

Joseph J. Jacques Jr. Post 7945

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FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary!

A very Happy New year to all! May the coming year be promising, productive and prosperous.

At the joint opening session of our last Post meeting we had the privilege of honoring the winners of our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Competition. More than fifty family members and friends of the winners joined us to recognize their accomplishments. We heard the first place essays from the sixth, seventh and eighth grade Patriot's Pen entries as well as the first place Voice of Democracy essay.

Very special thanks to Sally Adam for her ambition to promote our Post level competition to middle schools and high schools throughout the community. We received 80 eligible Patriot's Pen entries because of Sally's efforts which allowed us to advance five essays to the District 10 competition. Congratulations to Gerald Myers from Holy Family Middle School who took first place at the District level competition and to McKemma Spinuzzp from Holy Family middle school who placed second. Best of luck to Gerald at the State level competition!

I would also like to thank the judges for this year's competition who made the whole process work smoothly and efficiently: Joyce Alvarado, Brandi Dolan, Brigitte Dolan, Bruce Dolan, John Hance, Ole Hydeen, Sherry Netterland, Pat Legge, Shelly Schlieman and Kristi Wood.

As the New Year begins we would like to remind all continuing Post members that if your membership has expired, or will be expiring on your approaching renewal date, to please contact me or Post Quartermaster, Ron Schlieman for an update on your membership dues status or for assistance on making your payment.

Respectfully,

Leroy Chavez, Post Commander

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello Auxiliary Members.

We were a busy Post and Auxiliary in November and December. We held our annual Veterans Day dinner on 7th and were pleased to see the attendance. We were actually able to give a free dinner to all our Veterans, their families and many guests that attended.

We were honored to have members of the Thornton City Council and the Mayor of Thornton join us at our November meeting on the 11th. Everyone enjoyed dinner and we were presented with a Proclamation from Thornton, as we celebrated our 60th year as Joseph J. Jacques Jr. VFW Post 7945.

The third week of November found many busy hands preparing our Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner which we served on the 22nd. Doug Gohr provided us with entertainment, many members volunteered several hours setting up, serving food, coffee and drinks, cutting pies and cleaning up. Huge thanks, as always, goes to the Adams City Jr. ROTC (32 strong) who assisted by serving all those dinners.

As Commander Leroy mentioned, at our December meeting we hosted a pizza party for our VOD and Patriots Pen winners and their families. It was such a thrill to listen to these young people give us their thoughts on patriotism and their visions for our country. Our Americanism Chairmen, Brandi and Brigitte Dolan handed out flags and yellow ribbons and gathered some tiny ones to lead us in the Pledge. And yes, Sally Adams, you rocked the VOD/PP Chairmanship again this year, despite having knee replacement surgery.

The Auxiliary was in suspense at our December meeting to see which continuous member, whose name, along with every member who had paid their 2016-17 dues by the meeting date, would be drawn for a Life Membership. And to a drum roll ----- Maggie Munoz, long time trustee, became our newest Life Member. Congratulations Maggie!!!!

On December 27th, at the joint breakfast, we were pleased to give our members a free breakfast for having paid their dues by December 31st. Thank you for being part of our 7945 family.

Thank you, everyone, who contributed to our successful year. Anything you do to help our community and our active duty, veterans, and their families is a blessing. My wish for 2016 is that we can continue to welcome new members, continue to support our programs, and continue to embrace each other as proud Americans.

Loyally,

Shelley Schlieman

CHAPLAINS

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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 Dec. Delores Ehrlick

OUR DEPARTED FOR 2015

AUXILIARY: Adeline Benson, Virginia Calloway, Doris Dade, Delores Ehrlich, Barbara Fahey, Rosa Homes, Blanche Novak, Millie Rendon.

POST: Arthur Padilla



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!



JANUARY Events

What a good month to snuggle up with a fuzzy blanket in front of a flickering fire with a cup of steaming hot chocolate and just rest up after the hectic two months of shopping, decorating,

baking, card writing, hosting, un-decorating and ----whew I'm tired. As you see by the January calendar we will be having Richard G and his piano bar every Thursday from 5-8, except the third Thursday from 5-7. Also every Friday we host Bingo at Turn Two Bingo hall on 71st and Pecos. If you are interested in helping with Bingo contact Ron Schlieman, games manager, 303-349-5615, and he will give you details. We run from 10-2 and you could call our Bingo workers our Post financiers. We will also have Friday night dinners; time change is from 5:30 to 7:30 and Karaoke at 7. So leave that warm, comfy couch and let us feed and entertain you.

February Events

February 13th is the Auxiliary Valentine Dinner Dance. Don't even think about spending \$\$\$ and standing in long wait lines to wine and dine your Sweetheart. Come and join us in our beautiful dining room for \$12 prime rib, baked potato, salad, and yummy dessert. Our dessert table is always a hit and you may be lucky enough to win a decadent goodie to take home – or share with your table. We will also have other raffle items for you to take a chance on. Last year we had many great items and I'm sure we will have the same again this year. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7, dessert raffle at 7 and other raffle items by 8:30. As soon as the dessert raffle table is cleared from the dance floor we have a talented DJ who will provide us with a variety of music to move to. Everyone is welcome. This is the Auxiliary annual fundraiser and your support helps our veterans.

Again in February we have our breakfasts, Thursday evening Richard G piano bar, Friday bingo, dinners and Karaoke. Friday's, after Ash Wednesday, we will have a non-meat item available.

All members receive \$1 discount on Sunday and Friday meals. Join us!!!!!!!

Visit our Website often for information and go to the calendar and enter your email address and click "subscribe" and every Sunday you will get that week's events sent to you!!!!!!!!!!!!

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POST HOURS

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

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