



**Buddy Poppy Distribution
BV King Soopers
May 23, 24, 25**

**9 am – 5 pm - Sat, Sun
10 am – 4 pm - Mon
Volunteers needed! Call or
text Jim at 720-724-1924
to sign up.**

***In Flander's Field
by John McCrae***

*In Flanders Fields the
poppies blow,
Between the crosses, row on
row,
That mark our place; and in
the sky,
The larks, still bravely
singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns
below.
We are the dead.
Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw
sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and
now we lie,
In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with
the foe
To you, from failing hands,
we throw,
The torch, be yours to hold
it high.
If ye break faith with us,
who die,
We shall not sleep, though
poppies grow,
In Flanders Fields.*

Taps

Tony Martinez
Jerry Loose

Both were actively involved in
the Post. They will be missed!

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**Tim Gilmore - 720-353-7855
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**If an Auxiliary member
becomes ill or loses a family
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Let's Play Shuffle Board!

**1st and 3rd Saturday
of every month.
4 p.m.**

This Month in Military History

May 2, 2011 - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization based in the Middle East. Bin Laden had ordered the coordinated aerial attacks of September 11th, 2001, in which four American passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons.

May 5th - Celebrated in Mexico as Cinco de Mayo, a national holiday in remembrance of the Battle of Puebla in 1862, in which Mexican troops under General Ignacio Zaragoza, outnumbered three to one, defeated the invading French forces of Napoleon III.

May 7, 1915 - The British passenger ship Lusitania was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, losing 1,198 of its 1,924 passengers, including 114 Americans. The attack hastened neutral America's entry into World War I.

May 7, 1945 - In a small red brick schoolhouse in Reims, Germany, General Alfred Jodl signed the unconditional surrender of all German fighting forces thus ending WWII in Europe. Russian, American, British and French ranking officers observed the signing, which became effective at one minute past midnight on May 9th.

May 8, 1942 - During WWII in the Pacific, the Battle of the Coral Sea began in which Japan would suffer its first defeat of the war. The battle, fought off New Guinea, marked the first time in history that two opposing naval forces fought by only using aircraft without the opposing ships ever sighting each other.

May 11, 1969 - During the Vietnam War, the Battle of “Hamburger Hill” began. At Dong Ap Bia Mountain, U.S. troops repeatedly scaled the hill over a 10-day period, and engaged in bloody hand-to-hand combat with the North Vietnamese. After finally securing the objective, American military staff decided to abandon the position, which the North Vietnamese retook shortly thereafter.

May 12, 1949 - Soviet Russia lifted its blockade of Berlin. The blockade began on June 24, 1948 and resulted in the Berlin airlift. For 462 days - from June 26, 1948, until September 30, 1949, American and British planes flew about 278,000 flights, delivering 2.3 million tons of food, coal and medical supplies to two million isolated West Berliners.

May 13, 1846 - At the request of President James K. Polk, Congress declared war on Mexico. The controversial struggle resulted in the annexation of lands that became parts of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada,

California, Utah and Colorado. The war ended in 1848 with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

May 13, 1943 - During World War II in North Africa, over 250,000 Germans and Italians surrendered in the last few days of the Tunis campaign. The victory re-opened Allied shipping lanes in the Mediterranean.

May 14, 1942 - During World War II, an Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC), the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES), Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), and Semper Paratus Always Ready Service (SPARS), the Women's Reserve of the Marine Corps.

May 19, 1943 - During World War II in Europe, Royal Air Force bombers successfully attacked dams in the German Ruhr Valley using innovative ball-shaped bouncing bombs that skipped along the water and exploded against the dams.

May 26, 1940 - The Dunkirk evacuation began in order to save the British Expeditionary Force trapped by advancing German armies on the northern coast of France. Boats and vessels of all shapes and sizes ferried 200,000 British and 140,000 French and Belgian soldiers across the English Channel by June 2nd.

May 30, 1943 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Aleutian Islands off the coast of Alaska were retaken by the U.S. 7th Infantry Division. The battle began on May 12 when an American force of 11,000 landed on Attu. In three weeks of fighting U.S. casualties numbered 552 killed and 1,140 wounded. Japanese killed numbered 2,352, with only 28 taken prisoner, as 500 chose suicide rather than be captured.

May 31, 1862 - During the American Civil War, the Battle of Seven Pines occurred as Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston's Army attacked Union General George McClellan's troops in front of Richmond Virginia and nearly defeated them. Johnston was badly wounded. Confederate General Robert E. Lee then assumed command.

**Electronic Shooting
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**1st Monday of the month
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Commander’s Corner

Greetings! I hope everyone is doing well, and coping with the COVID-19 shutdown as best you can. The question on everyone’s mind is when are we going to open again. As I write this, the stay-at-home order is being replaced by ‘safer-at-home, but additional restrictions preventing clubs, bars, and restaurants from opening remain in place. The 10 person gathering limit is in place until at least May 11. Our Post Meeting is scheduled for May 13. We are still planning on the Poppy Drive at Bear Valley King Soopers for Memorial Day weekend (23-25 May), hopefully followed by a picnic at the Post May 25. There will be a signup sheet at the Canteen starting the very day we re-open, before then call or text me at 720-724-1924. We may have to stay seated behind the tables, depending on any remaining social distancing restrictions that still remain at that time. Please follow VFW Post 5061 on Facebook, check the website at VFWPost5061.org, or call or text a Post or Auxiliary Officer. If you need anything, please reach out! I am as anxious as you are to open the Post and get back so some normalcy! Thanks for your patience, stay tuned, and stay well!

With Respect,
Jim Kruse, Commander

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Auxiliary News

Our hearts and prayers go out to Cathy Lopez after an incident that cost the life of her son. Cathy has been through alot with medical issues and has rehabilitated herself after a long struggle. The Auxiliary members wish her the best in her struggle to understand why things happen to good people. Best wishes to you, Cathy.

I would like to extend our sympathies to Boston after he lost his brother over the past month. He should know that the membership supports him in the loss he sustained.

I hope everyone is sheltering in place and staying safe. A temporary end to this pandemic should be around corner and the summer should give us relief.

The fall season is another story and everyone will have to adapt to a new life style. The Country has taken a hit in the economy. With a little luck and alot of hard work America can rebound from this virus.

Michael Casagranda
President



Post Members: Did you pay your dues? Check your membership card for your anniversary date.

Auxiliary Members: Annual Auxiliary memberships expired on December 31, 2019. Pay your dues now!

CANTEEN NEWS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
\$1.00 Shuffle Board	Burger Night \$5.00 Every Monday 5-7 PM		2 nd Wednesday of every month Post and Auxiliary Meeting. 7:00 PM	\$1.00 Shuffle Board Everyday Free Pool and Darts.	3rd Friday Auxiliary Dinner 5-7 PM	2nd Saturday of every month Come by for The Blitz Tournament Starts at 6PM



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