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Fred Scheck
State Commander

Greetings Comrades.

Happy New Year to all. I hope the holidays weren't too stressful. With the new year it's "new year, new me time". Nope, not with me, I will still be the loveable big old teddy bear you all have come to enjoy. LOL.

Let us not forget the Past State Commanders that have passed away.

- Robert Clements 8661 PSC 2004-2005 Passed away 06/11/2025
- Kenny Vegoren 3917 PSC 2002-2003 Passed away 10/24/2025
- James Laffererty 3411 PSC 2014-2015 Passed away 11/11/2025
- Ronald Lattin 5061 PSC 2003-2004 Passed away 12/18/2025

While we should always remember, let us not forget the families that have left, they still need our comradeship! We should also remember the post members that have passed away and let us connect with those families also

I was told today that I am on the downhill slide for this year, I responded that no I am not, I am on an up climb. As we all know, membership is the life blood of this organization. District Commanders, I challenged you to make All American District Commander. Looking at the membership, this is attainable. Post Commanders call your expired members and ask them to renew. There are only two answers they can give you, yes or no. Make that call, please

I look forward to seeing you all in March at the Council of Administration. Show up you never know, you might just learn something.

Thank you for all you do for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America.

Sincerely Yours,

Fred Scheck
State Commander

In Memoriam

- PSC Robert Clements (2004-2005) - Nov 1941 - June 2025
- PSC Kenny Vegoren (2002-2003) - July 1942 - October 2025
- PSC James Lafferty (2014-2015) - May 1940 - November 2025
- PSC Ronald Lattin (2003-2005) - February 1943 - December 2025

You Will Be Missed ~ Rest In Peace

**Please send all Deceased VFW & Auxiliary Members to vfw@vfwco.org
They will be saved for the Joint Memorial State Convention Book. Our Deadline is May 20, 2026**



Todd Van Sant
State Sr. Vice
Commander

As we move through the late winter and early spring months, this quarter focuses on **engagement, learning, and recognizing service** across the Department of Colorado. February traditionally marks a time to refocus on membership, programs, and preparing our Posts and Auxiliaries for the busy months ahead. That momentum carries directly into March, April, and early summer as we continue strengthening our organization statewide.

An immediate opportunity is the upcoming **Council of Administration (COA)** meeting, hosted by **Post 3917, Security, Colorado Post on March 28–29**. COA meetings are an excellent chance for Post and District leaders to learn, ask questions, and better understand Department operations, compliance, and best practices. Whether you are a seasoned officer or newly elected, this is a valuable opportunity to build knowledge and confidence in your role.

Recognition of volunteer service is also a priority this quarter. The **Salute to Service** award nomination deadline is **March 15**. This award recognizes outstanding volunteers, and both the Post Commander and Auxiliary President may submit a nomination. Nominees may come from either the Post or the Auxiliary. If you have someone who consistently goes above and beyond, now is the time to ensure their service is recognized at the Department level.

Between February and May, we also observe several important veteran-related dates, including **Presidents' Day, National Vietnam War Veterans Day (March 29), Gold Star Spouses Day (April 5), and Memorial Day**. These observances provide meaningful opportunities for Posts to engage their communities, honor service and sacrifice, and visibly demonstrate the VFW mission through ceremonies, outreach, and community events.

Membership engagement remains critical during this time of year. Recruiting a new member is only the first step; retaining them requires intentional follow-up. Simple actions make a difference: personally call a new member, assign a mentor, invite them to a meeting or dinner, and explain how they can get involved at the Post or District level. Too often, members drift away simply because no one reached out. Every Post can strengthen retention by ensuring new members are welcomed, informed, and connected before they fall out the back door.

Finally, planning is underway for the **Department Convention**, and more information will be posted to the Department website soon. Please watch for updates regarding schedules, reports, elections, and program highlights. Convention season is a key opportunity to connect, reflect on the year, and help shape the future direction of the Department of Colorado.

I look forward to seeing you at Post 3917 at COA in March!

Todd Van Sant
State Senior Vice Commander



William Flores
State Jr Vice
Commander

Greeting Comrades,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, now that we are at the beginning of the new year, we need to remember to keep up with all our reporting and to continue to grow our membership. There are many posts who have already reached the 101% goal. There are many posts and districts that are one or two members away from reaching the 101% mark. So, let's keep up with the hard work and get the department to the 101% goal.

Congratulations to the winners of the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy winners that advanced from the posts and Districts and have made it to the Department level. I want to thank everyone for all the hard work that was done at the Posts and Districts to allow these youth to have the chance to enter and compete in these scholarship programs. If it wasn't for those that volunteered as judges for these two scholarship programs, these programs would not be the success that they are.

I will be looking forward to seeing everyone again at the next council meeting in Security in March.

William Flores
State Jr Vice Commander

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Scott Alexander
State Surgeon

Greetings Comrades,

I would like to thank everyone for electing me your State Surgeon this past December. So far in January I have been blessed to visit and tour all the southern CLC's. By mid February I will have visited all the CLC's up north and out west. It is a great honor to represent the Department and sit down with our veterans that call these places home.

Even though the holiday season is over, we still should reach out to those we haven't heard from in a while. There are many of our friends and comrades who are still going through difficult times. Just a phone call can help lift their spirits.

As the Department Scout Chair, just a reminder to get your candidate in to your post by March 1st. The post must have your candidate in to Department by April 1st, so I have time to send to National by May 1st. If you have any questions please let me know. My email and number is in the roster book.

Scott Alexander
State Surgeon



Kevin Reinhold
State Chaplain

VFW, Auxiliary, and Friends,

We pray everyone had a great blessed holiday season with all the joys the season brings. Take those joys that you felt and share them throughout the year with others.

I would like to talk to you about the role of your Chaplain. First, I will ask you, "Do you know who your Chaplain is?"

VFW and Auxiliary Chaplains are our organization's comrade veterans who minister to our nation's sons and daughters, and their families. Your Chaplain must provide a dynamic and genuine ministry with a shepherd's heart.

The role of Chaplains is not about preaching doctrine but about being present: offering a listening ear, a word of encouragement, or a quiet prayer when life feels overwhelming. We are reminded in the Veteran of Foreign Wars traditions that our organization embraces all faiths and those with none, united by a

shared commitment to honor, duty, and mutual support.

In these times, let's remember the healing power of community. Veterans often face invisible wounds - PTSD, isolation or the simple ache of missing those who didn't come home. Yet, through our Post gatherings, memorial services, and acts of kindness, we find ways to lighten those loads together.

If you're struggling, reach out—whether to me, another member, or resources like the Veterans Crisis Line (dial 988, then press 1). You're never alone in this fight. Let's keep looking out for one another.

National Chaplain Training has started this year. The training is held on the third Thursday at 18:30 every month through June. This information is put out in an email from the State Chaplain or an email from the National Chaplain. If you want to be placed on the email list, please contact the State Chaplain.

Links that will help you and our members:

- National Chaplain web page: https://lotcs.org/vfw_chaplain.html
- Colorado Chaplain web page: [VFW Colorado Chaplain's Page](#)
- Christian Leaders Institute Training web page: <https://christianleaders.org/course/view.php?id=607>
- Armed Services Ministry - <https://armedservicesministry.org/>
- Plus Nothing - <https://plusnothing.org/>
- Faith Comes by Hearing - <https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/>
- GriefShare - <https://www.griefshare.org/>
- [6 Ways to Begin a Conversation about Veteran Suicide](#)

Department Chaplain Award:

Every Chaplain that performs or goes above the performance of their duties should be submitted for this award. This award is not a prideful award, this award is to recognize a Chaplain for their service and care to our veterans, family members, and community. Nominations are due to the Department Chaplain by April 15th. See Chaplain Award Criteria on the Colorado Chaplain web page for more information. [VFW Colorado Chaplain's Page](#)

Kevin Reinhold
State Chaplain
"Doing Our Lord's Work for all Veterans"



Jesse Eastburn
State Adjutant/
Quartermaster

Don't Let Your Post Commit Suicide

Choosing Resilience, Relevance, and Renewal in the VFW:

Across Colorado and frankly across the country— we are seeing a troubling trend. Too many VFW Posts are not being defeated by outside forces; they are simply giving up. Doors are closing. Meetings are sparsely attended or abandoned altogether. Officers burn out. Members drift away. Eventually, someone says the words no one wants to hear: *“Maybe it’s time to turn in the charter.”*

As veterans, we know the difference between being overrun and surrendering. What we are seeing in many Posts today is not a lack of patriotism, sacrifice, or history—it is fatigue, isolation, and a loss of direction. In other words, it is a morale and leadership problem. And like any leadership problem, it **can be corrected**. Just as we would never abandon a fellow service member in the field, we cannot abandon our Posts—or allow them to abandon themselves.

The Reality We Must Face

Our veteran population is changing. Vietnam-era veterans are aging. Younger veterans often don't see the VFW as “for them.” Community habits have shifted. Social engagement looks different than it did 30 or 40 years ago. It's even changed in the last 10 even more so after the pandemic.

None of that means the VFW is obsolete.

It means leadership must be willing to **adapt, rotate, and prepare successors**.

Too often, Posts fail not because no one cares—but because the same few people have been carrying the load for too long, with no relief in sight.

Leadership Change Is Not Failure—It Is Survival: One of the hardest truths to accept is this: **sometimes the best thing a leader can do is step aside.**

We elect officers every year for a reason. A single VFW year can dramatically improve a Post or severely damage it. Change can be good.

