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Commander's Corner

Greetings! Spring is just around the corner! We've had many snow days over the last several weeks, so it has been a chilly, snowy winter. I hope you've found a way to stay busy and stay motivated. COVID continues to affect our lives, but with vaccinations and relaxing rules here in Denver, we are able to get back into gear! First off, for vaccinations information check out <https://covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans/vaccine/where-can-i-get-vaccinated> or call 1-877-CO VAX CO (877-268-2926). VA info/appointments: call 303-398-6384. For Auxiliary or other family members (Denver), the office of Council Member Flynn is hosting vaccination clinics at All Saints Church (2559 S Federal Blvd). Call 720-337-2222. I urge everyone to get vaccinated! Second, I'd like to announce that we are re-starting our food functions and other events! Unfortunately, we are not going to do poppy distribution at King Soopers this year unless they change their policy over there quickly. However, hamburger night is back, as well as monthly wings! We have also re-started pool tournaments and are planning a Memorial Day picnic. Don't miss it! Our Post thrives on member activity and volunteerism. Please don't hesitate to see where you can help. We really need help at Bingo on Fridays (11-2pm at Barry's). It is fun and rewarding. Thank you for helping us make Post 5061 great!

With Respect, Jim Kruse, Commander

Post Officers

Post Commander: Jim Kruse
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Bingo Manager: Tom Yepsen
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President: Michael Casagrande
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Chaplain: Roxi Nielsen
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Trustees: Christine Dominguez, Roxi Nielsen, Tim Gilmore
Guard: Joe Tafoya

Auxiliary News

Election of officers will be held at the April 14th meeting. The meeting will be in person and on Zoom. If you are interested in attending the meeting and would like a Zoom link, please text me your name and email address to: 303-842-4303 so I can forward the link. Those of you that have attended the last two meetings will be sent an automatic link to the meeting.

At the March meeting we voted to donate King Soopers Gift Cards and RTD Bus Passes for displaced veterans through the Colorado Employment site at the VOA on Santa Fe. Tony Medina will distribute the cards and passes to veterans. The Auxiliary has worked with Tony before on making a difference in a veteran's life.

The Auxiliary also approved donating money to VFW programs including the National Children's Home, Veterans Services and UNMET needs associated with the National Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. We have been proactive in making donations this year to help veterans despite Covid 19.

Covid has made fundraising challenging this year. We are hoping King Sooper's will let us have the Memorial Day weekend Poppy Drive. A membership drive is good way to increase membership and raise money. The Auxiliary receives \$12.00 for each annual new member. All applications must include a qualified DD-214 and a check for \$25.00 or cash for annual membership.

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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**Post and Auxiliary
Elections**
Wednesday, April 14, 7 pm

Bingo Volunteers Needed!

Make a Difference in the Life of a Veteran and their Family!

Volunteers are needed to help support the MISSION of the VFW. Our main mission is to fundraise to help support veterans programs. Bingo is a main fundraiser. **Give back!** Proceeds from Bingo are donated to local, regional, and national veterans programs.

Make a difference TODAY! VOLUNTEER!

Contact Tom Yepsen at 720-985-0610 to make a difference!

Canteen Volunteers Needed!

Burger Night Cook Teams!

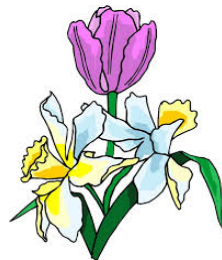
Burger Night on Mondays is popular. We are looking for additional cooking teams of 4 to join in on the cooking rotation. Gather up your volunteer team of 4 or sign up as an individual and we will put you on a team. Contact Jerry Jones, Canteen Manager, to sign up!

Volunteer Bartenders!

Looking for something to do one or two afternoons or evenings a week? Like to socialize? The Canteen is in need of volunteer bartenders. No experience necessary. Contact Jerry Jones, Canteen Manager, to sign up!



Taps



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



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This Month in Military History...

April 1, 1865 - During the American Civil War, Confederate troops of General George Pickett were defeated and cut off at Five Forks, Virginia. This sealed the fate of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's armies at Petersburg and Richmond and hastened the end of the war.

April 3, 1865 - The Confederate capital of Richmond surrendered to Union forces after the withdrawal of General Robert E. Lee's troops.

April 3, 1948 - President Harry S. Truman signed the Marshall Plan, intended to stop the spread of Communism and restore the economies of European countries devastated by World War II.

April 4, 1949 - Twelve nations signed the treaty creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It was formed as common military defense against the threat of expansion by USSR into Western Europe.

April 6, 1917 - Congress approved a declaration of war for the U.S. entry into World War I in Europe.

April 9, 1865 - After over 500,000 American deaths, the Civil War effectively ended as General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant in the village of Appomattox Court House.

April 10, 1942 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Bataan Death March began as American and Filipino prisoners were forced on a six-day march from an airfield on Bataan to a camp near Cabanatuan. Some 76,000 Allied POWs including 12,000 Americans were forced to walk 60 miles under a blazing sun without food or water to the POW camp, resulting in over 5,000 American deaths.

April 12, 1861 - The American Civil War began as Confederate troops under the command of General Pierre Beauregard opened fire at 4:30 a.m. on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina.

April 12, 1945 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt died suddenly at Warm Springs, Georgia, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage.

April 14, 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded while watching a performance of Our American Cousin at Ford's Theater in Washington.

April 14, 1986 - U.S. warplanes, on orders from President Ronald Reagan, bombed the Libyan cities of Tripoli and Benghazi in retaliation for the April 5th terrorist bombing of a discotheque in West Berlin.

April 17, 1961 - A U.S.-backed attempt to overthrow Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba failed disastrously at the Bay of Pigs.

April 18, 1775 - Paul Revere and William Dawes rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

April 18, 1942 - The first air raid on mainland Japan during World War II occurred as General James Doolittle led a squadron of B-25 bombers from the carrier Hornet to bomb Tokyo and three other cities. Damage was minimal, but the raid boosted morale after years of unchecked Japanese military advances.

April 19, 1775 - At dawn in Massachusetts, about 70 militiamen stood on Lexington Green against a British advance guard unit. An unordered 'shot heard around the world' began the American Revolution.

April 21, 1836 - The Battle of San Jacinto between Texans led by Sam Houston and Mexican forces led by Santa Anna took place near Houston. The Texans defeated the Mexican forces and achieved independence.

April 30, 1789 - George Washington became the first U.S. President as he was administered the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in New York City.

11th Annual District 1 Potato Bake

Bakeless in 2021 thanks to Covid 19

No Baked Potatoes No Crock of Soup No Chili No Desserts



No Door Prizes No Beautiful Baskets to Win No Silent Auction

BUT

Veterans & Youth still need our support

& we will be back for our 12th in 2022!

Don't worry about wearing a mask, social distancing, finding a seat or eating too much. Just think of the good time, friendly people, good food at the Potato Bake & please send us a 11th Annual Bakeless Potato Bake Donation. We appreciate your generosity.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Please return this form with your donation

Name _____ Aux # _____

Potato & Soup Donation \$10.00 _____ with Chili & Dessert \$20.00 _____ Other \$ _____

Send to: Ruth Gulden, VFW District 1 Treasurer, 10658 Crystal Way, Morrison, CO 80465

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