

# VFW 9644 NEWSLETTER

## NEWS, VIEWS, AND HAPPENINGS

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Award-winning VFW, est. 1947, closest Post to Fort Logan National Cemetery

### *VFW Post Officers*

Commander  
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Todd Van Sant  
 Paul Gremse  
 Mike Stern  
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 Marvin Garcia

### *Auxiliary Officers*

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 Treasurer  
 Chaplain  
 Secretary

Concetta Kile  
 Shelly Hall  
 Rachel Rodgers  
 Debbie Blesh  
 Lisa Bernhardt  
 Bill Mason

#### Post Address

2680 W Hampden Ave,  
Sheridan, CO 80110

#### Post Phone Number

(303) 789-9733



We have an updated website thanks to our Commander 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***



Warmer months are upon us and that means exciting times ahead for the post.

First off, this month we celebrate our Bar Rescue episode. On May 28th, we will all be gathering to both celebrate the milestone of the release of our episode, but also to make fun of all of us who are in the show. It was a heck of a lot of fun to create, and I am super thankful for Jon Taffer and the crew for giving us this opportunity! Hopefully we will take advantage of the publicity and get some new traffic in the doors. If you haven't RSVP'd for your seat at the viewing party, do so by heading to our website or click here - <https://www.vfw9644.org/bar-rescue>

We voted in new officers at the post and auxiliary last month and we are planning on installation on May 12th at 5:30pm. I want to thank them all for stepping up and volunteering their time and energy. It takes every one of us to run this place, and we're able to move forward on the shoulders of the generations of leadership before us - so a huge thank you to all of you who served in the past as well! Exciting things are in store for us here at Post 9644!

We have a lot of events happening over the next several months and I want to make sure you all are putting them on your calendars:

May 12 @ 5:30 pm - Post and Auxiliary Installation with free dinner to follow

May 14 @ 9am - Mothers Day Breakfast at the Post

May 17 @ noon - Colorado Rockies Game (sign-up sheet in the lobby)

May 20 @ 9 am - Post Cleanup (focusing on the back patio and downstairs)

May 20 @ 6 pm - Karaoke at the post

May 26-29 - Buddy Poppies (sign-up sheet in the lobby)

May 28 @ 6 pm (show starts at 8 pm) - Bar Rescue Viewing Party

May 29 - Free lunch at the post after the event at Fort Logan National Cemetery

June 7-10 - VFW Department of Colorado Convention in Greeley, Colorado

July 2 @ noon - Colorado Rockies Armed Forces Game

July 4 @ noon - Fourth of July Party

July 22-27 - VFW National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona

August 12 - Pig Fest

August 16 - Colorado Rockies Game

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# ***POST VIEWS CONTINUED***

Now, there's still our regularly scheduled stuff:

- First Wednesday of every month - Post & Auxiliary meetings at 7 pm (free dinner starts at 5:30 pm)
- Last Wednesday of every month - Home Board meeting at 6pm
- Every other week (starting on May 8) - Car Show Planning Meeting, Participation Meeting
- Every Tuesday starting at 5 pm - Dinner/Bingo/Queen of Clubs
- Every Friday starting at 5 pm - Dinner/Queen of Clubs/Horse Races
- Every Sunday starting at 9 am - Breakfast
- 3rd Saturday - Karaoke

Finally, I want to thank those of you who show up! We can't do what we do without those of you who show up for our events. If you haven't been by in a while, come by for dinner, or one of the above listed events. We would love to see you again!

# ***AUXILIARY VIEWS***

## ***From the Junior Vice President***

***By Rachel Rodgers***



Thank you all so much for those the volunteered for the Egg Demolition Derby!! It was a huge success and so much fun. Thank you to Post 1 for partnering with us to make this an amazing success. We look forward to supporting John Keene as he becomes VFW Department Commander.

We did 34 Easter baskets for the kids as well. They were very well received and all the kids enjoyed all the treats #toys that were in them!!

We have t-shirts and koozies for sale. T-shirts are \$10 each and koozies are \$3 each. Please see myself if you are interested in purchasing one.

## ***From the Treasurer***

***By Deb Blesh***



Welcome to May, the month of new growth, beginnings and spring. I'm very optimistic for our auxiliary to grow in membership and reach new goals of assistance for our vets. I had a blast shopping and assembling the baskets for transiting veterans from the VA to housing. Rachel was invaluable in helping with the selection of many of the items we purchased for this project.