Change can be challenging. But refusing change out of fear or habit is far more dangerous than allowing the next comrade to take the wheel.

Leadership transition is not abandonment. It is stewardship.

Strong leaders:

- Identify future leaders early
- Share knowledge instead of hoarding it
- Train replacements before burnout sets in
- Know when their season has ended

If a Post's survival depends on one exhausted person staying in office indefinitely, the Post is already in trouble.

Setting up the next generation of officers—even *if they do things differently than you would*—is how Posts endure. The goal is not to preserve control. The goal is to preserve the **Post**.

It takes a leader to look inward and ask the question “am I the Problem or am I the solution?”

A Post Is More Than a Building

When a Post closes, we don't just lose a bar, a hall, or a meeting place. We lose:

- A veterans' advocacy hub
- A service organization for the community

A place where veterans find camaraderie, purpose, and understanding

We lose institutional memory. We lose mentorship. We lose a voice.

That loss is permanent—and usually preventable.

Practical Ways to Stop the Bleeding and Start Growing Again

Every Post is different, but successful turnarounds share common elements:

- 1. Stop Trying To Be Everything:**
You don't need every program/dinner/breakfast at once. Focus on **one or two strengths** and rebuild momentum from there.
- 2. Develop and Trust New Leaders:**
RECRUIT and Invite newer members to participate meaningfully. Let them chair a committee. Let them run an event. Let them fail safely and learn. Leadership is not inherited - it is trained.
- 3. Meet Veterans Where They Are:**
Younger veterans may not attend traditional meetings but they will show up for service projects, benefit workshops, and family friendly events. Adapt your delivery without abandoning your mission.

The Day of Service campaign in May is a perfect time to test this out. Clean up a park and put it out in social media - last year my post signed up 2 new veterans just because we put a call out that we were cleaning up a local park.

4. Partner Locally:

Collaboration builds relevance. Work with other VSOs, community groups, schools, and first responders. Shared missions

5. Use Your District and Department:

Asking for help is not weakness. District and Department leadership exist to support struggling Posts, not judge them. Silence kills Posts faster than bad decisions. Seriously call the office, I talk to people all day and help them work out things. Some of the best turn arounds have been from those seeking help from us. If I don't know the answer I always try to find it.

6. Make Service Visible Again:

Community service is your best recruiting tool. If the community sees veterans serving, veterans will follow. We are people who serve and like to be involved in something greater than ourselves, the VFW is something greater and advocate for it to continue to be.

Remember Who We Are

The VFW was never meant to be easy. It was meant to be necessary.

Resilience is part of our DNA. So is leadership under pressure. When times get hard, the answer is not surrender - it is **rotation, mentorship, and renewed purpose.**

Before anyone says, "Let's shut it down," as a better question:

"Have we prepared someone else to lead?"

Because once a charter is gone, it Never returns. It's another one was sitting in a box at HQ basement. It's a profound loss of history, it's giving up on all the comrades before who worked so hard to turn it into something

Final Thought

Colorado VFW Posts do not need to commit suicide. They need leaders willing to adapt, comrades willing to step up, and veterans willing to trust the next generation to carry the guidon forward. That is how we honor the past by ensuring there is a future.

Jesse Eastburn
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

When Time Stopped at the Ft. Logan Post 9644

How a Quiet Decision at VFW Post 9644 Saved a Member's Life

By Robert Derrera Jr.
Chaplain, VFW Post 9644, Verle Huffman Post
Sheridan, Colorado

Author's Note

This article documents a real event at VFW Post 9644. Individual names are withheld out of respect for privacy. Medical conclusions reflect the assessment of the attending emergency room physician.

An Ordinary Evening at the Post

VFW Post 9644, the Verle Huffman Post, is built on familiarity. It was never intended to be a place where lives are saved, yet like any place where people gather, it eventually became one. Members know where they tend to sit, which evenings will be busy, and which conversations need no explanation. It is a place designed for fellowship, remembrance, and continuity, not for medical emergencies.

Dinner service was underway on the evening it happened. Plates moved steadily from kitchen to table. Conversations overlapped easily, half sentences completed instinctively by those who shared similar chapters of life. Nothing about the night felt out of the ordinary.

Then a member collapsed.

"The room changed instantly. Conversations stopped, replaced by the kind of silence veterans recognize without explanation."

There was no warning or gradual sign of distress. One moment he was standing, the next he was on the floor. The response was immediate. CPR began within moments, compressions steady and uninterrupted. There was no shouting and no panic, only focus.

What had occurred was sudden cardiac arrest, a failure of the heart's electrical system that causes blood flow to drop sharply and oxygen delivery to the brain to slow to critical levels. In these moments, survival is measured not in hours, but in seconds.

When Preparation Matters Most

CPR began immediately. At the same time members of the Post's bar staff retrieved the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) from its wall-mounted location and brought it directly to the scene for use by those providing care and the arriving first responders.

For much of its history, the Post operated like countless others across the country. It had first-aid kits, fire extinguishers, phones, and capable people willing to help. What it did not have, until 2023, was an AED.

"Preparedness often feels unnecessary until the moment it proves essential."

When the AED pads were applied, a shock was delivered, and breathing returned immediately.

"Breathing returned immediately after the AED was utilized."

CPR continued as directed while members waited approximately fifteen minutes for emergency medical services to arrive. Those fifteen minutes bridged the gap between collapse and advanced medical care.

What the Emergency Room Confirmed

At the hospital, once the crisis had stabilized and the sequence of care was reviewed, the attending emergency room physician was unequivocal.

“Without the use of the AED at the Post, he would not have survived.”

Early defibrillation changed the outcome from fatal to survivable. This was not reassurance or encouragement. It was a clinical conclusion.

Why This Story Matters to Every Post

Veterans understand preparedness. They understand drills that feel unnecessary until they are not, equipment that sits unused until everything depends on it, and the reality that survival is rarely about bravery in the moment and almost always about readiness beforehand.

Fifteen minutes is not a long time until you are waiting for help to arrive. At VFW Post 9644, those fifteen minutes became the difference between life and loss because a decision made in advance was waiting on the wall when it mattered most.

Sidebar: Considering an AED for Your Post

How did VFW Post 9644 obtain its AED?

VFW Post 9644 acquired its AED through an internal decision by Post membership, prioritizing member safety alongside routine operational needs. The device was purchased outright, installed on site, and placed under regular maintenance oversight.

Which AED model was selected?

The Post selected the **Defibtech Lifeline VIEW AED with ECG Display**, chosen for its clear visual prompts, step-by-step voice guidance, and ease of use for non-medical responders.

Is there a link that be shared for more information?

Posts exploring AED options my find general information at <https://aed.us>

Are grants available to help Posts obtain an AED?

Many Posts qualify for assistance through local or state public health grants, community foundation safety programs, hospital outreach initiatives, or Post/Auxiliary - led fundraising. You will want to research what is available in your local community.

Where can Posts learn more?

<https://www.heart.org>
<https://www.redcross.org>

Local fire departments or EMS agencies often provide guidance on AED readiness

MARCH 2026 - COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKEND

March 28th and March 29th

Hosted by Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917
4715 Clearview Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80911

For Information Visit: [Council of Administration - March 2026](#)
VFW Dept of CO will have the 2026 National Bylaws available for \$10

25-26 Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen Department Banquet

Saturday, March 28th, 2026

Hosted by Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917
4715 Clear View Dri, Colorado Springs, CO 80911

RSVP by March 23rd - \$20 per Person
[2025-2026 Voice of Democracy & 1st Place Patriots Pen Awards Banquet](#)

2025-2026 State Convention

The 106th VFW State Convention & 102nd State VFW Auxiliary Convention

June 25th to 28th, 2026

Hosted by VFW Post 9644, 2680 W Hampden Ave, Sheridan, CO 80110

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT
(this page will be updated as information is available): [Convention](#)

Report ALL Program Reports On-Line
<https://vfwco.org>

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Written Reports will NOT be accepted

It is Easy

Salute to Service

VFW Post & Auxiliary Salute to Service is now available on **DEADLINE is March 15th.**

VFW Commanders - [CLICK HERE FOR LINK](#)

Auxiliary Presidents - [CLICK HERE FOR LINK](#)

Service Office

Greetings Veterans & Auxiliary Members!

There's nothing like a few changes to shake up the status quo within the Department. If you haven't heard already, the VFW Service Office has transitioned and welcomed two new employees – Jason Juarez, the new Department VSO (Jason.Juarez@va.gov) and a new Assistant Claims Consultant, Kat Delano (Kathlyn.Delano@va.gov). Ginny Rosa (Virginia.Rosa@va.gov) still maintains the office management and oversight of claims as well.

Jason is a 28-year veteran of the US Navy with an extensive medical background as an Independent Duty Corpsman, stationed with both USN and USMC units over the course of his career. The Service Office is grateful for his technical knowledge when identifying potential conditions and situations for new and existing claimants. Jason is a Life Member of the Verle Huffman Post #9644 in Sheridan.

Kat comes to us from VFW National and relocated from Kansas City, MO to the Denver area just so she could assist veterans and their families in a more impactful manner. As a self-proclaimed “military brat”, she brings an empathetic attitude towards all Veterans and their claims needs. She is an Auxiliary member of John S Stewart Post #1 in Denver via her maternal grandfather who was a former VFW post commander in Poway, CA and a Korean War veteran.

