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Commander’s Corner

Greetings! Vaccine opportunities are increasing, and so are the activities at the Post! The state is at about 40% vaccinated. I urge everyone to get vaccinated! Monday hamburger night is back, monthly wings, and Auxiliary dinners! Memorial Weekend picnic will be Saturday, May 29th. We are planning on grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats. If the weather is good, plan on enjoying the nice outdoor area at the Post. Don't miss it! Special thanks this month to Harvey Nakayama, Paul and Leslie, Dan and Audrey, Brenda, Janet, Tim, Pat and Boston for stepping up volunteer help! Our Post thrives on member activity and volunteerism. Please don't hesitate to see where you can help. We really need help at Bingo on Fridays (11-2pm at Barry's). If you have any ideas for dinners or wish to volunteer to help cook, please see Boston. It is fun and rewarding. Thank you for your support!

With Respect,
 Jim Kruse, Commander



Post Officers

Post Commander: Jim Kruse
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Jr. Vice Commander: Tammy Greene
Quartermaster: Tom Yepsen
Adjutant: TBD
Chaplain: Manuel Sais
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Service Officer: Carl Miller
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Canteen Logistics Manager: Jerry Jones
Canteen Personnel Manager: Harvey Nakayama
Bingo Manager: Tom Yepsen

Auxiliary Officers

President: Michael Casagrande
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

Elections were held at the April meeting. The Auxiliary was unanimous in electing Dan Asimus as President for 2021-2022 term. Dan will be a good President. The President can only be successful if they are supported by the membership. The first year is always the hardest with regards to protocols and working within the system. Dan is a good man and will appreciate any help from our present membership.

The Treasurer’s position was filled by Janet Farris who is familiar with the required tasks involving the position. The Auxiliary is very lucky to elect an individual with experience to maintain the bank account and membership requirements. Once again she will be successful if supported by the Auxiliary in keeping receipts in order. If you are issued a check, please cash the check ASAP. This will be helpful in order to keep the books in order. I want to personally thank the people that stepped up and volunteered for these positions.

I have been lucky to have had wonderful support from my officers including; Tim Gilmore, Kathy Kurtenbach, Joe Tafoya (new chaplain), Bernadette Sannino, Roxi Nielsen and Chris Dominguez for their support over the years. These same people will continue to make our Auxiliary the best in the District.

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 Harvey Nakayama, Canteen Personnel 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 Harvey Nakayama, Canteen Personnel Manager, to sign up!

COVID Vaccination Sites with No Appointment Needed!

Denver: Ball Arena Parking Lot

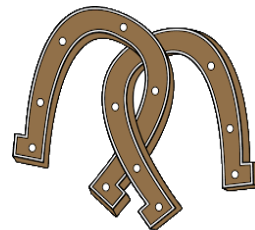
- 1000 Chopper Cir, Denver
- Drive-thru site
- 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Vaccines available: Pfizer, Moderna

Larimer County: The Ranch

- 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland
- Drive-thru site
- 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday
- Vaccines available: Pfizer, Moderna

Pueblo County: Colorado State Fairgrounds

- 1001 Beulah Ave, Pueblo
- Drive-thru site
- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday-Monday
- Vaccines available: Pfizer



*Pending Denver COVID guidelines

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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This Month in Military History...

May 2, 2011 - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization based in the Middle East. Bin Laden had ordered the coordinated aerial attacks of September 11th, 2001, in which four American passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons.

May 5th - Celebrated in Mexico as Cinco de Mayo, a national holiday in remembrance of the Battle of Puebla in 1862, in which Mexican troops under General Ignacio Zaragoza, outnumbered three to one, defeated the invading French forces of Napoleon III.

May 7, 1915 - The British passenger ship Lusitania was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, losing 1,198 of its 1,924 passengers, including 114 Americans. The attack hastened neutral America's entry into World War I.

May 7, 1945 - In a small red brick schoolhouse in Reims, Germany, General Alfred Jodl signed the unconditional surrender of all German fighting forces thus ending WWII in Europe. Russian, American, British and French ranking officers observed the signing, which became effective at one minute past midnight on May 9th.

May 8, 1942 - During WWII in the Pacific, the Battle of the Coral Sea began in which Japan would suffer its first defeat of the war. The battle, fought off New Guinea, marked the first time in history that two opposing naval forces fought by only using aircraft without the opposing ships ever sighting each other.

May 11, 1969 - During the Vietnam War, the Battle of "Hamburger Hill" began. At Dong Ap Bia Mountain, U.S. troops repeatedly scaled the hill over a 10-day period, and engaged in bloody hand-to-hand combat with the North Vietnamese. After finally securing the objective, American military staff decided to abandon the position, which the North Vietnamese retook shortly thereafter.

May 12, 1949 - Soviet Russia lifted its blockade of Berlin. The blockade began on June 24, 1948 and resulted in the Berlin airlift. For 462 days - from June 26, 1948, until September 30, 1949, American and British planes flew about 278,000 flights, delivering 2.3 million tons of food, coal and medical supplies to two million isolated West Berliners.

May 13, 1846 - At the request of President James K. Polk, Congress declared war on Mexico. The controversial struggle resulted in the annexation of lands that became parts of

Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and Colorado. The war ended in 1848 with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

May 13, 1943 - During World War II in North Africa, over 250,000 Germans and Italians surrendered in the last few days of the Tunis campaign. The victory re-opened Allied shipping lanes in the Mediterranean.

May 14, 1942 - During World War II, an Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC), the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES), Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), and Semper Paratus Always Ready Service (SPARS), the Women's Reserve of the Marine Corps.

May 26, 1940 - The Dunkirk evacuation began in order to save the British Expeditionary Force trapped by advancing German armies on the northern coast of France. Boats and vessels of all shapes and sizes ferried 200,000 British and 140,000 French and Belgian soldiers across the English Channel by June 2nd.

May 30, 1943 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Aleutian Islands off the coast of Alaska were retaken by the U.S. 7th Infantry Division. The battle began on May 12 when an American force of 11,000 landed on Attu. In three weeks of fighting U.S. casualties numbered 552 killed and 1,140 wounded. Japanese killed numbered 2,352, with only 28 taken prisoner, as 500 chose suicide rather than be captured.

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Memorial Weekend

Picnic

Saturday, May 29
3-7 pm

Post will provide burgers,
brats, hot dogs, and chips



Post and Auxiliary Meetings: May 12, 7 pm

