

VFW Post 4031 Auxiliary Newsletter 8/18/21

Reminder: If you would like to help cut back on costs & would rather have the newsletter emailed to you, please email me @ suealsum@hotmail.com or call Sue @ (970)426-9522. We try to have monthly newsletters; however other informational VFW Post 4031 Post & Auxiliary items may be emailed throughout the month.

Breakdown of information discussed during the VFW Post 4031 Auxiliary Meeting held August 12, 2021:

*Reminder of CHANGE OF MEETING DAY & TIME. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of every month @ 5:30pm @ our Post. Mark your calendars!

*Community Service reports need to be turned in preferably monthly. Please bring them to Dolly @ our monthly meetings or drop them off @ the Post to be put in the Auxiliary mailbox.

*Reminder: According to the bylaws, raising money for our Auxiliary must be brought to our meetings for a vote prior to the fundraiser being held. A vote was held and passed that a monthly or quarterly dinner be held @ the Post to raise funds for the Auxiliary.

*Our Auxiliary, as well as the Post need help & volunteers! Many committees need members! The Hospitality crew needs volunteers (contact Dave Latham,) many Auxiliary committees need members (contact Chris Shry,) & the Honor Guard needs volunteers (contact John Baird.) It takes many members & volunteers to help our Post & Auxiliary be successful!

*We will be having a Fishing Derby for children aged 5-12 on Saturday August 28th from 10:30-1:30 @ the pond located behind the fish hatchery. We need help ranging from cutting down the willows prior to the Derby to helping the children fish or preparing the lunch! If interested in volunteering please contact John Malarsie.

*The Auxiliary had 110 members for 2021. So far for 2022 we have 70 members. If you are an annual member & want to remain a member, please go online on Malta to pay, send a check to the Post or come to a meeting. Thank you for your continued support.

Calendar of Events:

Month of August

August 24th Billy Bowker's birthday

August 24th Sharon Wimer Norton's birthday

August 25th Melanie Moran's birthday

August 28th 10:00am – 2:00pm Fishing Derby for the children @ the pond behind the Fish Hatchery

August 28th Chris Shry's birthday

August 29th Marine Corps Reserve Birthday

August 29th Mike Mitchell's birthday

August 30th Gordon McInnis birthday

August 30th Patricia Quink's birthday

Month of September

Month of September National Suicide Prevention Month

Month of September National Service Dog Month

September 1st District Meeting

September 3rd Veterans Motorcycle Poker Run ending @ our Post

September 5th 9:00am – 11:00am Veteran's Benefit Breakfast @ the Post

September 6th Labor Day

September 6th Shirley McInnis birthday

September 8th 6:00pm Post Meeting @ the Post

September 9th – 12th Wall That Heals at San Juan College in Farmington, NM

September 9th 5:30pm Auxiliary Meeting @ the Post

September 11th District Meeting

September 11th Patriot Day

September 12th National Grandparents Day

September 14th Kathy Wiggin's birthday
September 15th 8:00am – 3:00pm Montezuma County Stand Down @ 107 North Chestnut in Cortez, CO
September 17th Constitution/Citizenship Day
September 17th National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 17th Lauri Goodwin's birthday
September 18th Air Force Birthday
September 19th 9:00am – 11:00am Veteran's Benefit Breakfast @ the Post
September 22nd Karen Binger's birthday
September 26th Gold Star Mother's Day
September 26th Jean Gaiovnik's birthday
September 29th National VFW Day
September 29th Bruce Heller's birthday

DID YOU KNOW:

How to get on the VFW Auxiliary Webpage/Malta: www.vfwauxiliary.org

Go to www.vfwauxiliary.org

Before you go to Malta, there are tabs with the following information:

Join Up
About Us
What We Do
Events
Scholarships
Blog
Media
Contact Us

You can click on all of these tabs and read about each topic.

After you read about the topics above, click on "Malta Member Login"

Here you can click on "Malta Activation" to create your login information using your name, Member ID #, zip code and create a password. If you have already created your Malta account you will go to "Malta Login" and login using your Member ID # and the password you created.

Once in Malta you can click on "Profile" where you can go to "My Profile" and view and/or update your "Contact" information, "Membership" information, "Eligibility" information, "Add Your Spouse," "Skills & Interests" information as well as showing your "Officer History." Also, under "Profile" you can go to "Payments & Receipts" & change your password.

You can also view or print your membership card & convert to a Lifetime Member while logged in to Malta.

How to get on to the VFW Post 4031 webpage: www.VFW4031.org

I would like to start by thanking Post member Jeff Punches for all the hours & work he has done to make our Post webpage an incredible & informational site for our members & the community.

