

Joseph J. Jacques Jr. Post 7945

## THE POST OBSERVER

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[www.myvfwpost7945.org](http://www.myvfwpost7945.org)

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Thornton VFW 7945 Joseph J. Jacques Jr.  
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### POST COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members,

Congratulations Shelley Schlieman on your recent election as the Auxiliary State President. I would like to thank the convention committee and the members that helped out during convention week. It was another successful convention for our Post. The place looked great. If you haven't been to the Post lately, the main restrooms remodel has been completed, and the front landscaping has been refreshed. The Post still has some projects going on this summer along with our neighbors just north of us at Larry H Miller. Construction has started and will not be completed until this fall (subject to change, of course.)

The Friday Steak fry started up again in May, and will run through September. As your new Commander I could sure use your help in volunteering in the kitchen. Please give me a call to get on the schedule or see me at July's meeting. Speaking of meetings, we are back to having regular monthly meetings after the convention. Please come to July's meeting to watch me botch things up, being the latest rookie. I look forward to great year at the Post and seeing more of our members this year attend meeting and functions.

Thanks,

Scott Evans, Commander

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## **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

Happy Summer Everyone!!

We start off this new VFW year having just wrapped up the state convention, where we celebrated the accomplishments of the last year and ushered in the new leadership for this year. Our very own Shelley Schlieman was installed as the Dept. of Colorado VFW Auxiliary President. Congratulations to Shelley and best wishes on a successful year. Our post hosted the convention and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to all of those people who worked behind the scenes making it happen. There is a list of those individuals later in this newsletter who worked so tirelessly and whom we couldn't have done it without. If you see any of them, please give them a big thank you for all of their contributions.

As I start my second year as your president, I would like to thank all of my officers and chairmen who did such a great job last year and those who have stepped up to take these positions this year. I appreciate everything that you do. We won many awards at the state convention because of your hard work. Let's keep it going this year! I would also like to thank Dave Garcia, my commander during the last year, and the entire post for all of their support during the last year. I look forward to working with commander Scott Evans during the upcoming year.

I would like to remind everyone that we have steak fry's ongoing every Friday night through September. Please help us to get the word out so that we have good attendance.

Please watch the newsletter as we will soon be filling up the calendar with meetings and other events. We would love to have everyone participate in auxiliary activities. Please do not hesitate to reach out of any officers or chairman if you have ideas on ways we can promote our programs. I look forward to working with each of you to have a great year as we support President Shelley's theme of "Join Hands Support Veterans".

Sincerely, Brandi, President

## **A GREAT BIG THANK YOU !!!!!!!!!!!**

The state convention planning committee would like to thank the following people for the countless hours that they volunteered making sure that our convention ran smoothly. We cannot express our gratitude enough and want you to know that it would not have been possible without you.

For making sure we were all fed very well, including cooking and serving, beautifully decorated as well as setting up, tearing down, cleaning up, etc. for each of our functions –

Mike and Kristi Wood <b>Aux.</b>	Luke Wood <b>Aux</b>
Debbie Semmen <b>Aux</b>	Pam Spoklie <b>Aux</b>
Tiffany DeMers <b>Aux</b>	Paul Kramer <b>Aux</b>
Tonya Dotavio <b>Aux</b>	Cassandra Wheeler <b>Aux</b>
Lisa Kramer <b>Aux</b>	Laurie Aljets <b>Aux</b>
Natalie Kramer <b>Aux</b>	Vicki Ross <b>Aux Friend</b>
Brittany Crouch <b>Aux</b>	Chris Stillman <b>Post</b>
Brooke Best <b>Aux</b>	Chris Rodriguez <b>Post</b>
Mary Karna <b>Aux</b>	Scott Evans <b>Post</b>
Kathy Trickler <b>Aux</b>	George Sandoval <b>Post</b>

For making sure registration ran smoothly from start to finish –

Sally Adam <b>Aux</b>	Ole Hydeen <b>Post</b>	Leroy Chavez <b>Post</b>
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For helping with the multitude of other items that needed to be done –

Lennie Dolan <b>Aux</b>	Bruce Dolan <b>Post</b>
Shelley Schlieman <b>Aux</b>	Ron Schlieman <b>Post</b>
Brigitte Dolan <b>Aux</b>	Russ Trickler <b>Post</b>
Doug Gohr <b>Aux</b>	Bill Nicholson <b>Post</b>

Brandi Dolan **Aux**

Terry Timberlake **Post**

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**CHAPLAINS Bill Nicolson 720-837-3616**

**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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**TAPS: Evelyn Cotton**

**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**

Now is the time you can help our veterans, by paying your continuous member dues for the 2018-2019 year. The annual dues are \$25.00 and if you would like to convert to a life membership go to the website: myvfwpost7945.org for the application form which has the life membership fees or you can call me and I will give them to you. Once again at our December meeting we will have a drawing for two life memberships for the 2019-2020 year for all who have paid their 2018-

2019 dues by the December meeting date. We have 43 continuous members so hope you can get your dues in and convert or be drawn and join our 213 life members.

