



# 9644 NEWS



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



## From the Commander

BY PAUL GREMSE

Once again, I along with a complete slate of officers, was installed as your commander for another year. The installation was my third but, most cherished. I cherish it because of two wonderful men; **Warren Tellgren** who presided and **Doug Mayotte** who served as our HONORARY Chaplain. Warren also arranged to have several past post commanders attend which I am incredibly grateful for. I should have checked but between Warren and Doug, there must be 100 years of service to the VFW and the veterans we serve!

*Well, here we go! They were my words as I assumed command of the post last year. I had every expectation of a great year with a lot of success for the post. Well, it wasn't bad but nowhere near what I envisioned. A Quartermaster; that's the slate of officers I had assisting me. Yet, given the circumstances, we didn't do too bad. Thank God for our Auxiliary!*

The preceding paragraph opened my newsletter article last July. Not too much has changed but we do continue to march forward knocking down challenges that confront us. After nearly exhausting our bank account, we are recovering but not nearly comfortable yet. Bingo is back but still not to pre-pandemic levels. Last months utility bill was \$200 less than the same period a year prior so the investment in a new furnace is already paying dividends. And most importantly, members are willing to step up and help when asked. Unfortunately, it always seems to be the same people all the time. Wouldn't it be great if we find new faces helping this coming year?

The car show is just one opportunity. Planning is coming together, and I want to thank those who've already shown a desire to help by coming to our planning meetings – and there are one or two new faces! The next planning meeting will be **July 15th at 5:30** so please come to the post and see how you can help.

Speaking of help, **Dave Bleau** deserves a debt of gratitude from the entire post. He spent a complete day or two going through the small engines that power our lawn mowers, leaf blowers, etc. saving the post quite a chunk of change. Thank you, Dave! That's how organizations such as ours should operate! Right behind Dave is a new member, **Colton Kinser**.

Colton was recently discharged from the Army where he fought in Afghanistan. He is now utilizing his talent to help other veterans through his art with wood. His startup, "**The Veteran's Collective**" has a mission statement, "*To enable veterans turn a passion into a future, a future with a sense of purpose, independence and part of a community.*" He is beginning his work out of his garage with a goal of expanding. He's ready, able and willing to assist veterans who enjoy woodworking or would like to learn. As a gift to the post, Colton donated a beautiful drop box to hold donations when we distribute poppies. Thank you, Colton!

That drop box was put to good use on June 12th. In recognition of Flag Day (June 14th) **Debby Blesh** assembled a small army of volunteers to set up and man a booth at O'tooles Garden Center in Littleton since King Soopers was still in pandemic mode. The group distributed poppies and collected \$800 in donations. Thank you to all that participated!



While we have continued the tradition of suspending Friday night meals until after Labor Day, we have continued with Bingo through the summer. Burgers will be served one week every month with other meals on the other weeks. The **Mason family** is continuing breakfast on Sunday morning through the summer with an occasional respite from **Ron and MJ Davies**. Thank you to the Masons and Davies'! Check the calendar for menus. Speaking of Bingo, the progressive jackpot right now stands at \$2967 so come on out and give Bingo a shot! The Queen of Clubs is up to \$500.

Lastly, I hope as many of you as possible will celebrate our country's independence. The 4th falls on Sunday this year so come on down to the post and enjoy burger and refreshments. You could also contribute a small side salad too. I hope to see you there!



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## Quarter Master

BY LYNN PETERSON

A 7th Month Patriotic Greetings to You All this 4th of July!! Hard to believe, half of 2021 is now history. So what's new?? Some important Food for Thought.....

Post-wise, we continue to remain open, positively and cautiously operating in the black thanks to our Post & Auxiliary Members, weekly Post openings, events and activity participants. Thanks to you ALL for your patronage. We welcome your presence and commitment to our Post, and continue our invitation to You! "Come See Us"!! Happy to see your friendly & valued faces.

Bingo, be it Monday 12Noon- 2PM Post Bingo at Barry's Bingo &/or 5PM - 7:30PM Post Tuesday Dinner-Bingo, is our Primary Bread & Butter revenue source. Help us to remain solvent by attending, as a much needed Volunteer or Participant.

Additionally & not withstanding.....A Special Thanks to You in Advance for your Help...We importantly Need You; make your presence known. Please contact me should you have questions. Keep us going & proactively moving ahead of the 8-ball. We're open for your Service & Entertainment every week.

As an annual reminder, if applicable, we greatly appreciate Renewing your 2020-2021 VFW Post 9644 Annual Membership or even better, converting your membership to Life Member.

In closing, Advance, thanks for your continuing support assistance, participation & needed efforts & a Special Thanks, Shout Out & Kudo's to All of You Volunteers AND our appreciated Special Gift Donations.

That's All Folks. With Much Appreciation & Dedication to Servicing our Veterans,



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# THE ARMISTICE OF KOREAN WAR JULY 27, 1953



VFW 9644 wants to recognize the Veterans of the Korean War and show our appreciation of your dedication and Patriotism -

**YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN!**

## *Auxiliary President*

**BY GREG ALMEMDARES**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Father's Day. I know most of you all saw all the certificates and awards that we brought back from the State Convention - we did very well over all.

For attending my first State Convention, it open my eyes to a lot of different stuff that I did not know about. I had a great time enjoying the State Convention along with Shelly Hall. I want to thank everyone in the Auxiliary for helping me reach All State President. Let's make it another great year for the auxiliary.



