

VFW 9644 NEWSLETTER

NEWS, VIEWS, AND HAPPENINGS

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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



Join us and make a difference!

Just a little over a year ago, an exciting opportunity came knocking at our doors. The Bar Rescue team reached out to us, offering their expertise and magic to revamp our post. After much discussion and anticipation, we embraced the idea. Fast forward to the week before Memorial Day weekend in 2022, when the cameras rolled and our post members took center stage. Among the featured individuals were **Paul Gremse, Ron Davies, Penny Smith, Jandra Czarnek, Misty Riedesel, Robert Derrera**, and **Todd Van Sant**, all lending their energy to the project.

For an entire week, we immersed ourselves in the filming process, anxiously awaiting the outcome. It wasn't until the episode aired that we, alongside our community, got to witness the incredible transformation. Speaking personally, I am thrilled with the final result. **Jon Taffer** and the Bar Rescue team not only made us look good but also showcased our mission and our membership in a positive light.

This collaboration goes beyond a mere makeover. The remodel we received benefits our post, and the ensuing publicity will shine a spotlight on the VFW, enabling us to reach more people and make a greater impact. I am grateful for this opportunity, and am excited for the future it holds.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Jon Taffer** and the Bar Rescue team for their dedication and commitment to our cause. Together, we have created something special that will resonate for years to come. Stay tuned as we continue to build on this newfound momentum and strive to make an even greater difference in our membership and in our community.

Whether you're a newcomer or a long-standing member, we extend a warm welcome to all. We invite you to become an active part of our community, as your presence, energy, and support are vital to our success. The foundation of our organization rests upon the unwavering support of veterans, our members, and our community, and we thrive on the dedication of our volunteers. To ensure our continued growth and impact, we need you by our side.

Are you curious about what lies ahead for Post 9644? Stay up to date by visiting our website (vfw9644.org) and signing up for our informative emails. Better yet, mark your calendars for our monthly meetings, which take place on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Like many organizations similar to ours, the majority of the work, energy, and soul is shouldered by a committed few. We sincerely encourage more of our membership to get involved.

POST VIEWS CONTINUED

Your VFW Post is a hub of activity, ranging from delicious meals to exciting car shows, volunteering opportunities, charitable initiatives, food and clothing drives, and various community services. There is no shortage of avenues for you to contribute and make a difference. If you have even a little bit of energy to spare, we would be thrilled to see you at the Post. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 7th at 7pm, and we sincerely hope to see you there.

Together, let's create a vibrant and impactful community that not only supports our veterans but also uplifts those in need. Join us in shaping the future of our Post, and let's make a lasting difference in the lives of veterans and our community.

If you missed the episode of Bar Rescue, you can stream it on [paramountnetworks.com](https://www.paramountnetworks.com).

From the Quartermaster

By Lynn Peterson



Play Ball! A familiar well known game start up, of which I have witnessed & been apart of for 25 Colorado Rockies Games so far this season. Regardless of their current record, it's always fun to be at Coors Field. Hope to see you there at our upcoming Post sponsored & ticketed games.

Now then, down at the Post, what's been happening.....a lot. Trust you have been a part of it & enjoyed all our recent activities. If not, come join us. Lots more upcoming this summer...August Pig Roast & September Car Show.

Importantly, we welcome new Post Members: Joe Rivera, US Army, Ray Busick, US Army and James, US Army. Go Army!

With Memorial Day just honored & observed, pleased to report that our Post's annual Buddy Poppy efforts at three local King Soopers resulted in more than \$13,000 of Relief Fund donations collected. Special Thanks to ALL Buddy Poppy volunteers.

Bingo sessions at both Monday's Barrys Bingo & Tuesday's Post Bingo, together help us pay the bills & provide an important revenue source for the Post.

Thanks to All who help! Post finances are solid, with incremental growth; much needed for our upcoming expenses & yet to be facility improvements - new partial roof & updated security & camera system.

That's all folks!! In closing....Thanks in your membership, support & participation; adding value to our prized Post 9644.

AUXILIARY VIEWS

From the Junior Vice President

By Rachel Rodgers



Thank you all so much for supporting me during the last few years being Aux Jr Vice President! I truly appreciate everything everyone has done for me. I look forward to continuing the work for the next year. That being said in the mid-July I will be holding our Annual School Supply Drive for Sheridan School District.

More information to come on dates and what is needed. Any donation will be appreciated.

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

From the Treasurer

By Deb Blesh



As we approach summer, I am looking forward to catch up time with all my duties...planting flowers, maybe a little garage cleaning and all the events we have planned at our VFW home.

It's time for some fun and sun and everyone to let loose a little bit and enjoy one another with respect, laughter and conversation. I hope you were able to attend Memorial Day activities and thank our Veterans for their sacrifices and pride in our country.

We are approaching the end of our membership year. If anyone hasn't paid their dues you will be dropped on June 30th by National and will have to reapply if you would like to return. Membership was at an all time high and we should be very proud of all those members and welcoming to our new members. Hope we can have some great attendance at our events this summer from all of us.

This past year we have assisted Veterans with donations and events. I am most happy with the donation for transitioning vets to housing with our starter basket of many household essentials.

If anyone is missing their birthday each month in this letter, it is because I don't have them in my data base so please let me know. Also, if have moved please send me a change of address.

Thank you to everyone who has helped this year. Hope it was a little fun and offers opportunity to possibly give it a try again. Help is greatly appreciated in all areas of our VFW family. It also fosters friendships and appreciation.