Go to www.VFW4031.org

This will bring you to the main page where you can read about the branches of the military & will guide you to other pages within the website. At the bottom of the main page there is a link to our calendar called

“Upcoming Events.” Make sure once you get to the calendar you chose what information you would like to see. You can choose all events, our Post events, District events, Department events or National events.

At the top of the main page you will find tabs & drop bars for other pages to our website.

The first topic is “About”

Within this topic you can learn about:

Auxiliary – information about the Auxiliary, who can & how to join the Auxiliary & an application and how to donate.

About Us – this page is information & facts about the VFW & how to join the Post.

Post History – this page is more information about the VFW & how to donate.

Mission – this page includes the National Mission Statement & the VFW Post 4031 Mission Statement.

Officers – this page is information on our Post officers as well as our Auxiliary officers. Hopefully soon we will have a picture & Bio on each officer.

Hall Rental – this page contains information on how to rent the halls as well as photos.

Blue & Gold Star Mothers – this page contains information on both Blue Star and Gold Star mothers & how to get to their websites.

Announcements – this page contains announcements within our Post.

Post Canteen – this page contains information about our Canteen (bar) such as hours of operation.

FAQs – this page contains common questions & answers

Gallery – this page contains photos. You can view the photos within an album by clicking on the arrows on the sides or down on the bottom click on the arrow to “play slideshow.”

Membership – this page contains information on who is eligible to join both the Post & the Auxiliary as well as how to join.

Our Local Veteran Allies - this page contains information on the American Legion, the Elks Lodge & the Disabled Veterans of America (DAV)

The next topic from the main page is “Programs”

Within this topic you can learn about:

Programs

Honor Guard – information about the Honor Guard.

Veteran Outreach – this page includes Veteran programs & the Crisis Line.

Veterans Service Officers – this page contains information on the Veterans Service Office.

Community Service

Americanism – this page includes information on the Americanism Program & patriotic ways to support Veterans.

M.O.C. (Military Order of the Cootie)

POW/MIA – this page includes information about POW/MIA, the POW/MIA Awareness brochure, VFW’s POW/MIA goals, the VFW’s stance on POW/MIA issues & information & a description about the POW/MIA Missing Man Table.

Taps – this page honors our Veterans and Auxiliary members who have gone on before us. There are photos & information on our fallen comrades. You can also submit a request for TAPS.

Safety – this page contains information on the Safety & Recognition program.

Buddy Poppy – this page contains information about the Buddy Poppy program as well as photos.

Veterans Memorial – this page contains information on & photos of our Veterans Memorial located @ Greenmount Cemetery & how to purchase a paver.

Veterans Benefit Breakfast – this page contains information on & photos of our Veterans Benefit Breakfast.

The next topic from the main page is “Resources”

Within this topic you can learn about:

Resources

Members Only – This page is where a member can login & see & update their profile, read meeting minutes & read about our Post committees & when their meetings are held. To login you will need to enter your Member ID # and your password to login is your last name. You can change your password once you are originally logged in.

Update Details – this page contains away to update your details.

Talking Points – media talking points about the VFW’s mission & priorities.

Veterans Relief

Veterans Benefits & Assistance

Veteran Discounts – this page contains information on local & national discounts.

The next topic from the main page is “News”

Within this topic you can learn about:

Podcast - The VFW began its next journey of communicating with veterans, service members & military families through the VFW Podcast. The VFW Podcast will be available the first Wednesday of each month.

News – This page includes our local news as well as National news.

Calendar – This page includes the calendar. Make sure once you get to the calendar you chose what information you would like to see. You can choose all events, our Post events, District events, Department events or National events all color coordinated depending on type of event.

Thank You Sponsors & Donors – this page includes our sponsors who help make our Post & our webpage a success! Please frequent these businesses and say thank you!

Hall Rental Calendar – have you ever wondered what we do in our halls? This is the page to see!

The next topic from the main page is “Contact”

Within this topic you can learn about:

Post Information, Post Officers Information Auxiliary Officers Information, Canteen Information or send an email to the Post

In the next newsletter I will give you instructions on how to go to the VFW Post 4031 Facebook page as well as the VFW National Auxiliary Facebook page.

Next Meeting: Our next Auxiliary meeting will be THURSDAY September 9 @ 5:30pm. We encourage attendance & participation @ these meetings. It is also a wonderful opportunity to participate in decisions, learn about the Auxiliary as well as the Post & to visit with friends! The meetings are the 2nd Thursday of every month @ 5:30pm & held @ the VFW Post 4031.