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Commander's Corner

Greetings! As I write this, all Colorado VFW Posts are closed by order of the Department Commander. Coronavirus has literally changed our lives for the near future. The Post will be closed until at least April 30, provided there are no additional restrictions preventing it. Please follow VFW Post 5061 on Facebook, check the website at VFWPost5061.org, or call or text a Post or Auxiliary Officers. If you are a high risk individual on lockdown and need groceries or something else, please reach out! The latest information on COVID19 directly from the CDC can be found at www.coronavirus.gov. If you go to the Post website, there is an electronic copy of this newsletter and you can click a link to a world-wide COVID19 map. YOU are what makes our Post GREAT!!! STAY WELL! REACH OUT if you need assistance!

*With Respect,
Jim Kruse, Commander*

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

Post Officers

Post Commander: Jim Kruse
Sr. Vice Commander: Steve Coca
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Canteen Manager: Jerry Jones
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Hall Manager: Joe Tafoya

Auxiliary Officers

President: Michael Casagrande
Sr. Vice: Tim Gilmore
Jr. Vice: Bernadette Sannino
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Chaplain: Roxi Nielsen
Conductress: Christine Dominguez
Trustees: Christine Dominguez, Roxi Nielsen, Tim Gilmore
Guard: Joe Tafoya

Auxiliary News

Our hearts go out to all of the people affected by the COVID 19 virus. This is not the first pandemic and probably not the last. For the healthy this is survivable situation but for some it will be life threatening. This is why the Post will band together to respect each other and deliver aid to each other in our darkest hour. Posts were closed in an attempt to mitigate this crisis and protect our elderly and those with immuno-deficiencies. The Post will open again when the prognosis has improved for our country.

We should do everything we can to minimize the death toll that has already besieged our country. With proper respect for each other and a banding together we will defeat this menace on society. Let your hearts be full of empathy for those sick and dying people of the world. The doctors and nurses are playing the most important role in helping our citizens survive. Some of the finest minds are converging on a therapy, or better yet, a vaccine to protect all of us in the future. So keep your head about you and set an example for others. We are all in this together and God in his infinite way will guide us out of the situation.

*Michael Casagrande
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!



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Protect yourself and others from getting sick
Wash your hands

- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before, during and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after handling animals or animal waste

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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, 1860 - In the American West, the Pony Express service began as the first rider departed St. Joseph, Missouri. For \$5 an ounce, letters were delivered 2,000 miles to California within ten days. The service lasted less than two years, ending upon the completion of the overland telegraph.

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 10, 1945 - The Nazi concentration camp at Buchenwald was liberated by U.S. troops.

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 15, 1912 - The luxury liner Titanic with 2,224 persons on board sank at 2:27 a.m. off of Newfoundland after striking an iceberg just before midnight. Over 1,500 persons drowned, 700 rescued.

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 21, 1918 - During World War I, the Red Baron (Manfred von Richtofen) was shot down and killed during the Battle of the Somme. He was credited with 80 kills in less than two years.

April 27, 1865 - On the Mississippi River, the worst steamship disaster in U.S. history occurred as an explosion aboard the Sultana killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union soldiers who had been prisoners of war and were returning home.

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.

Need Help?

If you need someone to pick up groceries or essential items, please call the following Auxiliary members:

Tim Gilmore - 720-353-7855
Janet Farris 720-217-4356

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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Let's Play Shuffle Board!

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

"Where flowers bloom
so does hope."

- LADY BIRD JOHNSON

Electronic Shooting Range

1st Monday of the month
5-8 pm