime rib dinner that so many enjoyed. A special thanks to Ron Schlieman, Scott Evans, Leroy Chevaz and Auxiliary members Mike Wood and Tyler Wood for serving and cleanup. A shout out to Mike Wood for spending hours making sure the PR was marinated and cooked perfectly!

Thanks to Kathy Trickler, Pam Spoklie, Laurie Aljets and Darla Rensch (master bow maker) for setting tables and decorating for our guests. The many ladies who donated yummy desserts for the Dessert Table Raffle should all get a Betty Crocker seal of approval. Every one of them looked delicious and I know each winner took home a bit of heaven.

THANK YOU, PAT LEGGE (who took three days off work to solicit donations!) SHERRY NETTLAND and SALLY ADAMS for all the effort and time you spent getting and cataloging and setting up the 70 raffle items. Thank you Joyce Alvarado for hustling from one end of the Post to the other selling those tickets, she takes after her mom, Loyda, and has the energy of that famous bunny. From Avs and Nugget tickets, to gift cards, from baskets to light fixtures, the array of items was overwhelming. Many people were "happy campers" as their winning tickets were drawn. We had several young ladies running the items to winners and with that many prizes their help sure made the process very efficient. Thanks Bruce and Lennie Dolan for working the door and greeting our guests. A special thank you to Debbie Semmen and Kristi Wood who are always there, behind the scenes, doing more than I can describe! When the dining and dancing and prize winning was done, the Auxiliary received over \$2700 for our mission of supporting our community and our Veterans.

This year Mike and Kristi Wood received the crown and opened with the first dance as our Valentine Royalty. Because of their generosity, we have a gorgeous disco ball over our dance floor and bus transportation for our Adams City ROTC cadets every senior Thanksgiving dinner. They also are very generous with their time for our Auxiliary. We welcomed Mike and sons, Luke and Tyler, in October and are sooo happy to have them as members.

We have much we can do as an Auxiliary and I'm happy to see our new members are eager to contribute to our programs and are coming up with some exciting ideas. Whether you help with a breakfast, attend the meetings and participate, hold a chairmanship or help a chairman, get involved with the hospital programs or youth, you're honoring your Veteran who made it possible for you to be a member of this wonderful organization.

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Shelley Schlieman

Phil Garcia 303-655-9115

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: Thomas Ruffino

CHAPLAINS

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. Our December 31 deadline has come and gone so please, don't wait, get those dues in. We would like to be 100% by March 1st. 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!

All your March and April events are on the March and April Calendar and always posted on our Facebook page. Please check the website often as we update as changes are made for the month. We also try to keep current on illness and deaths as they occur.

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POST HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 12:00 – 8:00 Friday & Sat. 11:00 – 2:00 Sunday 8:00 – 9:00

Sunday Drink Specials 8:30 – 11:30 are Bloody, and Mary's, Screw Drivers Mimosa's for \$2.00