

The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

September 2022



Commander's Corner

Greetings! It's getting near fall, which means football at the Post! Regular season games kick off on Thursday, Sept 8, but the Broncos opening day will be Monday Night Football on Sept 12! This is burger night, so there will be food. The shrimp boil and garden party featuring the Mr. E Band will be on Saturday, Sept 10. Wing night returns on Friday Sept 16 and we will have formal recognition activities for POW-MIA day. VFW patriotic essay program entries for Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy are due to the Post by Oct 31, as are Teacher of the Year and Scout of the Year nominations. If you know of an eligible youngster to write an essay, see the brochures at the Post to read about the subject matter and rules. Coming in October is the Chili Cookoff, and the Post will be handing out Poppies over Veterans Day weekend. We will have opportunities for shorter shifts to accommodate busy weekend days, so watch for the sign-up sheet at the Canteen! Also coming up is the return of the Food Drive! These events and more will ring in Fall in style! Bring the family! As normal, it is all about the Veterans, and the Post gave \$12,000 to Veterans Organizations and local charities last month. Come to meetings for find out all the goodness going on! Happy Fall!

With Respect,

Jim Kruse, Commander

Post Officers

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Canteen Appointees

Canteen Personnel Management: Jim Kruse
Canteen Logistics Manager: Jerry Jones
Hall Manager: Joe Tafoya
Bartender Scheduler: Brenda Vigil

Auxiliary Officers

President: Dan Asimus
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Auxiliary News

I'd like to say thank you to the Post who sponsored the picnic on the 13th. It was a great time and we all enjoyed the free food, drinks and entertainment. I also want to thank everyone that participated in the Auxiliary silent auction during the post picnic. We raised over \$800 that will go to help our less fortunate veterans.

We are having a shrimp boil on Saturday September 10th with entertainment on the patio so bring your appetite and dancing shoes!

I want to mention that the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen competition deadline is Oct 31st. You can find out more information on the Post 5061 website.

One last thing is that there will be a POW/MIA short ceremony at the dinner on the Friday the 16th which is really a great thing to see.

I hope everyone is in good health and good spirits.

Dan Asimus

Post 5061 Auxiliary President

If an Auxiliary member becomes ill or loses a family member, please let our Auxiliary Chaplain, Joe Tafoya know as soon as possible. (720-347-0843)

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

Auxiliary Members: Membership dues are due by December, 31, 2022.

Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy

Do you know a middle or high school student? Encourage them to compete in the Patriot's Pen (6-8th grade) or Voice of Democracy (9-12 grade). Download an application at vfwpost5061.org or stop by the Post to pick up an application. Drop off the application to the Post Commander by October 31.



Deadline is October 31st.



POW MIA Day
Friday, September 16
Ceremony at the Post
just before karaoke
at 6 pm



Reminder to all Post 5061 members:

Please ask your guests to sign in at the podium upon entry to the Canteen. Please also remember to bring your membership card and magnetic door card!



VFWPost5061.org

Post and Auxiliary Meetings
September 14 - 6pm

BEAR VALLEY CAR WASH
"YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CARWASH"
4900 W. DARTMOUTH AVE,
DENVER, 80227



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 Jim Kruse, 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 Brenda Vigil, Bartender Scheduler, to sign up!

Have Medicare questions? I have answers.



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Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Phone

“988” is the new three-digit, nationwide phone number to connect directly to the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7, confidential support to people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress.

Too many people experience suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress without the support and care they need. In 2020 alone, the U.S. had one death by suicide about every 11 minutes—and for people aged 10-34 years, suicide is a leading cause of death.

There is hope. The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline – previously known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – is a national network of more than 200 crisis centers that helps thousands of people overcome crisis situations every day. These centers are supported by local and state sources as well as the Department of Health and Human Services’ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). As of July 16, 2022, all calls and text messages to “988” route to a 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline call center.

