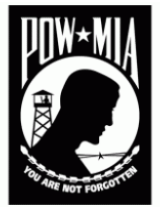




9644 NEWS



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



From the Commander

BY PAUL GREMSE

Command is so much like life; no different than family. It comes at you, ready or not! Just as almost every young newlywed may not be prepared for the “you’re going to have a baby” announcement, that baby comes. Then, you just do your best with the situation thrown at you. Like almost everything else in life, you hope to do mostly good, but the bad (your mistakes) will come too. That’s life! The best anyone could hope for is that mistakes evolve into a lesson.

Again, command is not vastly different. While on active duty, I’d often joke that I had over 100 children; our four biological children my wife gave me and the other 100 or so whose well-being our Air Force charged me with! Though different, the experiences weren’t necessarily. My children often disappointed me; it was part of their growth into an adult. (I find myself so fortunate that those times were no more than average and minimal in nature). Then there were the Airmen I was charged with and again, I was extremely fortunate. Given the melting pot these Airmen came out of, we were able to achieve many successes. Just as I celebrated my children’s life’s milestones, we, our Air Force family celebrated too! I’m proud of them but humbled just the same. Our victories were successful exercises where we proved we could bring the fight to the enemy and still raise our flag! However, by the grace of God and by nothing more than the year I happened to be born, I was never tested like many of you were! Believing that we could have done our job is somewhat a consolation! But the fact remains, a Cold War is vastly different than a very hot firefight!

Then there’s command of a VFW post full of us men and women! Quite different, but not. At times, I’ve gotten so discouraged, pissed off, dejected, disappointed, and a longer list of adjectives to describe my association with our membership. But, just like my little child who really pissed me off, an innocent gesture a moment later instantly erases all that rage. The men and women in our post manage the same.

Just a few short months ago, I used this conduit (our newsletter) to send a profoundly serious message and I only hoped the membership was listening. As commander, I truly questioned my ability to keep our doors, the doors on OUR post, open. I proposed some options to get by our predicament, less desirable for me not to mention the old-timers in the post. Contemplating the sale of some of our heritage and/or mortgaging our building was daunting to say the least. How many veterans who built this post and worked to get it paid off would be happy seeing us mortgaging it again? It was something I wasn’t very comfortable with in deference to them! (I think the sale or restoration of the truck is still warranted. If someone is willing to facilitate the sale or restoration – at very little or no cost – I’d like to hear from you!)

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To avoid those measures, I implored, everything short of begging (I may have even done some graveling) for some help with meals and anything else we needed to raise money so the post could remain solvent. Then, NOTHING! I was pretty disappointed just as when my children disappointed me and did some of the things children do while growing up. But, we are grown men and women!

Then, just as in battle, heroes emerge! In the last few editions of this newsletter, I've lauded many members of our post who have stepped up and offered monetary donations to help keep our doors open. It was remiss of me to overlook another donation. **Bill & Sherry Rock** sent a check for \$400. Since then, we've received more donations still: **Leon (Rod) and Else Rodriguez** \$500; **Frank and Vicki Rodriquez**, \$100 (that's the 5th or 6th like donation); **Paul Leveque** \$300 (\$200 previously), and **Bobby Hohn and Connie Bell** \$100. **Thank you!** These and previous donations have provided enough of a cushion to provide me some comfort in consideration of our fiscal outlook. Bingo is starting to come back too!

As good as this is, and as much as I appreciated it, we can't continue to rely on donations to sustain the post. As I've indicated before, in my opinion, our hall is our best option for an income stream to supplement Bingo. No one has answered my call for assistance with procuring the Tavern License we previously approved, so I'll be doing it. With this license, we can advertise to the public and generate more use of the hall for parties, meeting, or whatever. Maybe not immediately, but I'd also like to add a computer projector and possibly an audio system. Does anyone have competence in those areas? My goal will be to see the hall rented 10 times a month, or more. Additionally, I'm working with someone who wants to rent the post for a gun show once COVID restrictions are out of the way, probably quarterly to begin with and an eye on expanding to monthly. Again, any help would be appreciated!

