

VFW 9644 NEWSLETTER

NEWS, VIEWS, AND HAPPENINGS

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We have an updated website thanks to our Commander Todd Van Sant.
Please check out our website to see the latest events and happenings.

<https://vfw9644.org/>



POST VIEWS

From the Commander

By Todd Van Sant



Have you ever heard the expression “How do you eat an elephant?” If you haven’t, the proper answer is “One bite at a time”. That has been this summer. We’re nearly done eating our summer elephant at the post.

Did you know that a TV show was filmed at the post for the remodel of the canteen this summer? Did you know we went through a remodel? Some of your favorite 9644 Post and Auxiliary folks will be on the TV show that will air sometime early next year. As soon as we have the air date, we’ll put it out there far and wide and have a viewing party at the post so you can laugh at us!

The last few bites of this elephant include a car show and the 75th Anniversary Dinner. Both events need full participation from all of you to be successful.

Car Show – We will have a bunch of cool cars and motorcycles in the parking lot of the post on September 10th. This is Patriot’s Day, and we’ll have a bunch of vendors in the hall, breakfast and lunch, and a bunch of fun and music with Maverick Mike. We’ll also have Denver Broncos football great Randy Gradishar (the heart and soul of the Orange Crush Defense and considered by some to be the greatest defensive player in Broncos history) there and will be raffling off 3 of his autographed jerseys! Do you need any other reason to join us on Saturday the 10th? How about all the raffles, drawings, and Colorado’s oldest VFW Band (organized in 1888).

75th Anniversary Dinner – We’re going to have more information on this in the next couple of months including advance ticketing. This is a huge deal for our post – we were founded on December 2, 1947. We’ve been in this building for 74 out of those 75 years. We’ve served countless veterans, raising money year after year to support active-duty military and veterans. It’s what the VFW means in their motto “No One Does More For Veterans”. We aspire to live up to this motto every year.

We have some plans for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year as well for both kids and adults alike. The best way to keep in front of the news coming out of your VFW Post is to go to our website and sign up for our newsletter. We send emails weekly with things that are happening. We also have an active Facebook page.

The PACT act passed last month, and what a great win for Veterans with disabilities! This expands VA health care benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures, and presumptive exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation. Any veteran that needs assistance with filing their VA benefits should reach out to our local VSO office. Their phone number is 303-914-5595. Do not hire someone to help you with your benefits, our VFW VSO office helps you at no charge! Ignore all the TV commercials wanting to “help” you – they want to “charge” you, sometimes upwards of 40% of your benefits.

I’d like to leave you with this...If you have not been down to your VFW Post in a while, perhaps it is time to come see us. We are working our butts off to make this the best VFW Post in the nation! It’s the reason I show up every week! Stay well, and if you need anything at all, please don’t hesitate to ask!

POST VIEWS CONTINUED

From the Senior Vice Commander

By Paul Gremse



After 35 newsletter articles (I think I missed one month), I took a two-month hiatus from writing. Instead, I sat back and watched as things have come together so nicely under Todd's leadership after a tumultuous three years. I once read, "we are not defined by the challenges we face, but the choices we make to overcome them!". We certainly had our share of challenges over the past few years, and this post has done an amazing job coming together to meet those challenges head on and prevail. Thank you to all of you who were part of bringing the post to where we are today! Now, on to business.

Do you use My HealtheVet? If you don't you should, until now. There's been a soft launch of a new, even more secure application on your smart phone to replace My HealtheVet. I thought for sure they'd be a full-blown campaign to ensure every veteran takes advantage of this new website. It does everything My HealtheVet does, and so much more. In fact, My HealtheVet is just one portion of this new website. In addition, VBA, the benefits wing of the VA is part of it. For example, you can check the status of your open claim or appeal. You can request a history of payments relative to your disability(s). You can download letters you used to have to call and request be mailed to you. These are just a few examples. Honestly, I'm not sure of its name or even if it has been named yet, but it's easy to find. If you just search "Veterans Affairs" in the Apple Store or Play Store, it will come right up. I'd encourage everyone to open it up and take a look.

In the meantime, enjoy what's left of summer!

From the Quartermaster

By Lynn Peterson



Dear Post 9644 & Auxiliary Members:

... SEPTEMBER....A month of "Transition", season changes & other perspectives - The End of Hot "Summer" days & the Beginning of Cooler/Colorful "Fall" days ahead!! Be it the end of a dismal Colorado Rockies baseball season & the start of an optimistic & successful Denver Broncos football season.

