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Commander's Corner

Greetings! I hope everyone had a great Christmas, and I wish you all a Happy 2021! Thirty years ago I was in Saudi Arabia preparing for the imminent start of Desert Storm. Time flies! This year, construction will begin on the Desert Storm war memorial in Washington D.C. It will be almost right next to the Vietnam Memorial, as it should, since many of the officers commanding Desert Storm were Vietnam veterans.

As I write this, the COVID readiness level has been reduced to 'orange' and we are reopening the Canteen on 04 January. We must keep our guard up until the vaccine is readily available. Soon the VA and hospitals will be administering COVID vaccine for folks over 70 and over 50 with other conditions. For now, canteen hours are 2-7pm as we have a reduced group of bartenders. We are not out of this yet, so please be respectful of your fellow veterans and wear a mask when walking into and around the Post, maintain distancing from folks outside of your household, and respect other's sensibilities concerning precautions we all should take. We will continue to take temperatures and have everyone sign in. Please be safe! We are almost there!

With Respect,

Jim Kruse, Commander

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Auxiliary News

The following is a letter from Eileen Baronosky, whose dad, Herbie, a veteran passed away from Covid in December.

"I want you to tell the members especially those that were at the Post on November 8, that Covid is real and that masks and safe distancing is important. My dad loved the VFW and yet it was the carelessness of the VFW members that caused him to get Covid that led to his death. When he got Covid, he felt so guilty that he had let his kids down because we all told him that it was not a good idea to go to the VFW during this time. He felt that if he wore his mask and practiced safe distancing that he would be safe. What he didn't count on was his VFW friends not taking this virus seriously."

*Michael Casagrande
President*

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

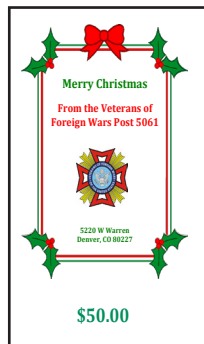
Auxiliary Members: Membership dues were due by December, 31, 2020.



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Holiday Food Drive Update

The Post and Auxiliary continue on with the VFW mission making a difference in our community despite COVID. The Post donated 40- \$50 gift cards to local families. The school community liaisons'

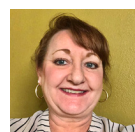


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becomes ill or loses a family
member, please let our
Auxiliary Chaplain, Roxi
Nielsen, know as soon as
possible. (303-517-7774)**



Taps

This Month in Military History...

January 1, 1776 - During the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

January 1, 1863 - The Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.

January 1, 1959 - Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba after leading a revolution that drove out Dictator Fulgencio Batista. Castro then established a Communist dictatorship.

January 2, 1942 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Japanese captured the Philippines capital of Manila and the nearby air base at Cavite.

January 3, 1777 - During the American Revolution, General George Washington defeated the British at Princeton and drove them back toward New Brunswick.

January 8, 1815 - The Battle of New Orleans occurred as General Andrew Jackson and American troops defended themselves against a British attack, inflicting over 2,000 casualties. Both sides in this battle were unaware that the Treaty of Ghent already ended the War of 1812.

January 12, 1996 - The first joint American-Russian military operation since World War II occurred as Russian troops arrived to aid in peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia.

January 16, 1991 - The war against Iraq began as Allied aircraft conducted a major raid against Iraqi air defenses. The air raid on Baghdad was broadcast live to a global audience by CNN as operation Desert Shield became Desert Storm.

January 21, 1954 - The USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, was launched at Groton, Connecticut.

January 22, 1943 - During World War II in the Pacific, Japanese resistance ended in New Guinea, resulting in the first land victory of the war for Allied forces.

January 23, 1968 - The American ship USS Pueblo was seized by North Koreans in the Sea of Japan amid claims the Navy ship was spying. The ship was confiscated and its crew held in captivity until December, with one fatality.

January 27, 1943 - The U.S. 8th Air Force conducted the first all-American bombing raid on Germany as 55 bombers targeted Wilhelmshaven, losing three planes while claiming to have shot down 22 German fighters. The success of this first mission encouraged U.S. military planners to begin regular daylight bombing raids.

January 27, 1973 - U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ended with an agreement signed in Paris. Over 58,000 Americans had been killed, 300,000 wounded and 2,500 declared missing. A total of 566 prisoners-of-war had been held by the North Vietnamese during the war, with 55 reported deaths.

January 28, 1915 - The U.S. Coast Guard was (re)created by an Act of Congress, combining the Life Saving Service and the Revenue Cutter Service.

January 30, 1968 - The Tet Offensive began in Vietnam as North Vietnamese troops attacked 36 provincial capitals and 5 major cities in South Vietnam, including an attack on the U.S. Embassy in Saigon and the presidential palace. Although U.S. forces eventually fended off the massive surprise attack, Tet became a propaganda victory for the Vietnamese due in part to graphic news reports on television which helped turn U.S. public opinion against continuation of the war.

Post and Auxiliary Meetings

Wednesday, January 13

7 pm

Please wear a mask



**All Ad payments are due by January 15
to Tom Yepsen. Annual payment is \$50.
Unpaid ads will be removed by the March
newsletter.**



A shout out to Sam Coble and the Coble family members for painting the smoke shed. It looks great!