



9644 NEWS



Monthly Newsletter for *Verle Huffman VFW Post 9644*



From the Commander

BY **PAUL GREMSE**

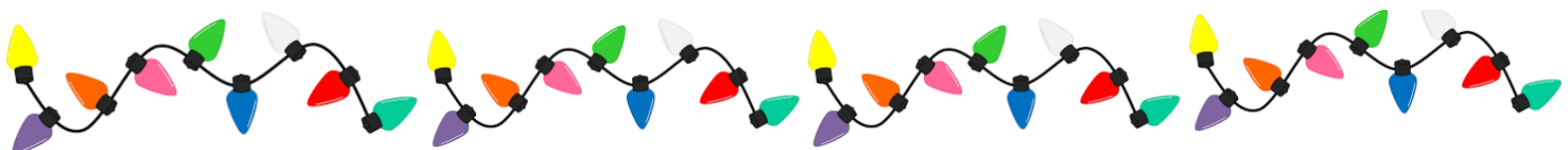


Wouldn't it be nice if Weld County would annex Sheridan? But, I don't see that happening so we've made adjustments to comply with the governor's new, Level Red. A heated enclosure has been erected on the patio so meals can continue. Last call at the bar will be at 7:30 and the Canteen will close no later than 8:30. Now, we'll just have to hold on and stay solvent until this madness ends! That will continue to be a challenge!

To that end, I've proposed raising annual dues from \$40 to \$45 next year. National by-laws require 20 days' notice to the membership before such a raise could be approved so they will be a vote on dues at the January meeting. On that subject, have you paid your dues this year? If not, please do! You might even consider a life membership. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

In the meantime, there is one question that has been gnawing at me. What is a real Bronco fan? My definition of a fan is one that picks a team and sticks with that team whether they are winning or losing. The first three years I was a member of our post (2013-2015), there wasn't a seat in the canteen to be had during Bronco games. Then the Broncos started losing and the Canteen remains empty during Bronco games sans two or four. Yes, there is a pandemic this year so some may not be comfortable coming out to watch a game. Others should be good fans and come out and support your post and Broncos this last month of the regular season. No, we can't pack the house but 15 or 20 would be within Level Red constraints. Odds are the Broncos will not see playoffs this year, but you can still come and watch at the post! Hope to see you there.

On behalf of the entire post, I want to wish every member and their families a safe and healthy Christmas and optimism for a better 2021.



Quarter Master

BY LYNN PETERSON



Yes-ere December 2020 year end is now in hindsight! Unequivocally, viewed to put behind us. So lets end with Special Merry Christmas, with Wishes for a Happy Safe & Healthy New Year 2021.

On the Post's Home front, we remain financially above board & sound; not treading water, but not far from it. With the local government closure of our Bingo functions & operations at Barry's Bingo in early November, our Post's mostly sole revenue source is at a stand still.

So, what can we/you do? Your ideas are Needed & Requested. Acknowledging the COVID restrictions & your safety, without submitting to not yet Stay at Home, quite frankly, our weekly Post functions & events remain a limited, but valued option for You & your participation, albeit Tuesday Burgers & Bingo, Friday Dinners, Saturday Karaoke & just plain camaraderie. Come Join Us!! New Post Events & Games are being discussed.

On a continuing positive note, your post leadership continues to reach out in securing added COVID Grant opportunities, specifically on-going City of Sheridan PPE expenses reimbursements; as funds remain available. In closing, Thanks to ALL who continue to visit Our/Your Post, participate, with your volunteerism & financial support.

Auxiliary President

BY GREG ALMENDARES

I just want to say to everybody happy December and a early merry Christmas to everyone. I hope everybody had a good Thanksgiving I know in these trying times have made it difficult to celebrate the way we used to. As your auxiliary president I have to give props out to everyone in my cabinet every one of them has been behind me helping me out at different junctures. I would like to thank Shelly hall for doing an amazing dinner for Halloween which we all know she loves doing I like helping her out and I would also like to thank Penny and Rachel for doing the pumpkin baskets for Halloween for the kids , and I would also like to thank MJ for helping all of us get our community service paperwork turned in so thank you.

