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POST COMMANDER

Post Members and Auxiliary

Jan- Feb. 2018

Good Afternoon Members and Auxiliary as we start 2018 and hoping you all had a safe and Happy New Year.

The Sweetheart Dance is on February 10th at Post 7945. Dinner will be prime rib with a live band. Dinner starts at 5:30-7:30, so bring your favorite Sweetheart as it should be a great night for Dining and dancing at Dougie G's.

Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pin Competition was held and Post 7945 did a fine job and Sally Adams and Leroy chaired this event. Lily Alderfer placed 5th in Patriots Pin from Post 7945 and the scoring was very close. Congrats Lily!

Post 7945, the host for the upcoming 2018 Convention, held its 3rd meeting Saturday the 3rd of February at 10:00am at the Post and Leroy Chavez is heading this up. Contact Leroy as help is needed. The Convention will be June 13th-17th and the Ramada Plaza Inn is taking reservations and deadline is May 28th, so book your room soon.

VFW Public Servant Award nominations are encouraged by all Posts so submit your Nomination Letter for (Law enforcement, firefighters or Emergency Medical) for your area. They will be honored at the State Convention.

Membership year for 2017-2018 have until June 30th to become 100% + 1 to be eligible for all state. All officers are encouraged to get new, continuous, and reinstates for their posts.

Don't forget the Monthly Meeting, which will be held February 13th (Tuesday, not Wednesday at 7:00pm). Hope to see you all there

David Garcia Commander VFW Post 7945

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Greetings!

Happy (almost) Spring! March means that we are nearing the end of our reporting year. We've done well, let's continue reporting and finish strong. There is also time if you want to plan additional programs, events, etc. for any of the chairs.

A big congratulations to our post Patriots Pen winner, Lily Alderfer, who placed 1st at the District 10 level and 5th at the state level. Also a big thank you to Sally Adam and Leroy Chavez who do a great job with the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy competitions every year.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with making the annual Sweetheart Dance a success and to all those who enjoyed a wonderful evening. This is the auxiliary's annual fundraiser and we appreciate everyone's continued support.

Please join us on March 10th and April 7th for the next convention planning meetings. Hosting the convention is a big job and we rely on volunteers to make it all come together. Among other things, we need donations to help fill the ditty bag that each attendee receives with their registration. If you would like to donate items or funds so that we can purchase items, please contact me at 720-495-773 or brandi.dolan@ucdenver.edu.

Brandi Dolan, President

CHAPLAINS Phil Garcia 303-655-9115 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.

TAPS:

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District 10 Memorial Service and meeting will be March 11th at Post 9644. Memorial service at 11, lunch following and meeting at 1:00.

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.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Lennie Dolan, Treasurer

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If you have not paid your 2017-2018 dues as of December 31, you are no longer a member in good standing. If your dues have not been received by National by June 30st, you are no longer a member and must reapply, with proof of eligibility (DD-214) and application to start your membership again. You will be starting at year one and must wait one full year to be able to apply for both our Auxiliary and the National cancer grants. These cancer grants are a great benefit of your membership and we would hate to see any of you lose them. 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. 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.

Nominations for Post Officers will be held at the March meeting and nominations and elections of Post Officers will be held at the April meeting. Please consider running for an office or volunteering to hold a chairmanship.

Nominations and elections for the Auxiliary Officers will be held at the April meeting. Please consider running for an office or volunteering to hold a chairmanship.

NATIONAL PROGRAM CHAIRMEN

AMERICANISM	Brandi Dolan	720-495-7773
VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT	Shelley Schlieman	303-550-7689
HOSPITAL	Kathy Trickler	303-450-9280
LEGISLATIVE	Brigitte Dolan	720-394-5474
SCHOLARSHIPS	Sally Adam	303-452-0474
MEMBERSHIP	Lennie Dolan	303-341-7488
CANCER GRANTS	Shirley Colvin	303-427-2982
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	Kayla Reed	

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.

February Valentines Sweetheart Dinner/Dance Update

February 10th Weather forecast: High of 29, one to three inches of snow!

