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## THE POST OBSERVER

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### POST COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members,

Welcome back to our publication, we have missed all our Post and Auxiliary members, also our readers.

What have we been up to since the Pandemic started? Well, we have tried to schedule all our yearly events since February and, unfortunately, all have been cancelled. All conventions were cancelled, but elections were held over video calls for National, State and District levels. We, at our Post, were able to have our own elections due to the size of our building.

Here is our election result for the top offices on the Post side:

Commander:	Scott Evans
Sr Vice:	Dave Garcia
Jr. Vice:	George Sandoval
Quartermaster:	Ron Schlieman
Adjutant:	Chris Stillman
Chaplain:	Bill Nicholson

Since mid-April, I have been working on cleaning up the property and continue to work on the place daily. I have corrected the sprinkler issue with our back yard and cleaned up the patio area, hauling over a dozen loads of pine needles to the city tree recycle facility. I have had brief help from a community service individual and Ron has been on the attack with his sprayer getting after the weeds. Since the Pandemic, our property has been well protected by the Thornton police department. They have been hanging out in our parking lot. I think they are getting some entertainment from watching me stumble around on my bad days. The place is looking pretty good!

Dougie G's is back open Wednesdays thru Saturdays. Friday nights Doug is still running Karaoke, and Saturday nights he is hosting live bands. We can be open because we have a kitchen license. So, we are not just a bar. Doug cooks pizzas at the bar, and the Post is cooking on Friday and Saturday nights. Unfortunately, we are not able to do our Friday night steak fries. We have adjusted our menu as follows:

Friday nights:	Burger Baskets	Saturday nights:	Burger Baskets
	Brat Baskets		Hot Wing Baskets
	Hotdog Baskets		

So, come up and see us. We need to you to help support us and Dougie G's. Doug has signed another lease with us through October 2021. We are excited to have Doug with us for another year. With Doug on board we will work together on restoring and improving both of our footprints in the community. So again, come up and support your VFW Post. WE WANT TO SEE YOU ALL!

Respectfully  
Scott Evans, Commander

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### **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

Auxiliary members, here it is Fall and we still have the COVID virus with us. However, like our kids and grandkids going back to school, we want to welcome everyone back to the VFW. We held three monthly meetings this summer (since the Convention was cancelled). We are holding our meetings in the dining room, so that we can "social distance". We wear masks when we get too close. We are being as safe as possible and still conduct the business of helping our Veterans.

The new officers were elected and installed in May. They are:

President:	Kathy Trickler (I am honored to serve in this position for another year.)
Sr. Vice President:	Cindy Anderson
Jr. Vice President:	Tina Jacobson
Treasurer:	Lennie Dolan
Chaplain:	Shirley Colvin
Conductress:	Sally Adam
Guard:	Tammy Yott
Trustee #1:	Brandi Dolan
Trustee #2:	Sally Adam
Trustee #3:	Tina Jacobson

Jackie Newlander moved to Florida, and Dee Glon moved to Las Vegas

Sadly, because of the large crowds we usually have, we have decided to cancel the 2020 USO Show, since we cannot have huge crowds in the VFW right now. We are still making plans to hold other events, if in a modified fashion.

Please come to the meetings and share your ideas on how we can continue to serve our Veterans, seniors, and anyone else in need. If you cannot make it to the meeting, share your ideas with me by e-mail, and I will share them at the meetings.

I hope to see you in September and beyond.

Sincerely, Kathy Trickler, Auxiliary President

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**CHAPLAINS      Bill Nicolson 720-837-3616                      Shirley Colvin 303-427-2982**

Please call our Chaplains, Bill (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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**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 for all VFW and Auxiliary members. Contact the Department of Colorado for information and forms.

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## 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 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 June 10, 2020 meeting. Remember our website: [www.myvfwpost7945.org](http://www.myvfwpost7945.org) for information.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Sally Adam, Chairman

### **Patriot's Pen Essay Competition**

**Theme for 2020-2021 is: "What Is Patriotism To Me?"**

Patriot's Pen is an essay-writing contest held each year across the United States for students in any school (public, private, or home-schooled) in grades 6, 7, and 8. The program is designed to foster patriotism. Each contestant writes and submits a 300-400 word, typed essay on the annual theme. Entries should be submitted to the Thornton VFW Post or to me. **Deadline for submission of the entry form is October 31.** Do not identify yourself on your typed essay—the entry form is sufficient. Entries can be dropped off at the Post or at my home (11913 Quam Drive, Northglenn). The national first place winner receives a \$5,000 savings bond and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Prizes are awarded to a total of 54 national winners. The entry form is online at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org): click on "Community," then "Youth & Education"; scroll down to "Patriot's Pen" and click on the link to the entry form and competition rules.

### **Voice of Democracy Essay Competition**

**Theme for 2020-2021 is: "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"**

The Voice of Democracy is an essay-writing contest for students in any school (public, private, or home-schooled) in grades 9 through 12. The program is designed to foster patriotism. Each contestant records a 3-5 minute essay on an audio CD or flash drive (we no longer will accept a cassette tape). Label the recording and submit it along with a neatly typed copy of your essay and attach it to the entry form. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way; however, please label the typed copy of the essay and the recording with your name. **Deadline for submission of the entry form is October 31.** Entries can be submitted to me at my home (11913 Quam Drive, Northglenn) or deliver them to our Post. The national first place winner receives \$30,000 in scholarship funds. The entry form is online at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org): click on "Community," then "Youth & Education"; then "Youth Scholarships"; then "Voice of Democracy"; scroll down and click on the link to the entry form and competition rules.

