



9644 NEWS



Monthly Newsletter for **Verle Huffman VFW Post 9644**



From the Commander

BY PAUL GREMSE

I was recently asked what sustained our post. That is a great question for which I didn't have a very accurate answer. Yes, after National and the Department take their share, there is a little left of your dues going to the post but nothing near what it takes to keep our door open. Dues, by themselves keeping our doors open would be laughable!

Besides Bingo, the only other significant contributor to our bottom line is our meals. For the past year and a half **Ron Davies** has done a great job cooking breakfast for the Past Commanders. Other than Ron, it has been me cooking for the post. I don't mind that once in a while, but, as I've stated before, it gets old. Worse, it's always the Auxiliary assisting me with collecting money, taking orders, or doing dishes! Are we a post supported by our Auxiliary or an Auxiliary rarely supported by our post? Every post member needs to think long and hard about that question! They need to think about it because despite all my previous unanswered pleas, there is an end! Once I quit picking up the slack, who will?

We, the Post, are scheduled to cook the Friday night dinner on November 6th and Sunday breakfast on November 8th. My previous calls for action have gone unanswered so I guess I will take care of those meals once again. Any assistance would be most appreciated! Just give me a call or leave a message at the post. (My wife and son are tired too.)

Thereafter, a **planning meeting will be held on December 17th** to determine who will be responsible for what meals for the remainder of the fiscal year. As commander, I will be there to coordinate that schedule. As members, I hope you are there to step up and support your post. I feel responsible to do my part but here is a limit. I'd like to see some other members show they can do their part. If we could get 10 or 15 members to come on December 17th and sign up for a meal (January through May), it would be covered. I hope to see you there!

This is November and of course that means Veteran's Day and Veteran's Day at 9644 traditionally means Poppies in addition to recognizing the service of your brothers and sisters! Please take time to appreciate their service as well as yours! Secondly, I'd ask you to help support our veterans who may not be in a position to enjoy life like you and me. This Poppy Drive on Veteran's Day is particularly important to our post since the other day we do this every year, Memorial Day was ruled out by COVID. We most likely won't be able to recoup those contributions but we can try to do the best we can. To do that, we need manpower (and women power)! Besides Veterans Day which falls on a Wednesday this year, we'll also be out on the previous Saturday and Sunday. **Ron Davies** has again volunteered to coordinate this drive and will have sign-up sheets in the post foyer. Can you offer an hour or two to help veterans less fortunate than you? I know I can and will. You should too!

November is also synonymous with Thanksgiving! We all have so much to be grateful for – some more than others. Some may or may not have material possessions but still no family in the area. This is a time when we need to think of those! On the one day you should be most grateful for what you have, please don't be selfish. Do you know of someone who may not have anyone in the area to celebrate with? If you do, I'd implore you to share your day of gratitude with that person or persons. During my military career, and often afterwards, Thanksgiving with my family always included an Airman or three without family in the area. That was because when I was a single airman in that position, I appreciated another family's generous gesture when they invited me to celebrate with them. I just kept paying it forward! Regardless of your motivation, please consider a like gesture this Thanksgiving!



With that, I wish you all a great Veteran's Day. Thank you for your service! As well, have a blessed Thanksgiving because we are all truly blessed in our United States of America!

One last note! Don't even think about not voting on November 3rd. It's your right but I'd also opine it's your responsibility! I promised this reminder and my offer is still on the table. If you're not sure of how to vote, I'm certainly willing to help you! Just ask! If you don't want my advice, please know this; an uninformed vote is often worse than no vote at all. This is particularly true for the propositions and amendments. Study them as well as your candidates before you vote and if you don't, or are still unsure, remember your ballot doesn't have to be complete. Don't cast an uninformed vote! Again, if you need help, just ask me. I'm more than happy to coach you!

It bears repeating, we are truly blessed in our United States of America. Let's keep it that way!

Quarter Master

BY LYNN PETERSON



Wow, another new month already. Not much news & not much left of the infamous 2020. Our pandemic is recognized, but remains a troubling strong-hold on our economy, daily lives & protected health concerns. However, trust this finds you weathering the storm; with hopeful better days & year ahead. Cheers.

Currently, I am enjoying several weeks in my native Midwest Badger state, Wisconsin, visiting extended family & experiencing Fall Color & Chilly Days. Likewise, COVID-19 is peaking heavy throughout Packer Land; so activities are guarded & cautionary.

Post-wise, our current barometric reading concerning overall financial condition has slightly improved. We too are weathering the storm; mostly due to valued sacrificial donations received from our Members, including a successful awarding of City of Sheridan Business Interruption Grant; while awaiting potential approval of additional City of Sheridan PPE Grant. Monday Post Bingo at Barry's Bingo & our in-house Tuesday Post Evening Bingo is a bit more promising with attendee's & revenue slowly improving. Consider your part & availability in sharing & support.

