



# 9644 NEWS



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



## *From the Commander*

BY PAUL GREMSE

Reflecting on the past, I've often referred to my position as a "command". Many would understand that emanates from a military career. In fact, though, my position is more of an administration since I have little command authority (but it sounds good). Our by-laws dictate more of a democracy than a command structure.

For example, our membership elected a Home Board and the first order of business of the newly elected Home Board was to elect their officers. **BJ McGee** once again accepted and was elected president of our Home Board. He has and will continue to keep our Canteen running well. We're still digging out of the ruins of the pandemic, but BJ will Get'r Done! Thank you, BJ! Right behind him is **Juan Romero** who is our new Home Board Vice-President. Thank you, Juan, for stepping up once again. I know BJ will appreciate your assistance and council.

Also duly elected was **Ron Davies** which is nothing new. I believe he has the record for being elected commander seven times. (A record I will in no way pursue!) This time, Ron has taken on a job I don't think he's ever had - Senior Vice Commander. Senior Vice Commander Ron has hit the ground running and is inaugurating a Post Participation Committee. The objective of this committee will be to *"assist the commander in finding ways to encourage members to participate in monthly meetings and the overall operation of the post"*.

This is Ron's project, and I think we agree it should not be a very large committee. I also know Ron has already recruited a few instrumental members. But one addition to the committee I'd love to see is **YOU**, the member who hasn't seen the inside of the post in years, if ever. You have invaluable input; why have you stayed away? Only with that answer(s), can we improve and be the post you, our membership wants. I hope you, members of our phantom membership will contact Ron or myself. Your participation and input will only help make our post better!

Shifting gears, our planning for the car show on September 11th is coming along nicely. I might suggest it is only one more opportunity for the phantom membership to emerge and contribute. Many of the long-standing backbones of the post are still there doing the lion's share of the post's work. One example is **Mary Fisher**. Through her contact at Home Depot, she secured a donation of a "smoker" and possibly a toolbox and more. Thank you, Mary! A relative newcomer, **Deborah Sorensen** has done wonders as well. I haven't pressed her for specifics, but indications lead me to believe she is having success gathering monetary and material donations. More than anything, I just appreciate her effort. Thank you, Deb! To the rest of you, do you have a "hook" in a local company who may like to donate a door prize or something for our raffle (like the smoker and toolbox Mary has secured.) Even swag for door prizes or gift bags will help. Maybe you have a friend who owns or is instrumental in a small business that we could expose with a poster next to a donated item lauding that business's contribution. Win-Win! Please think about it. This is our inaugural car show and I hope to make it our annual car show. My initial objective is to earn enough money to pay for at least one large, annual expenditure. From there, we can grow and maybe reduce our reliance on Bingo.

But, we do need to rely on Bingo now as it is our main source of revenue. That takes work, but not very hard work. I'm asking for two to three hours a week. If you can stay longer, great. If you can only stay an hour or two, you'll still be a big help. I am again asking because at a recent Bingo session I overheard someone saying he preferred to come on a particular night because they had plenty of help and never needed to wait for help like he was doing at the time. (I would have loved to step in to help but was occupied with another task at the time.) He was saying this as he was waiting to spend money! I then looked around at our help. Not only was it dismal, but 50% was from our Auxiliary! The Auxiliary also hosts their session on Thursday yet some of their help comes to assist us, the post, on Monday too. Thank God because we couldn't do it without them! All I ask is that you consider two, three, or four hours a week on a Monday afternoon. It's certainly not very laborious and it could produce benefits especially if much of your time otherwise is static. Besides getting off the couch, potential friendships and purpose await! It's not a lot to ask and the dividends for our post could certainly be a lot more than your effort! Don't forget senior Vice Commander Ron Davies' Participation Committee. An enriched Bingo staff can only be one of the fruits harvested from his committee!

That's all I have for now. In the meantime, I sure would like to see you at Bingo on Monday, a Car Show Planning Meeting, or simply at the post enjoying yourself. Please remember, your best contribution may be to the Participation Committee. These are just a few suggestions. I would hope you'd at least consider one – or two! Furthermore, if you are one of our phantom members and do decide to come to the post, please call me ahead of time. If I am able, I'd love to be there to meet with you! If nothing else, I'll shake your hand and thank you for your service to our great Republic, our United States of America!

## Quarter Master

BY LYNN PETERSON



### SPECIAL SHOUT OUT & CALL TO ACTION.....

With collateral QM duties & a busy Colorado Rockies work schedule this summer, my personal acknowledgement of a Loud & Appreciated "Special Shout Out" to our Post & Auxiliary Monday Bingo volunteers; who consistently week in and week out, continue to serve & help our Post Monday Bingo program - a most needed mainstay revenue source for Post 9644. Your time, commitment & service is to be commended & does not go unnoticed.