Reminder: Speaking of football.....A Special Presentation - The "History of the Denver Broncos/NFL & from the perspective of a life long fan, Former Fan of the Week & his reference book & The NFL Since 1970 by Scott Perry, local Littleton resident/NFL Expert. Scheduled for 6PM - 6:45PM, Wednesday, Sept. 7th; preceding our Sept. Post/Auxiliary General Membership Meetings. Everyone Invited!! Some "Food for Thought".....Kinda like the transition we've experienced both before & after Bar Rescue & the changing of the guards Post Leadership. In other words....."Change" - A good thing, Not always Bad. Collectively, we're adapting & positively moving forward in many ways, with all our post facility Canteen, Hall & exterior building improvements & weekly activities.

POST VIEWS CONTINUED

A big shout out to ALL for your continuing support, volunteerism, patience, understanding, cooperation & participation!!! While our Post Monday Bingo session @ Barrys Bingo remains on a positive revenue source, our somewhat dwindling participants are a concern, as we continue to provide an enjoyable, fun & profitable experience for our regular & visiting guests. Volunteers are always welcome too. Recently responding to our Call for Help, as Post Bingo volunteers, are Jerry & Andy Ondrias - Thank You!! Not to forget our weekly fun Tuesday evening Post dinner/Bingo event. Come join us!!

Moving forward, our Post facility improvements are in constant motion; specifically management & modernization of our Hall; another valued revenue source. Recently through the efforts of Steve & Michelle Cordova, along with Past/Present Post Commanders, including Greg Almendares & others, our Hall is being upgraded, transforming into a more valued & desirable "Event Rental Space" venue; which include resurfaced floor, new transitional color lighting, diffuser air flow & interior wall painting enhancement. Come see & use. Looking ahead, stay tuned.....Lots of upcoming Post events....September: Car Show, November: Buddy Poppy & December: 75th Post Anniversary Celebration, etc. Come visit/participate.

In closing, as always....Thanks in your membership, support & participation; adding value to our prized Post 9644. That's All Folks!!

AUXILIARY VIEWS



From the Junior Vice President

By Rachel Rogers

Happy September!!

The school supply drive was a huge success and Sheridan School District was very grateful for the generous donation!! Thank you all that donated. It was on my the biggest that I have had since becoming Jr. Vice. Sheridan Days is fast approaching and we would love to have a booth and a float in the parade. This year's theme is Fun & Games and we would love to have volunteers to be on the float. We hope that you will come out and support the post at this amazing event!! Not to mention that the VFW band will be performing this year at the main stage. I'm going to be looking for volunteers Thursday, September 15th to help paint the float to prepare for the parade and Wednesday, September 21st and Thursday, September 22nd to decorate the float.

If you have old board games that you no longer want please consider donating them to me for float decorations. Halloween is coming soon and I want to have everyone think about bringing you children to the carnival that we will be hosting on Friday, October 28th. I would love to get any stories that you have for the post – I want to document the history of the post and all its accomplishments. Please email anything to me at 9644historian@gmail.com We have the 75th Anniversary of the Post approaching in December so the more pictures and stories I get the more that can be shared for this momentous occasion!!

We have also created a new Facebook page that is public and is where we will be posting events, pictures, and stories. Please join the new page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vfwpost9644>.

From the Canteen Manager

By Jandra Czarnek

FOOTBALL IS BACK!

Frank and Char will be doing halftime food during the 2:00 pm Bronco games again this year. Come down and enjoy the game, play the card game they have and cheer on the Broncos.

Come down, have a drink or soda, enjoy talking to friends, have dinner or breakfast or play some Bingo, volunteer to cook or serve if you can (I know not everyone cooks in large quantities – I learned at a young age) or just support the people who do and in turn support the Post, Auxiliary and Canteen. Until next month.