Matthew Cummings has moved onto a different Veteran's organization and Ralph “Obie” Oberhelman has officially retired (again!).

Outreach to Colorado posts and other veterans' events will be a supplemental focus for the Service Office this year. All posts are encouraged to reach out to the Office Manager, Ginny Rosa, if they would like a claims workshop in their area. Don't forget that ALL veterans are assisted by our Service Office, no membership to the VFW is required, but if eligible – highly encouraged! For more information, please email Ginny at virginia.rosa@va.gov

If anyone contacts you and asks for monetary compensation to assist you in filing a VA disability claim, DO NOT ENGAGE. Claim sharks are **illegal** in Colorado, so don't take the bait! The VFW Service Office will always serve veterans free-of-charge!

On behalf of the Dept of Colorado Service Office - Jason, Ginny, and Kat encourage you to consider utilizing your well-earned VA benefits and are here to guide you along the way!

Membership

Comrades,

As we enter the back half of the membership year, I want to encourage everyone to keep up the good work you are doing on member retention. If we simply renew every expiring member before 30 June, the Department of Colorado will end the year at 101.6%. If we also welcome back those comrades whose membership lapsed this year, Colorado could achieve **111%** in membership. So, pick up the phone and ask your annual members to visit www.vfw.org/renew with their member ID and credit card. They don't even have to log in and takes less than 5 minutes.

Remember, these veterans already know us, meaning the “ask” should not be difficult. However, there is still plenty of time to also go out and recruit. If you need some pointers please download the recruiting trifold brochure I created and watch the accompanying YouTube presentation. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the YouTube presentation. To view “Veteran Recruiting Strategies” [CLICK HERE](#)

Let's all work together to get our numbers up before the Legislative Conference in March so that the Commander-in-Chief has the loudest voice possible.

Semper Fi,

John Keene
Membership Chairman



Why Veterans Join

- Comraderie (Pleasure)
- Problem Solving (Pain)

Veterans join organizations they: **Know - Like - Trust**

First Two Minutes

CONNECT:
Build rapport immediately

TAKE CONTROL:
Guide the conversation

3 Step Introduction

- 1 **ENROLL:**
"How are you today?"
- 2 **ACKNOWLEDGE:**
"Thank you for..."
- 3 **IDENTIFY YOURSELF:**
"I'm..."

Remember:
Every veteran's story matters.

Your role is to listen, connect, and serve.

Follow Up

Collect Contact Info

- Post newsletter subscription
- Action Corps updates
- Meeting reminders and events

5 Step Calling Process

- 1 **SALUTATION:**
Warm Greeting
- 2 **COMMON GROUND:**
Use F.O.R.D.
- 3 **PURPOSE:**
State reason for call
- 4 **COMMON GROUND:**
End on F.O.R.D.
- 5 **KEEP IT BRIEF:**
3-5 minutes max

First Meeting

- **Introduction** - Make them feel welcome
- **Assign a mentor/buddy** - Ensure they have support
- **Welcome package** - Provide resources



RECRUITING STRATEGIES

PROVEN TECHNIQUES TO GROW YOUR POST AND STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNITY



SCAN FOR FULL PRESENTATION

Effective Recruiting Builds Strong Posts

Success Depends On

- PROPER MINDSET
- EXCELLENT SKILLSET
- A PLAN OF ACTION

Connect Using F.O.R.D.

- Family
- Occupation
- Recreation
- Dreams

Build Rapport

- Mimic their energy
- Mirror body language
- Match communication style

Remember: You are the "weirdo" invading their space

Learn About Them

- What excites them?
- What are they committed to?
- **What challenges are they trying to overcome?** (Most Important)

5 Rules of Recruiting

1. **Show Up**
Be present and engaged
2. **Pay Attention**
Listen actively
3. **Be Genuine**
Authenticity matters
4. **Add Value**
Focus on helping
5. **Don't Be Attached to the Outcome**
They will join next time

Socratic Method

Showing is better than telling
Asking is better than telling
It matters who says it

Present & Inform

Share Information

- VFW Fact Sheet
- Programs and benefits
- Your personal story: Why YOU joined

Focus on Solutions

How can you help solve **THEIR** problems?

Overcoming Objections

"I don't have time"

➔ Any amount of time is appreciated

"I'm not a joiner"

➔ Strength in numbers, lend us your voice

"What about my family?"

➔ Welcome the whole family, do you have an auxiliary

"Not sure it's for me"

➔ Play to your Post's strengths
➔ Encourage new ideas

Legislative

Support the Major Richard Star Act: Stand Up for Combat-Injured Veterans

Veterans who were injured in service deserve fair treatment, and your voice can help make that happen. The Major Richard Star Act is a crucial piece of legislation that addresses an unfair policy affecting thousands of combat-injured veterans across the country.

Why Your Support Matters

So far, in our conversations with staff members of U.S. Congressional Committee members, it's clear that we're not the only one advocating for the Major Richard Star Act. Their notes are filled with calls and emails from constituents in their district expressing the urgent need for this act to move forward and be passed into law. In Colorado alone, about 1,000 veterans could benefit, with 55,000 affected nationwide. Every call, email, and letter helps keep the momentum going. Together, we can make a real difference for our fellow veterans.

The Issue at Hand

Currently, many combat-injured veterans must give up part of their earned military retirement pay if they also receive VA disability compensation. These two benefits serve different purposes, *one honors years of service, the other recognizes lasting harm from service*. Yet, veterans are the only group in government required to make this trade-off. The Major Richard Star Act would fix this unfair policy and ensure that those who sacrificed for our country are treated justly.

How You Can Help

The Veterans of Foreign Wars has made it easy to contact Congress through our Action Alert. It only takes a couple of minutes to send a message urging lawmakers to act on this bill. By speaking up now, you help push the Major Richard Star Act toward real consideration and fair treatment for combat-injured veterans.

For more details Major Richard Star Act, check out the Military Officers Association of America's helpful Q&A article: <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/advocacy/moaa-answers-your-questions-about-concurrent-receipt/>

Or use this short link: <https://tinyurl.com/3vxxxwtr>

What's Next?

Congress removed the retirement pay/disability pay offset for most veterans over twenty years ago but left out those forced to retire due to combat injuries. The Major Richard Star Act would end this exclusion and give veterans a choice between the new benefits or their current tax-free Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC).

Right now, only the Armed Services Committees can move the bill forward by granting it a hearing. Without a hearing, even strong bills can stall. Your advocacy is essential, let's stand together for those who have given so much.

Steve Kjonaas, Legislative Director
Carol Thomas, Assistant Legislative Director

Post & Auxiliary Change of E-Mail Form

Name: _____

New Email: _____

VFW Post Number: _____

Send changes to vfw@vfwco.org

MILITARY WOMEN'S MEMORIAL

We have had the honor of having a representative from the Military Women's Memorial at the State Convention for the last two years. They have shared information about the growth of this memorial and how to get involved.

For more information about the Military Women's Memorial please visit:
[Home - Military Women's Memorial](#)

Thank You for Making the 15th Annual Ron Davies Memorial VFW Airlift a Success

To every VFW and Auxiliary member who volunteered their time, energy, and heart this year, thank you.

The 15th Annual **Ron Davies Memorial VFW Airlift** was a success because of you. Across Colorado, more than **200 volunteers** stepped up to ensure fellow veterans and their families had food on the table and gifts for their children during the holidays. From organizing and packing to unloading aircraft on cold ramps and delivering food directly into homes, veterans helped veterans carry out this mission.

This year's Airlift was especially meaningful. It marked 15 years of service and honored Ron Davies' legacy, whose vision and commitment to veterans laid the foundation for this program. What started as a small idea has grown into a statewide effort reaching communities from the Front Range to the Western Slope because volunteers like you continue to raise your hand and serve.

The Airlift is only possible because of strong partnerships. We are grateful for the continued support of the **Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA)**, whose pilots, aircraft, and leadership make statewide distribution possible. We also sincerely thank **Signature Aviation**, which once again provided critical hangar space and logistical support at Centennial Airport, allowing this operation to function safely and efficiently despite winter weather challenges.

This mission was further strengthened by the support of **Metropolitan State University of Denver**, whose student volunteers assisted with staging and logistics, and by **Tallgrass Energy**, whose generous sponsorship helped expand the reach of the Airlift this year. We are also thankful to our food and supply partner Ben E. Keith Foods as well as local donors, who ensured that what we delivered truly met the needs of veterans and families.

Working alongside these partners, VFW Posts and Auxiliaries across the state met aircraft at local airports, moved thousands of pounds of food and toys, and ensured those donations reached veterans who needed support most. Some posts hosted meals for pilots. Others organized food drives or delivery teams. Many did all of the above. Every role mattered.

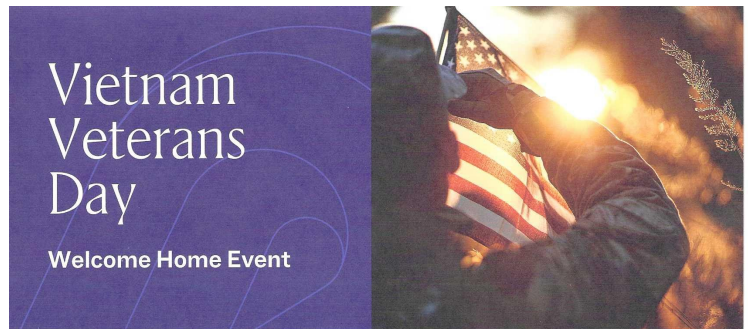
This year, between **12,000 and 15,000 pounds of food and toys** were delivered statewide. The number is impressive, but the impact behind it matters more. Families were supported, stress was reduced, and veterans were reminded that they are not alone during the holidays.