### **Continuing Education Scholarship**

The VFW Auxiliary is pleased to present the Continuing Education Scholarship to assist members and their immediate family members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or career direction at a vocational/technical school.

### **Who is Eligible to Apply?**

Applicant must be 18 years of age or older and one of the following:

- Current VFW Auxiliary Member\*
- Spouse of current VFW Auxiliary Member\*
- Son of current VFW Auxiliary Member\*
- Daughter of current VFW Auxiliary Member\*

\*Qualifying member must have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for one (1) year by the application submission deadline.

### **What is the Scholarship Amount?**

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded each year, one in each of the four VFW Auxiliary Conferences. Each applicant must: Answer all questions on the application and write a brief essay (no more than 300 words) describing their commitment to their goals and how this scholarship will help them attain these goals.

### **What are the Scholarship Deadlines?**

July 1: Application process begins.

February 15: All applications must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.

May 1: Scholarship recipients are notified.

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## **AMERICANISM**

## **BRANDI DOLAN, CHAIRMAN**

Happy Fall everyone! I do not know about you, but I am excited for the weather to cool down and of course anything and everything pumpkin related (yep, I am that person). One major part of the Americanism program is promoting and celebrating patriotic holidays. These upcoming months give us several opportunities to do just that. A few examples for September and October are Patriot Day on 9/11; Constitution and Citizenship Day 9/17; POW/MIA recognition day on 9/18; Gold Star Mothers/Families Day on 9/27, Navy birthday on 10/13 and National Day of the Deployed on 10/16. We will again sponsor the Missing Man Table ceremony to recognize POW/MIA Day on September 18<sup>th</sup>, so please make plans to come to the post for that and maybe stay for dinner while you are here. Please attend or sponsor ceremonies on these days and be creative in recognizing these days to the public. Even getting the word out by posting something on social media helps. And please remember to report this. You can contact me or any of the officers and let us know what you did so we get credit for it at

the end of the year. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions. My email is [purpleseals@comcast.net](mailto:purpleseals@comcast.net).

Brandi Dolan

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**LEGISLATURE**

**BRIGITTE DOLAN, CHAIRMAN**

It is Legislative time again! As we all know this is an especially important election year regardless of the side you are on. We must make sure with everything going on we are knowledgeable when casting our votes. So, watch what the candidates are doing, listen to what they are saying and research where they stand with veteran issues. We need to keep our veterans in the forefront and not allow them to be

forgotten. Remember to report, report, report. Happy Legislating!

Brigitte Dolan  
Legislative Chairman.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

**LENNIE DOLAN, CHAIRMAN**

Hello, all Auxiliary members, it is that time of the year again, time to pay your annual dues. Our membership year runs July 1 thru June 30 of each year and we are looking forward to hearing from you soon. I have sent your dues notices out, with a pre-stamped return envelope. We have an incentive for you to return those dues as soon as possible. All annual members who have their dues to me by November 30<sup>th</sup> will have your name entered into our December 31<sup>st</sup> drawing and two of you will have your life membership awarded to you. Last December Michael Lassman and Brittany Filter's names were drawn and this year you could be that lucky person.

We value your continued membership with our Auxiliary and we thank you for honoring your Veteran who gave you your eligibility. You can reach me, at any time, with questions you may have. My address is 1170 Fulton Street, Aurora, CO 80010, 303-341-7488, [arlinedolan@comcast.net](mailto:arlinedolan@comcast.net). If you are a Life Member, you can send your cancer dues to me at the above address. Please, also check out our website at [www.myvfwpost7945.org](http://www.myvfwpost7945.org).

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## PANDEMIC AND COVID 19

It has been a few months since we have had a newsletter out for you, our members. We have been in a state of flux since March when the Corona Virus became a term we all quickly learned. By order of the Department VFW, Posts were asked to close their doors until April 15<sup>th</sup> and the State started placing restrictions on businesses. With the shutdown we did not have any events or news to share with you in May and June and not knowing what the guidelines would be for July and August we stayed mute. Now that we have received some relief, we are putting out our September and October newsletter and, as you will see, things are still not back to normal.

The Post is now closed on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and open Wednesday through Saturday. We have opened the kitchen for Friday burger/brat/dog baskets (6-8) and Saturday for burger and hot wing baskets. Dougie G's is also having his Saturday bands back. We are lucky that we have a large Post and great outdoor patio area so we can adhere to health guidelines and social distance. There are also temperature checks at the door, and we ask patrons to wear masks. We provide hand sanitizers on the tables and are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe. We will be doing our POW/MIA ceremony Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please join us to honor those missing or killed in action.

Because there is still a ban on large gatherings, we have **CANCELLED OUR USO SHOW**, annually held the first Saturday of October. Because this show involves a large cast of players and weeks of rehearsal, the decision on this had to be made sooner rather than later. Everyone involved in this great yearly event is sad but not knowing what the scenario will be, we are playing things month by month. We have only provided a calendar for September and will see where we are for October. We are having our monthly Post and Auxiliary meetings and, although different, it is still so good to see everyone. Please join us the second Wed. of each month. Stay safe and we will weather this together!



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**POST HOURS**

Closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

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