Thanks in advance for your continuing volunteerism efforts in supporting of Post Bingo & Post weekly events & activities. We appreciate your attendance & participation.

That's it in a nutshell & for now....Stay safe & see You at Bingo & Post Home.

Auxiliary President

BY GREG ALMENDARES



Hello all, hope everyone is doing well. I've had a lot going on in my life within my own family, my heart goes out to all post and auxiliary members that tested positive for covid including Aaron ☹️☹️♥️

The more I go out people are so angry it's crazy I feel sad for majority of people there's a Credo that kinda sticks with me, is this:

I won't be wronged, I won't be insulted, I won't be laid a hand on, I don't do these things to other people, I require the same from them!

God Bless

Auxiliary Jr. Vice

BY RACHEL RODGERS

Reminder that we are taking orders for t-shirts. They are \$20 per shirt and there is a sign-up sheet as you enter the Canteen next to the guest book. I will need to have payments for the shirts by the November 4th meeting night if you want to purchase a shirt(s). You can also reach out to me to order at my email address rachel.rodgers@yahoo.com. I will need to know what size of shirt you would like to order and what color (they are men's t-shirts to take into consideration for sizes). The shirt colors are red or black. Cash or check will be accepted – if you pay by check please make payable to VFW Post 9644.



Auxiliary Treasurer

BY DEBBIE BLESCH

Happy November. It is a time for giving thanks to people we love, people who have helped us and the friends and family in our lives. During these trying times it is often difficult to be upbeat, hopeful and thankful. I am challenging everyone to find things to be thankful for and appreciate those who give all they have to give, no matter how small.

Membership is unchanged from last month. Kitchen is almost done, just waiting for the finishing touches on tile. Cooking in our new kitchen is such a pleasure. Seems like it has more room and it is extremely clean. Hope some of you will be willing to try it as we go to a new decade and a new year.

Thank you Paul for all you do trying to hold us all together. Thank you Quinn for keeping us up to date on happenings and to MJ for keeping us updated on many of the various situations facing each and every one of us.

Hope everyone stays warm, healthy and hope to see you soon.



Veteran's Day

Honoring the past...

In Flanders Fields

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.



Buddy Poppy

Before Memorial Day in 1922, we (VFW Organization) conducted our first poppy distribution, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, as it remains today.

During our 1923 encampment, we decided that VFW "Buddy"® Poppies would be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work to provide them with financial assistance. The next year, disabled veterans at the Buddy Poppy factory in Pittsburgh assembled VFW Buddy Poppies. The designation "Buddy Poppy" was adopted at that time.

In February 1924, we registered the name Buddy Poppy with the U.S. Patent Office. A certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting our organization all trademark rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. We've made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name Buddy Poppy.

Today, our Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals.

The VFW Buddy Poppy program provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home For Children.

Show your support today! **Sign up to help with our Post's Buddy Poppy drive the weekend before Veteran's Day! November 7th, 8th and November 11th.** You can sign up for as little as one hour and stay as long as you wish.

The sign-up sheets are at the Post in the foyer. Ron Davies 303-419-0472



Thank You!!!

Karl and Joyce Schnieder donated \$100 to our Post.

Karl is an Air Force WW2 veteran and he is a life member at our Post.

**HAPPY 57TH ANNIVERSARY
LEON & ELSE RODRIGUEZ**



**The American Legion Riders (Post 21 in Golden) has Thanksgiving Dinners for four. If you know anyone who needs a twelve pound turkey and enough food for four, let me know. It first come first serve.
Don Peters at Donald.Peters@pm.me or 785-770-5146**

Medicare Benefits for Veterans

Veterans of the U.S. armed forces, you may qualify for more benefits than you get with Original Medicare. We have Medicare Advantage plans that may provide Colorado veterans and Medicare beneficiaries with additional benefits, which could help you live a healthier life.

Do you need more than your VA Benefits provide? Answer these 6 Questions:

- Is it easy to go to the VA for minor concerns like a cold or sinus infection?
- Do you want options for a major surgery, the VA, or a private institution?
- Do you need help with non-VA services like "Dental, Vision, and Hearing"?
- Do you use "Over the Counter" medications?
- Do you currently pay a copay at the VA?
- Do you want more options for your health care?

Call me today to find out if you qualify.

I can help review your current benefits to see if a Medicare Advantage plan may complement the coverage you already have.

Jim Anderson

Licensed Insurance Broker
(720) 240-4456 Phone
Jim@e-PLB.com

**Medicare Open Enrollment Period will be from
October 15th to December 7th this year.**

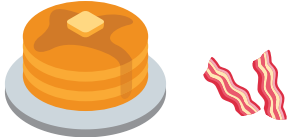
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By responding, I understand a sales agent may contact me by telephone, email or mail to discuss Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug plans, and Medigap Insurance plans.

