

The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

November 2022



Commander's Corner

Happy Veterans Day! On Veterans Day weekend, we will be distributing Buddy Poppies at the Bear Valley King Soopers! Sign-up sheets are at the Canteen. Please consider volunteering for this important fundraising opportunity. We will also host a Veterans Day dinner on Friday, November 11th. Please consider helping out! The Chili Cookoff was a huge success! Thank you to the 12 cooks and over 100 votes for the people's favorites! Hearty congratulations to this year's Post 5061 Chili Champion, Steve Keeling! Brenda Vigil presented a champ's basket that she donated, and Steve's name will be added to the Champ's Plaque in the Canteen. With Pat Keeling's victory last year, the Keelings have become the Post's 'chili family', and we look forward to more next year! As the holidays near, the Post is sponsoring needy veterans' families. After Veterans Day, the red, white and blue Christmas tree will go up in the Canteen with names of children and family members in need of useful items and gifts. In addition, food donation boxes will soon be placed in the Canteen for your generous support. The Post will not be a drop-off site for Toys for Tots this year, as we turn our attention to local needs and issues. As we are an all-volunteer organization, please consider volunteering at bingo, VA hospital, or closer to home at the Post working as a bartender, cook, or helping out with events. Thank you and stay safe!

With Respect, Jim Kruse, Commander

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Canteen Appointees

Canteen Personnel Management: Jim Kruse
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Bartender Scheduler: Brenda Vigil

Auxiliary Officers

President: Dan Asimus
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Guard: Colin Mason

Auxiliary News

Hello auxiliary members,

I hope everyone had a fun Halloween weekend. The weather is really changing now so pull out your sweaters, jackets etc. Winter is on its way! This month we have Veterans Day weekend. We will be handing out poppies at the King Soopers in Bear Valley on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We need volunteers to help. There is a sign-up sheet at the Canteen so please sign up for a time slot that you can help.

Friday, Nov 11th, is Veterans Day. We are serving a free Italian dinner for all Veterans and their families. Mr. E will be playing that evening at the Post.

I encourage you to attend the Auxiliary meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Come down and see what we are all about and be an active part of VFW 5061 auxiliary.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

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.



Buddy Poppy Distribution

Bear Valley King Soopers

Nov 11, 12, 13

9 am – 5 pm - Fri and Sat

10 am – 4 pm - Sun

Volunteers needed!

Sign up sheet at
the Canteen.



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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Christmas for Veterans Families

The Post is sponsoring 4 families through the Colorado Department of Labor Veterans Employment Division. Shortly after Veteran's Day, the red, white and blue Christmas tree will go up in the Canteen with names of children and family members in need of useful items and gifts. Grab a card with a name on it, buy the suggested present on the card, wrap it, write the recipient's first and last name on the gift tag and drop it off at the Post by December 4.

Holiday Food Drive

Please bring your nonperishable food items to the Post! Between now and December 10. Our goal is to donate at least 25 food baskets to families for a Christmas dinner. Items needed:

French fried onions	Canned pumpkin
Stuffing mix	Cranberry sauce
Gravy mix	Canned veggies
Canned pie filling	Canned green beans
Jello packets	

Items Needed for Valor Point

Valor Point is a rehabilitation treatment program facility for homeless veterans right here in our neighborhood. 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.

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

If you are a veteran or auxiliary member and you or your family are having a difficult time affording food for the holidays, please reach out to the Commander and he will discretely hook you up with some food items.

Blitz is Back

Saturday, November 19 - 5pm

Bring a dish to pass.

Blitz starts at 6 pm sharp.

For more information contact Bob Johnson

303-229-6061



Wreath Decorating!

Make a holiday or patriotic wreath this season for a family member or friend. Make it your own! Choose from 3 different wreath sizes, a variety of bows, and colorful balls. For more information and to set up a pick up time your supplies, contact Janet Farris at 720-217-4356.





Veteran's Day Dinner

**Friday, November 11
Short Program at 5 p.m.
Dinner to Follow**

**VFW Post 5061 - 5220 W Warren
Denver, CO 80227**

**Home-cooked
Stuffed Shells Italian Dinner**

**Veterans and active duty - Free
Friends and Family - donation appreciated**

Honoring all who served

**Mr. E Band
5:30-8:30 pm**

Post 5061

35th Anniversary Commemorative Coin



\$8.00

Available Now!

Post 5061 Holiday Food Drive

Bring in your nonperishable food items. Let's beat last year's donation of 25 food baskets to 25 families for a Christmas dinner and food items for kids during school break. See below for a list of needed items



Items Needed:

French fried onions
canned pumpkin
stuffing mix
cranberry sauce
gravy mix

canned veggies
canned pie filling
canned green beans
jello packets

Place donated items in boxes in the corner by pool table.