SHOUT OUT Thank You to....Post Members **Paul Gremse, Juan Romero, Dan Griffith, Terry Goad & John Vaglianti**, along with Auxiliary Members **Debbie Blesh, Carl Maschka & Mike Miller**. Additional support & fill-in assistance appreciation also to: **BJ & Debbie McGee, Steve & Michelle Cordova & Janet Brigham**. Special acknowledgement to **Debbie Blesh** whose valued Post Monday & Tuesday Bingo assistance has been above & beyond the call of duty.

Relatedly, with our Monday Bingo Progressives trending to "Must Go" status & improving Bingo participants ....Reaching out a CALL TO ACTION - to YOU - we are short handed! Please consider sharing your support too. Share the workload, just 3 1/2 hours a week; at our Post Monday Bingo session at Barry's Bingo. Thanks in Advance.

Lastly, but importantly, I/we welcome your interest, follow up contact & call....to give us a hand. Additionally, consider visiting the "Post", joining us to play at our regular Post Tuesday Burger & Bingo night; beginning at 5PM; as well as, joining us in our Other weekly Post activities.

Hope to See you!! Thanks!! That's All Folks. With Much Appreciation & Dedication to Servicing our Veterans,



## *Auxiliary President*

BY GREG ALMENDARES



I want to thank everyone who showed up for our 4th of July cook out! Now that we are coming up on our car show on September 11th I am looking for some help getting around the outside of the Post ready for the big event. I already did the whole front part of the building. If we all pull together it will make things a lot easier for everyone.

I do not want to hear "been there done that".... I don't care if it's only an hour or a half hour. With the weather so dang hot, evenings or early mornings we can work pulling weeds, cleaning around the rose bushes which also need trimmed, the "love shack" on the back patio needs to be cleaned, weeds mowed on west side of building (I did it last month but they grow fast omg). Feel free to call me to coordinate time when you can help 720-284-7458. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

As far as Tuesday night meals go, it's always the same people helping out... please give them a break and volunteer... it's only 1 night out of the week, so please contact Deb Blesh 303-995-0902, and help her crew serve and clean up - it would be grateful. Let's make August a great month!!



## *Auxiliary Treasurer*

BY DEBBIE BLESCH



August is almost upon us and your Auxiliary is busy with all the new fun things happening at the post. Our simple Tuesday meals have been steady and Tuesday Bingo is doing pretty well. We are replenishing our funds slowly but it is helping. We would love for everyone to come give us a try. Check the calendars in this newsletter for the menu items for each Tuesday through August.

Our Bingo on Thursday is doing well and we are slowly rebuilding our funds after our kitchen remodel. Our progressives are growing and we love for you to play a session with us at Barry's; have some fun and win some money. Bingo is from 12-2p.m.

Thursday game night is progressing and fun is had by all who participate. America Says night hosted by **Steve and Michelle Cordova** is a lot of fun and a lot of laughs. Anyone can win. Bring your family or friends be a team and give it a try. You won't be disappointed.

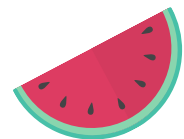
The first annual Post Patriot Car show is coming and everyone seems very excited. Anyone who would like to volunteer no matter how small will have a good time.

Our membership is steady and we are recruiting new members. Anyone who is interested can contact our President, **Greg Almendares**, Senior vice **Shelly Hall** or me.

Hope everyone is having a nice summer, staying cool and healthy. We hope to see you soon.

## *Auxiliary Junior Vice*

BY RACHAEL RODGERS



The **school supply drive for Sheridan Public Schools** will continue through August 10th. **Please donate if you can.**

# Canteen Manager

BY JANDRA CZARNEK



August is upon us. This is the last month for the set menus for Breakfast although there are five Sundays in August, I don't know what the final breakfast will be yet but will keep you posted.

I want to thank **Cliff & Pat Payne** for getting the food for "America Says" nights (the 3rd Thursday of the month) and thanks to **Mikes Famous Pizza, Gabby's German Eatery** and **Smackdaddy's** for their donations.

I am not sure what the Post has planned for Labor Day, so watch for any updates. Don't forget the car show on September 11th, the canteen will be open and it should be a lot of fun.

Safe travels to **Carol Connelly**, enjoy your new life in Florida, we will miss you but the veterans in Florida will love you because we know you will be involved in some way there.



The canteen is beginning to pick up and it is good to see everyone coming back down to the Post. We are still closed on Mondays and Saturdays (except for Karaoke) but will be discussing opening on those days in the fall.

Come down and join us for breakfast on Sundays, Bingo on Tuesdays and game night on Thursdays or just cause you want to come down and have a cold drink.




## National Purple Heart Day

August 7th



Purple Heart Day is observed on August 7 each year and is a time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. Purple Heart Day is also known as National Purple Heart Day, Purple Heart Recognition Day and Purple Heart Appreciation Day.



