

The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

July 2022



Commander's Corner

Happy Independence Day! The Post will serve burgers and hotdogs on the 4th from 2-4pm followed by Mr. E Band 4-7pm. We will also host a comedy show on 22 July, with tickets on sale now at the Canteen. The State Convention in June in Canon City went well. The Post won awards for Hospital work, Poppies participation, and Community Service. Thank you for contributing your time and effort to these important programs! Participants also learn more about VFW government, State and National programs, and participate in proposals for modifications to rules and bylaws. Past and current Commanders, Quartermasters, Judge Advocates, Service Officers, and others are there to advise and learn from. I learned a couple rule items and have posted the appropriate signage at the Post. Probably the most important one is that the consumption of marijuana is not allowed at VFW Posts, and we are observing this rule. In other news, we are doing better with filling bartender shifts, so thank you for that. We could use at least one more burger cook team, so try helping on the 4th and see how you like it. We always need help at Friday Bingo where the money earned goes to veteran programs and local charities. Our Post runs on volunteerism, so please help out where you can. Have a great month, and be safe!

*With Respect,
Jim Kruse, Commander*

Post Officers

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Bingo Manager: Tom Yepsen

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
Sr. Vice: Tim Gilmore
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Treasurer: Janet Farris
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Conductress: Roxi Nielson
Trustees: Juliana Mancuso, Kim Williamson, Tim Gilmore
Guard: Collin Mason

Auxiliary News

July is the month we celebrate America's independence. As we relax and enjoy family and friends while eating hotdogs, hamburgers and a beverage please remember the veterans who fight for our country in order keep America free. Come on down to the VFW on the Fourth of July for hotdogs and hamburgers as we appreciate the Post and Auxiliary members of the 5061.

On July 22nd we are having a comedy night with several comedians so it will be a fun night to get out and enjoy and evening of laughs. If you would like to attend you can get tickets at the VFW. Just ask the bartender for them. The tickets are \$10 now and will be \$15 at the door. We have a limited amount of tickets so be sure to get them early.

The Auxiliary Dinner is on the 15th so come on out for some food and Karaoke.

*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.

Post 5061
July 4th Picnic
2 pm

Post will provide burgers, brats and hot dogs
 Bring a dish to pass

Mr. E Band 4-7 pm



Volunteers Needed! Sign up sheet at the Canteen.

**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

**Post and Auxiliary Meetings
 July 13 - 6pm**



VFWPost5061.org

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!

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Nine New Cancers Added to the Presumed Service-Connected List Related to Particulate Matter

On April 26, VA announced the addition of nine rare respiratory cancers to the list of presumed service-connected disabilities due to exposure to fine particulate matter for Veterans who served any amount of time in

- Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria or Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War, from September 19, 2001, to the present, or
- The Southwest Asia theater of operations from August 2, 1990, to the present.

VA is taking a new approach to making decisions on presumptives, one that takes all available science into account, with one goal in mind – getting today's Veterans, and Vets in the decades ahead – the benefits they deserve, as fast as possible.

VA identified, through a focused review of scientific and medical evidence, a biological plausibility between airborne hazards, specifically particulate matter, and carcinogenesis of the respiratory tract; the unique circumstances of these rare cancers warrant a presumption of service connection.

Veterans and survivors who had claims previously denied for any of the below respiratory cancers are encouraged to file a supplemental claim for benefits;

- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx;
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea;
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea;
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea;
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung;
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung;
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung;
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung and;
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung.

VA will contact impacted Veterans and survivors to inform them about their eligibility and it will provide information on how to apply.

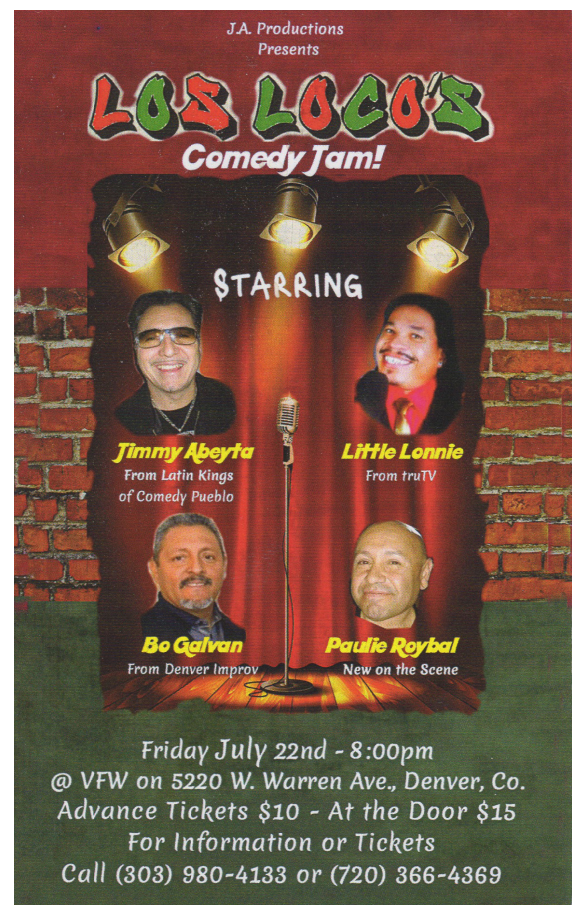
To apply for benefits, Veterans and survivors may visit VA.gov or call toll-free at 800-827-1000.

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 |
| • Bedroom Items | dish towels |
| new pillows | Trash can |
| new sheets and blankets | |
| hangers | |



Auxiliary Fundraiser: Tickets can be purchased at the Canteen.

Post 5061

35th Anniversary Commemorative Coin



\$8.00

Available Now!

VFW Post 5061 Golf Tournament 2022

What: 4 person scramble

When: August 18

Where: Overland Golf Course

This will be a shotgun start tournament

• **Cost per person - \$90.00**

- Winners will go to the three lowest scores.
- Plus long drive for men & women and closest to pin on #10 & #16



Luncheon to follow directly at the VFW Post 5061 (5220 W. Warren)

Tickets for prizes will be available at the golf course and at luncheon the day of the tournament.

Hole sponsorships available. Donations/prizes appreciated! Contact Jerry Jones at 303-980-4133. Download a sign up sheet at: www.vfwpost5061.org