I'd also like to have at least one annual fundraiser. Do you have an idea? I've thought an annual car show complete with vendors would be great, but I need someone who has experience in that arena. What else? Please let me know if you have an idea or are willing to help with a car show.

This is one of the more positive newsletters I've written in some time. For those of you who have helped get us to this point while dealing with COVID restrictions and dwindling help, thank you! For everyone else, your opportunity still awaits!

May God continue to bless our post and our great nation!

Quarter Master

BY LYNN PETERSON

After a personal computer glitch last month, I'm back! So it's April showers & More....



Now, with the excitement of March Madness almost history, what's up in April besides the showers? Well, personally speaking, for me, as a Baseball centric, for the next 6 month's, I'll be also co-sharing my time at Coors Field, working, with the opportunity to watch & support Colorado's hometown team at Coors Field. Why...Cuz, April is the time for the proverbial....Play Ball, Go Rockies!!! Despite the shortened 60 game 2020 season, the 2021 Colorado Rockies 81- Home Game/162-game season, starts on April 1st. "Come see us."

Also, You can...."Come join us" at 9644 Monday's 12Noon - 2PM Bingo session at Barrys Bingo &/or at our Post Tuesday Bingo 6PM - 7PM at namesake Post Home. It's Fun, Fun, Fun & with added luck, some \$\$\$. For more information, please contact me, Lynn E. Peterson, QM/Games Manager at: lepeterson47@comcast.net or 720-841-5079.

NOTE: Bingo remains our most important single source of revenue to keep our Doors Open at VFW Post 9644, as well as offering a safe & friendly place to enjoy, use & have fun, along with some camaraderie. Hope to see you.

As an annual reminder, we greatly appreciate Renewing your 2020-2021 VFW Post 9644 Membership or even better, converting your membership to Life Member.

In closing, thanks for your continuing support assistance, participation & needed efforts & a Special Thanks, Shout Out & Kudo's to All of You Volunteers AND our appreciated Special Gift Donors ; which in March totaled \$1,200.00.

With Much Appreciation to all!

Auxiliary Treasurer

BY **DEBBIE BLESCH**



Welcome to April. April Showers Bring May Flowers. Let's hope for rain to help our drought. Our membership is close to 98% at this time. We have added a few new members this year but have lost more than we gained. We got 1 new life in March and will have another nomination at our April meeting.

Our hamburger/bingo night is doing well. I hope it picks up after the Covid. We are offering a little variety to the Tuesday menu so you don't get bored. We do hamburgers 2 times a month, (thank you **Ron Davies** for cooking the burgers). The other Tuesday's **Michelle Cordova** and I do something different and the last Tuesday of the month, **Jandra** provides the meal and all proceeds help the canteen. Our profit is low but at least it is a profit. We appreciate all who attend.

In review: This year we mailed out Christmas cards to all of our Auxiliary members. We received returned mail on 18. I reached out to members that I had an email or phone number for and got 3 updates. Thank you to those members. If you know of anyone who has moved or missing a phone number please have them contact me.

Our remodeled kitchen is done and I enjoy cooking in something updated and clean. Our donations, to our members, for various occasions is still in good shape. I only hope we can continue to assist our veterans and members from our annual Memorial Weekend Poppy Drive, fingers are crossed.

We are still looking for volunteers that can assist in our endeavors. We try to keep the time needed to a minimum. Hope you can give us a couple hours. Tuesdays are easy and usually done in about an hour then we can play bingo. Game night has been lots of fun and we hope to see more people to find a game they might like to play and/or share.

Any other items you would like to share, please let me know. Have a wonderful April.