The Airlift continues to show what our organization does best. We identify a need, mobilize volunteers, and deliver help with dignity and purpose. For many years, the majority of support for this program came from VFW Posts themselves. Veterans taking care of veterans. That spirit remains the backbone of the Airlift today.

On behalf of the entire Ron Davies Memorial VFW Airlift Committee, thank you for your dedication, teamwork, and willingness to serve once again.

As Chairperson of the Ron Davies Memorial Airlift Committee, I can say without hesitation that this event succeeds because of the people who show up and do the work. From all of us on the committee, thank you for making the 15th year such a success. We are already looking forward to next year and exploring how to make it even bigger and better.

Todd Van Sant
Ron Davies Memorial VFW Airlift Chairman



We warmly invite you to join us in honoring Colorado's Vietnam Veterans Day at our Welcome Home event.

This meaningful day was officially recognized as a bill in 2021, inspired by the National Vietnam War Veterans Day, and stands as a heartfelt tribute to those who served.

As part of our celebration, we'll be holding a special pinning ceremony just for Vietnam Veterans, featuring:

- Thoughtful tokens of appreciation
- Personalized certificates
- Recognition from our inspiring guest speakers
- Helpful information on mental health resources

March 28, 2026 | 2-4 p.m.
Saint Joseph Hospital

Russell Pavilion Conference Center
1375 East 19th Avenue, Denver, CO
Enter from Humboldt Street.

Valet parking will be available at that entrance.

You can register by scanning the code below, emailing to Audrey.M.Johnson@mail.org, or leaving a voicemail at 303-403-7324.



We look forward to welcoming you and expressing our gratitude for your service.



**Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214**

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3

February 1, 2026

SERIES: 2025-2026

Please remind all Posts that you MUST be 101% to qualify for All-State & All-American. The deadline is June 30, 2026

1. As prescribed by Sec 216 & 217 of the National Congressional Charter By-Laws and Manual of Procedure Nominations of Post Officers shall open in March and election in April. Nominations remain open until elections are held.

- a. The officers of each Post will consist of Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Jr Vice Commander, Quartermaster and 3 Trustees.
- b. The Post shall elect the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, and 3 Trustees.
- c. Per Sec 216, Appointed Officers of each Post shall consist of Adjutant, Chaplain and may appoint a Benefits Advisor
- d. The Post Commander may appoint a Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day and/or Guard if required by Post By-Laws.

2. Proof of Eligibility Requirements for Officers: All Posts, Districts, and Department should be reminded of the provisions of Sec 215 (Post), Sec 415 (District) and Sec 515 (Department) of National Congressional Charter By-Laws and Manual of Procedure that officers, elected and appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until such proof of eligibility has been submitted to the respective Commander and Adjutant for review.

3. Registration for the VFW National Convention: Each Post will pay, in advance, a national registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials, and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the national convention will pay ten dollars (\$10) delegate fee, in accordance with Sec 222 (d) of the National Congressional By-Laws. **Delegate fees should be sent directly to the Quartermaster General at National Headquarters.**

4. Attention is directed to Sec 213 of the National Congressional Charter By-Laws concerning arrearages of Posts for National, Department and District Dues, National Convention registration, poppy money, supply money and other financial obligations, or failure to have the office of the Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Sec 703 of the National By-Laws, or failure to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustee Report of Audit or Election Report. Posts that are delinquent in any of the aforementioned shall be deprived of all representation at District, Department, and National Convention.

5. Attention of Post Commanders as directed to Sec 218 (a) (11), Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees. Trustees Report of Audit must be completed by the Trustees, in detail, at the close of each quarter, one of which ends March 31st. Commanders are reminded that all funds are to be under the custody and control of the Post Quartermaster. Persons other than the Post Quartermaster who may handle Post funds, such as club manager, bingo chairman, or committee chairman are responsible to the Post Quartermaster to maintain accurate records and accounts and should be properly bonded. Post Trustees are to ensure that the financial records of these special funds are also audited in the same manner as the other accounts of the Post Quartermaster.

6. Commanders at all levels should be organizing their 2026 Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Campaign. To qualify for All-American, VFW Posts must purchase at least 500 traditional or tin poppies

7. All-State Commanders and Quartermasters, entry forms for All-State Commander and Quartermaster will be emailed to all qualified persons by July 1, 2026. Post and District Commanders should be reviewing the All-State Membership Program available on the VFW Department of Colorado Website - [2025 - 2026 VFW State Membership Program](#) . The entry form must be submitted to State Headquarters by the date on the notification letter. All State teams will be presented at the Joint Opening of the COA meeting in 2026-2026 year.

8. Council of Administration Weekend will be March 28th (Training) and March 29th (COA Meeting) at Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post 3917. The State Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Banquet will happen on Saturday March 28th. Please see the Events Page on the State website for more information.

9. The VFW Department of Colorado Loyalty Day Parade will be in Calhan, CO, Saturday, May 2, 2026 line up at 10:00am

10. VFW Department of Colorado State Convention is scheduled for June 25th to 28th, 2026 in Sheridan, CO, hosted by Verle Huffman VFW Post 9644. **Information will be posted on the Department of Colorado Webpage (www.vfwco.org)**

ATTESTED BY:
 \s\ Jesse Eastburn
 Jesse Eastburn
 Department Adjutant

BY COMMAND OF:
 \s\ Fred Scheck
 Fred Scheck
 Department Commander

COLORADO VFW FOUNDATION

Are you in a financial bind because a pipe spring a leak? A utility bill drained your budget? Did you have an unexpected repair on a vehicle you use to get to work?

Emergencies happen with no regard to your paycheck or monthly expenses. The Colorado Veteran VFW Foundation grants up to \$500 for Post or Auxiliary members on a one-time basis for the purpose of meeting an essential basic need for utilities and/or health care. Grants are not made for items that are discretionary in nature ("wants"), and are made on a first come, first serve basis.

Please go to vfwco.org to fill out the application or call 303-421-1630 for more information.

VFW Post Membership by District as of January 31, 2026

Number/City	2024	2025	%	Number/City	2024	2025	%	Number/City	2024	2025	%		
District #1			District #5			District #10							
1 Denver	855	834	97.54	101 CO Springs	453	451	99.55	3631 Aurora	263	258	98.09		
322 Englewood	103	104	101%*	3917 Security	483	478	98.96	4171 Golden	333	325	97.59		
3471 Morrison	58	56	96.55	4051 CO Springs	626	625	99.84	4331 Arvada	210	197	93.80		
4266 Parker	108	126	117%*	5221 Calhan	87	87	100%*	4444 Cmmce City	148	145	97.97		
4666 Littleton	95	95	100%*	6051 WdlnD Park	44	42	95.45	7945 Thornton	245	237	96.73		
5061 Denver	224	205	91.51	6461 Fountain	376	364	96.80	8449 Bennett	37	32	86.48		
9644 Fort Logan	391	360	92.07	7829 Monument	149	144	96.64	9565 Broomfield	86	77	89.53		
12230 Castle Rock	60	58	96.66	12227 Falcon	61	66	108%*	TOTAL	1322	1271	96.14		
TOTAL	1894	1838	97.04	TOTAL	2279	2257	99.03	District #11					
District #2			District #6			784 Montrose			112	108	96.42		
2788 Penrose	92	83	90.21	336 Ordway	63	63	100%*	1247 Grnd Jnctn	189	186	98.41		
3641 Pueblo	76	70	92.10	2411 Las Animas	56	57	102%*	3571 Delta	36	33	91.66		
4061 Canon City	214	199	92.99	4281 Holly	18	18	100%*	3981 Grnd Jnctn	189	179	94.70		
5812 Pueblo West	194	182	93.81	TOTAL	137	138	101%*	9221 Cedaredge	87	87	100%*		
7305 Colo. City	43	43	100%*	District #7			9304 Rifle	21	20	95.23			
8898 Boone	42	42	100%*	899 Alamosa	73	76	104%*	TOTAL	634	613	96.88		
12063 Westcliffe	61	46	75.40	4849 La Jara	39	39	100%*	District #12					
TOTAL	722	665	92.10	6101 San Luis	40	41	103%*	4031 Durango	270	258	95.55		
District #3			8121 Del Norte			35	36	103%*	5181 Dove Creek	40	40	100%*	
41 Loveland	265	255	96.22	TOTAL	187	192	103%*	5231 Cortez	201	206	102%*		
807 Boulder	31	36	116%*	District #8			9058 Nucla	24	25	104%*			
1771 Lafayette	219	222	101%*	859 Leadville	27	24	88.88	TOTAL	535	529	98.87		
1781 Fort Collins	271	254	93.72	1166 Buena Vista	104	100	96.15	District #13					
2121 Greeley	149	142	95.30	3820 Salida	54	52	96.29	3411 Kit Carson	19	21	111%*		
2585 Johnstown	164	171	104%*	7563 Black Hawk	26	28	108%*	6491 Burlington	47	48	102%*		
2601 Longmont	276	257	93.11	8661 Bailey	100	95	95.00	6612 Hugo	30	29	96.66		
4334 Ault	57	49	85.96	10721 Minturn	94	86	91.48	9700 Chynn Wells	23	23	100%*		
6624 Evans	186	183	98.38	11411 Lake George	42	41	97.61	TOTAL	119	121	102%*		
12174 Brighton	31	26	83.87	12009 Conifer	105	101	96.19	15006 MAL			3028	2847	94.02
12189 Berthoud	40	43	108%*	TOTAL	552	527	95.47	TOTAL DEPT			13636	13154	96.46
TOTAL	1689	1638	96.98	District #9			* = 100% Membership						
District #4			4264 Stmbt Springs			84	83	98.80	Be 100% + 1 in 2025-2026 for All American				
3378 Yuma	42	42	100%*	4265 Craig	87	84	96.55	Help Colorado be 100%+					
3541 Sterling	74	72	97.29	5261 Rangely	19	15	78.94						
3551 Brush	40	39	97.50	5843 Meeker	36	34	94.44						
4671 Wray	46	45	97.82	9374 Kremmling	25	28	112%*						
6482 Holyoke	27	25	92.59	TOTAL	251	244	97.21						
7153 Fleming	9	11	122%*										
8064 Akron	49	40	81.63										
TOTAL	287	274	95.47										

Are you an Annual Member? Do you need to renew your membership for the year?

