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Thornton VFW 7945 Joseph J. Jacques Jr.

POST COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members,

Believe or not the summer has passed us by in these confusing times. We have had to deal with State leaders trying to keep everything shut down or extreme restrictions on occupancy and mask wearing. Most of our older folks have chosen to stay home or limited their activities. Our VFW Post and Dougie G's were able to open up safely, and stay open since restrictions were lifted. We have been able to operate due to the size of our Post and stayed safe for our patrons. We had our kitchen open all summer on Friday nights. We closed it at the end of October. Dougie G's is still open Wednesday through Saturday nights. Please come up and support Dougie G's, if you don't want to chance a night out, how about an afternoon out? We're open!

If you had attended the September's meeting, Robert Woolley, you would have won the Monthly drawing. Then again, in October if Gregory Reynolds had attended the meeting you would have won the monthly drawing. Our monthly drawings continue to grow. Come to the meetings, we actually do have a lot of fun.

Due to the pandemic and restrictions we have had to cancel all of our events this year that includes Buddy Poppy drives and Senior Thanksgiving Dinner. The last 3 years our Post has also worked with the American Legion Post 322 at DIA, to support our traveling service members using the USO lounge. We have deep fat fried turkeys and provided a full meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Due to the pandemic, the lounge is unable to support the meal program. The Post will be making a donation this year along the Legion, in-leu of the meals.

Be safe out there.

Scott Evans, Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Members,

We are still dealing with COVID-19 and its repercussions. Although we have had to cancel several of the events that we hold dear, such as the USO Show, we are beginning to find creative ways to continue the work we do for our Veterans.

To begin with, we were honored with a visit from our National President, Sandi Onstwedder, on October 2 for burger baskets and a small, informal meeting with a few of our members. Cindy Anderson also set up a ZOOM meeting for others who couldn't attend.

We are planning a Free Breakfast for our Veterans on Sunday, November 8th. The menu will include, scrambled eggs, ham, biscuits and gravy, and fruit. The breakfast will cost \$5.00 for family members over 10 years old. Ten years and younger will also be free.

The VA Hospital volunteers are going to be putting together gift baskets for 200 Veterans for Veterans Day and Christmas. Our Auxiliary is going to contribute gift cards to this effort for Christmas.

As time passes, through Community Outreach, we will continue to find ways to reach out to our Vets as we have always done. We still hold our meetings with "social distancing" on the second Wednesday of each month. If you can't join us, please reach out to us by phone or e-mail with ideas you may have. Maybe you know someone, or a group who needs particular help. Let us know, so we can, perhaps, fill the need. Follow us on Facebook and our Web Page for further ways you can get involved. We welcome all ideas. Hope to see you or hear from you in November.

Sincerely,
Kathy Trickler
Auxiliary President

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:

Dale Fredrickson

Paul Staab

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 for all VFW and Auxiliary members. Contact the Department of Colorado for information and forms.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Sally Adam, Chairman

Continuing Education Scholarship

The VFW Auxiliary is pleased to present the Continuing Education Scholarship to assist members and their immediate family members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or career direction at a vocational/technical school.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Applicant must be 18 years of age or older and one of the following:

- Current VFW Auxiliary Member*
- Spouse of current VFW Auxiliary Member*
- Son of current VFW Auxiliary Member*
- Daughter of current VFW Auxiliary Member*

*Qualifying member must have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for one (1) year by the application submission deadline.

What is the Scholarship Amount?

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded each year, one in each of the four VFW Auxiliary Conferences. Each applicant must: Answer all questions on the application and write a brief essay (no more than 300 words) describing their commitment to their goals and how this scholarship will help them attain these goals. The entry form is at the back of the newsletter and also on our website myvfwpost7945.org.

What are the Scholarship Deadlines?

July 1: Application process begins.

February 15: All applications must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.

May 1: Scholarship recipients are notified.

MEMBERSHIP

LENNIE DOLAN, CHAIRMAN

Hello, I have sent your dues notices out, with a pre-stamped return envelope. We have an incentive for you to return those dues as soon as possible. **All annual members who have their dues to me by November 30th will have your name entered into our December 31st drawing and two of you will have your life membership awarded to you.** Last December Michael Lassman and Brittany Filter's names were drawn and this year you could be that lucky person.

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.

AMERICANISM

BRANDI DOLAN, CHAIRMAN

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

As we head into the holiday season that we all know will look different this year, please remember that one of the backbones of the Americanism program is promoting patriotism by celebrating Patriotic holidays. One that we are all very familiar with is Veteran's Day. On November 11th, please remember this special day by participating in or hosting an event honoring our veterans. This can also be done by recognizing the day on social media, having your kids make cards for veterans, donating to a veteran's organization, or simply by thanking a veteran. There are no shortage of ways to participate in promoting patriotic holidays, so be creative. December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day, is another example of a patriotic holiday we can recognize. There are also a couple of birthdays in the next few months - the Marines birthday is November 10th and the National Guard Birthday is December 13th.

Another really simple thing that we can do to promote patriotism is to give businesses and residences certificates for flying their flags. Certificates are available from the VFW store, and

you can keep them in your car and when you see flag being displayed properly, give them a certificate! If you would like to participate in doing this and need flag certificates, you can also email me at purpleseals@comcast.net.

Thank you to all that participate in the Americanism and other programs. Please have a happy and safe holiday season.

PANDEMIC AND COVID 19

As we continue to live with our coronavirus guidelines and reset into the mode of trying keep ourselves and everyone safe, please know that we are continuing to try to keep our National programs going. Although we cannot visit any of our VA hospitals or nursing homes, we will be contributing items for 200 baskets that the VA will be distributing over the holidays. We also know that sending a card or writing a letter to our residents of our local nursing homes can bring a smile to someone's face that has been isolated from everyone. We will continue to hold our monthly second Wednesday Post and Auxiliary meetings, following safety guidelines and discuss ways we can reach out to our Veterans, their families and our community.

We were happy to receive entries for our Voice of Democracy contest and Patriots Pen contest and will be forwarding the winner to District for judging. From District the winner will be forwarded to Department and the winner there will be sent for National judging. Because the National organization has cancelled their Legislative Conference in March, the Voice of Democracy will also be in a different format this year.

We held our POW/MIA ceremony at the Post on September 18th and remembered those who still have not returned to us. As our Americanism Chairman reminds us, November 11th is Veterans Day. Because of the state guidelines, we will be unable to distribute poppies or hold an event to honor those who are serving our country, but please keep them in your prayers.

We have our holiday season upon us and we wish each and every one of you a joyful Thanksgiving, a blessed Christmas, and a happy New Year. Be safe, hug your loved ones and remember our military and their families.

See you in 2021.

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Wednesday & Thursday 12:00pm-8:00pm**

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