



9644 NEWS



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



From the Commander

BY **PAUL GREMSE**

I want to thank **Carl Mashka** and **Art Hull** for their generous donations to the post. I also want to thank **Lynn Peterson** for not only acknowledging their donations but also including the applicable IRS information needed for the tax deduction. Other than that, I don't have anything to offer! I hope you all enjoy being a member of VFW Post 9644.



Post QuarterMaster

BY **LYNN PETERSON**

With January 2021 already under our belt, it's now time to look ahead to February. Post-wise, Monday Bingo is up n' running again!! In early January, we received notification from Barry's Bingo of their County/State authorization at Reopen; so on January 11th we held our first of the new year Monday Post Bingo session. Under COVID-19 restrictions of Masking, Social Distancing & Hygiene required, we are allowed up to a maximum of 50 Bingo Patrons per session. To date, we have been fortunate to have 50 patrons attend. Our profit margins are low, but doable, with optimism for continued positive revenue. Our Progressive game winning totals are growing, we expect more Bingo sales ahead.

Our Post 6PM every Tuesday in-house Bingo continues. We've been having a consistent 25+ crowd of appreciated Bingo Player attend. If able & interested, you are invited to join us for some fun; and maybe walk away with some prize \$\$ & some good times too.

In closing, thanks again to ALL who continue to visit Our/Your Post, participate, with your volunteerism & financial support, with donations always welcome. If you're interested in more Post 9644 information, please contact me.

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Auxiliary President

BY **GREG ALMENDARES**



Avoiding stress and the madness!!!

Sometimes just step away from the computer for a bit and interact with other people around you...

Just let go. Watch something silly and funny on TV or just listen to something funny and silly that makes you smile and laugh, or interact with somebody that makes you smile and laugh...

Pay attention to the person that you are interacting with. Don't start talking to them and then turn away and carry on another conversation with somebody else who is not even in the picture, and just pay attention to the person you are talking to... that will make them feel good and then it would make you feel good...

All in all, I am saying just relax, step away, and pay attention to other people. Open your heart and your mind, try to make this whole world a better place to live...

Lastly I would like to thank everybody that does their part in the kitchen to try to support the post as far as cooking, serving and all that stuff. I would like to thank all of them! They know who they are.... thanks for supporting the post and the auxiliary.... I'm so proud of all of you...



Auxiliary Treasurer

BY **DEBBIE BLESCH**

Greetings from your Auxiliary:

Our Auxiliary is surviving all this craziness in the world today and moving forward as we can. We have 2 new members that we will induct at our meeting on February 3rd. Bingo is moving slowly at Barry's for both the Post and Auxiliary. Our hope is eventually the Mayor of Denver will increase the capacity limits so we can get back to normal. Our revenue has decreased but we continue to find ways to move forward. Burgers are doing ok but not where we used to be. Keeping my fingers crossed.

If you haven't been to a Friday dinner or picked up a takeout order, you have missed some amazing meals. Shelly is still cooking once a month with exceptional menus. The Post Commander has also had a few very good meals. Breakfast is always good and reasonably priced. Please come in and give us a try. I have a very special thank you to **Carl and Carole Maschka** for their generous donation to our Auxiliary. It was most welcome and helps us to maintain our programs. Hope you all have a Happy Valentine's Day and a peaceful happy month.

P.S. We sent all Auxiliary members a Christmas card this year and received many back for address issues. I tried to see if any of them had phone numbers or email addresses. No luck. If anyone knows the whereabouts of members you know have moved please email me. coach_wife7@msn.com

Auxiliary President

BY **RACHEL RODGERS**



T-shirt money is due to me no later than the February meeting which is **February 3rd**. If you have ordered a t-shirt but do not get me the money, I will be removing you from the order form. This is the last time to order the shirts. Cash or Check (make checks payable to VFW Post 9644). Questions or to order please email me at rachel.rodgers@yahoo.com

Back of the shirts



Front of the shirt

"All gave some..... Some gave all"

VFW Post 9644



The post will also be having a Pandemic Drive to support **Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry**. Please bring items to the post for donation before March 15th.