I know this pandemic has hit us all in different ways I just want everyone to take stock on what they have with family and friends, and also remember that the ones that are alone need support to as well, I think this is the only way we can get through this mess is leaning on each other and family to get us through this. And for all of auxiliary and post members that have been tested positive I would like to let them know that I pray for them every day and I'm thankful for the ones that did test positive and now are better.

On another note as the president of the auxiliary I would like to ask anyone that would like to step up and help all of us that do all the cooking breakfast and dinners if they could at least volunteer an hour's worth of time I don't care if they can help serve, take money, all of our staff would be thankful so just remember if you have the time please volunteer we wood greatly appreciate it.

Thank you,
God bless



Auxiliary Sr. Vice

BY **SHELLY HALL**



Hello all - it is with great sadness that we have to cancel our member dinner which is a December tradition at our post. We will reevaluate our celebration/dinner in January to see if things have changed to allow us to gather.

Until then, have a Merry Christmas!



Auxiliary Treasurer

BY **DEBBIE BLESS**

Here we are: the last month of 2020. I hope everyone reading this had a Happy Thanksgiving. I am hoping and praying for a peaceful and wonderful December. May this last month of this year, bring you a happy and healthy Christmas with your family and friends and a great big goodbye at 11:59 p.m. to 2020 at 12/31/2020. May we ring in the New Year with hope, optimism, and the best we can be? (I know...a little over the top).

Membership has not changed since the end of September. We are still hovering around 95 to 96%. Any annual member who does not have their dues paid by December 31, 2020 will become a member not in good standing. This means that access to any of the National or State Auxiliary grants and assistance are unavailable to you. I would hate for anyone to miss any help that may be needed.

We encourage all our members to try to recruit a new member and help us build our auxiliary. We have accomplished so much this year.

We have paid memberships for our older grandfathered members, donated to our members in need, donations on behalf of the Post to Veteran Care Living Centers, repaired and replaced an aging kitchen, helped with Post insurance and had a successful bingo season in spite of the virus. Our community service is up and we have prepared gift gloves of goodies for Halloween and Christmas bags for several of our veteran care centers. Special thanks to all who have helped fill them and deliver them.

Our meals are moving along slowly due to circumstances beyond our control but the food is still home cooked, varied menus and very good. We all work on safety precautions to keep everyone as safe as we can. We hope as things change and we exit out of this pandemic so we can get back to camaraderie, fun times and renewed friendships.

Stay Safe and have a very Merry Christmas.



Events and fun things at the VFW...



VFW POST 9644

SANTA

WANTS TO KEEP
EVERYONE SAFE
FROM COVID,
SO THIS YEAR'S

CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY

HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

HOWEVER....

SANTA SAID HE WOULD
BE SENDING STOCKINGS
FOR ALL OF YOU!

THEY CAN BE PICKED UP
AT THE POST ON
DECEMBER

11TH, 12TH AND 13TH



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FOR INFO CONTACT RACHEL AT Rachel.Rodgers@yahoo.com
OR PENNY AT 303-903-3674



New Year's Day

Jandra is planning on serving
Black-eyed peas and cornbread

TBD - we'll communicate out as we get closer to the date.

Santa's letter to all the children of Post 9644

Hello boys and girls!!! HOHOHO!

It is me, Santa Claus from up North. The elves and I have been real busy making the toys and gifts for all of you children. Seems like every year there are more and more of you.

I have to tell you some news. It has been decided by Mrs. Claus and myself that we will not be hosting a Santa Claus Christmas Party at the VFW Post 9644 this year. Because of that doggone Virus that is still hanging around we decided to wait until next year. And I promise next year will be a big Santa party. So I know as big boys and girls that you will understand.

But the good news is Santa is still going to be coming to each and every one of your houses Christmas Eve. So I still need a note or letter from each of you telling me what you would like for me to bring you for Christmas! The elves are building a lot of neat stuff.

Just one moment.... Raymond quit playing that trumpet so loud.. I am writing the children a letter. Sorry about that! Raymond, my elf in charge of music, gets carried away with what he builds. Where was I? Oh yes, write me a letter that is very important!

