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POST COMMANDER

Post Members and Auxiliary Nov/Dec 2017

Good afternoon Members and Auxiliary as we are nearing the end of 2017, this is the best time of the year, and no snow yet.

The USO Show was a big success and we raised over \$2200.00 for the Membership and Auxiliary. Denise Taylor and crew did a great job and thanks to the Young Air force crew who helped out.

Council of Administration Meeting at VFW Post 2551 in Fort Morgan, Colo. On 208 W. Beaver St. Oct. 28-29, 2017.

Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Essay Competition is underway with the schools that are listed. Sally Adam is the chairperson along with Leroy. Call Sally Adam if you have questions.

Teacher of the year nominations to the Post are due Oct. 31, 2017 and Nominations to District are due Nov.15, 2017 and deadline for district is Dec. 15, 2017. Elizabeth Sedainick did a fine job last year from Mountain Range High School.

Veterans Day Assembly at Mountain Range High School will be on 11/08/ 2017 starting at 9:00am and Elizabeth Sedainick will be working with Post 7945 Veterans on this.

Thanksgiving Day for seniors is coming up soon. Turkeys must be 16 lbs and help is needed. Date is set for November 19th. With Dinner from 11:00 until 2:00pm.

Veterans Day is Nov. 11, 2017 and All Posts should observe this day and have dinner etc. to honor all Veterans on that Saturday.

Don't forget our Monthly Meeting, which is on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. (November 8th at 7:00pm). Hope to see you there.

David Garcia

Commander VFW Post 7945

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Greetings,

I hope you all are doing well as we are starting to get some cooler weather and head into the holiday season.

Thank you to all of you who attended and participated in the USO show in October. It was a wonderful show and dinner, as always.

In November, we have two big yearly events happening at the post. November 11th is Veteran’s Day, and we will again be serving a free dinner to any veteran who would like to attend as a thank you for their service. There will also be a band that night that veterans can enjoy for free, so please bring your favorite veteran(s) for a wonderful night. And, as always, volunteers to help with the dinner are much appreciated.

Our second major November event is our seniors Thanksgiving dinner on November 19th. Again, volunteers are always needed and much appreciated. We need people to work the dinner on the 19th, set up the day before, and also contribute turkeys and/or pies. This is a free dinner for the seniors in the community and always well attended.

As we enter the celebration season that is December and our calendars start to fill up with dinners, parties, and other fun stuff, please take a moment to remember those less fortunate and do what you can to help.

As always, please remember to report, report, and report. Some things you can report that you may not think about – sending cards, community service events and helping with campaigns during this election season. If you have any questions on what, where, when, or how to report, please contact Brigitte Dolan who is our reporting chairman and she will guide you through it. Her phone number is 720-394-5474 and her email is bmdolan@live.com. We have five more reporting months left so let’s finish the year strong!

Brandi Dolan

CHAPLAINS Phil Garcia 303-655-9115

Shirley Colvin 303-427-2982



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 funeral luncheon.

TAPS



LEGISLATIVE

Hello everyone,

It is nearing that time again...ELECTIONS. Not as dramatic as the one last year, but it is time to vote for City Council men and women, school board members, etc. Get out there and VOTE. Remember voting IS AN ACTIVITY YOU CAN REPORT!!!! Please remember to report, report, and report! Happy Holidays to all!

Brigitte Dolan, Legislative/ Reporting Chairman

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.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Lennie Dolan, Treasurer



It is once again time to send in your continuous dues for the 2017-2018 year. The annual dues are \$25.00 and if you would like to convert to a life membership see the website www.myvfwpost7945.org for the application form which has the life membership rates, or call

me and I will give them to you. Again, at our December meeting, we will have a drawing for two life memberships for the 2018-19 year for all who have paid their 2017-18 dues by the December meeting date. 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.

MALTA

National Headquarters has received questions regarding the status of Life and Annual Membership Cards. Please be advised of the following:

It was announced at National Convention that ALL Life Members will receive a NEW thicker card WITHOUT a date on it. It was determined that a thicker card would last longer and that the information on dates for Life Members was not complete in the National database. These will replace ANY cards members currently have.

New Life and Annual Membership cards are currently being printed and will take approximately 6-8 weeks to prepare and ship to members.

All members may access their membership card at any time on any device by logging in to MALTA. Go to <https://vfwauxiliary.org> and click on "Member Login." You will be directed to create a login to MALTA. Once you have logged in select "View Card". Members may print and/or download the image of their card from MALTA. No printer? No problem! Members may access MALTA on a smartphone or tablet and show the image of their membership card at any meeting as proof of membership.

If any member needs help logging in, please call me at 303-341-7488 or email me at linebrd@aol.com.

Thanks, Lennie Dolan



NATIONAL PROGRAM CHAIRMEN

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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.

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Nov. 4 - BOB BRIGGS Band, 7-11, \$5 cover, Food from the Bar.

Nov. 8 - Post and Auxiliary Meeting 7:00.

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day, Free dinner to all Veterans showing Veteran ID, \$5.00 dinner for all others 5-7. YOUNG AT HEART BAND 7Pm. \$5.00 cover, free to all Veterans showing ID. (Retirement Card, current Veterans organizations cards, ect).

Nov. 12 - District 10 Auxiliary Meeting, 4171 Golden, lunch noon, meeting 1:00.

Nov. 19 - Senior Thanksgiving Dinner. Have donated turkeys to Post by Tuesday, November 14th. Set up Saturday 10 am. Deboning turkeys, 11 am. Dinner served Sunday from 11-2. Help will be needed serving and cleanup.

Nov. 23 - Happy Thanksgiving. Post Closed

Nov. 25 - Danny G's Band, 7-11, \$5 cover, Food from the Bar.

Dec. 13 - Post Auxiliary Meeting 7. Auxiliary Cookie/Candy Exchange

Dec. 16 - Danny G's Band, 7-11, \$5 cover. Food from the Bar.

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Party. Danny G's Band, 8-12. \$15 per person/\$25 per couple. Subs and chips/dips 6 pm, party favors, champagne, coffee, juice, biscuits and gravy at midnight.

Patty's Country Line Dance Lessons every Friday 6:30-7:30 \$5 per person. Karaoke every Friday 7:30.

Come watch the Broncos!

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POST DIRECTORY

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1 Yr Trustee	Maggie Munoz		303 -915-8304
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POST HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 12:00-8:00 Friday and Sat. 11:00-2:00am Sunday 11:00 -9:00pm