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# The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

June 2021



## Commander's Corner

Greetings! As I write this, COVID restrictions have lifted, and we are in the final stages of planning the Memorial Weekend picnic on 29 May. A shout-out to Gloria Garcia, Auxiliary member, and 'Big Bill' for their food donations to help make it happen! The many fun events at the Post continue in June with wing night and Mr. E Band, Auxiliary dinner on the third Friday, and other dinners and events in the works. Reminder; Department Convention is 9-12 June at the Double Tree in Denver. It is important to see and learn about what the VFW is and does through the many workshops offered. Looking forward to July, we have an Independence Day celebration on July 4th and Texas Shindig on July 31st. These are in addition to Toby Karaoke starting up in July on the third Friday. Watch for sign-up sheets in the canteen and opportunities to purchase your Shindig tickets! Happy Fathers Day to all the Dads out there, and a big thank you all for your support of YOUR Post!

*With Respect,  
Jim Kruse, Commander*

## Post officers

**Post Commander:** Jim Kruse  
**Sr. Vice Commander:** Steve Coca  
**Jr. Vice Commander:** Tammy Greene  
**Quartermaster:** Tom Yepsen  
**Adjutant:** Harvey Nakayama  
**Chaplain:** Manuel Sais  
**Judge Advocate:** Duane Johnson  
**Surgeon:** Mario Rodriguez  
**Service Officer:** Gary Williamson  
**Trustees:** Delbert Bowen, Bill Costa, Joe Gallegos  
**Home Board:** Charlie Dominguez, Lee Bonney, Joe Gomez, Carl Miller, Steve Coca  
**Bingo Manager:** Tom Yepsen

## Canteen Appointees

**Canteen Personnel Manager:** Harvey Nakayama  
**Canteen Logistics Manager:** Jerry Jones  
**Hall Manager:** Joe Tafoya  
**Kitchen Manager:** Bob Zwicker  
**Bartender Scheduler:** Brenda Vigil

## Auxiliary Officers

**President:** Michael Casagrande  
**Sr. Vice:** Tim Gilmore  
**Jr. Vice:** Bernadette Sannino  
**Treasurer:** Juliana Mancuso  
**Secretary:** Kathy Kurtenbach  
**Chaplain:** Roxi Nieslen  
**Conductress:** Christine Dominguez  
**Trustees:** Christine Dominguez, Roxi Nielsen, Tim Gilmore  
**Guard:** Joe Tafoya

## Auxiliary News

With a great deal of reverence I write this last newsletter. It has been a distinct pleasure to have been associated with a great group of people in Auxiliary 5061. I was assisted by a solid group of volunteers over the past four years. Volunteers are so important for a successful Auxiliary.

I would like to give a special shout out to Juliana Mancuso for working so closely with the President to keep the books in order. She has been assaulted by a couple medical issues that for most people would have forced them to throw in the towel. Instead, she worked through it to complete the necessary tasks as the Treasurer. THANK YOU JULIANA.

This Auxiliary is high in stature with all of our new member transfers from 2797. The new Auxiliary members have a reputation for volunteerism and presentable behavior. Thank you for your credibility and support for our valuable veterans.

I will close with one thought for the Auxiliary for the future. Your behavior should represent an image of respect to other members. When you drink too much in the canteen, keep your inflammatory opinions to yourself. Like my Mother would say, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

*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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# 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 Bob Zwicker (Boston), Kitchen 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 Brenda Vigil, Bartender Scheduler, to sign up!

**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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### 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!

## This Month in Military History...

**June 6, 1944** - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft. The Germans had about 60 divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. American forces landed on Utah and Omaha beaches as British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.

**June 11, 1994** - After 49 years, the Soviet military occupation of East Germany ended.

**June 14, 1775** - The first U.S. Military service, the Continental Army consisting of six companies of riflemen, was established by the Second Continental Congress. The next day, George Washington was appointed by a unanimous vote to command the army.

**June 14, 1777** - John Adams introduced a resolution before Congress mandating a United States flag, stating, "...that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation." This anniversary is celebrated each year in the U.S. as Flag Day.

**June 18, 1812** - The U.S. Senate voted 19 to 13 in favor of a declaration of war against Great Britain. The War of 1812 lasted over two years and ended with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium on Dec. 24, 1814.

**June 18, 1815** - On the fields near Waterloo in central Belgium, 72,000 French troops, led by Napoleon, suffered a crushing military defeat from a combined Allied army of 113,000 British, Dutch, Belgian, and Prussian troops. Thus ended 23 years of warfare between France and the other powers of Europe. Napoleon was then sent into exile on the island of St. Helena off the coast of Africa.

**June 22, 1941** - Starting at 3:15 am, some 3.2 million German soldiers plunged headlong into Russia across an 1800-mile front, in a major turning point of World War II.

**June 23, 1865** - The last formal surrender of Confederate troops occurred as Cherokee leader and Confederate Brigadier General Watie surrendered his battalion comprised of American Indians in the Oklahoma Territory.

**June 25, 1862** - During the American Civil War, the Seven Days Campaign began as Confederate General Robert E. Lee launched a series of assaults to successfully prevent the Union Army from taking Richmond, Virginia.

**June 25, 1876** - General George A. Custer, leading 250 men, attacked an encampment of Sioux Indians near Little Bighorn River in Montana. Custer and his men were then attacked by 2000-4000 Indian braves. Only one scout and a single horse survived 'Custer's Last Stand' on the Little Bighorn Battlefield.

**June 25, 1950** - The Korean War began as North Korean troops, led by Russian-built tanks, crossed the 38th parallel and launched a full scale invasion of South Korea. Five days later, U.S. forces entered the conflict, which lasted until July 27, 1953, when an armistice signed at Panmunjom formally divided the country at the 38th parallel into North & South Korea.

**June 25, 1991** - Following the collapse of Soviet rule in Eastern Europe, the republics of Croatia and Slovenia declared their independence from Yugoslavia. Ethnic rivalries between Serbians and Croats soon erupted. In 1992, fighting erupted in Bosnia-Herzegovina between Serbians and ethnic Muslims. Violence in the region raged on through 1995.

**June 28, 1862** - During the American Civil War, the siege of the Confederate city of Vicksburg began as Admiral David Farragut succeeded in taking a fleet past the Mississippi River stronghold. The siege continued over a year.

**June 28, 1914** - Archduke Francis Ferdinand, Crown Prince of Austria and his wife were assassinated at Sarajevo, touching off a conflict between the Austro-Hungarian government and Serbia that escalated into World War I.

**June 28, 1919** - The signing of the Treaty of Versailles formally ended World War I.

## Department of Colorado State Convention

June 9-12  
Double Tree by Hilton  
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**Post and Auxiliary Meetings: June 9, 7 pm**