Meals

We will be providing **curbside pick up** of our meals for those who are not yet comfortable being out in the general population. Just call in your order Friday after 3:00, or Sunday after 9:00 am, and we will have it ready for you to pick it up without leaving your car. **(303) 789-9733**

Steak or Shrimp	\$12.00
Regular Friday dinners	\$10.00
Breakfast	\$8.00
Hamburger w/ chips	\$5.00
Hamburger w/ fries	\$7.00



OCTOBER MEALS:

- 6th Steak or shrimp dinner served by the Post
- 8th Breakfast served by the Post
- 13th Jandra's Stew
- 15th Jandra's garden omelets
- 20th Shelly Hall is cooking Friday night dinner
- 22nd Ron's pancakes, sausage, and eggs
- 27th No meals this Friday
- 29th Greg's scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage links



Tuesday's Burgers & Bingo

Burgers @ 5:00 pm
Bingo @ 6:00 pm



It is with deep regret that Brody needs to step away from hosting Trivia November and December due to his busy work schedule. If someone would like to host it, Brody is happy to share his tips and tricks.

Queen of Clubs

Drawings are held Tuesday and Friday's
Tickets are \$1/each or 6 for \$5.



Karaoke

2nd Saturday @ 6pm

John has microphone covers for each person and hand sanitizer so we can stay safe!





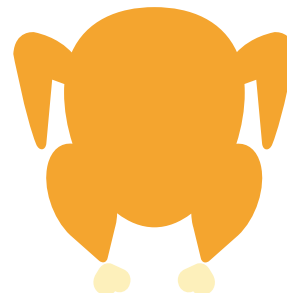
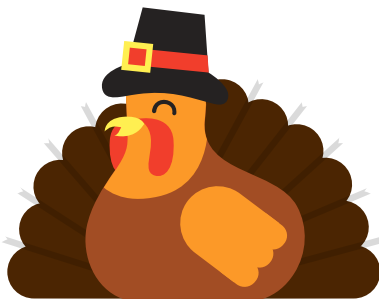
*Auxiliary
Members*

November Birthdays

*Post
Members*

Field, Sandra	2 nd
Proctor, Paulette	2 nd
Simoneau, Wendy	2 nd
Kotowski, Donell	3 rd
Spies, Elaine V	3 rd
Vaglianti, Carla	3 rd
Tansey Jr., David	4 th
Arnold, Lois	5 th
Connelly, Carol	7 th
Jepson, Jennifer	7 th
Cordova, Gwendolyn	9 th
Dasi, Vrnda	9 th
Lamoureaux, Robin	12 th
Almendaras, Gregory	13 th
Dunst, Mary D	14 th
Delaney, Leann	16 th
Smith, Susan (Suzy)	16 th
Wagner, Heather L	16 th
Gonzales, Virginia T	24 th
Maschka, Carl	25 th
Snyder, Christina J	29 th
Engle, Brody	30 th
Romero, Kathy	30 th

Fagerness	Craig	1st
Nolan	Richard	1st
Reynolds	James	1st
Roberts	Jeremy	1st
Toovey	Jerald	2nd
Hughes	James	3rd
Goldsmith	Robert	4th
Mc Donald	Ernest	5th
Smith	Andrew	5th
Poeppel	Alfred	8th
Bray	Robert	9th
Torok	Frederick	11th
Katich	Michael	13th
Meissbach, Sr.	Robert	13th
Cozine	Carl	15th
Novak	Cecile	18th
Rodriguez	Ralph	18th
Schneider	Karl	19th
Blan	Dionisio	20th
Nies	Edward	20th
Pike	Glen	21st
Vaglianti	John	23rd
Smith	Robert	27th
Tellgren	Warren	28th
Demarche	Linda	29th
Whitlock	Bache	29th
Blackard	Van	30th
Wilson	Gary	30th





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Post & Aux Meetings	5	6 Post Steak or Shrimp	7
8 Post Breakfast	9	10 Happy Birthday Marine Corps 	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Jandra's Stew	14 Karaoke 6pm - ?? 
15 Jandra's garden omelets	16	17	18	19	20 Shelly's Dinner	21
22 Ron's Pancakes, eggs and sausage	23	24	25 Home Board Meeting	26 	27 No meal this Friday	28
29 Greg's scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage links	30					

Post Meetings:1st Wednesday of the month

-Finance Meeting @ 6:00p

-Post Meeting @ 7:00p

-Auxiliary Meeting @ 7:00p

Last Wednesday of the month:

-Home Board meeting @ 6:00pm

Barry's Bingo:

Each Monday:

-Post Bingo @ 12:00pm

Each Thursday:

-Auxiliary Bingo @ 12:00pm

United Veterans Council

On hold

Legend:**Events****Remembrances****Meals:**➤ **Friday Dinners 5p-7:30p**➤ **Sunday Breakfast 9a-12p**