Go to vfw.org/renew

February District Meetings

7	2/15/2026, Sunday	VFW Post 8121 598 Spruce St Del Norte, CO 81132	12:00pm Lunch 12:40pm Joint Meeting 1:00pm Separate Meetings Dress: Casual w/ Official Cap		Crystal Proffitt, Jr Vice President
11	2/7/2026, Saturday	VFW Post 3571 1250 Pioneer Rd Delta, CO 81416	9:30am Donuts & Social Time 10:30am Joint Meeting 12:00pm Lunch 1:00pm Separate Meetings Dress: Casual w/ Official Cap	Fred Scheck, Commander	Crystal Proffitt, Jr Vice President

HQ/VOS Office Closed: February 16, 2026 (President's Day)

Washington Conference: February 27 to March 5, 2026

March District Meetings

3	3/15/2026, Sunday	VFW Post 1781 603 Lesser Dr Fort Collins, CO 80524	10:30am Memorial Practice 12:00pm Lunch 1:00pm Joint Memorial 2:00pm Meeting Dress: Blues & Greys		Dan Daffron, Conductor
10	3/15/2026, Sunday	VFW Post 7945 10217 Quivas St Thornton, CO 80260	11:00am Joint Memorial 12:00pm Lunch 1:00pm Joint Meeting w/ Separate Meetings Dress: Casual w/ Official Cap		Rena Cales, President

Washington Conference: February 27 to March 5, 2026

**Council of Administration: March 28, 2026 (Training Day) & March 29, 2026 (Council Meeting) at
VFW Post 3917 (Security, CO)**

Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen State Banquet: March 28, 2026 at VFW Post 3917 (Security, CO)

ALL-AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS

For posts to make All-American this year here are the requirements:

- 101% Membership (Based on adjusted prior year totals)
- Post election report submitted and in good standing
- Voice of Democracy REPORTED IN OMS BY JANUARY 31ST
- Patriot's Pen REPORTED IN OMS BY JANUARY 31ST
- Donation to Veterans & Military Support Program (\$125 Minimum)
- Participate Day of Service (for information and to sign up visit: <https://todaysvfw.org/day-of-service/>)
- Submit Community Service Quarterly (July-Sept; Oct-Dec; Jan-March; April-June)
- Purchase Buddy Poppies (500 Minimum)

All-State Requirements**Commanders**

- **Membership** - 101% by June 30, 2026
- **Department Service Office** - Donate \$100 Minimum
- **Programs** - Post must submit at least 1 VOD, 1 PP, and donation to Veteran & Military Support (VMS) (\$125 minimum)
- **VFW National Home** - Post must conduct a fundraiser or Poppy Drive and donate \$50 minimum OR recruit 2 members to join VFW National Home
- **Council of Administration Training** - Commander, Sr Vice Commander or Jr Vice Commander must attend 1 training day (in person or on zoom)
- **Report** - Post must have all reports stating YES in the New District Status Report

Quartermasters

- **Membership** - 101% as of June 30, 2026
- Post Commander MUST qualify for All State in order for Post Quartermaster to qualify
- Must have election report submitted to National
- Must have all Trustee Audits to Department on or before the deadline
- Must have bond in to Department on or before September 1, 2026

April District Meetings

1	4/25/2026, Saturday	VFW Post 9644 2680 W Hampden Ave Sheridan, CO 80110	10:00am Training 11:00am Joint Meeting 12:00pm Lunch 1:00pm Separate Meetings District Convention - Election/Installation, Memorial Service Dress: Casual w/ Official Cap		
4	4/19/2026, Sunday	VFW Post 3551 110 Clayton St Brush, CO 80723	2:00pm Memorial Service (Outside the Post) 2:30pm Joint Meeting w/ Separate to Follow District Convention - Election/Installation, Memorial Service Dress: Casual w/ Official Cap		
6	4/18/2026, Saturday	VFW Post 2411 318 3rd St Las Animas, CO 81054	11:00am Joint Meeting 12:00pm Lunch 1:00pm Separate Meetings District Convention - Election/Installation, Memorial Service, VOD/PP Dress: Casual w/ Official Cap		
8	4/25/2026, Saturday	VFW Post 12009 11030 Kitty Dr Conifer, CO 80433	11:30am Lunch 12:15pm Joint Meeting 12:45pm Separate Meetings District Convention - Election/Installation, Memorial Service Dress: Casual w/ Official Cap		Dan Daffron, Conductor
9	4/25/2026, Saturday	VFW Post 9374 207 Park Ave Kremmling, CO 80459	12:00pm Lunch 1:00pm Meeting VFW ONLY District Convention - Election/Installation Dress: Casual w/ Official Cap		N/A
13	4/19/2026, Sunday	VFW Post 6612 419 4th Ave Hugo, CO 80821	3:30pm Joint Meeting 4:00pm Separate Meetings 5:00pm Pot Luck District Convention - Election/Installation Dress: Casual w/ Official Cap		

Keep them flying free



Loyalty Day Parade
May 2, 2026
Calhan, Colorado

Sign up by scanning the QR code or by filling out your entry and mailing to: Jim Crim, 36565 Hanisch Rd. Calhan, CO. 80808-9811 or Crimvfw@gmail.com



Name: _____

Organization: _____

Contact info: _____

Type of Entry: Band Vehicle Float Other _____

2026 Cam Ranh Bay Air Base Reunion

We had such a good time in Dayton, Branson, Nashville, Kansas City, St. Louis & Louisville, we're doing it again! You've got another chance to reconnect with those you were stationed with at Cam Ranh Bay during the Vietnam War, from 1965-

Mark Your Calendars!

Date:	September 10-September 13, 2026 (arr on the 10 th , dep on the 13 th)
Location:	Colorado Springs, CO
Who:	All military personnel stationed at CRB and families of those personnel.



Vets-we'll need your help, too! We need to reach & find as many people as possible so any veterans groups you belong to, please get the word out!



Reunion information/registration form will be available soon. This information will also be on our reunion facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/156407821446646/> or you can search on: 2026 Cam Ranh Bay AB Reunion-Colorado Springs! If you or someone you know is not on facebook, please contact Diana Westphal at 920-609-5672 or dicancook@gmail.com for info.

Whitmore's Warriors Class of 2025-2026 Project



LET'S DO MORE
STOCK THE STORE



V F W
NATIONAL HOME



Whitmore / Callahan 2025 / 2026

Store Equipment (Refrigerators, freezers, etc and Food) Consists of purchasing equipment for the retail section including coolers and freezers for fresh and frozen food, and beverages, dry goods and other sundries that are deemed most useful to residents. This fundraiser will also purchase an honor system point of sale program that allows residents to enter the store with a swipe card, pick out items and pay for them with a credit or debit card both during and after business hours.





MINDSPA

NEW TREATMENT PROGRAM

For Tricare Beneficiaries Suffering from Depression, Anxiety PTSD & TBI



[Learn More >>](#)

Introducing the Inner Armor Program by Mind Spa

We are excited to share a new program for Tricare Beneficiaries suffering from Depression, PTSD & TBI. Mind Spa Denver has just launched their new **Inner Armor Program**.

This program is designed for veterans and family members covered by Tricare who have tried at least **3-Antidepressant medications** and are interested in long-term healing.

The Inner Armor Program Includes

30+ Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Treatments

30+ Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Treatments

6 Ketamine Infusions

Heal & Rewire the Brain

These treatments are designed to target brain inflammation and increase cellular healing. Many veterans report symptom remission in as little as **14-17 days**.

results may vary

If you're interested in learning more, please fill out our short eligibility form, linked below. One of our staff will contact you within 48 hours (There is no obligation, and your information is sent to Mind Spa for screening only)

[Learn More >>](#)



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Keep Doing Good with Tax990

The the VFW Department of Colorado has partnered with Tax990, an IRS-authorized compliance and e-file provider custom-built for nonprofits.

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Unlike subscription services, Tax990 offers a pay-per-form fee structure—you only pay for what you file. And whenever you need assistance, you can count on top-tier live U.S. customer support to guide you every step of the way.

We're here to support Colorado VFW posts with reliable, affordable tax filing—so your organization can stay focused on its mission and keep doing good.

**File your 990 with your
10% member discount**



Contact our support team:



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Auxiliary News



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Auxiliary State
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Happy New Year to Everyone! I hope you had great Holidays.

