



9644 NEWS



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



From the Commander

BY **PAUL GREMSE**

Well, I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas despite the conditions! And I'm sure everyone is looking forward to closing out this year and starting a new one with hope that the vaccine is successful, everyone wanting it gets it promptly, and we are able to put this horrific chapter of our country's history in the books!

Besides Christmas last month, our post celebrated it's 73rd anniversary (December 2nd). That means our 75th is two years away. I'd like for everyone to start thinking of ways we can appropriately commemorate the occasion. The commander, whoever that will be would appreciate any input!

Speaking of input, in my newsletter two of the last three months I pleaded for some simple assistance with meals at the post and a reminder that we were having our planning meeting to distribute responsibility for Friday night dinners and Sunday breakfast. Those dates between for 2021 through late May were split between the post, auxiliary, past Commanders, and past presidents. Three of those entities were fairly well represented. Then there was the post! We were represented by **Ron Davies** and me, the only two post members that I recall cooking a meal for the post over for more than a year. I'm finished begging but we are responsible for at least one dinner and one breakfast for the next five months. If anyone is interested in supporting **YOUR** post, ask someone for the dates. As I've expressed before, it doesn't have to be you that cooks or helps out; enlist family members or even friends. My wife and son know all about that!

Then there are some people who come right out and say they can't help for one reason or another! **Frank Rodriguez** is an example. But, Frank does support this post. He was one of the six (**Frank, Ron Davies, John Vaglianti, Dan Griffith, Paul LeVeque, and B.J. Magee**) I named in my October newsletter giving between \$100 and \$1000. Those six followed **Gordon Eatherton's** \$5000 donation. **Marvin Garcia** has since handed our Quartermaster a \$100 bill. **Joe and Dorothy Schiel** followed up their \$500 donation with another \$150. **Glenn Wiltsie**, an Auxiliary member just send \$200 with a Christmas card. I also have knowledge of someone working on a \$2500 donation. But, back to Frank. He has donated another \$100 each month since. If you can't, or won't help with our meals, I'd ask everyone to consider a donation to the post. Several months ago, when it was suggested I put that solicitation out there, I resisted but can no longer. Until the governor lifts the moratorium on Bingo (our usual revenue stream), other businesses and the state economy, we must rely on the revenue our meals generate and donations. Please consider writing a check for whatever you can to support your post. You can send a check to the post; 2680 West Hampden Avenue, Sheridan, Colorado 80110. We just had to pay nearly \$14,000 for insurance. Thanks to the Auxiliary who paid half, we were able to pay that bill and avoid crazy finance fees.

On a positive note, I want to invite you to our General Meeting, this month on January 6th (7:00pm). There we will have a special guest, the winner of our post's Patriot Pen competition. **Michael** will read his essay and accept a \$100 check from the Auxiliary. Hope to see you there! **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Quarter Master

BY LYNN PETERSON



Inspired by “A Veterans Christmas” story.....

On your Mark, Get Set, Go.....Welcome 2021!! Rise & Shine....it’s a New Year, a New Race, with a Better Finish in store/story.

I just finished watching TV Hallmark’s **A Veterans Christmas**. A great, seasonal Christmas time story, about a woman Veteran, recently Honorably Discharged, unexpectedly making a community-wide commitment of serving one’s community as Santa’s Special Christmas Tree “Helper”.

As you read this, now being 2021, it’s time to begin your new story, with a New Year ahead, but 1st.... a request - for you being a “Helper” Too. In order to do so, we need YOU to make it happen by making your forgotten, but important yearly tradition of a New Year’s Resolution. May I suggest being a Helper.

As history moves forward, so does VFW Post 9644. Being a Veteran, you’re a trained Leader, a hopeful Post & community-minded volunteer and a Resolution Maker too. However, we need your Resolution to help make Post 9644 a continuing success by being more apart of our commitment to a Great Post 9644, by serving Veterans, albeit as simple as a friendly & regular face valued comrade visit at the Post, enjoying our varied activities, shared laughs & treasured friendships appreciated & gained.