Concetta also donated her blankets for this project. It was a hard year and I am excited to continue on my path for improving the culture of the auxiliary that Concetta worked on

with her Bee's. Be Respectful, responsible, courteous, kind, and humble. You get the picture.

We have a new President who is also a new member and willing to learn and grow with us. Thank you, John, for stepping up and your willingness to new leadership and take this journey

Our membership has reached 104% which is a new milestone for us and our goals for the coming year are to continue to grow and recruit more volunteers.

We have lots of events coming up this summer so be sure to watch the Commander updates each week and come down and enjoy the festivities.

Lastly, if anyone is ever missing a birthday on our monthly list, be sure to send it to me so I can update our records. If anyone has moved, please send updated address. We have received a lot of returned mail.

Have an awesome spring and enjoy the new flowers.

# **CONGRADULATIONS**

*May our new officers take their positions in August.*

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|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Commander             | Todd Van Sant    |
| Senior Vice Commander | Michael Stern    |
| Junior Vice Commander | Gary Bean        |
| Quartermaster         | Lynn Peterson    |
| Chaplain              | Robert Derrera   |
| 1-Year Trustee        | Jerry Cutshaw    |
| 2-Year Trustee        | Gordon Eatherton |
| 3-Year Trustee        | John Bredenberg  |
| Adjutant              | Marvin Garcia    |
| Service Officer       | Paul Gremse      |
| Judge Advocate        | Ron Davies       |
| Surgeon               | Dan Griffith     |

## ***Auxiliary Officers***

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| President             | John Whistler     |
| Senior Vice President | OPEN              |
| Junior Vice President | Rachel Rodgers    |
| Treasurer             | Debra Blesh       |
| Guard                 | Sherry Rock       |
| Conductor             | Cliff Payne       |
| Chaplain              | Lisa Bernhardt    |
| Secretary             | Concetta Kyle     |
| 1-Year Trustee        | Valerie Bomgarden |
| 2-Year Trustee        | Jandra Czarnek    |
| 3-Year Trustee        | Vicki Rodriquez   |

# ***WELCOME TO THE POST***



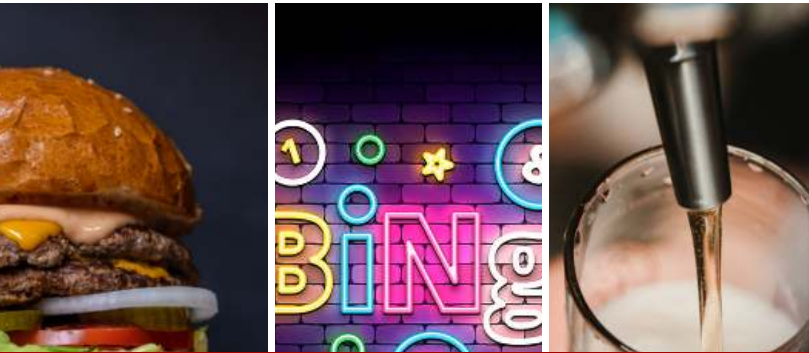
***Joe Rivera Jr.***

*United States Army*

New Post Member

Lakewood, 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

May 2023 National Military Appreciation Month

Food
Meetings
Post Events
Calendar Events

| Mon  | Tue                                   | Wed                                | Thu                         | Fri  | Sat  | Sun  |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1<br>Silver Star Service Banner Day  | 2                                     | 3<br>Post & Aux Meeting<br>7:00 pm | 4                           | 5<br>Friday Night Dinner<br>5:00 pm<br>Cinco de Mayo 🇲🇽                    | 6  | 7<br>Breakfast<br>9:00 am<br>VFW Egg Demo-Derby 🥚  |
| 8<br>VE Day  | 9<br>Burgers, Bingo, Beer<br>5:00 pm  | 10                                 | 11<br>Game Night<br>6:00 pm | 12<br>Post/Aux Installation<br>5:30 pm<br>Military Spouse Appreciation Day | 13<br>Children of Fallen Patriots Day  | 14<br>Mother's Day Breakfast<br>9:00 am<br>Mother's Day 🌸  |
| 15<br>Armed Forces Week<br>May 13 - 20th   | 16<br>Burgers, Bingo, Beer<br>5:00 pm | 17<br>CO Rockies Game<br>12:00 pm  | 18<br>Game Night<br>6:00 pm | 19<br>Friday Night Dinner<br>5:00 pm                                       | 20<br>Post Cleanup<br>9:00 am<br>Karaoke Night<br>6:00 pm<br>Armed Forces Day 🇺🇸 | 21<br>Breakfast<br>9:00 am   |
| 22<br>Maritime Day 🌊   | 23<br>Burgers, Bingo, Beer<br>5:00 pm | 24                                 | 25<br>Game Night<br>6:00 pm | 26<br>Friday Night Dinner<br>5:00 pm<br>Buddy Poppies<br>Sign up in lobby  | 27<br>Buddy Poppies<br>Sign up in lobby  | 28<br>Breakfast<br>9:00 am<br>Buddy Poppies<br>Sign up in lobby<br>Bar Rescue Showing<br>6:00 pm |
| 29<br>Buddy Poppies<br>Sign up in lobby<br>Free lunch at Post<br>12:00 pm<br>Memorial Day 🇺🇸 | 30<br>Burgers, Bingo, Beer<br>5:00 pm | 31                                 | 1<br>Game Night<br>6:00 pm  | 2<br>Friday Night Dinner<br>5:00 pm  | 3  | 4<br>Breakfast<br>9:00 am  |