Pandemic Drive

Items that are most helpful to the food pantry include:

- **Personal care items**
 - toilet paper
 - Toothpaste & toothbrushes
 - Shampoo & conditioner
 - bar soap
 - Feminine hygiene products
- **Baby items**
 - Diapers – especially larger sizes of 3,4 or 5
 - Wipes
 - Canned formula
- **Non-Perishable Food Items**
 - Canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc)
 - Peanut butter & jelly
 - Canned or dried beans (pinto beans are the most popular)
 - Cooking oil
 - Pancake/Cornbread Mix
 - Rice
 - Canned vegetables or fruit
 - Soup
 - Pasta



For more information, please contact Rachel Rodgers at 720.394.7093 or at rachel.rodgers@yahoo.com

Canteen Manager

by Jandra Czarnek



Greetings from the Canteen! There will be a chili cook-off on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th at 3:00 p.m. Entries need to be at the Post by 2:30. Come down and enjoy some good chili and camaraderie and watch the Super Bowl.

We are hoping to have Karaoke back soon - it depends on when the restrictions are lifted (the 10 p.m. closing and amount of people), maybe later in February - watch for a blast from Quinn. Hoping we will be able to open more often again, if business warrants it and also reinstating the chips.

It has been a very long 11 months trying to keep the Canteen going, closing for 2 1/2 months, restrictions on how many people are allowed, closing times but I have been around this Post for a long time and I know Post 9644 is resilient and we will make it thru all of this.

To all the people who have not been down to the Post since all this started (COVID - SUCKS), I am hoping once things get back to normal (whatever normal may be) we will once again see your happy, smiling faces, we miss you.

To the bartenders, thank you for putting on the best face possible during all this, your smiles and service do not go unnoticed. That's all for now.



Ways and Means

by Vicki Rodriguez

An Apology for the Disastrous January Steak and Shrimp Night Dinner

While there is no acceptable excuse for the lack of preparation that occurred prior to the dinner on January 8th, I would like to explain.

The source we have been purchasing our steaks from abruptly quit selling them and we had to hurriedly go with another source.

The steaks we received were much larger than we requested and much too thick to cook appropriately on a grill. However, we also had a volunteer cook that had no idea what we normally served, or the issue could have been remedied by cutting them down in size. We also had prepared 30 potatoes as we have been having around 26 meals on a good night. This night we had 38 meals sold, thus no adequate communication between the cashier and the kitchen nor not enough potatoes. Just to add to the fiasco, we went through 15 small cans of corn before everyone was served.

So, to those that had shrimp when they wanted steak and, especially, those that did not receive a complete dinner, I apologize and thank you for patience and understanding that evening. I, also, promise this will not happen again while I'm involved in food purchasing and/or preparation.

Please give us a chance to prove we have learned and corrected our issues! Join us this coming steak or shrimp night on February 5th!!



Post Member Spotlight

featuring..... **Bobby Hohn**



Our member spotlight this month is about a veteran who many know today as a kind, funny and loyal person.

Bobby enlisted in the US Army on October 3, 1966 so that he could choose what he was going to do rather than being drafted and placed in the infantry unit. He chose to be an engineer, however when he landed in Vietnam on March 5, 1967 he was considered a Combat Engineer, and thus started his journey with the Vietnam War.

On January 2, 1968 Bobby was hit in the chin and shoulder by a mortar round. After getting his chin stitched and butterfly band aids placed across his lips (to keep him from moving his mouth/chin), he was back in field two days later. This is where his story is somewhat unique to that of other veterans.

Unbeknownst to Bobby, the military has informed his family that he was MIA/KIA all the while he's still fighting for our country. Later in January, Bobby was hit again when his leg was struck with shrapnel. Bobby was finally sent back to the USA in March that same year.

When Bobby arrived at Stapleton International Airport, he learned that his parent's phone number had changed. These were the days when you could dial "0" and get the operator who could assist you, but this wasn't going to be the case for Bobby. The operator informed him that his parent's number was unlisted, and she couldn't give out the number. Bobby did have his Aunt Jean's number, so he placed his first call to her that day only to get an abrupt "hang up" when he announced, "Hi Aunt Jean, this is Bobby". Puzzled by that response, he called her back a second time and quickly said "Aunt Jean, it's me Bobby, don't hang up". Thankfully, this time she didn't hang up and gave Bobby his parent's number. Sadly, Bobby received the same reaction from his mother when called her. She hung up on him. It took calling back 2 more times for his mother to believe that she WAS talking to her son who she told and believed to be dead.

After a 30-day stay at home, Bobby received his orders where he was to report to Fort Hood to work with the 17th Engineers. Upon arrival and heading to check in with the commanding officer, Bobby received again the reaction.... "This can't be you.... you're listed as dead". It took 30-40 days for the military to sort this mess out, and once they finally did, they placed Bobby on the Riot Control unit to help with the many riots of the Vietnam War happening around our country.