Thank you for ALL that you are doing!!! In fact, you are probably doing more than you even think about. Are you helping a neighbor or friend do something? Babysitting, shopping, yardwork, fixing meals or food, even visiting. As long as you are not getting paid you are volunteering. Report it in the correct category. I know, we don't do these things for accolades, we do it because of who we are. The big part of reporting everything is for IRS and keeping our non-profit status. Plus, it gets sent to Congress to show what we are doing to take up the slack in what they are not helping our veterans and families with.

Our year is half over, but it is not done. Our veterans and communities are there all year long. Don't forget Valentine's Day is fast approaching.

How many of you go in the special drawings for membership?

On a sad note, at the start of the year 1 Auxiliary was under suspension and then I had to out 5 more soon after. We have lost 5 of those. Please don't let your Auxiliary get into that shape. If you even think you are having any issues contact Chief of Staff Brigitte Dolan and let her know. We have many members who are willing to be a mentor and help. Let's make Colorado very healthy.

National is wanting ever Auxiliary to do a Project, Activity or Donation that benefits Veterans and report it by April 30th. Please when you report it, send me a detail of what and when you did it as I have to do a separate report to National. Also, report this to the chairmen.

Don't forget to report everything you have completed from May 1st 2025 to April 30th 2026. If you are doing a project do not report it until it is done, money spent and completed so it all goes in the report for the correct year.

Our next COA is March 28-29 at VFW Post 3917 in Security with the end of this reporting year on March 31st. It is easier to report events when they are done then trying to remember the information at the end of the year. Keep checking <https://vfwco.org> for updates on what is going on and www.vfwauxiliary.org for references and much more.

Pictures of what has happened and what is to happen, please send to Historian Ron Boone at ronb5187@gmail.com plus National always wants to see documentation of what you and your Auxiliary are doing. Make sure you identify what, when, where and everyone in the picture. Are you making any REELS? Send them to Ron as well, the Program Chairman and to National. National would love to see what you are producing to promote your Auxiliary and what you are doing.

Rena Cales
State Auxiliary President

DISTRICT 12 & MONTEZUMA COUNTY AUXILIARY PROUDLY ENDORSES SHERRI WRIGHT FOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT 2026-2027

It is with honor that District 12 and Montezuma County Auxiliary 5231, along with District 5, are endorsing Sherri Wright for the position of CO Auxiliary President. Sherri joined the VFW Auxiliary in 1968 with the Dove Creek Post. Her mother and father were charter members in the auxiliary and post that started in 1951; joining under her father, Juan Benito Sanchez, Jr, a WWII veteran, has a family of veterans. Jeff Wright, her youngest child, went to college on full naval scholarship and joined the navy after graduation. Her nephew graduated from the Air Force Academy and served 20 years. Sherri was district president, and has held every office in her local auxiliary and district. She is active supporting local and state veterans, from helping in yards, cooking meals, and supporting financial projects.

Sherri works diligently in the department auxiliary visiting districts and helping where needed. Upon the urging of her late mother, she started going through the chairs starting with conductor. This process has helped her get to know fellow brothers and sisters and has made many friends from around the state. She is working with the post Sr Vice to have a healthy and united team.



Chief of Staff - Extension & Revitalization

Greetings everyone!

I hope the holidays were safe and spent with loved ones. 2026 is upon us and the year is half over.

This first half of the year has been a whirlwind. The loss of so many Auxiliaries and reports coming in that District Presidents do not believe Auxiliaries are in good working order. I see a lot of it being that someone needs mentoring and that is the end of it. Who is mentoring the person or people in need of it? It is all our jobs to mentor. Every one of us knows someone who is extremely good at something. Why are we not calling on the person good at a position to mentor?

This next half of the year, let's work with each other and bring our Auxiliaries back to "Good working Order". Let's make sure we are knowledgeable of our by-laws and work on getting things turned in on time. I know for many of us this is something we do in addition to working or taking care of family, but there are still deadlines put in place for a reason. You don't like being the person who is waiting on something, don't be the person making someone else have to wait.

Communication is key! I have heard it in all aspects of life, relationships, work, church, sports, etc., yet why is it so lacking? Communication goes a long way and could help many of the problems Auxiliaries have. I know we have all heard "Closed mouths do not get fed". Why are we so scared to reach out to each other or reply to something? I believe we can all work on that.

I know we talk about resources, how many of us use them? There is so much information out there to help each one of us to be successful. There are two (2) found in MALTA which are *Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit* and *Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation*.

Again, I challenge all of us to be Mentors this year. Remember it is not always what you say but how you say it, mentor in a kind way and people are willing to listen. I continue to be mentored and learn every day. If you need help with mentoring or questions, please feel free to reach out to me, President Rena or someone you trust.

Thank you all for everything you do to help our Veterans.

Brigitte Dolan
State Auxiliary Chief of Staff

All-State Achievement

We hope that everyone is renewed and refreshed following the Holiday Season and that you had a grand time with your family and friends. Keep up your great work toward accomplishing your goals for yourself and your Auxiliaries! Let's start this year with even greater energy and commitment. Remember that we are trying to get every Auxiliary and every District into the Winner's Circle at the end of this Auxiliary year. Focus on these things as this year progresses:

- * Membership is vital -- Four \$50 prizes will be awarded to 100% Auxiliaries and to Two Districts that have 100+% membership by March 25 – continue to press hard on membership! Did you provide June 30 Audit and Membership Totals to your District and Auxiliary to your Commanders? Keep Audits current – consult you Healthy Auxiliary Checklist for deadlines.
- * Remember that we have revised and updated both the Auxiliary and the District All State Achievement Forms. These are included in the Program Book this year and posted on the Website so that you can view anytime that you wish.
- * We have provided a 2nd Page explanatory and clarification sheet that is applicable to both Forms that will help members to understand and to take action on some items that were confusing previously. If you have any other problems that occur regularly, please let us know and we will update this sheet as this year moves forward to help your members stay current.
- * Keep your record sheets **up to date** so that you know what is left to work on. Remember to make a contribution to both National President Lois Callahan and Department President Rena Cales Special Projects if you can, and to check the box. And...continue with your great Schools of Instruction – your members really enjoy and appreciate the time, effort and research that you took to put these together. Check the box for that too!
- * Don't lose focus – we are more than halfway there! Keep on doing what you are doing and keep your members informed and excited about the important and rewarding work we are doing. Many depend on your efforts.

Help us to communicate that any monetary rewards and recognition that we receive at the end of the year brings benefit to our entire state, not just to certain individuals. Remember, as one Auxiliary succeeds, we all succeed! Your very committed Achievement Team is here to assist you in any way that we can – please let us know how we can help.

Phil Reinpold – Chairman
Cindy Anderson
Marsha Harrison
All State Achievement Committee



ALL STATE & ACHIEVEMENT



Twinkle, Twinkle Auxiliary Presidents
How we wonder who you are
Up above the world so high
You will shine Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle Twinkle, Auxiliary Presidents
How we wonder who you are
When the blazing sun is gone
When there is nothing to shine upon
Then step up and out and show your might
Twinkle Twinkle, Auxiliary Presidents
How we wonder who you are

Make a wish, count the stars, turn the page, as in the dark blue sky, extra bonus points await you there. It is our wish to see each Auxiliary President shine like the brightest star in the sky at our State convention in June. Good Luck to all.

Hospital

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had wonderful holidays and 2026 is treating you well so far. I also hope you are ready to not only finish out this reporting year strong but also continue with your great work during the upcoming year.

There are still many opportunities to get out into our communities and visit our hospitalized veterans. National Salute to Veteran Patients Week is February 8-14 this year. It's always the week of Valentine's Day, so it's a perfect time to get out into facilities and plan Valentine's Day events, or if you are unable to do that, send cards! Valentines for Veterans is one of our goals from national this year, so if you haven't planned something yet, you still have time to do it!

I have also been talking a lot this year about setting up events or deliveries for various holidays, not just the major ones. We need to remind our veterans we care all year! Here are some fun February and March dates -

- February 6 – National Women's Heart Day (this would also be a great day to do something under Women Veteran's Health).
- February 9 – Chocolate Day (this speaks for itself)
- February 20 – Clean out your bookcase day (donate those books!). It is also National Cherry Pie Day.
- February 24 – National Tortilla Chip Day. Nacho party anyone? Chips and salsa?
- March 7 – National Cereal Day. Make a breakfast date at your local facility!
- March 31 – National Tater Day. Baked potato bars are always popular!

These are just a few of the holidays out there. Check out the calendar – you can really find one of everything as far as national days. Get creative!

As you plan your hospital projects, I would like to encourage you to try to cover national goals that you have not yet achieved. You can contact me if you have any questions at all. I am here to help you! I would also love to see pictures of your events, so please send those to me.

Loyally,

Brandi Dolan
Hospital Chairman

Legislative

Hello All Auxiliary Members,

We are still in the midst of the year 2025-2026. I would like to thank everybody that has sent me their reports. I'm so glad to see everybody is active and still engaged in the issues that the government is working on to get the veterans, their families and caregivers the things that were promised to them. Ok, we need to keep in mind everything we go to or participate in helps.

Here is a bill that are currently being worked on:

- H.R. 740 - Veterans' Assuring Critical Care Expansions to Support Service Members Act of 2025

How to join Action Corp.

Go to <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/>

Click on Legislative Priorities

Then click on Action Corps Weekley – Sign Up Today

I want to thank you all for your support for our Veterans, families and the community.

