

# Joseph J. Jacques Jr. Post 7945

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### FROM YOUR COMMANDER:

Hello Post 7945 Members and Auxiliary,

It seems that the time is flying by as we are already into August. It appears the weather is starting to cool off, as the month of July was steamy and hot.

Latest news from the Post: The State Convention was a big success as we won a few awards and Bruce Dolan was elected to serve on the National Council of Administration for years 2016-2020.

The Convention was held in Security, Colo. Home of post 3917 and its Auxiliary. This was in June from the 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> and was the 96<sup>th</sup> Department Convention.

Old news, the Post cleanup was a success as it rained the first weekend, but Ron Schlieman and his crew were up to the task and got it completed.

The post received a thank you card from Olinger Highland Mortuary and cemetery staff. Post 7945 did a fine job and kudos to Past Commander Leroy Chavez for his fine job.

Also, on behalf of the ECHCS and Denver patients and staff, a letter from them to extend their appreciation to Post 7945 and auxiliary for our donation for Chapel Service Refreshments for Veterans.

The month of August will feature the Membership serving Hamburgers and Steaks on Friday during the hours from 6:00 to 8:30pm. Hope to see you there.

Commander Dave Garcia  
Post 7945

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings to all,

I hope everyone has enjoyed the hot days of summer and ready for the cooler season of fall. We will be serving breakfast again, so come back and join us. I would like to say GREAT JOB to the Auxiliary and all of the awards they received for their outstanding work last year! I would also like to congratulate Past Post Commander Leroy Chavez for receiving All State Commander, the Auxiliary Treasurer, Lennie Dolan for receiving Runner up All State Treasurer and Brandi Dolan for First Place in our category for Americanism for the 2nd year in a row! Great Job for your hard work!

As we head into September, there are several days we can show our Americanism and celebrate our Veterans; Labor Day, Patriots Day, POW/MIA Recognition Day, Air Force birthday, and Gold Star Mother's Day. October we have the Navy birthday and Make a Difference Day. If you and/or your family do something to celebrate these, remember to report it.

We will be having our USO Show again this year and from the little sneak peek I have received; it should be another great show. Mark your calendars for October 8th. More details are in the newsletter.

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**

Hello,

I am happy to be your Americanism Chairman again and am looking forward to collaborating with all of you to make this a great year! Following are just a few of the ways that we can promote Americanism - giving certificates of thanks to businesses and homes that regularly fly their flags; donating flags to replace those who are worn and tattered; presenting to youth groups on things like flag etiquette or the missing man table; nominating a teacher who promotes Americanism in the classroom for the teacher of the year award. The possibilities are endless! Please, don't hesitate to contact me if you notice opportunities in any of the areas I mentioned above or if you have other ideas on how we can promote patriotism.

And, don't forget to report, report, and report! Our members do lots of community service and we need to make sure it gets onto the community service reports. You can report hours spent, miles driven, and if any cash was spent. If you have questions on what can be reported, how to

report, or are unable to attend meetings to turn in your reporting, please contact me and I would be happy to help you. My email address is [pitcherperez@hotmail.com](mailto:pitcherperez@hotmail.com), and my phone number is 303-353-9629. I would love to hear from you with ideas, questions, comments, concerns, etc.

Thank you - Brandi

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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.

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**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.

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**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

**Lennie Dolan, Treasurer**

Auxiliary members, the 2016-2017 Membership year begins July 1<sup>st</sup> so it is again time to send in your continuous dues. We reached our 100% for the 2015-2016 year in March, and I would again like to thank you for helping us achieve that goal. I hope that between now and December 1<sup>st</sup> you all send your \$25 dues in so that your name will be entered into our December drawing. After December 31<sup>st</sup> you are not considered a member in good standing although you still have until June 30<sup>th</sup> to pay for this year and you have no chance for the life membership drawing. This year we will be drawing for TWO life memberships! If you decide to convert your continuous membership to a life membership and your name is drawn we will reimburse you the cost of your life.