To add insult to injury since Bobby hasn't seen or had enough of the insanity of the military, the 17th Engineers unit wanted to send Bobby to "Vietnam training" to help him with his new job ahead as a riot control unit. (I know, most of you are probably shaking your head by now... in complete astonishment at the incompetence of our US Military. If he's listed as MIA/KIA, then wouldn't one conclude that he might know a little bit about combat in the Vietnam war?)

Bobby finished out his military commitment for the next 1.5 years at Fort Hood, and when asked if he was interested in re-enlisting, his question was "where will I be stationed" and the response was "Vietnam", it wasn't a hard decision to say No Thanks.

After the January 2nd injury, the US Military awarded Bobby a purple heart and sent it to his mother since they had classified he was deceased. As any mother would do, she placed it in a safe place. It wasn't until her passing in 1994 that Bobby received his purple heart medal when it was discovered in his mother's cedar chest. And although he was hit again later in January, he was never awarded a second purple heart since the military had him classified MIA/KIA.

Going into the military came easy to Bobby as his father was in the US Army and served in WWII. Bobby's younger brother Edward Hohn was a Navy Corpsman and served in Vietnam.

The Hohn Family has strong values that span across all aspects of life, community and country. Bobby's father, Robert Hohn, Sr. was a WWII veteran in the US Army and who encouraged Bobby to join the Army. Bobby's brother, Edward Hohn was also a Vietnam Veteran and served as a Navy Corpsman. Ed also held the Commander position at Post 9644 for three years!

Bobby's sister is our very dear Connie Bell, who has been the Post's canteen bartender for many years and is a mainstay for the canteen. Bobby and his sister Connie were the main caregivers of their younger brother, Billy until the Lord called him home on August 27th last year.

Bobby's first marriage produced two beautiful daughters, Penny and Lacy. Lacy followed in the family tradition and joined the Navy, and she is a Post member of 9644; Penny is an active member in the Auxiliary. Bobby has 6 grandchildren which he lovingly refers to as his "Six-Pack".

Retirement came around 2011 and since that time, Bobby spends much of his time hunting and fishing. He is a current member of the VFW Bowling team.

Bobby Hohn is an amazing man; kind, funny and loyal. You never see him without a smile on his face and joking around with all who come into his world.

Please Welcome Our Newest
Post & Auxiliary Members!

James Cardinal
Michael Cartwright
Shawn Jones
Josie Jones
Mike Straka
Lewis Ticknor



This is what the VFW is all about.....

Joe Hamel was aware of a friend, **Maria Boren**, who was having difficulty with the VA in regards to her father's funeral at Ft. Logan.

Joe reached out to his buddy, **Frank Rodriquez** for help. Frank worked with **Paul Gremse** and together they were able to get Maria to the correct contact at the VA. Maria was successful in getting her father's funeral scheduled!

Thank you **Joe (Army)** for getting the ball rolling. And then a **Marine (Frank)** took the hand off and an **Airman (Paul)** slipped in for the touch down.

Team work is the best!

This was Maria's note back to the team:

I just wanted to let Paul and Frank know I called that 1-800 number you gave me. They were awesome! The guy I talked to was named Gary he was really nice. Anyways, I got my father's funeral set up for February 22nd at 0900hrs at Ft. Logan. I really appreciate the help you guys gave me. I was not getting too far by calling the VA. Thank you again for all your help!

-Maria



Here's comes the Cavalry!



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS....

thank you

Thank you all for those who have put in their community service reports. I still need to report up to April 1st and would appreciate if you could get them in to me, via email mjdavies59@gmail.com or you can leave them in the foyer in the CS box.

Here are a few pictures of some of the projects we have done in the last couple of months.



Sincerely
MJ Davies



FRANK RODRIQUEZ AS SANTA
HOLDING HIS GREAT GRANDBABY ADA



PENNY DECORATING
THE CANTEEN

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY MARIAN MASCHKA
PICTURED WITH TERRI MASCHKA AND MJ DAVIES

many thanks



GARY AND DAVID



CHRISTMAS GOODIE BAGS FOR OUR
VETERANS AT THE VA AND ASSISTED LIVING



GORDON ETHERTON, PAUL GREMSE,
AND PETE BUCHANAN

Events and fun things at the VFW...