Celebration of Life

Carla J. Vaglianti

April 14, 1:00 pm
Post 9644 Hall

Kevin Proctor

April 17, 2:00 pm
Post 9644 Hall



EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET

April 4th starting at 9:00am

Made to order

Eggs any style

Bacon, sausage or ham

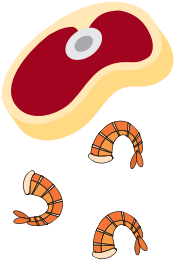
White or wheat toast

Green chili

Hard boiled Easter eggs to take home
Jelly beans and a pineapple angel food cake
Juice & coffee



PLEASE NOTE: Change of Date



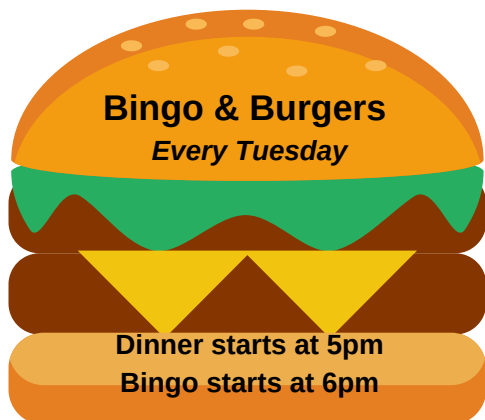
STEAK NIGHT

Friday the 9th @ 5:00pm



Karaoke Night

Saturday April 17th @
6:00pm





2021



VFW-DISTRICT #10 GOLF TOURNAMENT
APPLEWOOD GOLF COURSE

JUNE 25, 2021 (7:30 a.m.)

\$70 per entry - \$280 per team of 4

Mail entries to Dick Wellensiek, 1045 Terry St. Golden, CO 80401 (303-319-4566)

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION - JUNE 1st

Best ball scramble - men tee off from white tees women from red tees. Play best ball and proceed until hole is complete. Record one score. Mulligans may be used on any shot that is not a Prize Shot. Team prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Seven prize holes for golfers and rules will be put on the carts. Green fees, carts, range balls, lunch, and lots of good door prizes are included.

All proceeds for VFW Programs, which include:

Military Assistance for Veterans and families

Scholarship programs for high school (Voice of Democracy) and grade school students (Patriot's Pen)

Teacher of the Year

Lawman, Fireman, and EMT of the Year

After completing play, please take scorecards to VFW Post #4171. A Marshal will pick up the Prize Hole Sheets.

	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1			
2			
3			
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Complimentary awards lunch at VFW Post 4171. From the golf course take I-70 west to W. Colfax exit (#262). Turn right 2 blocks to McIntyre (Planet Honda). Turn Right



Auxiliary Members

Mast, Patricia	2nd
Bolden, Rose Marie	5th
Engle, Brock	7th
Graham, Judy R	8th
Maloney, Connie	8th
Moore, Kent	11th
Hall, Jessica	12th
Kneuer, Marcia	17th
Stratton, Dorothy Dawn	17th
Rodriguez, Else H	18th
Kissell, Joseph	19th
Cabazos, Alice M	21st
Larsen, Ellen H	23rd
Martinez, Susie	23rd
Wiltsie, Glenn	23rd
Sagrillo, Willie A	25th
Neuroth, Michael	27th
Sherman, Roberta	28th
Baca, Delores H	29th

April Birthdays

Post Members

Thomas	Cooper	2nd
Daniel	Ling	6th
James	Johnson	9th
David	Spies	9th
John	Kary	10th
Melvin	Koski	10th
James	Koucherik	11th
Howard	Hanson	13th
John	Sparhawk	13th
Michael	Kearns	14th
Daniel	Griffith	16th
Don	Christensen	17th
Aaron	Ahlfinger	18th
Margaret	Anderson	18th
James	Langdon	19th
Scott	Andrews	20th
John	Dixon	20th
Robert	Eshelman	20th
Robert	Powell	22nd
Francis	Dolan	23rd
Norman	Hinson	23rd
Heinrich	Stehle	25th
Richard	Safonovs	27th
Noland	Harris	28th
Clifford	Linhardt	30th