I want to remind you that Santa sees and hears everything! I know who has been naughty or nice. HOHOHO I know that you all have been great children all year. Especially you older kids that help mommy and daddy with little brothers and sisters. And for you kids that do chores around the house, making your bed and keeping your room clean. Even you Jimmy, feeding your dog and taking him for a walk. I am checking my list twice. So you better be nice. HOHOHO!

So I will close my letter by reminding you that there is no Santa Party at the VFW this year. But I will be at your house on Christmas Eve, oh and I do appreciate cookies and milk. Remember, send me letters, and be nice! Santa loves each and every one of you!

Merry Christmas!!!!

Santa

(aka Frank Rodriquez)





it's my birthday

Taylor, Patricia	2 nd
Rodriquez, Vicki	3 rd
Cardwell, Laurel	4 th
Hall, Conrad	9 th
Jones, Fern	10 th
Day, Talon	11 th
<u>Engle, Greg</u>	11 th
<u>Veith, Edward</u>	11 th
Archuleta, Andrea	12 th
<u>Keleman, Amy</u>	12 th
Bash, Dorothy	13 th
Miller, Rachelle	13 th
<u>Cochren, Charlene</u>	15 th
Perkins, Roberta	15 th
<u>Lieby, Terri</u>	20 th
Martinez, Darlene	20 th
Conway, Shirley	22 nd
<u>Kirsky, Ramona</u>	22 nd
<u>Theurer, Pauline</u>	22 nd
<u>Beckert, Charlotte</u>	23 rd
Carter, Mary	26 th
Genova, Robin	27 th
<u>Goodsell, Donald</u>	31 st

Gonzales	Henry	1st
Leaf	Douglas	1st
Mongelli	Zebulon	1st
Nuss	Floyd	1st
Strother	Kenneth	1st
Brown	Walter	4th
Pushnik	Paul	4th
Loomis	Clayton	7th
Morgan	Paul	7th
Schreiner	Steven	9th
Selheim	Steven	14th
Barber	Robert	15th
Henson	Debra	15th
Martinez	David	16th
Berg	Danny	17th
Tellgren	Warren	17th
Childs	Ted	20th
Duran	Anthony	21st
Delaney	Danny	24th
Kirksey	Bill	24th
Campbell	Donald	25th
Stevens	Alan	25th
Bleau	Greta	26th
Cecil	Robert	27th
Hughes	Virgil	27th
Bowen	Fredrick	28th
Laforett	Edward	28th



DECEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	2 Post & Aux Meetings	3	4 Aux <i>Steak or Shrimp</i>	5
6 Aux <i>Jandra's Breakfast</i> <i>burritos & cinnamon rolls</i> Balloon pop & fruitcake toss in Hall	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	9	10 Hanukkah Begins	11 Member Dinner canceled – <i>Shelly's crispy chili rellenos,</i> <i>homemade chili and refried</i> <i>beans</i>	12
13 Post <i>TBD</i> National Guard Birthday	14	15 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	16	17 Monthly Meal Planning meeting	18 Aux Dinner <i>Beef and noodles</i>	19 Nat'l Wreaths across America
20 Post <i>Pancakes, eggs, hash</i> <i>browns, sausage</i> <i>patties</i>	21	22 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	23 Home Board	24 Kwanzaa Begins	25 Christmas <i>Closed</i>	26
27 No meal	28	29 Burgers & Bingo 5p-7p	30	31	1 Traditional Black-eyed peas and corn bread New Year's Day	2

Come let us
Adore
Him

*** All meals are subject to governmental mandates ***



Post Meetings:
1st Wednesday of the month
-Finance Meeting @ 6:00p
-Post Meeting @ 7:00p
-Auxiliary Meeting @ 7:00p
Last Wednesday of the month:
-Home Board meeting @ 6:00pm

Barry's Bingo:
Closed due to covid

Legend:
Meetings
Events
Remembrances
Meals:
Friday Dinners 5p-7:30p
Sunday Breakfast 9a-12p