The weatherman didn't miss the mark as we hoped, but still they came!!!! Thank you to everyone who braved the cold and snow to support our annual Auxiliary Fundraiser. It was a really fun night and everyone enjoyed the prime rib dinner, the dessert raffle table, and the many raffle items available. Young at Heart played everyone's favorite songs and the dance floor was full. The "Name that Song" was a hit and the "Jelly Bean" jar had people trying to count and estimate. A huge thank you to the Post members, Ron Schlieman, Bill Bingham, Scott Evens, and Auxiliary members Mike and Tyler Wood for manning the kitchen, Debbie Semmen, Shelley Schlieman, Kathy and Russ Trickler for decorating. Thank you to everyone who baked wonderful, delicious desserts for the dessert raffle

table. Mouths were watering as people wandered the table picking out their favorites to place a chance on. Thanks to Kristi Wood and Debbie Semmen for selling raffle tickets and Debbie, Kristi, Brittany Crouch and Tonya Dottavio for calling the numbers and delivering the items so quickly. Sherri Nettland and Skip brought and sold 40 balloons and got raffle bags ready. A special thanks to Kathy and Russ Trickler who beat the roads and brought in many gift cards, Kristi Wood for the four money jars, Debbie Semmen, Shelley Schlieman, Sherri Nettland, Brandi Dolan, Jan and Terry Timbelake, Dougie G's for items. This evening is about having a great dinner and dancing with your Sweetheart and making new friends. It is a chance for our members and community to support our Auxiliary and the work they do to help with the National programs; Hospital, Americanism, Scholarships, Legislative, Youth, Veterans and Family Support, National Home for Children. Despite the weather, once again we had people come who believe in our cause. Thanks to all of you, the Auxiliary was able to raise \$2100 for what we do, because we are "One Voice United for Veterans".

MARCH EVENTS:

3rd Homeboard 9, Convention Meeting 10, Danny G's Band 7-11 \$5
8th Texas Holdem 6:30
14th Post/Aux. Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
17th St. Pat's Dinner 5:30-7 \$10.00, Young at Heart Band 7-11 \$5.00
22nd Texas Holdem 6:30
24th Danny G's Band 7-11, \$5
31st Whiskey Road Band 7-11, \$8

APRIL EVENTS:

7th Homeboard 9, Convention Meeting 10, Dikki Du Band 7-11 \$8
11th Post/ Aux. Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
12th Texas Holdem 6:30
14th Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-7 \$8, Danny G's Band 7-11 \$5
21st DJ and Young at Heart Band, 7-11, \$5
26th Texas Holdem 6:30
28th Post and Yard Cleanup 10:00

POST DIRECTORY

Commander	David Garcia	Cell 303-808-4194	303-979-0977
Sr. Vice Commander	Bruce Dolan		303-421-1630
Jr. Vice Commander	George Sandoval		303-948-4920
Quartermaster	Scott Evans		303-457-1999
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Judge Advocate			
Adjutant	Chris Stillman		720-209-1502
3 Yr Trustee	Chris Stillman		720-209-1502
2 Yr Trustee	Leroy Chavez		720-724-6773
1 Yr Trustee	Darwin (Ole) Hydeen		303-451-1296
Service Officer	Scott Evans		303-457-1999
5 Yr. Home Board			
4 Yr Home Board	Bill Bingham		303-880-8620
3 Yr Home Board	Terry Timberlake		303-920-1853
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1 Yr Home Board	Ron Schlieman		
	303-349-5615		

AUXILIARY DIRECTORY

President	Brandi Dolan		720-495-7733
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Chaplin	Shirley Colvin		303- 427-2982
Conductress	Jo Zerr		303-288-5404
Guard	Cassandra Reed		303-815-6749
3 Yr Trustee	Brigitte Dolan		720-394-5474
2 Yr Trustee	Sally Adams		303-452-0474
1 Yr Trustee	Maggie Munoz		303 -915-8304
Patriotic Instructor	Debbie Semmen		303-918-4538
Web Master	Kristi Wood	kmltwood10@msn.com	720-201-4062

POST HOURS

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