WELCOME TO THE POST



Dane Hofslie

United States Navy
New Post Member
Denver, CO



Mark Whisler

United States Army
New Post Member
Lakewood, CO



Troy Hofslie

United States Air Force
Transfer Post Member
Aurora, CO



Michael Stern

United States Navy
Transfer Post Member
Englewood, CO

VFW HAPPENINGS



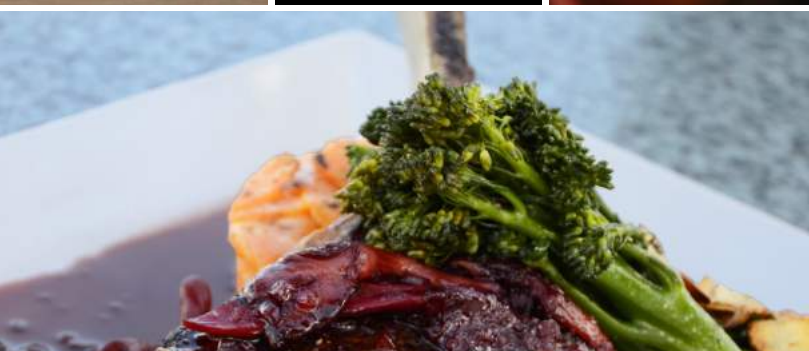
BURGERS, BINGO AND BEER NIGHT

Every Tuesday starting at 5pm



GAME NIGHT

Every Thursday starting at 6pm



FRIDAY PM & SUNDAY AM MEALS

Friday starting at 5pm & Sunday starting at 9am



KARAOKE NIGHT

Every third Saturday starting at 6pm

VFW CALENDAR

September 2022 National Service Dog Month
National Suicide Prevention Month

Food **Meetings** **Post Events** **Calendar Events**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				Steak & Shrimp Dinner 5:00 pm V-J Day		Breakfast 9:00 am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Labor Day	Burgers, Bingo, Beer 5:00 pm	Post & Aux Meeting 7:00 pm	Game Night 6:00 pm	Friday Night Dinner 5:00 pm	2nd Annual Car Show 8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Breakfast 9:00 am Patriot Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Burgers, Bingo, Beer 5:00 pm		Game Night 6:00 pm	Friday Night Dinner 5:00 pm	Karaoke Night 6:00 pm National POW/MIA Day	Breakfast 9:00 am Air Force Birthday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Burgers, Bingo, Beer 5:00 pm		Game Night 6:00 pm	Friday Night Dinner 5:00 pm		Breakfast 9:00 am Gold Star Mother's Day
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	Burgers, Bingo, Beer 5:00 pm		Game Night 6:00 pm VFW Day	Friday Night Dinner 5:00 pm		Breakfast 9:00 am

Future dates to be aware of

2nd Annual Car Show - 8am - 1pm - Sept 10, 2022

VFW Post 9644 75th Anniversary - Dec 2022

VFW CELEBRATIONS

Post Birthdays

John Schmitt	Sept 1
James Kretschmar	Sept 1
Gilbert Linenberger	Sept 1
Robert Gabel	Sept 1
Nathan Lancaster	Sept 2
AnthonySmith	Sept 3
Alden Lewis	Sept 5
Richard Campbell	Sept 5
David Bender	Sept 6
Thomas Ritz	Sept 6
Robert Wilson	Sept 7
Jon Miller	Sept 9
Floyd Reinhardt	Sept 11
Victor Vargas	Sept 11
Charles Dunst	Sept 11
Catherine Kneuer	Sept 13
Donald Hiett	Sept 14
Gary Williams	Sept 16
James Allen	Sept 17
Christian Paulo	Sept 18
Robert Bauer	Sept 18
James Randa	Sept 19
Daniel Brewster	Sept 20
Wayne Lindholm	Sept 24

Auxiliary Birthdays

Andrea Kinsfather	Sept 1
Bernadette Krasovec	Sept 3
Donna Krieg	Sept 3
Jane Feist	Sept 6
Lavie Gallegos	Sept 6
Judy McNeely	Sept 6
Michelle Cordova	Sept 10
Lorraine Dewing	Sept 10
Cathy Cushman	Sept 11
Connie Havens	Sept 11
Marjorie Nickerson	Sept 16
Diana Blackard	Sept 17
Debbie McGee	Sept 18
Barbara Tripp	Sept 18
Kay Drake	Sept 19
Leah Archuleta	Sept 20
Mildred Maes	Sept 20
Jeff Bishop	Sept 21
Roberta Duquette	Sept 25
Arthur Hull	Sept 27
Gloria Hyland	Sept 28
Dana Lucero	Sept 30