



# 9644 NEWS



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



## From the Commander

**BY PAUL GREMSE**

Greetings! Well it's September already and that means Friday night dinners start again. Typically, the first dinner would be the Friday following Labor Day but this year is a bit different. With our car show on the 11th, we will forego that dinner as we'll be busy preparing for the next day. Our first dinner will be September 17th.

Once again, I'm asking for some help with preparing and serving meals. At the Ways & Means planning meeting, the following dates were assigned to the Post membership:

FRIDAY DINNER	SUNDAY BREAKFAST
Sep-17	Sep-26
Sep-24	Oct-24
Oct 1 (Steak & Shrimp)	Nov-21
Oct-15	Oct-05
Dec3 (Steak & Shrimp)	

It would be great if some Post members would step up and handle one or two of these meals. Just let me know which date you'd like. The Auxiliary would also appreciate some help on Tuesday meals (burgers or a similar meal) to go with Bingo.

I'm sure you get tired of reading the same thing every month. I believe that because I sure get tired of writing the same thing; meals and bingo.

We had a very successful bingo session on August 16th because we had a must-go. (We played the progressive game until someone won over \$14,000.) Because it was a must-go, we had almost 150 people playing making it a very profitable day. Besides myself, we had eleven workers to handle the workload, roughly three times the work of a normal session. I have no doubt that with more help, we could have made more money. Thank you **Lynn Peterson, Juan Romero, Dan Griffith, John Vaglianti, Terry Goad** and Auxiliary members **Carl Maschka, Mike Martin, Michelle Cordova, Janet Brigham, Teri Gremse and Deb Blesh!** Is three or four hours, even two a week too much to ask? We hope to have another must go in September unless the other progressive jackpot is won sooner. Three or four more helping would make a big difference. Remember, bingo accounts for our main revenue stream right now.

That may change shortly if my objective plays out. For more than a year now, I've been adamant about utilizing our hall to its full potential with a Tavern License. Thanks to **Ron Davies** and **Cliff Payne** doing the legwork, I hope to have our tavern license secured shortly. That will enable us to advertise and rent the hall to the general public. My goal is to have it rented at least seven times a month, initially; and then grow it to ten to fifteen times a month or more.

Post Member **Frank Rodriguez** and his wife **Vicki** purchased a new grill for the patio, so with the help of **Steve Cordova** who put it together, the Post has a shiny new grill.

Bad news – Good news- Better news: Less than a year after replacing our furnace it became apparent our swamp coolers had outlasted their life expectancy, three of them. **Cliff Payne** won the Queen of Clubs jackpot and donated the \$1300+ proceeds towards replacing the swamp coolers. Two contractors told us the same thing.... it would be more economical to basically rebuild the big commercial cooler rather than trying to replace it for \$15,000 - \$20,000, if that would even be possible. The two smaller units should just be replaced. Hearing this, a relatively new transfer to our post, **Todd VanSant** stepped up and donated the two units. Post Member **Gordon Eatherton** gave a GRACIOUS cash gift of \$4000 to help with costs. Now, as I sit here at the post, the contractors are here making the post a little cooler. The Canteen will certainly be more comfortable now with a new furnace and swamp coolers. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED AND CONTRIBUTATED!**

Speaking of the Canteen, that operation comes under the purview of the Home Board. There is a vacancy on that Board. If you're interested in helping out there, please reach out to **B.J. McGee**, the Home Board president.

Lastly, I wanted to let everyone know we're in the middle of transitioning our bank accounts to Vectra Bank. They have an informal group of employees who are veterans and call themselves Vectra for Veterans. This group has already stepped up and helping out. They have contracted and funded professional landscaping at the post and will also be assisting us at the car show. **Thank you, Vectra Bank!**

Yes, the car show is around the corner, September 11th. Hope to see you there helping, maybe with an entry, or just a spectator!

## Quarter Master

BY LYNN PETERSON



September Fall Season Greetings.....Sign of the Times!!

