

# The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

October 2021



## Commander's Corner

Greetings! We are continuing to trend towards normal activity levels at the Post as more and more of you are feeling comfortable about coming around post-COVID. We have two karaoke nights and two Mr. E Band gigs scheduled, as well as getting more food events on-line. As football season has begun, we are hosting every Broncos game and potluck! October 31 is the deadline for Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen submissions. We have entry forms posted here at the website and also just inside the door at the Post. It's a great opportunity for patriotic middle and high school students in your life! Chili cookoff is coming on October 29! Bring your best and try for immortality on the Post Chili Champion plaque! Just a reminder, the Post monthly business meeting is now 5pm on the second Wednesday of each month. Come hang out and socialize with other veterans! There are also many ways to volunteer. Volunteering can be a rewarding and fulfilling experience. We need bartenders, cooks, and bingo help. Next month, on Veterans Day weekend, we will be distributing Buddy Poppies at the Bear Valley King Soopers! Watch for sign-up sheets in the canteen. Thank you for all you do, and everything you've done for our great country!

*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  
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**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  
**Bingo Manager:** Tom Yepsen

### Canteen Appointees

**Canteen Personnel Manager:** Carl Miller  
**Canteen Logistics Manager:** Jerry Jones  
**Hall Manager:** Joe Tafoya  
**Kitchen Manager:** Bob Zwicker  
**Bartender Scheduler:** Brenda Vigil

### Auxiliary Officers

**President:** Dan Asimus  
**Sr. Vice:** Tim Gilmore  
**Jr. Vice:** Bernadette Sannino  
**Treasurer:** Janet Farris  
**Secretary:** Kathy Kurtenbach  
**Chaplain:** Joe Tayfoya  
**Conductress:** Christine Dominguez  
**Trustees:** Roxi Nielsen, Tim Gilmore, Kim Williamson  
**Guard:** Audrey Asimus

## Auxiliary News

Hello Members,

Good bye summer and hello fall. Let's get ready for some football! The Auxiliary is auctioning off football tickets to the Denver Bronco's vs LA Chargers game being played on Nov. 28th. There are 2 tickets being sold on one auction and 2 tickets plus a parking pass on the other auction, but all seats are together so you can bid on both to get all four seats. The auction sheets are on the wall at the Post so come on down and put in a bid and watch a game. Auction ends on Nov 14th.

We are having a shrimp boil on October 9 with entertainment by Mr E Band. We are working on the details, so keep an eye out for more information. If you're interested in doing an Auxiliary dinner, please let me know so we can get you scheduled. We are always looking for volunteers to help cook, serve and clean.

*Dan Asimus, President*

## Broncos Tickets Silent Auction Auxiliary Fundraiser

**Denver Bronco's vs LA Chargers Nov. 28th.**

**2 sets of 2 tickets**

Bid sheets are posted on the wall at the Post. Come on down and put in a bid and watch a game in person. Auction ends on Nov 14th.

**Post Members: Did you pay your dues? Check your membership card for your anniversary date.**

**Auxiliary Members: Membership dues are due by December, 31, 2021.**

## Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy

Do you know a middle or high school student? Encourage them to compete in the Patriot's Pen (6-8th grade) or Voice of Democracy (9-12 grade). Download an application at [vfwpost5061.org](http://vfwpost5061.org) or stop by the Post to pick up an application. Drop off the application to the Post Commander by October 31.



**Deadline is October 31st.**

## Post and Auxiliary Meetings October 13

**Post - 5 pm  
Auxiliary - 7 pm**

**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)**

### 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!



### BEAR VALLEY CAR WASH "YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CARWASH"

**4900 W. DARTMOUTH AVE,  
DENVER, 80227**



## 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 Bob Zwicker (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!

### Have Medicare questions? I have answers.



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## Taps

**Richard Lipscombe**





## VA VETSmile pilot program to improve affordable dental care access for Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs launched a new initiative with community dental care providers to help improve dental care access for Veterans enrolled in VA health care who are currently ineligible for VA dental services.

VETSmile: Connecting Veterans with Dentists in their Communities started early July to help eligible Veterans access free or discounted dental services at pilot sites in New York City and New Jersey through dental care providers at New York University College of Dentistry, Zufall Health Center and Rutgers School of Dental Medicine.

VETSmile is a Community Provider Collaborations for Veterans pilot program authorized under Section 152 of the VA MISSION Act of 2018. It is the pilot program with a waiver request submitted to Congress under this authority.

“VETSmile is an opportunity for us to bridge the gap in Veterans’ access to continuous, accessible and affordable oral care, which is crucial for their overall wellbeing,” said Center for Care and Payment Innovation Acting Executive Director Roshni Ghosh, M.D. “VHA’s Center for Care and Payment Innovation plans to rapidly accelerate efforts to broaden VETSmile dental care partnerships in additional states after implementation at initial sites.”

For eligible Veterans who do not have regular dentists, partnering dental care sites will provide dental care and services. Depending on the community provider, the services offered to eligible Veterans will include: Acute emergency dental

## Veterans Manned Call Center

Due to Veterans from all eras reacting to the events in Afghanistan, such as the withdrawal and subsequent take over by the Taliban, VA is working quickly to share VA resources, call center information, peer support, and other community services. Discuss how you feel with other Veterans in community-based counseling centers. 70% of Vet Center staff are Veterans.

**1-877-927-8387**

care, preventive oral care, treatment of oral disease, dental restoration, endodontics and periodontics. Additionally, dental care partners provide Veterans with oral health education to encourage adoption of routine oral hygiene practices.

VETSmile expects to serve 3,900 Veterans through 9,000 Veteran patient visits in the first year. The numbers are expected to increase as the pilot reaches other geographic locations.

The program will carry on for the next five years and will be assessed for scaling or an extension.

Sustained partnerships with the American Dental Association, the National Association of Community Health Centers, and VA Dentistry support the development and success of this pilot. Learn more about the VETSmile program, visit VETSmile | VA Center for Care and Payment Innovation.

**Buddy Poppy Distribution  
Bear Valley King Soopers  
Nov 12, 13, 14**

**9 am – 5 pm - Fri and Sat  
9 am – 4 pm - Sun  
Volunteers needed!  
Sign up sheet at  
the Canteen.**



**VFWPost5061.org**

# **Fall Party and Shrimp Boil**

**Saturday, October 9**

**Shrimp Boil 4-6 pm - \$12.00**

🎵 **Mr. E Band 4:30-7:30 pm**



**Spend some time with friends  
outside at the Post!**



Post 5061  
Friday  
Oct 29th



Best overall chili  
gets name  
on plaque

Friday, October 29 - 5 pm

Free to enter your chili, Free to taste  
Entries must be dropped off by 5 pm to be considered.

Bring in your best chili and put it to the test to see if it's voted one of the best!

Sign up  
sheet at  
Canteen

Best green chili  
Best red chili  
Best bean chili

Come on down and sample the best chili in town!

🎵 **Mr. E Band 5-7pm**