

Joseph J. Jacques Jr. Post 7945

THE POST OBSERVER

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POST COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members,

Well another year has absolutely flown by us again. I hope all you of had the Merriest of Christmas's, and a safe fun New Year.

I want to thank the volunteers that contributed to a successful Senior Thanksgiving meal that was put on at the post in November. We had a good turnout of folks, all the way to the end. The prep and meal went off without any issues, even with the majority of our pros missing (due to COA.)

The Post also assisted American Legion Post 322 from DIA on cooking Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for the USO lounge at DIA. Both meals served to transiting service member during the holiday season. We deep fat fried a total of 47 birds between both meals and whipped all the fixings to.

Dougie G's is hosting a New Year's Eve party this year, be sure to attend.

The Sweetheart Ball will be coming up in February mark it on your calendar, like always it will a fun time. So, find yourself a date get dressed up and head over for a great meal and dancing.

Our next meeting will be on January 9th at 7pm and the home board meeting the Saturday before the meeting January 5th at 10am.

Thanks,

Scot Evans, Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Greetings,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and is now relaxed and ready to take on 2019.

We have a lot of events at the post throughout the year that are only possible with people volunteering to help. November saw us putting on our annual Veteran's Day dinner that allows us to feed our veterans for free and the annual Seniors Thanksgiving dinner which I know is enjoyed and appreciated by many. In December, we were able to award the hard work of our Patriots Pen, VOD, and teacher of the year winners. Congratulations to all the winners as well as Sally Adam, Leroy Chavez and Brigitte Dolan for their hard work on these programs.

January can typically be a quieter month as things settle down after the holidays, so let's use this time to work on reinvigorating our program activities for the new year. The end of our reporting year is March 31st, so now is the time to really push our service and program activities. As always, don't forget to report those activities. Our reporting chairman, Brigitte Dolan, is always available to help with any questions you may have.

February brings, of course, Valentine's Day and our annual Sweetheart Dance. It will be held this year on **February 9**. This is the Auxiliary's main fundraiser for the year and a good time is always had by all. Help is always needed, from donations of desserts and raffle items to hands on help at the event, so please plan on attending if you can. If you would like to donate items please feel free to contact me.

I wish all of you the very best in the new year. I hope you will consider getting more involved this year by attending meetings, volunteering at any of our multiple activities, or putting your talents to use helping our program chairman

make our programs the best they can be. I welcome your comments, questions, or concerns at any time.

Sincerely,

Brandi Dolan

AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

BRIGITTE DOLAN bmdolan@live.com

Happy Holidays!! I hope everyone had great eats, family time and warm memories. I would like to say how excited I am to announce that we had three Smart Maher Teacher of the Year nominations!! We had from our elementary level, Coleen Larson from Frassati Catholic Academy! From middle school level, Michelle Yurchak from Bell Creek Charter School and the high school level, Dave Good from Holy Family High School. They are all AMAZING teachers doing amazing things with our youth! Also, I am excited to announce both Michelle Yurchak and Dave Good moved on to the District level! Fingers crossed they move on to the Department. CONGRATULATIONS to all of them! We only have a few short months to report so please send the fabulous things you do to promote Americanism. Have a great Americanism Day!! Thank you for all that you do!

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SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Our Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Pizza Party was held on December 12. We awarded prizes to 9 winners for Patriot's Pen and 2 winners for Voice of Democracy. Because our Post received 125 entries for Patriot's Pen, we were allowed to forward 8 entries to the District competition. I am pleased to say that 3 of our entries placed in that level. As always, the students enjoyed the pizza and

of course the money prizes. We look forward to another great group of entries in October 2019. If you have a grandchild, child, or child of a friend in our general area, please tell them about our essay competitions—Patriot’s Pen for 6, 7, and 8th graders; Voice of Democracy is for high school students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. The theme for the coming year will be announced around March 1. You may contact me or go to the www.vfw.org website. Thanks to all of our members for their support for this program.

Sally Adam, Leroy Chavez
Post/Auxiliary Chairmen

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Young American Creative Patriotic Art

Each year, more than 3,500 high school students from across the country participate in the VFW Auxiliary’s Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The contest began in 1979 to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Any student in grades 9-12 enrolled in public, private or parochial high school or home study program; maximum student age of 18 at time of local entry. The student must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. The student does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate, but the student must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring VFW Auxiliary.