Glimpses of our rapidly approaching Colorful Colorado Fall season will be here; evident with signs of early fresh morning air, Olathe corn, Palisade peaches and soon to be beautiful Rocky Mountains.

So...it's time to winterize & time to continue helping our Post; albeit a visit to the Post, participant in our weekly activities/events &/or your volunteering hand to help us out. We need you & welcome your presence and greatly appreciate your efforts & support.

Thanks!! Hope to See you soon!! With Much Appreciation & Dedication to Servicing our Veterans



# Auxiliary Jr. Vice

BY RACHAEL RODGERS



Hello Everyone!!

I first would like to thank all that donated to the school supply drive!! It was a huge success, and the Sheridan School District was very grateful for our donation. It filled 4 fairly large boxes to take to the students in need.



We are selling t-shirts again at the post. The shirts are to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9.11.2001. Please see BJ or myself to purchase or if you need more information:



# Auxiliary Treasurer

BY DEBBIE BLESCH

I want to thank everyone who helped with our Auxiliary Bingo and food this summer.

- **Michelle and Steve Cordova** - almost all meals and serving
- **Ron Davies** - cooking burgers
- **Paul and Teri Gremse** - chicken enchiladas
- **MJ Davies** - cooked 2 meals of chicken tacos
- **Jandra Czarnek** - potato salad several times,
- **Carol Connelly and Concetta Kyle** for taking money

Special thanks to Steve and Michelle for stepping in while I was laid up.

Thanks to everyone who attended our meals and stayed to play bingo to support the Post. If I forgot anyone, I will apologize in advance. It was a long season.

Our paid membership is at 92.64%. We need the other 24 annual members to pay their dues. Reaching our 100% will allow the auxiliary to receive a monetary reward from National. I sent out the dues notices this month. If you did not receive one, please let me know.

We are also looking for Tuesday volunteers to prepare our bingo and meals. We have burger night covered; thank you Ron. I need 2 more teams as I will continue to do a week myself. I can always use a server. Teams can be done by 6:00 pm most times in order to play bingo.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the 1st annual Patriot Day car show on September 11, 2021. There will be fun, food, music, prizes and more.



## POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 17



POW/MIA Recognition Day is commemorated on the third Friday of every September, a date that's not associated with any particular war. In 1979, Congress and the president passed resolutions making it official after the families of the more than 2,500 Vietnam War POW/MIAs pushed for full accountability.





# Who or What is a Veteran

**Written by Karl Schneider**

A veteran is the same as you and me.  
He is a brother, a sister, a father, a grandfather.  
At one time he was a young student,  
But when he became a young adult  
His friends and neighbors asked him to help protect them,  
He volunteered, with pride, to serve his country.  
He sacrificed his time, his health, his comfort,  
Endured physical hardship, he knew fear and  
Sometimes lost his life doing his duty.  
Those of us who came back from the wars,  
Returned to our studies, our jobs, our families  
And tried to resume the duties of an informed citizen.  
We fought these wars hoping our young people would  
Not ever have to endure the terrible hardship of war.  
Today, we honor the individual veteran but more importantly  
We honor the spirit of those who put aside their personal  
Ambitions to protect and serve their fellow countrymen.  
The best way to honor a veteran is to do what he fought  
To do for you.  
Pursue your education, become a knowledgeable, informed  
Citizen and do your best to prevent other wars.