Have a wonderful June.

VFW 9644 MEMORIAL DAY



VFW HAPPENINGS



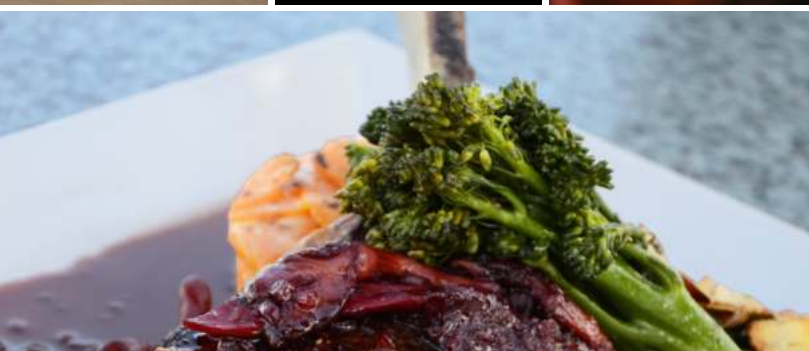
BURGERS, BINGO AND BEER NIGHT

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

June 2023 PTSD Awareness Month

Food

Meetings

Post Events

Calendar Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	31	1	2 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 pm	3	4 Breakfast 9:00 am
5	6 Burgers, Bingo, Beer 5:00 pm D-Day 🇺🇸	7 Post & Aux Meeting 7:00 pm VFW DOC Convention	8 Game Night 6:00 pm VFW DOC Convention	9 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 pm VFW DOC Convention	10 VFW DOC Convention	11 Mother's Day Breakfast 9:00 am
12 Women's Veterans Day 🇺🇸	13 Burgers, Bingo, Beer 5:00 pm	14 Army Birthday 🇺🇸 U.S. Flag Day 🇺🇸	15 Game Night 6:00 pm	16 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 pm	17 Karaoke Night 6:00 pm	18 Breakfast 9:00 am Father's Day 🇺🇸
19 Juneteenth 🇺🇸	20 Burgers, Bingo, Beer 5:00 pm	21	22 Game Night 6:00 pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday 🇺🇸	23 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 pm	24	25 Breakfast 9:00 am
26	27 Burgers, Bingo, Beer 5:00 pm PTSD Awareness Day	28	29 Game Night 6:00 pm	30 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 pm	1	2 Breakfast 9:00 am

Future dates to be aware of

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

September 9 - 3rd Annual Car Show

September 13 - Colorado Rockies Game

DONATE TO POST 9644

Red Oak Claims

Red Oak Claims donated \$360 for website advertising



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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

Robert Stimpfling	June 1
Christopher Duram	June 1
William Brewer	June 1
Donald Roy	June 1
Robert Hohn	June 1
David Tortorelli	June 2
Larry Burleson	June 2
Paul Skizinski	June 2
Ben Spies	June 3
Kenneth Bernhardt	June 5
Roger Edwards	June 5
Daniel Micka	June 7
Irma Vasquez	June 7
Peter Herring	June 8
Ellen Baker	June 9
Robert Consolver	June 11
Gary Beardsley	June 13
Louis Sebok	June 15
Carlos De Herrera	June 17
Jerry Romero	June 17
Donald Holman	June 18
Virgil Kreutzer	June 18
Tommy Smith	June 21
Albert Sanders	June 22
Kyle Harvey	June 22
Lester Petersen	June 23
James Flanagan	June 23
Kenneth Butts	June 24
William Rayburn	June 27
Theodore Bornhoeft	June 27
James Martin	June 27
B.J. McGee	June 28

Auxiliary Birthdays

Letitia Herrera	June 1
Beverly Springfield	June 2
Jacquelyn Stansberry	June 2
Valerie Dawn Bomgardner	June 3
Holly Flanagan	June 4
Deborah Martinez	June 4
Christa Welch	June 8
Leatha Kuhn	June 8
Christie Eldridge	June 11
Jesse Fish	June 11
Gerald (Gary) Wyckoff	June 12
Judy Kary	June 13
Ruth McNamara	June 14
Thomas Soto	June 19
Ruble Montgomery	June 20
Colette Scott	June 24
Jandra Czarnek	June 26
Frank Dunst	June 28
Judy Ann Kaber	June 28
Patricia Orlowski	June 29
Cathie Nickell	June 30
Alane Pette	June 30



VFW Post 9644

4th of July

BARBEQUE CELEBRATION

Starts at 12pm

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Brats

Please bring a side to share

Children's Activities will be Available

**2680 W Hampden Ave
Sheridan, CO 80110**



Military Appreciation Game!

Colorado Rockies

VS

Detroit Tigers

Sunday July 2nd @ 1:10PM

MEET AT THE POST @ 12NOON

Sign-Up Sheet in the Lobby

See Todd Van Sant or Gary Bean

*Dash Plaques for the first
50 Cars & Motorcycles*



VFW Post 9644 3rd Annual Patriots Day CAR SHOW

Saturday, September 9th 2023

10am to 2pm Rain or Shine

\$20.00 Entry Fee

Registration at 8am

Pre-Registration available at www.vfw9644.org

Food ~ Drinks
Trophies ~ Awards
Raffles ~ 50/50 Drawing
Vendors

FOR MORE INFO:

Joel Knutson @ 303.547.2448

Michael Shaug @ 303.232.6658

Music provided by "Maverick Mike"



MONTHLY MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH
5:30PM FREE PIZZA
7PM POST/AUXILIARY**