What is the Scholarship Amount?

The first place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$29,500.

What are the Scholarship Submission Requirements?

Two Dimensional art must be on canvas or paper. Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker, or other media taught may be used. Do not frame two-dimensional pieces.

Submit canvas entries on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Other entries must be matted in white. Do not use color mats. Reinforce the back with heavy paper. Mounted and floating mats may also be used. The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18: x 24", not including mat.

Three Dimensional art can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, clay, metal work, fabric, etc. Pieces should be no smaller than 8: in any direction and no larger than 24" in any direction. Art cannot be more than 5 lbs. in weight. Digital art, photography, and jewelry are not accepted.

Complete the entry form and attach it to the back of your entry (for entry form: go to www.vfwauxiliary.org; click on "Scholarships"; scroll down to entry and download it. Submit a typed explanation of patriotism expressed in your art (150 words or less).

What are the Scholarship Contest Deadlines?

The deadline is March 31, 2019; the entry must be delivered to our Post, 10217Quivas Street, Thornton, Colorado. Please call me at the number listed below to let me know you have an entry.

If you have any questions concerning this program, please feel free to contact me. The national first place winner receives \$10,000.

Sally Adam, Scholarship Chairman

Home Phone: 303-452-0474

Thornton VFW Post 7945,
10217 Quivas Street, Thornton, Colorado
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

VFW DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO HEADQUARTERS

PH: 303-421-1630

1400 CARR STREET, LAKEWOOD, CO 80214

HOURS: 7:30-4

vfw@vfwco.org

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PH: 303-914-5595

155 VAN GORDON STREET, ROOM 360, LAKEWOOD, CO 80228

MAILING ADDRESS: VFW SERVICE OFFICE, PO BOX 25126, DENVER CO 80225

HOURS: 7:00 TO 3:30 CLOSED AT LUNCH

Thank you to all who offer your time and talents to our Post and Auxiliary. Thank you to those who attended our Veterans Day dinner and distributed poppies. Thank you to all who supported our annual senior day Thanksgiving dinner and a big shout out to the Adams City High School Jr. ROTC who come to help escort, serve and clean up.

2018 Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest, First Place

\$10,000 Scholarship, Kayla Juds, 12th Grade, "Life and Memories of a Patriot" |

Medium: Oil Paint

Sponsored by VFW Auxiliary 10519 | Greendale, Wisconsin

First Place



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.

TAPS:

Leo Slade

Carl Livingood

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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. 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

TREASURER LENNIE DOLAN

If you didn't get your annual dues sent in by our December 12th meeting you were not in the drawing for a life membership. For those who did get them sent in we congratulate Katelyn Reed and Corey Shoeboot for becoming our newest life members. Also, if you haven't sent in your dues by December 31st you are no longer considered a member in good standing, which means you can't attend

meetings to vote, hold an office, or apply for our Cancer Grant. Please send your \$25 in so that you can get back in good standing. Also, Life members, your \$6.40 Cancer grant dues were 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.

Post and Auxiliary Meeting January 9th at 7:00

Our monthly meeting will be January 9 and would look forward to seeing you.

District 10 Meeting

The District 10 meeting will be held at our Post. We will be serving a Baked Potato Bar at 12:00 and meetings will follow. Please show your pride in our 7945 Post and Auxiliary by attending and greeting the other Posts and Auxiliaries in District 10.

FEBRUARY 9, 2019

Sweetheart Dinner/Dance Auxiliary Fundraiser

It is that time of the year again!! Our annual Auxiliary Fundraiser, our Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner/Dance is almost here, so save the date. We will be serving a scrumptious prime rib dinner with baked potato, salad and dessert for \$20. Our famous dessert raffle table and other raffles will tempt your dollars and Young at Heart will be playing some of your favorite music. Please – don't take your sweetheart to a restaurant with a 45 minute wait, a \$100 dinner tab and a \$20-40 movie – come join us! Then you can afford that box of candy or those roses!!!

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POST HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 12:00-8:00

Friday and Sat. 11:00-2:00am

Sunday Closed