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**FROM YOUR COMMANDER**

Hello Post Members and Auxiliary

Hoping this finds you and yours well, and in the best of health as we near Christmas and the end of the year. Post 7945 held the annual Christmas party at the post and everyone had a great time.

Again on a sad note, the ceremony for Claude Sprinkle was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 with many members paying their respects. The American Legion honor guard was there for taps and members of Post 7945 folded the flag. I myself had lots of respect and admiration for Comrade Sprinkle as did many others. He will be missed.

The Thanksgiving Day Dinner for Seniors was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> and was a great success as we were joined by 250 Seniors and ROTC members from Adams City High School. A great meal of Turkey and all the trimmings made this a wonderful day. Thank You to all who were able to help serve Dinner as Ron Schlieman and crew did a fine job.

Veterans Day weekend - Good job by everyone who was able to help out and distribute Buddy Poppies.

New Years Eve Party at the Post (Dougie G's) and admission will be \$10.00 per person with a live band and also Doug will be having a "Taco Bar", and Champagne at Midnight. Sounds like lots of fun. Date is New Years Eve December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Membership Meeting Wednesday at 7:00pm and I would like to see you all there. If you can't make it, have a wonderful Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Years.

Dave Garcia

Commander Post 7945

## **FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

Greetings to all,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is ready for the New Year.

I would like to congratulate all of our Patriot Pen writers. We had our pizza party with the announcing of the winners in December. As always the speeches were wonderful. January 7th will be our District 10 banquet and hopefully we will have a winner moving on to Department. Thank you to Leroy Chavez and Sally Adam who do a great job every year chairing this event!

Don't forget our annual Sweetheart Dance on February 11th, sounds like a great time with exciting things in store.

We are half way through the 2016-2017 year and are doing great with our programs. Please feel free to contact me or any of the chairmen with ideas or to report the great things you and your family do for our veterans. Please look at the calendars in the newsletter and mark yours, as we have a lot of exciting events coming up. Let's finish this year out strong.

May God continue to watch over and bless each and every one of us, especially those serving to protect us.

Brigitte M. Dolan, President  
Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7945

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**AMERICANISM**

**Brandi Dolan, Chairman**

Dates we honor our citizens and country for showing their patriotism:

January 28-29 Voice of Democracy banquet in Colorado Springs

February 1 Outstanding Youth Volunteer Entries to Posts and Auxiliaries

February 12 Salute to Hospitalized Veterans

February 15 Smart/Maher Teacher Nominations to Posts

February 20 Presidents Day

Thank you for continuing to fly your flags, show respect for our National Anthem and honor our Veterans and Active Duty for their unwavering support to our nation.

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**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 luncheon.

**TAPS:** Genevieve Pierce

Victoria Lopez

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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 myfwpost7945.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.

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**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

**Lennie Dolan, Treasurer**

If you have not paid your 2016-2017 dues you are no longer considered a member in good standing although you still have until June 30<sup>th</sup> to pay for this year but you missed the chance for the life membership drawing we held at our December meeting. This year we gave away two life memberships and the names drawn were Roberta Renick and Linda Richardson. Congratulations! At the National Convention in Charlotte NC it was voted on to increase the life membership fees 15% and this will take place January 1, 2017. The new applications, with the updated Life Membership fees are available at the Post and will be available on our website, myvfwpost7945.org under Helpful Resources". We are now at over 97% and only need seven more to be over 100%. You can send your \$25 continuous dues or life membership fee to me at 1170 Fulton Street, Aurora CO 80010. If you have any questions about this, please call me at 303-34

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### **Young American Creative Patriotic Art**

The Creative Patriotic Art competition is open to all students in grades 9-12 enrolled in public, private or parochial high school or home study program in Colorado, and a maximum of 18 years of age at the time of entry. The student must also be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. Students are required to submit their art on paper or canvas in water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink or oil (no digital art will be accepted). The art should not be framed; submit canvas entries on stretcher frames. Other entries must be matted on white. Do not use other color mats. In matting, use heavy paper to reinforce back. Mounted and floating mats may also be used. The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" or larger than 18" x 24", not including mat. The typed explanation of the patriotism expressed in the art work is limited to 150 words.

The entry form is online at [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org): click on "Scholarships"; then "Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest"; you will find the entry form and rules. Attach the entry form to the back of the entry. **Complete rules are on the entry form. Please read them carefully.** Judging is based on originality of concept, presentation, and patriotism—how the content relates to patriotism, the clarity of the idea, technique, impact of the work, and its uniqueness. Deadline is March 31, 2017. Judging is done in each state (department) and the first place winners' entries will be sent to the National Convention for final judging. Eight prizes will be awarded with the national first place winner receiving \$10,000.

If you have any questions regarding the competition, please feel free to call me at 303-452-0474.

Sally Adam, Scholarship Chair

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## **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP**

A year ago the National VFW changed us from the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Auxiliary and opened membership to male members of eligible veterans. Since then over 20,000 male members have joined.. We have several male members that have joined our Auxiliary and we would like to see many, many more. All we need is an application, the eligible veterans DD-214 and the \$30 fee. Join us as we serve our active duty and our Veterans.

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## **SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE FEBRUARY 11TH**

This is our fundraiser for the year and will be a great evening. The members are already working on obtaining some great raffle items. At last year's event there were over 70 items for you to choose from. We will, once again, have our famous Dessert Table with many delicious desserts, from pies to cakes, to candy to tempt your tickets. We will be serving a scrumptious Prime Rib dinner with baked potato, salad bar and a fabulous dessert for \$12. Take your Sweetheart to our dance floor and enjoy the music our DJ will provide for you.

If you have any items you would like to donate to our raffle table we would be happy to take them. We would be interested in any small appliances, homemade crafts, gifts that didn't get returned, ect. If you have something you thing could be someone else's treasure, or if you have any questions, call Sherry Nettland at 303-465-3730.

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## **January and February**

We continue to have Bingo every Friday at Turn II Bingo on 71<sup>st</sup> and Pecos. We hold our session at noon and are finished around 2. If you have some free time please consider volunteering to help, or, if you need an afternoon out, come and play.

Friday nights there is Karaoke at the Post from 7-11.

Post/Auxiliary meeting is January 11. We will be serving subs, soup and dessert beginning at 6 for those attending the 7pm meeting. Food will also be served at the Feb. meeting beginning at 6. We will host the District 10 meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served at noon and the meetings will begin at 1. We would like to see a nice representation of our Post/Auxiliary at this meeting.

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## AUXILIARY DIRECTORY

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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

Come and watch the Broncos and check the calendar for events at Dougie G's.