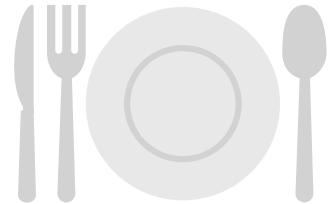
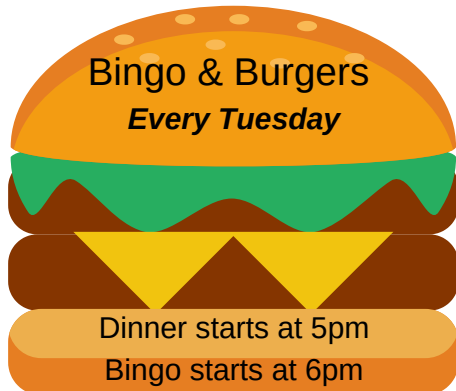
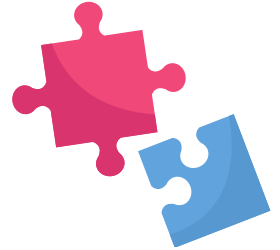
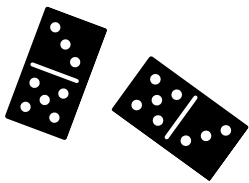
Games Night at the Post

Every Thursday evening around 5 pm

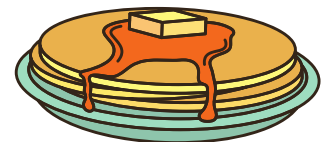
Come join us when we break out a deck of cards or a board game and have some fun.

We have dice games, dominoes, a dart board, corn hole boards, a beautiful pool table, and the list goes on!

You can support your post while blowing off some steam and having fun at the same time.



Friday night dinners
Sunday morning breakfast



Chili Cook-off
for Super Bowl Sunday!



Starting at 3:00 pm
Enter your favorite chili recipe
Red or Green Chili



it's my birthday

Auxiliary Members

Lingle, Jan	1st
Swanson, Kimberly	1st
Lapp, Janet	2nd
Scrivner, Linda K	3rd
Maschka, Barbara	4th
Corsaut, Carol	6th
Hernandez, Teddy	7th
Jevnager, Janice M	7th
Winklepleck, Virginia	7th
Zamora, Florence	7th
Blaine, Maxine	10th
Breslin, Karen K	12th
Knutson, Joel	12th
Martinez, Susan	14th
Mondragon, Barbara	14th
Traudt, Michael	17th
Rodriguez, Eileen	21st
Smart, Helen Roy	22nd
Rock, Sherry	23rd
Daidsmeyer, Karen	24th
Murphy Sue	24th
Fisher, Mary	25th

February Birthdays



Post Members


David	Briggs	1st
Norman	Chilcote	1st
Delane	Ihli	1st
Vincent	Neuroth	1st
William	Brannan	4th
Patrick	Fraley	6th
Kenneth	Kingsley	8th
John	Benedetti	11th
Michael	Cox	11th
Henry	Fellerman	11th
Richard	Karnik	11th
Larry	Keller	11th
Michael	Lamoureux	11th
Nicholas	Ricci	12th
James	Gowans	13th
Matthew	Goligoski	14th
Marty	Smith	15th
Tommie	Brunz	16th
Jack	Carbaugh	16th
Jerry	Smith	16th
Tony	Nickerson	17th
James	O'Donnell	18th
Juan	Gonzales	19th
Sam	Searcy	21st
Leamon	Lane	22nd
James	Steele	23rd
Elden	Rasmussen	26th
Jerry	Cutshaw	27th
Cyrus	Henman	27th
Christopher	Basquez	28th
Jeffrey	Marten	28th
Fabian	Arreola	29th





February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	3 Post & Aux Meetings Four Chaplains Day*	4 Game Night 6-8pm	5 Aux <i>Steak or Shrimp</i>	6
7 <i>Post Omelets in a bag, green chili, hash brown cakes, toast</i> Super Bowl Chile Cook off – Red or Green @ 3:00 pm	8	9 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	10	11 Game Night 6-8pm	12 Post <i>Baked chicken & rice, veggie and roll</i>	13
14 AUX <i>Carl's Biscuits & sausage gravy</i> Valentines Day 	15 President's Day	16 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	17	18 Game Night 6-8pm	19 Aux <i>Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggie and salad</i> Happy Birthday Coast Guard Reserve	20
21 Post <i>French toast, bacon & eggs</i>	22	23 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	24 Home Board	25 Game Night 6-8pm	26 Aux <i>Shelly's cheese/spinach stuffed shells w/marinara, meatballs, salad, dessert</i>	27
28 Past Comm. <i>Ron's pancakes, eggs, sausage patties</i>						

**A day set aside to honor the four US Army Chaplains who gave their lives to save others when the troop ship "USAT Dorchester" Sank During WWII*