

VFW 9644 NEWSLETTER

NEWS, VIEWS, AND HAPPENINGS

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VFW Post Officers




Commander	Todd Van Sant
Senior Vice Commander	Paul Gremse
Junior Vice Commander	Shawn Jones
Quartermaster	Lynn Peterson
Chaplain	Daniel Micka
Adjutant	Marvin Garcia

Auxiliary Officers

President	Concetta Kile
Senior Vice President	Shelly Hall
Junior Vice President	Rachel Rodgers
Treasurer	Debbie Blesh
Chaplain	Lisa Bernhardt
Secretary	Bill Mason

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We have an updated website thanks to our Webmaster 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

With August upon us, summer is in full swing, and a very busy summer is in gear! Your home board met last month and elected **Robert Derrera** as the President of the Home Board with **Ron Davies** as Vice-President. This is the board that runs the canteen in your post. If you haven't given much thought how things run behind the scenes, you should attend one of these meetings! They meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 6pm.

We're just a little over a month away from our second annual car show on September 10th! A huge thanks to **Paul Gremse** and the whole committee that are working to make this a success! This team is working on everything from sponsors, trophies, donations, and vendors to the logistics of where to park a bunch of cars and get folks to attend. It's not an easy task! There is still plenty to do if you want to step up. We're still looking for donations, corporate sponsors, vendors, silent auction items, and volunteers to help during the event! If you can help in any way, but can't attend the next meeting, give Paul a ring! Their next meeting is August 8th and 22nd at 6:30pm.

Speaking of groups, our participation committee is back in full swing after a brief hiatus. This team is led by **Ron Davies**. There are currently 5-7 folks that attend regularly. The focus and goal of this committee is twofold:

1. Increase membership into both the post and auxiliary.
2. Increase participation in events/meetings.

This is another committee that is looking for some more help. Even if you cannot attend the regular meetings, any input you have for this committee would be helpful! Reach out to Ron for more details. Their next meeting is August 8th and 22nd after the car show meetings. The post is celebrating our 75th anniversary this year in December. We're in the very beginning planning phase on our celebration but keep an ear out for an event in early December to celebrate our 75 years! This is a huge milestone, and we'll be finding a way to celebrate in style!

I'm excited about the pig roast on August 13th at our post. \$15 per person. Then there's the Rockies game that we're working on for the following day (August 14th). The Rockies are playing the Diamondbacks, and tickets are \$26 a person. Signup sheet is in the lobby for the baseball game!

We have a new roof over the canteen! Thanks to a donation, and the good folks at Excel Roofing gave us a bit of a break on the cost. The replacement of the roof couldn't wait as several shingles were blown off and it was only a matter of time before water started making its way inside.

We still have several items on our to-do list for the post. Here's the short version: Roof over the hall needs replacement (or coating), parking lot resurfacing, parking lot striping, exterior lighting, exterior paint, security camera system replacement, swamp cooler repair in the canteen (commercial system), heater repair in the hall, painting the rear fence and picnic tables, sound system in the hall, and tons of general cleaning and upkeep. If you have any ideas on how to do any of this, know of anyone willing to donate, or have contacts that are in these industries, let me know! If we don't get some of these things ticked off the list, I will have to find more aggressive ways to get money rolling!

I hope to see you all at the monthly meetings (first Wednesday of the month at 7pm) at the post, or at any of our scheduled events over the next couple months. If you haven't been by in a while, please come down and check things out.



POST VIEWS CONTINUED

From the Quartermaster

By Lynn Peterson

AUGUST.....Short, but Sweet!

While it's the "Dog Days of August" & the start of the "Boys of Summer 2nd Half of the Season", it's also, the Start of a New fiscal-Year for our Post 9644. With that, we welcome New Post Transfer Damien Boehounek, US Navy & New Post Member Carl Smith, US Army. On behalf of Post members,

Welcome to You both to our ranks. Make yourself known & present to enjoy our post comrades & activities. Likewise, here's an Invitation to ALL Post & Auxiliary members....come enjoy our New Post environ; while continuing membership growth remains a high priority for the upcoming fiscal year. So, You all, let's made it happen, with a concerted, strong effort to help us grow...be it qualifying veteran relatives, neighbors, friends or acquaintances. Thanks in Advance!!

Post Monday Bingo volunteerism & our in-progress Post Hall upgrades for added & increased rental & public use, respectively, remain an envisioned revenue goal. Do your part to help & promote.

Looking ahead, stay tuned.....Lots of upcoming Post events....Pig Roast, Colo. Rockies Game, Car Show, weekly Tuesday Bingo, 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 President

By Concetta Kile

I am so pleased to be working with Todd this year. Many of our goals for the health and well being of the post and auxiliary are the same. I believe that working together we can get a lot done and have fun doing it.

For those of you who haven't been to the post in awhile or those of you who haven't noticed, the POW/MIA table has been moved into the canteen by Bar Rescue. I have felt for a long time that it should be there. Let me take a moment to explain why, and why the place setting is set the way it is.

When I invite someone I love and respect to my home for dinner I don't want them sitting in the foyer, I want them in the same room with me. I want my best china, my best table cloth, my best of everything for them. I think all of you would agree with that. Todd and I are in the process of doing just that with the help of others, please remember it is a work in progress. Bobby Hohn has agreed to make a platform for this table so it stands out when you walk into the canteen and doesn't look like a table stuck in the corner that doesn't really mean anything. We are looking for a 4'x5' piece of carpet to go under the table. If any of you have any that you would like to donate or know of somewhere we can purchase it for a discount please let me know.

Together we can do great things for our veterans, our post and for each other. Please remember to treat each other in a way you would want to be treated.