# Welcome!

**Marvin Foust**  
**Army Veteran**



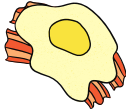
# Events and Fun Things at the Post



*Join us every Sunday*

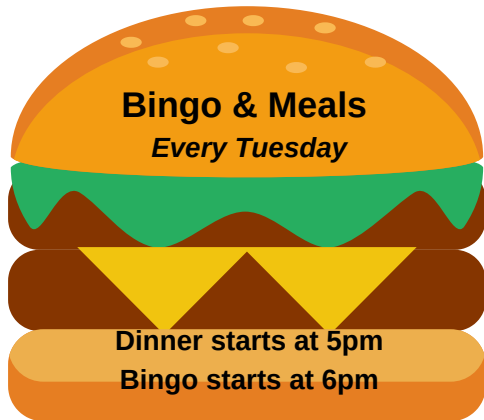
## **BREAKFAST**

August 1st, 8th, 15th,  
22nd & 29th  
@ 9:00am - 12:00pm



## Karaoke Night

**Saturday August 14th @  
6:00pm**



**AMERICA  
Says**

**Thursday, August 19th  
6-8pm**

**Queen of Clubs**  
**Pot over \$1200**



## **Bingo at the Post**

**Food @ 5:00 pm**

**Bingo @ 6:00 pm**

**Please see calendar for each week's food menu**

**Pot over \$3400**



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 9644

REMEMBRANCE/  
PATRIOT DAY!

*Car Show & Shine!!*



**SATURDAY SEPT 11, 2021**

**10-2pm Rain or Shine**

*2680 W. Hampden Ave.  
Sheridan, Co 80110*

*Breakfast, Lunch and  
bar refreshments  
will be available*

**REGISTRATION AT 8AM  
\$20.00 ENTRY FEE  
PRE-REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
JOEL KNUTSON @ 303-547-2448  
MICHAEL SHaug @ 303-232-6685**

**MUSIC SALUTE TO VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS & ARMED FORCES  
12 NOON – VFW BAND OF COLORADO**

**TROPHIES/AWARDS/DOOR PRIZES/SILENT AUCTION/ 50/50 DRAWING  
DASH-PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 50 CARS AND MOTORCYCLES**

**Music provided by “Maverick Mike”. Fun for The whole Family!!**

*We are a non-profit organization for the support and benefits of Veterans!*



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Post 9644

Car Show Entrants

This event is brought to you by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9644. Only registered vehicles will be judged and receive a number. The registration fee is \$20. Register your vehicle at any time prior to or on the day of the event. Pre-registration can be mailed in using this form. Space is limited, entries must be registered by 10:00 am. To be eligible for awards all voting ballots must be in ballot box by 12:00 noon. Entrants will be judged by the attendees and members of the VFW. Judges will announce winner from the music stage at 1:00 pm. Mail Completed Entry form to:

VFW 9644 Attn: Car Show committee
2880 W Hampden Ave.
Sheridan CO 80110

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Liability and Release: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate in the Remembrance/Patriot Day Car Show, by execution of this entry form, I hereby release and discharge sponsors and event planners, it's officers, employees, representatives and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of and from any and all known damages, losses, judgments and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that maybe suffered by any entrant to his person or property. Furthermore each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all of the foregoing entities, firms, persons, from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of entrants, entrant's guests, or any assisting or cooperating person with entrant under the direction or control of the entrant. In consideration of this entry, car owner, spouse, and/or guest agree to permit VFW 9644 the use of their names and/or pictures of the car for publicity, advertising and commercial promotions, before, during and after the event and do hereby relinquish any rights whatsoever to any photograph taken in connection with this event, and give permission to publish all or sell or otherwise dispose of said photographs. All publicity and advertising rights are reserved by VFW 9644.

Entrant Behavior: Participants must comply with all posted rules and/or regulations as set forth by VFW Post 9644. All traffic laws are in effect.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Auxiliary  
Members*

August Birthdays

*Post  
Members*

Leaf, Jacqueline	2nd
Steinmiller, Melitta	4th
Begaii, LaVon Cheryl	5th
Marshall Winstanley, Sheri	5th
Delvescovo, Charlene	7th
Vick, Lisa	10th
Griffith, Susan Kay	13th
Geer, Mary M	15th
Barnes, Linda	16th
Vigil, Phyllis	17th
Hernon, Leslie	18th
Simmons, Sharon	22nd
Price, Loveta	24th
Ruby, Doreen	24th
Brigham, Thresa	26th
Inman, Nancy	27th

Davis	Joseph	1st
Debellis	Aaron	1st
Lillard	Norman	1st
Swensson	Ronald	1st
Vigil	Joe	1st
Burke	James	2nd
Wittig	Gerald	2nd
Hutchins	David	3rd
Trotter	John	3rd
Mayotte	Douglas	5th
Graham	Robert	8th
Johnson	George	8th
Hoffman	Dean	9th
Howell	Murell	10th
Orlowski	William	10th
Waufle	Roger	10th
Schiel	Joseph	12th
Quirin	John	14th
Tarket	Duane	15th
Finger	Daniel	16th
Smola	Thomas	17th
Mason	Ralph	18th
Cabazos	Lance	23rd
Hager	Roy	24th
Talmadge	Frank	24th
Wilson	Ronald	24th
Bridge	Richard	25th
Hall	Katrina	25th
Rocha	Alexander	26th
Hedrick	Jackson	30th
Starr	Dennis	30th