Family Feud



Friday, September 23

7:30 pm

Free



The PACT Act and your VA benefits

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps the VA provide generations of Veterans and their survivors —with

Items Needed for Valor Point

Valor Point is a rehabilitation treatment program facility for homeless veterans. They provide temporary housing to help veterans learn the skills necessary for sustainable living on their own.

They are collecting the following items for veterans transitioning from Valor Point to housing. Please contact Jim from Valor Point at 727-376-6108 to arrange a drop off time. New or slightly used items only. DO NOT drop off items at the Post.

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| • Bathroom Items | • Kitchen Items |
| Shower curtain | silverware |
| Towels | dishes |
| trash can | pots and pans |
| bath mat | glasses |
| | dish basket |
| | dish towels |
| • Bedroom Items | Trash can |
| new pillows | |
| new sheets and blankets | |
| hangers | |

the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve.

For more information call 800-698-2411 (TTY: 711).

What’s the PACT Act and how will it affect my VA benefits and care?

The PACT Act is perhaps the largest health care and benefit expansion in VA history. The full name of the law is The Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act.

The PACT Act will bring these changes:

- Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras
- Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures
- Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation
- Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care
- Helps us improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures

If you’re a Veteran or survivor, you can file claims now to apply for PACT Act-related benefits.

VFW Post 5061 Golf Tournament 2022

VFW Post 5061 would like to thank the following hole sponsors:

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Post 5061

35th Anniversary Commemorative Coin



\$8.00

Available Now!

Garden Party and Shrimp Boil

Saturday, September 10

Shrimp Boil - \$15.00

🎵 **Mr. E Band 4:00-7:00 pm**



**Spend some time with friends
outside at the Post!**



Hot Wings



5PM – 7PM

Karaoke 6-10 pm

Friday, September 16

Karaoke 6-10 pm

BBQ

Teriyaki

Garlic Parmesa

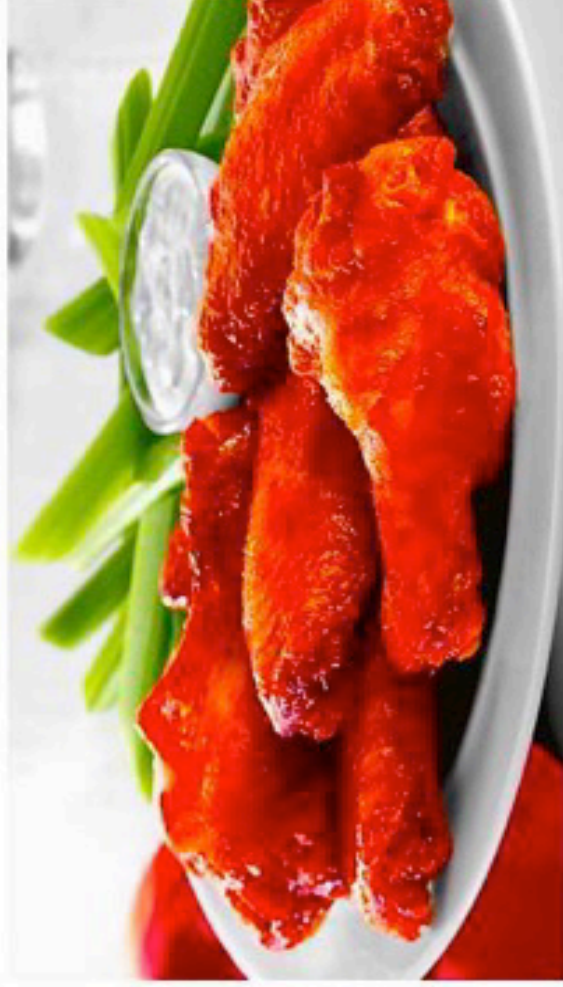
Sweet Chili

Mango Habanero

Franks Red Hot

XX Hot

Hot Teriyaki



BBQ

Teriyaki

Garlic Parmesan

Sweet Chili

Mango Habanero

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Hot Teriyaki



Wings and Fries \$10.00

