

# The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

May 2022



## Commander's Corner

Greetings! Summer is fast approaching, and so are all sorts of veteran oriented activities! Installation of Officers will take place on Friday, May 13th at 6pm. We will have refreshments afterwards, followed by Trivia at 7:30pm. VFW Post 2788 is hosting a Loyalty Day parade in Penrose, CO on May 14th. The District 1 meeting will be on May 21 at Post 1 at 1000. Poppies are back for Memorial Day weekend May 27, 28, and 29th. See the sign-up sheet in the Canteen. Also, Memorial Weekend picnic will be Saturday, May 28th. 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! As this is our 35th Anniversary year, this month I'd like to introduce our Post namesake, Captain Dean K. Phillips, a highly decorated Vietnam combat veteran and Colorado veterans' rights advocate. Phillips worked to establish the Vietnam Era Veterans Tuition Waiver Act, the State Veterans Nursing Home at Florence, the Colorado Veterans Employment Rights Act, and the Paraplegic and Blind Veterans Tax Credit Act. Our Post is dedicated to the exemplification of the ideals of Captain Phillips. As such, our Post thrives on member activity and volunteerism. Please don't hesitate to see where you can volunteer. It is fun and rewarding. Thank you for your support!

*With Respect, Jim Kruse, Commander*

### Post Officers

**Post Commander:** Jim Kruse  
**Sr. Vice Commander:** Steve Coca  
**Jr. Vice Commander:** Tammy Greene  
**Quartermaster:** Tom Yepsen  
**Adjutant:** TBD  
**Chaplain:** Manuel Sais  
**Judge Advocate:** Duane Johnson  
**Surgeon:** Mario Rodriguez  
**Service Officer:** Gary Williamson  
**Trustees:** Delbert Bowen, Ron Lattin, Joe Gallegos  
**Home Board:** Lee Bonney, Joe Gomez, Carl Miller, Steve Coca

### Auxiliary News

Memorial Day weekend kicks off the un-official start to summer and warm weather, which I for one am very happy about. The post is having a Memorial Day Picnic on May 28. Join us for free hamburgers and hotdogs.

Come on out to the Auxiliary Dinner on May 20th and have some Mississippi Pot Roast. I am told is very good so we are in for a treat.

Please join us for the Auxiliary's Special Presidents Project on May 18th for the Rockies and Giants game. If you are interested in going please login to [www.rockies.com/vfw](http://www.rockies.com/vfw) to select your tickets.

We need volunteers to hand out poppies on the 27th through the 29th for the Memorial Day Poppies fund raiser this year. There is a sign up sheet at the bar in the post so if you can please come down and help us out.

There are still about 10 members that are about to let their memberships expire. Please get the membership paid up before June otherwise they will need to re-apply for membership again.

*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 were due by December, 31, 2021.**



## Buddy Poppy Distribution BV King Soopers May 27,28,29

9-5 pm Fri, Sat  
10-4 Sun

**Volunteers needed.  
Sign up sheet at the Post.**

## *In Flander's Field* by John McCrae

*In Flanders Fields the  
poppies blow,  
Between the crosses, row on  
row,  
That mark our place; and in  
the sky,  
The larks, still bravely  
singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns  
below.  
We are the dead.  
Short days ago,  
We lived, felt dawn, saw  
sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved and  
now we lie,  
In Flanders Fields.  
Take up our quarrel with  
the foe  
To you, from failing hands,  
we throw,  
The torch, be yours to hold  
it high.  
If ye break faith with us,  
who die,  
We shall not sleep, though  
poppies grow,  
In Flanders Fields.*



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# Memorial Weekend Picnic

Saturday, May 28  
5 pm

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



## 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 and magnetic door card!



## ATTENTION POST 5061 MEMBERS!

## We need your service photo!!!

We are still accepting photos of our veterans in their uniforms for the Post website. Check it out at

<https://www.vfwpost5061.org/veterans-photo-gallery>

**Please submit a hard copy to the Canteen or text a  
digital copy to: Kathy K (907-347-3873)**



## Are You Being Scammed?

Have you received a suspicious call from an organization claiming to represent or have affiliation with the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)? Did the caller guarantee a lucrative payout for your disability compensation or pension claim for a "small fee"?

