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Commander's Corner

Greetings! As COVID-19 shutdown disruptions have taken social opportunities and events such as the Poppy Drive away from us, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Since we are in the City of Denver, we have restrictions that other Posts in the State do not have. However, the 10 person gathering limit has been lifted, and restaurants have been allowed to open. Post 5061 is not far behind, and we are looking at a mid-June opening! Please watch for Post opening announcements by following VFW Post 5061 on Facebook, check the website at VFWPost5061.org, or call or text a Post or Auxiliary Officer. There will be some changes, such as how we arrange seating, but we will be ready. The pool table has been re-covered, lights in the Canteen have been changed, and Janie and Karen planted pots of beautiful flowers in the back yard. We are having the regular Post and Auxiliary meetings on June 10. We can take care of elections and other business left hanging since March. If you need anything, please reach out!! Thanks for your patience, stay tuned, and stay well!

*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
Jr. Vice Commander: Tammy Greene
Quartermaster: Tom Yepsen
Adjutant: Kenny Maestas
Chaplain: Manuel Sais
Judge Advocate: Carl Miller
Surgeon: Mario Rodriguez
Service Officer: Carl Miller
Trustees: Delbert Bowen, Mario Rodriguez, Bill Costa
Home Board: Charlie Dominguez, Lee Bonney, Joe Gallegos, Steve Coca
Canteen Manager: Jerry Jones
Bingo Manager: Tom Yepsen
Hall Manager: Joe Tafoya

Auxiliary Officers

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

Auxiliary News

I hope everyone has successfully distanced yourselves from this virus. I know a few of our members have been front line leaders in maintaining our food sources. I am glad to be associated with people of integrity.

It was reported from the CDC that you don't have to worry about the virus on surfaces. The CDC corrected themselves to readdress a concern about virus on surfaces. To error on the side of common sense keep everything wiped down and wash your hands. Just like the face masks we didn't need to wear has turned into a style choice. So you must revert to common sense and wear masks, wash hands, and avoid situations that prevent you from distancing six feet. And outside is better than crowded indoor gatherings.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 10th at 7:00pm. I would like to see all of the officers at the meeting. The reason is to exercise the election ritual for all officers. The installation will happen after the election. The Auxiliary will be following distancing rules during the meeting. Please bring a mask for your own protection to stop the spread. See you at the meeting if you feel comfortable leaving your safe house.

*Michael Casagranda
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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Post and Auxiliary Meetings

Wednesday, June 10

7 pm

Please wear a mask

D-Day Facts

(Taken from History Channel Website)

- 1. D-Day Meaning:** The ‘D’ in D-Day doesn’t stand for anything. The U.S. military uses the term D-Day to designate the launch date of a mission. One reason was to keep the actual date out of the hands of spies; another was to serve as a placeholder until an actual date was chosen.
- 2. Allied forces carried out a massive deception campaign in advance of D-Day.** The idea was to trick the Nazis into thinking that the invasion would occur at Pas-de-Calais, the closest French coastline to England. The Allies used fake radio transmissions, double agents, and even a “phantom army,” commanded by American General George Patton, to throw Germany off the scent.
- 3. The D-Day invasion marked a turning point in the war.** Less than a year later, on May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender.
- 4. The toughest fighting was on Omaha Beach.** Bombing runs had failed to take out heavily fortified Nazi artillery positions. The first waves of American fighters were cut down in droves by German machine gun fire as they scrambled across the mine-riddled beach. But U.S. forces persisted through the day-long slog, pushing forward to a fortified seawall and then up steep bluffs to take out the Nazi artillery posts by nightfall.

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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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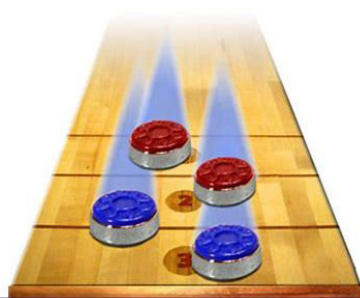
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Let's Play Shuffle Board!

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



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 two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while 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 - After much debate, 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 December 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. ground forces entered the conflict, which lasted until July 27, 1953, when an armistice was signed at Panmunjom, formally dividing the country at the 38th parallel into North and 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.

Electronic Shooting Range

1st Monday of the month
5-8 pm