We recognize our current times of personal safety, but encourage with mask in-hand & Post accommodating social table distancing, that you to come out of your man/woman cave & join us. We need you & your important, valued support & your appreciated New Years’ Helper Resolution of being apart of something more than yourself - enjoying Fun & Games of Togetherness.

Recognizing our lean financial times just being a Helper by visiting Post 9644, is just what the Doctor (Post) ordered. Stay Safe &

Responsible. Hope to see you Soon for some wonderful food, enjoyable on-going & new games & profitable opportunities.

In closing, Thanks again to ALL who continue to visit Our/Your Post, participate, with your volunteerism & financial support, with

donations always welcome. And Your New Years’ resolution of being a Helper too!

If you’re interested in more Post 9644 information, please contact me at lepeterson47@comcast.net or 720-841-5079.

Auxiliary President

BY GREG ALMENDARES



Happy New Year everyone.... hope everyone made it home safe and sound.

Not a lot is happening at the Post given the current guidelines but we remain hopeful that things will start to improve and we can do more activities. At our January meeting, we will induct 2 new Auxiliary members so I urge everyone to show up for our meeting.

Happy New Year!

Auxiliary Treasurer

BY **DEBBIE BLESCH**



Happy New Year 2021 to all our VFW family

I hope everyone had the best holidays possible with blessings, laughter and health. May our new year bring new accomplishments, member events and a place for all to enjoy.

In January our Auxiliary is adding 2 new members. We also hope those few who have not paid their annual dues will continue their membership by paying the \$30 fee. Members who don't pay their fees by December 31 will be moved to "no longer in good standing" and cannot receive grants or member benefits from our National organization. We are still hoping to accomplish 100% paid membership.

We will continue to offer Tuesday burgers and bingo, or menu variations from time to time so you don't get bored. The Auxiliary, Post, Past Presidents and Past Commanders still strive to bring you great breakfasts on Sundays and appetizing dinner variety on Fridays. Watch our announcements for some other activities as we are allowed to have them. We have all missed each other and look forward to catching up. For now please stay healthy, safe and warm.



Your military service binds you together in a way most will never experience or understand, and during this especially challenging holiday season, it's even more important to check in on our VFW family and friends. Whether it's a phone or video call, or an email or good old-fashioned letter, we encourage you to find time to make buddy checks. It isn't always easy to know when someone we love may be suffering, and your call or check in may be just the holiday pick-me-up they need.



Bingo & Burgers !!

Every Tuesday

Dinner starts at 5pm

Bingo starts at 6pm



Covid-19 Updates



Many of our Veterans have been asking when and how they might have access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

To best stay informed and get the latest information is to do the following:

1. Go to this link: www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/
2. Let the VA know you are interested in updates on the COVID-19 Vaccine by going to this page: www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed

If and when you're eligible to get a vaccine, your VA health care team will contact you. You don't need to reserve a vaccine, go to a VA facility to request one, or receive a vaccine until the VA contacts you. The VA staff will only provide vaccines to Veterans who are currently eligible for one based on VA and CDC risk criteria.



As the country begins to distribute COVID-19 vaccines, there's no doubt scammers are already scheming.

Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine, so there will be **no cost to you**. If anyone asks you to share your Medicare Number or pay for access to the vaccine, you can bet it's a scam.

Here's what to know:

- You **can't** pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.
- You **can't** pay to get early access to a vaccine.
- **Don't share your personal** or financial information if someone calls, texts, or emails you promising access to the vaccine for a fee.



