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Post Members and Auxiliary

Sept 2017

Good Afternoon Members and Auxiliary as we head into my favorite time of the year, September and October. The weather isn't as hot as it was last year and hopefully it won't be this year.

Also, the eclipse will be coming soon, so be careful on that day. Monday the 21st is the day and around 11:00 to about 12:00am, the Denver area will see a great spectacle. It will only last a few minutes, but be sure to protect your eyes and don't look into it unless you have certified glasses. The traffic around town will be like a holiday according to CDOT. Lots of things can go wrong if you're on the roads during that time. Be Extra Careful Members and Auxiliary.

The USO show is scheduled for October 7th and the THEME for this year's show is "Rolling out the Red Carpet for the USO". As Denise Taylor and cast members all agree, we have talent and as I stated before, if you want to be a part of this you must contact Denise on 970-324-3351.

Our Post 7945 is scheduled for Inspection on Wednesday, September 13th, 2017 and it will follow our Monthly Meeting on the 13th of September. It will include the "Post By-Laws", Trustees Audit Report, Form 990 (IRS), property Insurance etc. and this will be Done by Leroy Chavez, the District 10 Inspector.

As I stated last month, WE, POST 7945, will be hosting the State Convention next year and Leroy Chavez will be needing lots of help from the Membership and Auxiliary to get this going. Committees are being formed and like I said, our help is needed. I know we will step up and put on a great convention.

The RAMADA PLAZA in Northglenn/Denver North is taking reservations, so get on line 303-452-4100 and don't get shut out as rooms will start to fill up.

Don't forget Steak fries and Burgers at "Dougie G's. on Friday Evenings followed by Karaoke.

VFW Post 7945 Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

David Garcia

Commander VFW Post 7945

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Greetings,

My name is Brandi Dolan and I will be serving as your Auxiliary President this year. I am very excited to work with all members, officers, and program chairmen to make this a great year!

This year, Department of Colorado President Caroline Gellat has chosen "One Voice UNITED for Veterans and their Families" as her theme. As we start saying goodbye to those hot days and start enjoying some cooler weather, let's keep these words in mind as we go about our daily lives. Each day brings an opportunity to assist a veteran and/or their families in ways big and small. In September, we can show our patriotism and support on days such as Patriots Day, POW/MIA Recognition Day, the Air Force Birthday and Gold Star Mother's Day. In October, we can celebrate the Navy's birthday.

I would like to give a special congratulations to Elizabeth Sedalnick, mathematics teacher at Mountain Range High School, who we, at Post 7945, sent in as our Smart Maher Teacher of the Year nominee for 2016. We were thrilled when not only did Elizabeth win the state competition, but she placed in the top 10 in nationals!

We would love to again recognize a teacher who teaches citizenship education topics regularly and promotes America's history, traditions and institutions effectively by nominating them for this award. If you know a teacher who fits this criteria, please contact me for entry information. There are three categories – elementary, middle and high school. The deadline to have entries to the post is October 31st.



**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 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.



**NATIONAL PROGRAM CHAIRMEN**

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<b>YOUTH ACTIVITIES</b>		

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.

**Patriot’s Pen and Voice of Democracy**

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

winner of the other Posts in our District; the District winners then 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) 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 "America's Gift to My Generation". The deadline for submission of the entry form is October 31. The national first place winner receives a \$5,000 savings bond and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. A total of 54 national prizes are awarded. 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 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 college scholarship. The deadline for submission of the entry form is October 31. This year the theme is "American History: Our Hope for the Future." 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 the link to its entry form and rules.

The state winners of each competition receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in March 2018.

Please encourage any student in our area in grades 6-8 (Patriot's Pen) and grades 9-12 (Voice of Democracy) to submit an entry; entries can be dropped off at Post 7945 or at my home, 11913 Quam Drive, Northglenn, Colorado.

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 October 31, 2017.

Sally Adam, Auxiliary Scholarship Chair  
VFW Post 7945W

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING at the Post?**

September 7<sup>th</sup> Texas Holdem 6:30

September 8<sup>th</sup> POW/MIA Ceremony 6:30

September 9<sup>th</sup> Danny G's Band 7-11 \$5.00 Cover  
September 13<sup>th</sup> Post and Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM  
September 21<sup>st</sup> Texas Holdem 6:30  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> Dickie Du Zydeco Krewe Band 7-11 \$10  
September every Friday, Patty's Country Dance lessons 6:30-7:30.  
September every Friday kitchen open 6:00-8:00  
October 5<sup>th</sup> Texas Holdem 6:30  
October 7<sup>th</sup> USO Show  
October 11<sup>th</sup> Post and Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM  
October 14<sup>th</sup> Danny G's Band 7-11 \$5 cover  
October 19 Texas Holdem 6:30  
October every Friday Patty's Country Dance Lessons 6:30-7:30  
October every Friday's Kitchen open 6-8

## **USO SHOW 2017**

### **ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET FOR THE USO**

**"Dress to Impress" as you stroll the Red Carpet**

Show 7:00 to 9:00 \$15.00 includes dinner from 5 to 7.

Roast Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Salad, Vegetable, Dinner Roll and Butter, Lots of homemade Desserts.

Two hours of great music and skits from Red Carpet memories presented by our talented cast. Interviews on the carpet, awards, 50/50 and lots of fun. All funds raised will be evenly distributed to our Post and Auxiliary Relief Funds to aid our Veterans.

If you would like to bring a personal hygiene item i.e. toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, lotions, socks, combs, brushes etc. They will be taken to the Denver VA hospital to be distributed to our homeless Veterans.

Post closes at 7:00 pm to all except ticket holders. Thank you for your support of our American Heroes.



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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