May God bless all of our efforts for the better good of our cause.

From the Junior Vice President

By Rachel Rogers

Happy August!!

The school supply drive is in full swing and will be out to donate to through August 10th. There is a box by the front door for any donations. I hope to have a successful drive again to help those students in need! 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 and the man the booth. 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 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 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> - please note that the private group will no longer be posted to by admins. The new page will have all the updates moving forward.



AUXILIARY VIEWS

From the Treasurer

By Deb Blesh

Hope all of you are doing well and succeeding at staying cool during this really hot summer. August is going to be a very busy month at the Post with events, great food and fun. Hope everyone who can/will come by and enjoy your VFW.

Dues renewal letters will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Again we hope you can get them in as soon as you can. Our dues amount will remain at \$30.00 for the coming year. Last year we did a good job of collecting the dues and received a \$50 award for achieving 100% and meeting the incentive dates. Great job! I hope we can reach our goal again.

If anyone has moved, or knows of anyone who has changed their address, please be sure to contact me to update our data base so we can keep you informed and up to date with our mailings. Anyone who knows of someone who qualifies and wants to join our Auxiliary, please reach out and recruit them! We appreciate and welcome new members to our great organization.

We do many fun projects for our Veterans, and Veteran programs, and hope you will join us. So far this year our Junior Vice, Rachel has put together a school supply drive to support our local students. Be sure to watch for many more drives throughout the year for many of our volunteer activities.

As always thank you all and hope to see you soon.



WELCOME TO THE POST

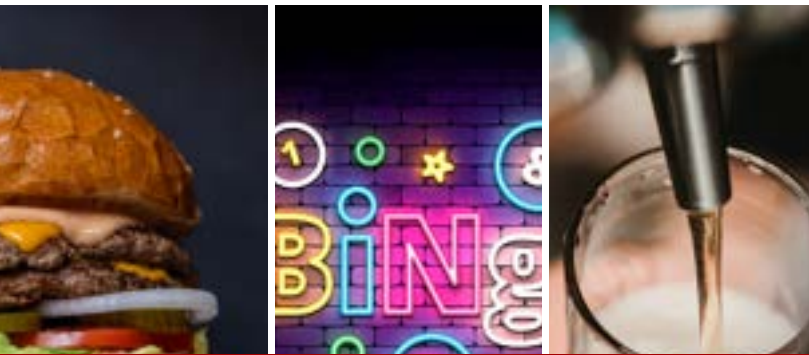


Carl J. Smith
United States Army
New Post Member
Littleton, CO



Damien C. Behounek
United States Army
Transfer Post Member
Littleton, 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

August 2022 Antiterrorism Awareness Month

Food
Meetings
Post Events
Calendar Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Air Force Day	2	3 Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	4 Coast Guard Day	5 Dinner: Steak & Shrimp 5:00 pm	6	7 Breakfast 9:00 am Purple Heart Day
8 Care show meeting	9 Burgers, Bingo, Beer 5:00 pm	10 U.S. Department of Defense Birthday Agent Orange Awareness Day	11 Game Night 6:00 pm	12 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 pm	13 Pig Roast 1 pm Navajo Code Talkers Day	14 Breakfast 9:00 am Rockies Baseball gam
15 Burgers, Bingo, Beer 5:00 pm National Airborne Day	16	17	18 Game Night 6:00 pm	19 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 pm	20	21 Breakfast 9:00 am
22 Burgers, Bingo, Beer 5:00 pm	23	24	25 Game Night 6:00 pm	26	27 Karaoke Night 6:00 pm	28 Breakfast 9:00 am
29 Marine Corps Reserve Birthday	30 Burgers, Bingo, Beer 5:00 pm	31	1 Game Night 6:00 pm	2 Dinner: Steak & Shrimp 5:00 pm	3	4 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

Joe Vigil	Aug 1
Ronald Swenson	Aug 1
Aaron Debellis	Aug 1
Joseph Davis	Aug 1
Norman Lillard	Aug 1
Gerald Wittig	Aug 2
James Burke	Aug 2
David Hutchins	Aug 3
John Trotter	Aug 3
Douglas Mayotte	Aug 5
Robert Graham	Aug 8
George Johnson	Aug 8
Dean Hoffman	Aug 9
Roger Wauffle	Aug 10
William Orłowski	Aug 10
Joseph Schiel	Aug 12
John Quirin	Aug 14
Duane Tarket	Aug 15
Daniel Finger	Aug 16
Thomas Smola	Aug 17
Ralph Mason	Aug 18
Lance Cabazos	Aug 23
Ronald Wilson	Aug 24
Roy Hager	Aug 24
Katrina Hall	Aug 25
Alexander Rocha	Aug 26
Dennis Starr	Aug 30

Auxiliary Birthdays

Jacqueline Leaf	Aug 2
Loretta Peterson	Aug 4
Melitta Steinmiller	Aug 4
LaVon Cheryl Begaii	Aug 5
Sheri Marshall Winstanley	Aug 5
Charlene Delvescovo	Aug 7
Lisa Vick	Aug 10
Susan Kay Griffith	Aug 13
Mary M Geer	Aug 15
Linda Barnes	Aug 16
Phyllis Vigil	Aug 17
Leslie Hernon	Aug 18
Ed Bomgardner	Aug 20
John Feist	Aug 20
Sharon Simmons	Aug 22
Kevin Demsky	Aug 23
Jayda Riedesel	Aug 24
Loveta Price	Aug 24
Doreen Ruby	Aug 24
Nancy Inman	Aug 27
Christina Draper	Aug 29
Patricia A Pare	Aug 29

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



HOG Roast

AUGUST 13TH



BEER - GAMES - MUSIC



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