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POST COMMANDER

Post Members and Auxiliary

Good Afternoon Post and Auxiliary members as we get into Spring of Year 2018. Time for yardwork and summer stuff. Enjoy.

As most of you know, your Post 7945, is hosting this year's Convention, June 13th thru the 17th. Help is always needed, please contact Leroy Chavez as he is heading this up. The Schedule for the Convention is printed on page 8 of the May Colorado Veteran. The Military Banquet will be held at VFW Post 7945 Post home. Cost is \$25.00 and can be mailed with your pre-registration or pay at the door June 13th, 2018.

The VFW National Convention will be held in Kansas City, Mo. so make your plans now if you want to attend. The Convention Date is July 21st Thru July 25th, 2018.

Joseph J. Jacques Jr. proudly endorses Shelley Schlieman for Department President for 2018-2019. Good Luck Shelley.

Post 7945 held its annual St. Patrick's Day Party with corned beef and cabbage dinner at Dougie G's. It was a success.

The Salute to Service banquet will be held April 21st at VFW Post 501 at 4747 W. Colfax, Denver, Co. Nominee for Post 7945 is Russ Trickler and congratulations Russ.

Nominations are being held for VFW Post officers and opened in March and will remain open until the April meeting on the 11th. Nominations close on the 11th of April. Please plan on attending the monthly meeting to vote for your candidates as the meeting will start at 7:00pm.

I look forward to seeing you there.

David Garcia

Commander VFW Post 7945

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Happy Spring everyone! As this year winds down and we get ready for a new one, I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work this past year. Everyone who is an officer or a chair, everyone who volunteered for anything this past year, and everyone who is either a life member or renews their membership yearly. You allow us to continue to do what we do. I would also like to thank Commander Dave Garcia and his officers and membership for their support throughout the year.

Another big thank you goes out to everyone who has attended our convention planning meetings and has/is/will be assisting in any way at all. We will be hosting the state convention from June 13 – 16 and it is a huge undertaking. Any and all help is appreciated, so please let us know if you are able to help. Please also consider attending the convention if you are able to. This is a good opportunity to see what the state convention is all about, and it's in your own backyard.

I want to congratulate all of the new officers for the upcoming year and thank you for stepping up and taking on these positions –

President: Brandi Dolan, Senior Vice President: Kathy Trickler, Junior Vice President: Kayla Reed, Chaplin: Shirley Colvin, Conductress: Joveta Zerr, Guard: Alix Reed, Treasurer: Lennie Dolan, 3 Year Trustee: Debbie Semman. Our Salute To Service recipient for the year is Kathy Trickler, honored at the Department Salute to Service dinner on April 21st.

Installation of officers will be held on May 9th, 2018 before our regular monthly meeting. Installation will be at 6:00, followed by dinner and then the meetings. Please come out and support your officers. Also in May, we'll have a convention planning meeting on the 5th, the District 10 meeting on the 6th at the Golden post (where our very own Brigitte Dolan will be installed as the new president), on the 19th we will meet up to stuff ditty bags for the state convention, and on May 28th we will again have our Memorial Day service at 10:00 at Olinger's Mortuary followed by a pot-luck at the post. Please also remember our steak fry's will once again start up on Friday nights in May.

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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.

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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. Contact the Department of Colorado for information and forms.

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Lennie Dolan

Thank you for getting your 2017-18 dues paid. We have, again, reached 100% in membership and will be recognized with a plaque from the Department for reaching our goal. The National organization gives us quotes every year for the Department to achieve and for each goal that the Auxiliaries meet we are rewarded monetarily. Our year will begin again for the 2018-19 year on July 1st so you will be hearing from me soon – or, if you're tired of hearing from me, consider converting your annual membership to a life membership. It doesn't take long for your yearly \$25 to become more than you would have paid for the life and then you only have your \$6.40 cancer fee to pay each year. Again, thank you all for your continued support of our Veterans.

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STATE CONVENTION

As you read in the Commander and President's articles, we are hosting the Department State Convention this year. If you have never attended a Convention, this is a great opportunity to see what it is all about. We will begin Wednesday, June 13th at 8:00 for those who registered for the golf tournament. The golfers will return around noon to the Post for prizes and lunch. Registration will begin at the Post 1-4 and we will be serving French Dips/Potato Salad/Chips and cookies \$6.00. Help in the kitchen is needed.

Thursday meetings will begin at the Convention Center at the Ramada Inn. We will be hosting a luncheon at 12:30 (invitation only) at the Post and also hosting a Past Commanders Dinner at 7:00. Again, help will be needed for these events. The Department Memorial Service will be held at 5:30 at Orlinger's on 104th and Grant. It is a deeply moving ceremony to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Then for some fun! We will be holding a Prom at the Post beginning around 8 pm. Maybe you have old Prom clothes in your closet or attic, maybe your neighbor has something you can borrow, or, for sure you can find something at a local thrift store. Make it glitzy, make it glammy, make it trashy. You will get a corsage, have dance music, a grand march, ladies choice dances, and we will crown a King and Queen. We love to have some fun at Convention.

Friday morning will again be meetings at the Ramada. Caucus's will be held at the Post from 1-4pm in the back yard. There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 2:00. The Military Banquet will begin with cocktails at 5 and dinner served at 6. We would invite you to wear your military uniforms.

Saturday, again at the Ramada, will be meetings and elections of Department and Auxiliary Officers. The Installation of officers will begin at 5 and everyone is invited back to the Post for a meet and greet and dinner.

The full itinerary is available on the Department Website at vfwco.org. There will be registration forms and informational forms available at the Post. Because of Convention, there will NOT be a Post/Auxiliary meeting in June.

SUMMER PATIO COOKOUTS

It's that time again. Every Friday during the summer, we will have the kitchen open from 6-8 for your dining pleasure. Steak dinners (cook your own on patio), or, if the weather is exceptionally bad, we can cook them for you, includes baked potato, salad bar, garlic toast and dessert \$10. Burger baskets includes choice of fries or salad bar and dessert, \$7. Kids, 8 and under, free hot dogs, chips and a cookie. We have a great patio and horseshoe pits. Invite your friends, neighbors, family to come out from and get a great meal. Karaoke and dance music every Friday night starting at 7. Enjoy the beautiful Colorado summer at your VFW. These dinners are hosted by the Post and Auxiliary and the proceeds are used for our Veterans, families, and communities.

CALENDARS

Post your calendars and check them often to remind yourselves of what's happening at the V. Dougie G's have bands on Saturdays, so come out and dance and listen to some good music. New Post/Auxiliary officers info in the July/Aug newsletter.

POST DIRECTORY

Commander	David Garcia	Cell 303-808-4194	303-979-0977
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1 Yr Home Board	Ron Schlieman		303-349-5615

AUXILIARY DIRECTORY

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POST HOURS

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