***Karl is a dear friend and neighbor to Frank and Vicki Rodriquez, a WWII Veteran and VFW Post 9644 member, and he wrote this for his granddaughter when she was in high school***



## Welcome!

**John Bredenberg**  
Navy Veteran



**Bill Mason**  
**Kathy Highland**  
Auxiliary Members

# Events and Fun Things at the Post

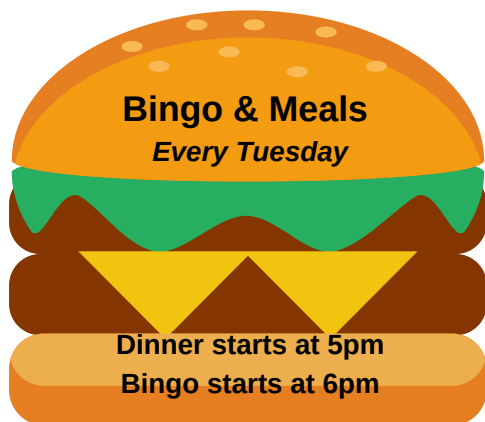
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## **FRIDAY NIGHTS & SUNDAY MORNINGS**

Friday night meals are back in addition to Sunday breakfast  
Please see calendar



Karaoke Night  
**Saturday September 18th**  
**@ 6:00pm**



*AMERICA*  
*Says*



**Thursday, September 16th**  
**6-8pm**

**CHILE WRAP** available at car show!

Pueblo Fire Roasted Anaheim Chile with melted Mexican cheese wrapped in a flour tortilla and then grilled to perfection...



\$3.00 Donation



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!*

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**VFW Fundraiser**

**Taking orders for Pueblo Roasted Chilies**

Medium, Hot OR Dynamite Anaheim  
Will be available for pick up at VFW 9644  
Friday Sept 10 and Saturday Sept 11  
during the Car Show.

\$36.00 per bushel, \$18.00 half a bushel  
Gallon baggies of chilies for \$8.00 per bag.

Please email [Mommadavies59@gmail.com](mailto:Mommadavies59@gmail.com) or call me 303-472-2837 with your order.

MJ Davies

Thank You for your support!



*Auxiliary  
Members*

September Birthdays

*Post  
Members*

Krieg, Donna	3rd
Krasovec, Bernadette	3rd
Kruse, Marie C	5th
Gallegos, Lavie	6th
Feist, Jane	6th
McNeely, Judy K	6th
Cordova, Michelle	10th
Dewing, Lorraine	10th
Cushman, Cathy M	11th
Havens, Connie	11th
Nickerson, Marjorie	16th
Blackard, Diana L	17th
Tripp, Barbara	18th
McGee, Debbie	18th
Drake, Kay	19th
Maes, Mildred Joyce	20th
Archuleta, Leah M	20th
Duquette, Roberta C	25th
Hull, Arthur	27th
Hyland, Gloria	28th
Lucero, Dana	30th

Daniel	Cordova	1st
Robert	Gabel	1st
James	Kretschma	1st
Gilbert	Linenberg	1st
John	Schmitt	1st
Nathan	Lancaster	2nd
Richard	Campbell Jr.	5th
Alden	Lewis Jr.	5th
David	Bender	6th
Thomas	Ritz	6th
Robert	Wilson	7th
Jon	Miller	9th
Steven	Baranosky	11th
Charles	Dunst	11th
Floyd	Reinhardt	11th
Victor	Vargas	11th
Donald	Hiett	14th
Gary	Williams	16th
James	Allen	17th
Robert	Bauer	18th
Christian	Paulo	18th
James	Randa	19th
Daniel	Brewster	20th
Wayne	Lindholm	24th

Hello Post and Auxiliary members and friends,

The time has come to pass the baton when it comes to the newsletter editing/publishing along with our official web site.

One of our newer Post members, **Sean Jones**, has raised his hand for managing the VFW Website, monthly newsletter and all of the touch points that comes with these! I'm writing this last time to express my thanks and gratitude to all of the members of Post 9644 for all of your support, feedback, contributions and friendship over the last few years as I worked through the kinks of publishing a newsletter with all of the many moving parts and facets.

I have no doubt that Sean will step in and make many new and exciting changes! With his enthusiasm that we've seen so far, it's exciting to see a Post Member want to do this, as only a Veteran really knows how fellow veterans feel and what they face on a daily basis. I'm sure we well see more veteran-related topics come in the months ahead.

With deep gratitude - Quinn