Trisha Mullins
Legislative Chairman



Membership

Happy New Year Sisters and Brothers,

Here's hoping that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

I want to thank each of you for making the Department of Colorado at 96.62% as of January 1, 2026, the percentage goes up each day as annual dues are entered. Here's to you to get our Department of Colorado at 100% and your Auxiliary to be at 100%. Great Job everyone!!

We have 20 Auxiliary's at 100% and so many Auxiliaries that are so close to being 100%, and we have 3 Districts at 100%, so let's get those annual dues paid and in Malta as you get them. There are still some Auxiliaries that are below the 90% and I know they are working hard on their membership. They will get their percentage up as they work hard to do so. You are the Lighthouses that shine your lights so the ocean can see that we are as strong as can be. I jump with joy every time I see our membership percentage go up. I know I may have hounded everyone a bit, but sometimes I need to light up our Lighthouses occasionally :)

I haven't received any pictures of any Lighthouses doing a membership drive. If you do a membership drive, please invite me so that I can come and see how you do them and also to speak with your members. Seeing different Lighthouses doing membership drives can help me to see what I can learn or what I can do with other Lighthouses of new ways for Membership Drives.

Presidents and Treasures:

Auxiliaries who make 100% going forward, will be in a drawing. I will be doing the drawing at our March Council of Administration (COA). I am hoping that you all will push your membership to get into the drawing as well. Your Lighthouse will need to be at **100% by March 25th** to enter the drawing. I will do 4 drawings, so 4 lucky Auxiliaries will be drawn and receive \$50.00 each. Don't you want to be one of them?

District Presidents and Treasures:

I will also be doing a drawing for 2 Districts that have reached **100%** also by **March 25th**. The 2 Districts will receive \$50.00 each. So, let's get out there and push your District Lighthouses to continue to do their best in everything they do.

I know that you all have the stride to do this. I have listed the awards that members will receive from National and for each Auxiliary who reaches 100% plus. I know of many that have recruited 5 members or more.

The Awards from National for all members consists of:

- 1. 5 Member Recruiter Pin:** Each Auxiliary and VFW member who recruits 5 new/or rejoined members will receive from National the Pin by mail.
- 2. 5 Member Recruiter Drawing:** Each Auxiliary and VFW member who does recruit 5 members will be in a drawing to receive a \$100 Visa Gift Card.
- 3. National Membership Achievement Recruiter Award:** Each Auxiliary and VFW member who recruits 20 new and/or rejoined members will receive this award.
- 4. National Membership Achievement Recruiter Drawing:** Each Auxiliary and VFW member who recruits 20 new and/or rejoined members will be entered in a Drawing to receive a \$400.00 Visa Gift Card.

Membership Award winners above #2, #3 and # 4 will be announced and the awards will be presented at the 2026 National Convention. If the award winners is not in attendance, the award will be mailed directly to winners from National Headquarters after National Convention.

Awards for Auxiliaries from National:

- 1. \$50.00 to each Auxiliary that reaches 100% Plus in Membership by June 30,2026.**

I know in my heart that Colorado members are go getters, so let us get all the annual members paid so that your Auxiliary can get to 100%. Do I believe, **YES, I DO!!**

Let us continue to get our Membership up and continue to do your hard work you do each day to help our Veteran's, Families and Community. See you at our COA in March. God Bless.

With Loyalty,

Lucille Chavez
Membership Chairman

Historian & Social Media

Hello Members,

It has been both exciting and inspiring to witness all the incredible posts and updates shared across the State of Colorado through our VFW Facebook Page, independent Auxiliary Facebook pages, Instagram and other social media venues this year. Great job all, keep it going the rest of the year.

HISTORIAN DUTIES:

1. Auxiliary Historian: Document the Auxiliary activities and accomplishments into a permanent record. In some Departments, Department may request each to submit an Auxiliary Historian Report.
2. District Historian: Provide instructions to Auxiliary Historians.
3. Department Historian: Attend the National President's Official Visit and submit report to the National Historian in detail as directed by the National Historian. Compile the Department President's travel and Department activities into a permanent record. Attend Council of Administration meetings. Attend Department events (optional but encouraged for photos). If you are unable to attend, make arrangements for someone else to take photos.

MEDIA:

Continue to document your activities and send pictures and stories to help document this year, and if President Rena attends any of your events or district meetings please forward pictures of her and your Auxiliary to me to help us document her year.

Continue to help others understand what the VFW Auxiliary stands for the veterans, veteran families and support our local communities, by sharing photos from events and highlighting community involvement, especially around patriotic holidays and events.

Include a shore note as what the was for: date, location, Auxiliary number and members attending the event.

Send to the Department Historian/Media Chairmen (me) as soon as possible any events that your Auxiliary does, and please do not hold these picture or any other events information until the end of the year. I will need these as soon as you can get them to me.

When posing pictures and videos on Facebook, be proud and show your Auxiliary is shining and having fun at your Auxiliary event.

Check with members in your pictures/videos, to make sure they are okay with posing their images.

No political statements of any kind.

No religious statements.

No negative statements or comments.

I have see a few REELS made this year; these are another great way to illustrate VFW Auxiliaries and your activities. REELS are full -screen vertical videos up to 90 seconds long.

REELS can be made up of a single video, several clips edited together, still photos or some combination of photos and video. REELS can be posted on both Instagram and Facebook.

NATIONAL AWARDS:

1. Most outstanding social media REEL highlighting the VFW Auxiliary in Action. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form and social media REEL to the Relations Chairman by March 31, 2026, for judging.
2. The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form and social media REEL to the National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador by April 30, 2026, for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to winning VFW Auxiliaries. See next page for Historian & Media Relations 2025-2026 Entry Form.

Continue the great work you are doing in support of our veterans and communities. Your passion, commitment and tireless dedication do not go unnoticed.

Stay safe until we meet again.

Ron Boone
Historian/Media Relations Chairman

**Please send all Deceased VFW & Auxiliary Members to vfw@vfwco.org
They will be saved for the Joint Memorial State Convention Book. Our Deadline is May 20, 2026**



Historian & Media Relations National Program Awards 2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding social media reel highlighting the VFW Auxiliary in action.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions with the most outstanding social media reel highlighting their VFW Auxiliary in action.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form and the social media reel to the Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.

Instructions on how to make a social media reel is in MALTA Member Resources under Historian & Media Relations, Websites & Social Media-Websites, How to Create a Facebook Reel.

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the social media reel highlighting the VFW Auxiliary in action.

The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form along with the Department-winning social media reel to the National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador Kristin DiGiacomo by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Forms sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.

Americanism

Happy New Year and Happy 250th Anniversary to our Declaration of Independence! You know, we in Colorado also are celebrating our 150th Anniversary.

Wowers!! This is a really big year in the realm of Americanism with spotlights shining on us!!

Now is your chance to expand in your searches for a new place to fly our USA flag, give instruction to students at all levels of flag etiquette, add on some USA history of the changes our flag took on as we lived in the land of the free because of the brave of our military and the support of their families.

More stars added on.... Going to foreign lands to fly over our bases and embassies to encourage and honor Independence the like no other country in the world has ever experienced!

Refresh your Missing Man display. Put better lighting over it, place it in a spot of better visibility as you complete your events and programs in these first few months of 2026. Old Glory never dims as she is waving us on to Americanism programs, listening to children saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and learning more about our leaders who signed that amazing document...The Declaration of Independence.

You all are rocking with events hosted and education sharing in your communities. Please know your reports shout out loud how much and how often you are honoring this great nation. So for this year, I am closing with the rest of the poem.

Here is the last verses of the poem **“My name is OLD GLORY” by Don S. Miller**

I have been soiled, burned, torn and tramped on the streets of countries
I have helped set free,
It does not hurt...for I am invincible.
I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my country,
And when it is by those with whom I have served in battle...it hurts.
But I shall overcome...for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth
And stand watch over the uncharted new frontiers of space
From my vantage point on the moon.

I have been a silent witness to all of America's finest hours.
But my finest hour comes
When I am torn into strips to be used for bandages
For my wounded comrades on the field of battle.
When I fly at half-mast to honor my soldiers...
And when I lie in the trembling arms
Of a grieving mother at the graveside of her fallen son or daughter.

I AM PRODE
I AM THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Thank you for allowing me to be apart of you Americanism life in this 2025-2026 Auxiliary year. The best gift you can give is to report all of your amazing work to shower your members, veterans and communities so all of the VFW Auxiliary family can celebrate with your from sea to shining sea.

Respectfully,

Marilyn Peters
Americanism Chairman



Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home

Greetings, Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

I hope that everyone has had a great start to the new year, able to spend time with loved ones over the holiday season, and that everyone was able to try and reach out to someone who may have had a hard time during the holidays. When we take care of each other, our loved ones, and our neighbors, we uphold all that our Auxiliary stands for.

Buddy™ Poppy

This year has been an amazing one for the Buddy™ Poppy program, from all of the great reports that have come in, to the ideas that have been shared at our Parade of Programs at the COAs, to the participation at events from both Auxiliary and VFW members. I can't wait to see what is in store for the months ahead, and I am really excited to see the creativity of everyone for the Buddy Poppy Hat Parade! As a reminder, the Buddy™ Poppy Hat Parade will include the following categories;

President's Theme Most Creative Tea Party Elegance Overall Best in Show

Remember to order those buddy poppies to complete your Buddy™ Poppy Hats and any Buddy™ Poppy displays that your auxiliaries may be working on for State Convention. Should you need to order more you may do so through a physical order form or through the online order form on the Department Website.