## *Auxiliary Treasurer*

**BY DEBBIE BLESCH**

Happy July to everyone. My article is short and sweet this time. I am very optimistic as we approach this coming year. There are new and exciting plans in the works. Stay tuned for more in our weekly blasts from the editor.

We reached our membership goals last year and hope to again this year. Annual dues notices are mailed in July. If anyone wishes to convert to life, we can do a 5 payment plan to ease the burden. You can contact me anytime to set one up.

This summer's Tuesday meals and bingo have been going well. We offer variety as well as burgers the 1st Tuesday of the month. Everyone also seems to be having fun playing bingo.

I can still use a person or 2 to help me serve on Tuesdays. We are usually done by 6 pm so commitment is fairly short and you still have a chance to play bingo. If you would like to volunteer, let me know. I would really appreciate it.

Our Thursday bingo at Barry's Bingo is steady and it is a good way to stay out of the heat and win some money, while supporting our Auxiliary.

So for now, Happy 4th of July, come down to the Post for the celebration, stay cool and hope to see you soon.



## *Auxiliary Junior Vice*

**BY RACHAEL RODGERS**

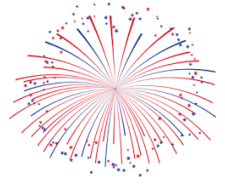
Hello All!!

It is that time of year again where the kids will be going back to school soon which means it is time for our annual school supply drive. Please help if you can and donate. See page 5 for more information.

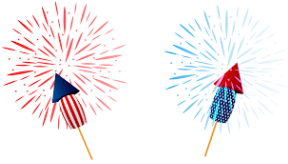


# Events and Fun Things at the Post

## *4th of July Celebration*



Burgers, Hot Dogs and Brats



**Post opens at 12:00**  
**Food served at 2:00**

*Please bring a side dish to share*

Horseshoes and Corn Hole will be available  
for those who want to play!



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## **New Post and Aux Members**

### **POST**

Todd VanSant  
Tommy Gieger  
Michael Cartwright  
Shawn Jones  
James Cardinal

### **AUXILIARY**

Ginny Dumas  
Roberta Martinez-Ortiz  
Thomas Soto  
Michael Martin  
Josie Jones

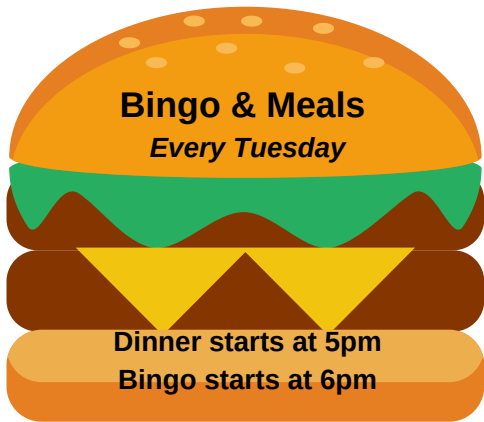
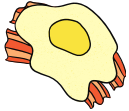
# WELCOME!



Join us every Sunday

# BREAKFAST

July 11th, 18th, 25th  
@ 9:00am - 12:00pm



Karaoke Night  
Saturday July 17th @  
6:00pm



AMERICA  
Says

Thursday, July 15th  
6-8pm

## School Supply Drive – Sheridan Public Schools

The school supply drive will be from July 1st to August 10th. School will start on August 17th so we will need to drop off the supplies prior to school starting.



- Supply List Includes:
- Pencils
  - Sharpeners
  - Erasers
  - Crayons
  - Dry Erase Markers
  - Paper
  - Spiral Notebooks
  - 3 Ring Binders
  - Markers
  - Highlighters
  - Backpacks
  - Clorox Wipes
  - Kleenex
  - Paper Towels
  - Backbacks



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!*



*Auxiliary  
Members*

July Birthdays

*Post  
Members*

KLEIN, THEDA	2
NELSON, BETTY J	2
DIKEMAN, ELSIE	3
TRUJILLO, MONICA	5
POSSON, DOROTHY	8
FRICK, MARY	9
SCHLOTE, MILDRED	11
DAVIES, BRITTANY A	16
VIGIL, MARIEA	16
DEHERRERA, ELSIE	19
SMITH, BARBARA A	19
SORENSEN, DEBORAH	20
RODRIGUEZ, DIANA J	21
PRUESS, BETTY	22
KRASOVEC, RUDOLPH	25
BASTA, MARLENE	27
DELVESCOVO, FRANK	27
NEUROTH, RUTH	27
SMOLA, MARYANN	27
RIEDEL, MISTY	29

Amack	Leland	1st
Blazick	Richard	1st
Kuehster	Robert	1st
Mc Caughey	Bruce	1st
Orth	Gilbert	1st
Petersen	Donald	1st
Gremse	Paul	2nd
Wilkerson	James	2nd
Aden	Joseph	4th
Bennett	Patrick	7th
Brackney	Mark	8th
Plant	Steven	8th
Patterson	Orr	9th
Park	Michael	10th
Gosney	Lindell	11th
Peterson	Lynn	11th
Sena	Joseph	12th
Sallade	Aaron	14th
Winegar	Jeffrey	14th
Curley	Sean	15th
Hamel	Joseph	16th
Kvasnicka	Wesley	19th
Morris	Donald	19th
Maddock	Thomas	20th
Dempsey	David	22nd
Romero	Rolan	22nd
Parr	Richard	24th
Bowers	Alvin	25th
Rosenberg	Gary	26th
Albano	William	29th
Frost	Jeremiah	31st
Hershey	Edward	31st
O'Neill	Michael	31st