Also, Life members, your \$6.40 Cancer grant dues are due by December 31, 2018. Please make checks payable to VFW Auxiliary 7945 and send to:

Lennie Dolan, 1170 Fulton St., Aurora, CO 80010.

If you have any questions please call me at 303-341-7488.

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### **STATE CONVENTION**

A great time was had by all. The Thursday Prom was a blast from the past and there were many wonderful prom outfits. The King and Queen were crowned for the evening and they were our incoming Department Commander, Steve Kjonaas and his wife, Jonna. Thanks to our own Doug Gohr for DJing the evening with some oldies and some current music the young members rocked to. Look for pictures posted on the Department of Colorado Auxiliary facebook page and also our Post Facebook page. The Military Banquet was beautifully decorated and the Department gave us a mini USO show with some talented entertainers. A good time was had by all when they joined the newly installed Department Commander, Steve Kjonaas, and Department Auxiliary President, Shelley Schlieman. Huge thanks to Mike and Kristi Wood for their 40 + hours in the kitchen – you can't ever be thanked enough!!!!!!

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### **SUMMER PATIO COOKOUTS**

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 8. 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.

**MINUTES OF THE  
CANCER RELIEF COMMITTEE  
Joseph J. Jacques, Jr. VFW Post 7945 Auxiliary**

A meeting of the Cancer Relief Committee was held on May 9, 2018 at VFW Post 7945. In attendance were President Bandi Dolan, Trustees Sally Adam and Brigitte Dolan, Treasurer Lennie Dolan, and Auxiliary Cancer Chairman Shirley Colvin along with several members of the Auxiliary. The members present at the meeting reviewed the program from the previous year and following are the guidelines for the 2018-19 year.

**CANCER PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

1. Our program is modeled after the National VFW Auxiliary Cancer Grant Program.
2. A member of our Auxiliary diagnosed with cancer will be eligible for a lifetime maximum amount of \$1,000, payable in two \$500 grants, with not less than six months between each grant application. All types of cancer are included.
3. A signed statement from the Auxiliary member's physician is required to be filled in at the time the application is made by the member. Application forms are available at Post 7945 and can also be downloaded from our website at [www.myvfwpost7945.org](http://www.myvfwpost7945.org) under the Auxiliary heading. The completed application should be mailed to the Auxiliary Cancer Chairman, Shirley Colvin, 8381 Delaware Street, Denver, CO 80221.
  - a. Applicant must be a member of the Auxiliary to VFW Post 7945 at least one full year before making application. Applicant must be current in his or her dues before making application.
  - b. If twelve months have passed from the date of the last surgery or cancer treatment, no application will be accepted.
  - c. Applications will not be accepted for deceased members.
  - d. Any grant application "in process" (postmarked) prior to the death of a member will be completed.
4. The Auxiliary shall maintain a separate savings account, preferably an interest-bearing account, for the cancer relief fund.
5. The Cancer Relief Committee shall be comprised of the Auxiliary President, Auxiliary Treasurer, Auxiliary One-Year Trustee, and the Auxiliary Cancer Committee Chairman. The Committee shall call meetings as it deems necessary and will reevaluate the Cancer Relief Program Guidelines each year during the month of May. All interested Auxiliary members are invited to attend the annual meeting.

6. Each Auxiliary member can review the Cancer Relief Program Guidelines as adopted each year by going to Post 7945's website.
7. Life members must pay their cancer premiums of \$6.40 each year in order to make a claim. Our year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. The premiums are to be mailed to Auxiliary Treasurer Arline Dolan, 1170 Fulton Street, Aurora, CO 80010.
8. All applications for grant funds will be kept strictly confidential. Applicants can also apply for National VFW Auxiliary grant funds. Applications for these grants are available at the Post. These Guidelines were presented to the Auxiliary membership for approval at the July meeting.

Remember our website: [www.myvfwpost7945.org](http://www.myvfwpost7945.org) for information, contacts, and forms.

### POST DIRECTORY

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### AUXILIARY DIRECTORY

<b>President</b>	<b>Brandi Dolan</b>	<b>720-495-7733</b>
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### **POST HOURS**

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