## Future dates to be aware of

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# ***DONATE TO POST 9644***

## ***Red Oak Claims***

***Red Oak Claims donated \$360 for website advertising***



RED OAK CLAIMS is a Colorado based company that is proud to support your VFW! Our expertise is serving as advocates for policyholders. If a property owner is facing an extensive property loss and claim, our team would work on behalf of the insured to ensure that they receive a favorable settlement in a timely manner. Our role is to prepare, present and negotiation the claim, always with the insured's best interest in mind. We are licensed by the Division of Insurance as Public Adjusters. By the nature of our license, we always work for the policyholder. We never work for the insurance companies as that would be a conflict of interest. RED OAK CLAIMS is your claim advocate! COMPASSION FOR YOU. AUTHORITY FOR YOUR CLAIM

## ***Donate to VFW 9644***

***Use the QR Code to donate to your local veterans through your VFW Post. Donations go directly to veterans in need.***



(This QR Code will take you to PayPal where you can add your donation.)

# VFW CELEBRATIONS

## *Post Birthdays*

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Roger Washburn     | May 1  |
| James Madrid       | May 1  |
| Samuel Medina      | May 1  |
| Timothy Mills      | May 1  |
| James Redman       | May 1  |
| Gilbert Roy        | May 1  |
| Robert Holman      | May 2  |
| Kevin Kelly        | May 2  |
| Richard Frick      | May 4  |
| Ronald Davies      | May 6  |
| Richard Sonnenberg | May 7  |
| Asuncion Huerta    | May 7  |
| Alfonso Vigil      | May 8  |
| Harold Romero      | May 8  |
| Colten Kinser      | May 9  |
| Donald Welling     | May 11 |
| Randy Reich        | May 13 |
| Bill Moore         | May 14 |
| Philip Rutkowski   | May 14 |
| Jeffery Garner     | May 15 |
| Lewis Ticknor      | May 16 |
| Michael McDonald   | May 17 |
| Arthur Salazar     | May 17 |
| Bradley Starr      | May 19 |
| Linda Salter       | May 19 |
| Ethan Daigle       | May 25 |
| Robert Ham         | May 25 |
| Richard Bernhardt  | May 26 |
| Sieger Hartgers    | May 26 |
| Kenneth Herrera    | May 27 |
| Scott Foster       | May 31 |

## *Auxiliary Birthdays*

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Judy Rodasta    | May 1  |
| Brian Pettee    | May 2  |
| Dorothy Schiel  | May 3  |
| Aaron Garcia    | May 6  |
| Sharon Metz     | May 6  |
| Teri Gremse     | May 8  |
| Penny Smith     | May 8  |
| MJ Davies       | May 9  |
| Sherrel Price   | May 10 |
| Dorothy Russell | May 13 |
| Shelley Jones   | May 15 |
| Clifford Payne  | May 15 |
| Janet Brigham   | May 16 |
| Debra Haines    | May 16 |
| Lesa Pike       | May 16 |
| Valerie Katich  | May 18 |
| Kyle Gremse     | May 19 |
| Vicki Simoneau  | May 19 |
| Cyndi Clavier   | May 20 |
| Ron LaPerle     | May 20 |
| Lisa Bernhardt  | May 24 |
| Connie Bell     | May 26 |
| Gwen Burluson   | May 26 |
| Rachel Rogers   | May 27 |
| Charles Zeisler | May 27 |
| James Anderson  | May 29 |
| Shelly Cordova  | May 30 |