National Home

Although the holidays have passed, the National Home is always in need of our help and generosity. If you missed out on the Centennial membership, or you have not yet become a life member of the National Home – you can make a commitment to become a life member, which is a one-time \$50 dollar membership fee, or if you already have a life membership I encourage you to make at least one personal donation to the National Home this year. Auxiliaries, and individuals alike, are also able to purchase items for the National Home from their Amazon Wishlist or a Tribute brick in honor or memory of a member or loved one.

It is always exciting to see all the great work that is being done and reported. With that being said, there are only a few short weeks until the end of the reporting period. Don't forget to report all that your auxiliaries and members have been doing for these programs, and if you need help, please do not hesitate to reach out.

“We rise by lifting others.” - Robert Ingersoll

Warmest Regards,

Nadia Flores
Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home Chairman



Scholarship

Happy 2026! Believe it or not, we are in the home stretch of our Scholarships Program. Thank you for all the auxiliaries that have helped support their VFW Posts with the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarships. I can't wait to hear the outstanding entries for the state of Colorado! Please make sure you report all of your hard work!

Over the next few months, there is still a lot of work to do in the Scholarship Program. The Continuing Education Scholarship deadline is fast approaching and entries are due to National Headquarters by February 15, 2026. This scholarship is open to any VFW Auxiliary member (who has belonged for at least a year), his/her spouse, son or daughter.

March is fast approaching and is a very busy month as the Young American Patriotic Art and the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Scholarships entries are due to your local auxiliaries by March 31, 2025. The winner from each auxiliary should be forwarded to Department by April 15, 2026. There have been some changes to this program in regards to two dimensional art no longer needing to be framed! Make sure to download the latest versions of the Art Contests to ensure you have the most recent rules and entry form. These forms are available at vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships, and in MALTA Membership Resources. March is also the end of the year for reporting for all programs. Please make sure to report all of your scholarship activities.

I hope to see everyone at our last COA in March! As always, thank you for all that you do! Remember, the best way to ensure the continuing growth and support of our organization is by continuing to support and encourage our younger generations through these scholarship opportunities.

Sincerely,

Crystal Proffitt
Scholarship Chairman

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO**

GENERAL ORDERS #3

February 1, 2026

All General Orders from the Department President are official and need to be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference.

1. **The Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary Parade of Programs, Workshops, and Council of Administration meeting** is scheduled for March 28-29, 2026, at Cheyenne Mountain Post #3917, 4715 Clearview Dr., Security, CO 80911. A complete schedule of programs and workshops will be available on the Department website. A Joint Council of Administration meeting to be held on Sunday, March 29, 2026, and the Auxiliary Council meeting will follow. Please watch for further details coming out soon.
2. **Department President Rena Cales' special project** is the Fisher House. Please forward all donations to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.
3. **Members in Good Standing** are those who are life members or those who hold a 2026 annual membership card as of January 1, 2026. A member who is not in good standing is not eligible to attend meetings, vote, or hold an office or chairmanship. They are also not eligible for a cancer grant from National. All rights and benefits are restored immediately upon payment of the current year's dues. Proof of payment may include a paper or digital copy from MALTA.
4. **Membership:** Members who have not yet paid their dues for 2026 are requested to send dues to your Auxiliary Treasurer or pay them directly through the MALTA system with an activated account. Membership cards will be sent to paid annual members from National Headquarters within 2 to 4 weeks. Members should always carry an application to recruit new members. The VFW Auxiliary may fix an admission fee. This entitles each new member to a membership pin, and an electronic copy of the current Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual located behind the MALTA login. (See Section 102 of the Bylaws)
5. **Audits for the months of October, November and December 2025** were to be completed by January 31, 2026. Audits must be read on the Auxiliary floor and voted to be approved before sending them to the Department Treasurer by February 28, 2026.
6. **District Presidents:** Annual official visits to the Auxiliaries should continue only as it is possible to do that safely for all. A copy of the visitation report is to be sent to the Department President and Department Chief of Staff. District Officer making the visit should sign the Secretary and Treasurer books to verify that they are being kept in accordance with procedures. Copies of bonds, audits, and verification of 990 filings should be available for review. All questions on the visit form should be completed.
7. **Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen:** The Department VFW Auxiliary would like to extend its congratulations to all the winners throughout the state and to thank all Auxiliaries for their hard work promoting these programs.
8. **Hospitalized Veterans will receive special recognition** during the week of February 8 through 13, 2026. Consider planning a special event or activity to honor our hospitalized veterans during this time.
9. **Salute to Service nominations** from the Auxiliaries are due to VFW Department Headquarters by **March 15, 2026**. There will not be an annual Department Award Banquet this year. Awards will be forwarded to the Districts to be presented at a District meeting to the members to be recognized. Forms are available on the Department website.
10. **Program Report Forms** should be filed with the VFW Department Headquarters in a timely manner so that Auxiliaries will receive credit for their hard work. The reporting year is April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. All reports are due to Department Headquarters by April 15, 2026.
11. **Supplementary Report Forms** should be completed by all Auxiliaries and sent to Department Secretary Kathy Kurtenbach by the April 15, 2026 deadline. This form provides program information that is not included on the program reporting website but is needed by the Department Chairman for year end reporting to National. The form can be found on the Department website in the Program Book and under Forms and Documents.
12. **A special thank you to all of those that attended the Parade of Programs in Greeley.** The Program Chairmen did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that each of you were able to take some good information back to your Auxiliaries.

BY ORDER OF:
Rena Cales
State President

ATTESTED TO:
Kathy Kurtenbach
State Secretary

AUXILIARY ROSTER CHANGES:

- Page 10 & Page 46 - Ann Mauck's new email address is annmauck@outlook.com
- Page 20 - Auxiliary 2121 New President - Anita Blea, 2121 27th Ave Court #3, Greeley, CO 80634; 970-617-5915; anita-blea@gmail.com
- Page 29 - Auxiliary 4444 New Treasurer - Theresa Sandoval, 5630 Bowen Ct, Commerce City, CO 80022; 720-270-0671; villejo1@yahoo.com
- Page 34 - Auxiliary 6612 New Secretary - Susie Horgan, 26620 City Rd 25, Hugo, CO 80821; 303-241-2112; susieh266@gmail.com
- Page 35 - Auxiliary 7945 - New meeting time is 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7pm

VFW Auxiliary Membership by District as of January 31, 2026

Number/City	2024	2025	%	Number/City	2024	2025	%	Number/City	2024	2025	%
No District				District #4				District #10			
4264 Stmbt Springs	28	0	0.00	3541 Sterling	45	29	64.44	3631 Aurora	92	95	103%*
4265 Craig	31	0	0.00	4671 Wray	18	18	100%*	4171 Golden	286	288	101%*
5843 Meeker	31	0	0.00	TOTAL	63	47	74.60	4331 Arvada	132	132	100%*
9374 Kremmling	24	28	117%*	District #5				4444 Cmmce City	154	150	97.40
TOTAL	114	28	24.56	101 CO Springs	72	77	107%*	7945 Thornton	268	258	96.27
District #1				3917 Security	192	187	97.40	TOTAL	932	923	99.03
1 Denver	186	166	89.25	4051 CO Springs	265	259	97.74	District #11			
322 Englewood	74	73	98.65	5221 Calhan	25	25	100%*	1247 Grnd Jcnctn	71	69	97.18
5061 Denver	182	182	100%*	6461 Fountain	156	156	100%*	3571 Delta	48	45	93.75
9644 Fort Logan	362	367	101%*	7829 Monument	37	0	0.00	3981 Grnd Jcnctn	40	38	95.00
TOTAL	804	788	98.01	TOTAL	747	704	94.24	9221 Cedaredge	52	49	94.23
District #2				District #6				TOTAL	211	201	95.26
2788 Penrose	49	47	95.92	336 Ordway	61	60	98.36	District #12			
3641 Pueblo	55	42	76.36	2411 Las Animas	101	103	102%	4031 Durango	155	153	98.71
4061 Canon City	82	78	95.12	TOTAL	162	163	101%*	5181 Dove Creek	34	32	94.12
5812 Pueblo West	49	46	93.88	District #7				5231 Cortez	54	54	100%*
7305 Colo. City	22	26	118%*	899 Alamosa	42	34	80.95	TOTAL	243	239	98.35
8898 Boone	22	24	109%*	8121 Del Norte	104	104	100%*	District #13			
TOTAL	279	263	94.27	TOTAL	146	138	94.52	3411 Kit Carson	18	19	106%*
District #3				District #8				6612 Hugo	36	38	106%*
41 Loveland	113	108	95.58	859 Leadville	17	17	100%*	TOTAL	54	57	106%*
1771 Lafayette	235	244	104%*	11411 Lake George	47	47	100%*	15006 MAL	894	1113	125%*
1781 Fort Collins	130	127	97.69	12009 Conifer	41	46	112%*	TOTAL DEPT			
2121 Greeley	85	81	95.29	TOTAL	105	110	105%*	5794	5660	97.69	
2585 Johnstown	83	88	106%*								
2601 Longmont	154	0	0.00								
4334 Ault	42	42	100%*								
6624 Evans	179	177	98.88								
12189 Berthoud	19	19	100%*								
TOTAL	1040	886	85.19								

* = 100% Membership

Help Colorado be 100%+