At the National Convention in Charlotte NC it was voted on to increase the life membership fees 15%. This will take effect December 31<sup>st</sup> so if you have been considering becoming a life

member this would be the time to take advantage of the still low rates. The life membership fee is based on your age and I've included the schedule for you to look at. You can send your \$25 continuous dues or life membership conversion fee to me at 1170 Fulton Street, Aurora CO 80010. If you have any questions about this, please call me at 303-341-7488. Thanks!

**Present Life Membership Fees (These fees will increase 15% January 1, 2017)**

**Thru Age 20** = \$220, **21-25** = \$210, **26-30** = \$200, **31-35** = \$190, **36-40** = \$185, **41-45** = \$175, **46-50** = \$170, **51-55** = \$160, **56-60** = \$150, **61-65** = \$140, **66-70** = \$130, **71-75** = \$115, **76-80** = \$95, **81-85** = \$75, **85-90** = \$60, **91 over** = \$50

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**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOTS PEN**

This is a brief look at two of the scholarship programs for youth sponsored by the VFW. Each program encourages writing skills in middle school and high school students. Competition is held first at the Post; that winner then competes against the winners of the other Post entries in our District; then the District winners compete to represent the Department of Colorado in the national competition.

Patriot's Pen is an essay-writing contest held each year across the United States for students in any school (public, private, home-schooled, etc.) in grades 6, 7, and 8. The program is designed to foster patriotism. Each contestant submits a 300-400 word, typed essay on the annual theme. . This year's theme is "The America I Believe In." Deadline for submission of the entry form is November 1. The national first place winner receives a \$5,000 savings bond and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Other national winners receive savings bonds from \$1,000 up. The entry form is online at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org): click on "Community", then "Youth & Education"; then "Patriot's Pen"; scroll down to "How to Enter" and click on the link to the entry form and competition rules.

The Voice of Democracy scholarship program is an audio-essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12. Each contestant submits an original, typed essay between 3-5 minutes along with a CD recorded in the student's voice reading his/her essay. The national first place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship that is paid directly to the winner's American university, college, or vocational/technical school. Deadline for submission of the entry form is November 1st. This year the theme is "My Responsibility to America." The entry form is online at

[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org): click on "Community"; then "Youth & Education"; then on "VOD"; scroll down to "How to Enter" and click on the link to its entry form and rules.

Please encourage any student in grades 6-8 (Patriot's Pen) and grades 9-12 (Voice of Democracy) to submit an entry. Two years ago, our District 10 Winner went on to win National and received over \$30,000 in scholarship funds for college.

If you have any questions concerning any of these programs, please feel free to **contact me at 303-452-0474**. Remember entries for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy must be in my possession no later than November 1, 2016.

**Sally Adam, Auxiliary Scholarship Chair  
VFW Post 7945**



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## **POST HAPPENINGS:**

### **SEPTEMBER**

Every Friday in September Bingo is held at Turn II Bingo starting at noon on 71<sup>st</sup> and Pecos.

The post kitchen will be open for steaks and burgers from 6-8pm and Karaoke will begin at 7pm.

Breakfasts will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup> (taking Labor Day off). They will be served from 8:30-11am - \$7 public, \$6 members.

The 14<sup>th</sup> is Home board at 6:00pm and Post/Auxiliary meeting at 7:00pm.

Texas Hold-em is the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

The 16<sup>th</sup> a POW/MIA service will begin at 6:00pm.

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> a planning meeting for October and December will begin at 6:30pm.

## OCTOBER

October 8<sup>th</sup> is the USO Show see flyer for details. Check out the USO page on our website [www.myvfwpost7945.org](http://www.myvfwpost7945.org).

The 12<sup>th</sup> Home board starts at 6pm with the Post Auxiliary Meeting at 7pm.

The 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Texas Hold-em starts at 6:30pm.

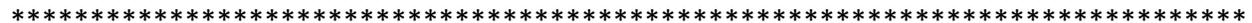
The 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween Potluck, 7-11pm with Karaoke and \$100 prize first place \$50 second for best costumes.

Breakfast served every Sunday from 8:30 to 11am. The Auxiliary will be having its wonderful Mexican breakfast on October 30<sup>th</sup>.



## 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, their families and our Veterans.



## POST DIRECTORY

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3 Yr Home Board	Bruce Dolan	303-421-1630
2 Yr Home Board	Scott Evans	303-457-1999