If so, you may be a target of a scammer. Recently, VA has seen an increase of fraudsters and non-accredited representatives who are targeting the pension benefits of elderly Veterans and their dependents and survivors.

VA is committed to defeating fraudsters, by educating veterans, and their families about the types of fraudulent tactics being used against them, including Pension Poaching.

Pension Poaching is the financial exploitation by an advisor who profits by artificially qualifying a claimant for VA pension benefits. The scheme often involves financial maneuvers such as advising claimants to hide their assets

in trusts or annuity products sometimes resulting in lost investments and lucrative fees paid to the advisor. Pension Poaching is rapidly evolving as a preferred method used by criminals to defraud elderly Veterans, survivors, and their families who are eligible for VA benefits.

To avoid being a victim to these tactics, here are some helpful tips to remember when protecting yourself from fraud: Be suspicious if someone offers to shift your assets around to qualify for VA pension. You may be required to repay benefits to the government. NEVER share eBenefits, VA.GOV, or other VA login credentials with anyone.

DO NOT deposit VA benefits directly into a third-party bank account unless the person is court appointed or a VA accredited fiduciary. Remember, VA does not charge for processing a claim or request a processing fee. Use VA accredited organizations to help file your claim. VA does not threaten or take adverse actions such as jail or lawsuits on claimants. If in doubt, call VA directly at 1-800-827-1000.

To report suspected activity, please contact the VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) by calling 1-800-488-8244.



## 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 Boston, Kitchen 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 Brenda Vigil, Bartender Scheduler, to sign up!

## BEAR VALLEY CAR WASH "YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CARWASH"

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## Have Medicare questions? I have answers.



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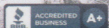


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## Volunteer Opportunities at the VA Hospital

- Compassionate Contact Corps

This tele support program benefits veterans who are lonely, socially isolated or would simply like someone to talk to. Trained volunteers provide support by making periodic phone calls or video calls. For more information contact Keith Anderson at 719-227-4408 or email him at keith.anderson3@vs.gov.

Other Volunteer opportunities:

- Reminder Phone calls for clinics-Move program
- HR Clerical Work and answer phone
- Prosthetic Department - mailing items
- Patient Transportation
- Pharmacy Administration Assistant
- Emergency Department Ambassador
- Fleet Vehicle volunteer
- Badging Admin volunteer
- VISIT (Visual Impairment Service Team) Coordinator Volunteer -Reminder Calls

For more information, contact Eva Gergely,  
720-723-3074 or 720-443-9834

## 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.

The Post and Auxiliary are collecting the following items for veterans transitioning from Valor Point to housing. Please contact Tim Gilmore at 720-353-7855 for item pick up. New or slightly used items only. DO NOT drop off items at the Post.

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| • Kitchen Items | • Bathroom Items        |
| silverware      | Shower curtain          |
| dishes          | Towels                  |
| pots and pans   | trash can               |
| glasses         | bath mat                |
| dish basket     |                         |
| dish towels     | • Bedroom Items         |
| trash cans      | new pillows             |
|                 | table lamp              |
|                 | new sheets and blankets |
| • Furniture     | hangers                 |
| night stands    |                         |
| coffee table    |                         |
| dresser         |                         |



**CO VFW  
State Aux**

*The Colorado Rockies invite you to join us at Coors Field to watch the Rockies take on the Giants and enjoy a group outing benefiting the Colorado VFW Auxiliary President's Special Project!*

**Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:10pm**  
**Colorado Rockies vs. San Francisco Giants**

**\$20 Pavilion seating**

\*A PORTION OF EACH TICKET SOLD GOES BACK TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT\*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**VFWPost5061.org**



**Post and Auxiliary Meetings  
May 11  
6pm**



**POOL TOURNAMENT**

**SAT, MAY 21  
2:00 PM**

**LIMIT 12 PLAYERS**

**VFW Post 5061**



# Post 5061

## 35th Anniversary Commemorative Coin



\$8.00

Available Now!



## Auxiliary Dinner



**May 20**

**5-7 pm**

**\$10.00**

### **Mississippi**

#### **Pot Roast Dinner**

**Pot roast, string beans  
mashed potatoes, gravy,  
roll, and dessert**



**Karaoke 6-10 pm**