it's my birthday



Auxiliary Members

Davies, Margaret A (Meggie)	1st
Mason, Whitney	1st
Scott, Judy	3rd
Shiflett, Tanya	3rd
Ellis, Judy	4th
Neises, Carol	4th
McMenamin, Carol L	7th
Hodson, Lora K	8th
Leatherwood, Sara	10th
Johnson, Mary T	11th
Tatham, Yvonne	13th
Maez, Marshalaine	15th
Espinoza, Pablo D	16th
Williams, Annette Sue	18th
Miller, Doris	21st
Rodriguez, Sharon	21st
Theurer, Pauline	22nd
Vine, Sharon	22nd
Blackard, Mary L	25th
Snyder, Terra L	25th
Connelly, Deborah A	27th
Paiz, Joann	27th
Sampers, Patricia	27th
Alred, Ila	28th
Hall, Michelle	30th
Czarnek, Amanda	31st
Hahn, Andrew	31st
Wilkerson, Linda	31st

Post Members

Allen	Walter	1st
Askins	George	1st
Atwood	Jay	1st
Axelson	Wallace	1st
Bates	Gerald	1st
Bechtold	John	1st
Becker	Dale	1st
Benton	Darrel	1st
Blanshan	Robert	1st
Bleau	David	1st
Brake	Robert	1st
Brosh	Michael	1st
Brown	Delmar	1st
Crisler	Marvin	1st
Cushman	Dennis	1st
Cybsyske	Duane	1st
Czarnek	Robert	1st
Fell	Neil	1st
Fox	W	1st
Garretson	Lawrence	1st
Gaskill	Lee	1st
Gill	Frank	1st
Gonzales	Roberto	1st
Grimes	Robert	1st
Hague	Charles	1st
Hansen	Delavan	1st
Harris	Steven	1st
Heitzman	Clifford	1st
Herrera	Raymond	1st
Hixon	Martin	1st
Hunter	Nathan	1st
Keeton	Tom	1st
Koppelmaa	Eric	1st
Lapham	Christopher	1st
Lingle	James	1st
Marler	Charles	1st
Mc Gee	Bryan	1st
McDonald	James	1st
Muniz	Leo	1st
Myers	Levi	1st
Ortega	Ruben	1st
Peters	Donald	1st

Phenix	James	1st
Pritchard	Robert	1st
Rawdon	Mark	1st
Richards	Roy	1st
Ritchie	David	1st
Roundtree	Travis	1st
Shattuck	James	1st
Steinbach	Michael	1st
Taylor	Karl	1st
Trimmer	Marvin	1st
Trujillo	Bennie	1st
Trujillo	Barton	1st
Turner	James	1st
Weins	Robert	1st
Kirst	James	2nd
De Oliver	John	10th
Gierbolini	Raul	11th
McMichael	Warner	11th
Cator	Clint	12th
Ollila	David	12th
Martinez	Paul	13th
Mathias	Rory	13th
Rodriquez	Frank	14th
Abbey	Jason	16th
Black	Donald	17th
Wigle	John	18th
Barnes	David	20th
Morgan	David	22nd
Goad	Terrance	24th
Golden	James	25th
Navarro	Ray	26th
Ammerman	Duane	27th
Guerrieri	Joseph	28th
Hill	Michael	30th
Powell	Robert	30th

For the Post Member's Birthdays....If you see your name above with a 1/1 birth date and it's not correct, please contact Quinn at 303-718-3482 with the correct birth date.



JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Past Pres. <i>Jandra's Black eyed peas and cornbread</i>	2 
3 Past Comm <i>Eggs any style, potato cakes, choice of bacon, sausage or ham, and green chili</i>	4	5 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	6 Post & Aux Meetings	7	8 Post <i>Steak or Shrimp</i>	
10 Past Pres. <i>Jandra's breakfast - TBD</i>	11	12 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	13	14	15 Aux <i>Pork loin stuffed with apricot & sausage, marinated salad, potatoes, dessert</i>	16
17 Post <i>Bacon, egg & cheese croissant, fried potatoes</i>	18 Martin Luther King, Jr	19 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	20	21	22 Post <i>Pot roast, mashed potatoes, carrots and French bread</i>	23
24 Past Comm. <i>Pancakes, eggs, sausage</i>	25	26 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	27 Home Board Meeting	28	29 Past Pres. <i>Jandra's dinner - TBD</i>	30
31 Aux <i>Denver omelet, sausage patties, hash browns, toast</i>						

