



V.F.W. POST #2841
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Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

Dwight Eisenhower

V.F.W. POST #2841

Post Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.	
Commander	Gary Raley
Sr. Vice Commander	Wayne Motter
Jr. Vice Commander	Ben Murray
Chaplin	David Dinges
Quartermaster	Dick Larson
Adjutant	Dean Weaver
Surgeon	

Ladies Auxiliary Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.	
President	Sharon Stephan
Sr. Vice President	Jessie Ludwick
Jr. Vice President	Sheila Humphrey
Treasurer	Mary Murray
Secretary	Rhonda Bremkamp
Chaplin	Josephine Padilla
Guard	Jeanette Walker
Trustees:	Audrey Larson
	Birdie Preisig
	Sheila Humphrey

American Legion Meets 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	
Commander	Dick Larson
Sr. Vice	Ray Leonard
Jr. Vice	Ober Herndon
Secretary	Gary Raley
Finance Officer	Dean Weaver
Chaplin	Kelvin Larson
Sergeant at Arms	Jim Otto

Men's Auxiliary Meets 3rd Friday at 7:00 p.m.	
President	Jerry Carmichael
1st Vice President	Gerry Larson
2nd Vice President	Ray Leonard
Chaplin	Kelvin Larson
Treasurer	Gene Unrein
Secretary	Ober Herndon

MOCA PT #23 Meets 3rd Saturday at 1:30 p.m.	
President	Debbie King
Sr. Vice	Audrey Larson
Jr. Vice	
Treasurer/Secretary	Rhonda Bremkamp
Chaplin	Norma Timmerman
Guard	
Trustees:	Sheila Humphrey
	Ester Halsey
	Loraine Owens

Pup Tent #23 Meets 3rd Saturday at 1:30 p.m.	
Seam Squirrel	Dick Larson
Blanket Bum	Gary Raley
Hide Gimblet	Wayne Motter
CCDB	Keith Harber
Shyster	Frank Stephan
Sky Pilot	James Vincent
Keeper of the Lousy Records	Floyd Martinez
Pill Pusher	"Corky" Randall
Tightwad 1 Year	Victor Madonna
Tightwad 2 year	David Pfannenstiel
Tightwad 3 year	Gary Lathrop

From the Commander:

Well, here it is, time for another newsletter, That means the first quarter of the year has come and gone already. Isn't it great that time flies when you are having fun. HA! HA!

Before another newsletter goes by, I want to thank Trudy and Brad Brown for their hard work they have done for the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please let them know when you see them how much we appreciate all of their hard work.

Have you noticed the new carpet in the post? Thanks to everyone who helped to raise the money to have it installed. If you have not been by the post you should stop in and check it out. Please thank Darlene Lathrop for getting the project off the ground with all of the different fund raisers that we held. Mark on your calendars that there will be a District Meeting on April 2nd in Loveland. Lunch will be a potluck, so if you attend, please bring a dish to share. There is also another meeting the following month at Greeley Post 2121, which is also potluck. Please check your calendars for the upcoming dates. All District meetings are held with lunch at noon and meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m.

The post is still in need of more improvement, the only way we can make that happen is to raise the funds for the improvements, so if you have an idea for a fund raiser, please bring your ideas and we can discuss them. If we all work together, great things can happen.

In April there will be an election of officers. If you are interested in holding an office, please see me or any one of the other officers. I will be running for commander again this year and hope to have your support for the upcoming elections.

Memorial Day is not far away. Once again we will be having the ceremony and the placement of flags at the cemetery. If you would like to participate, please see me. All volunteers are welcome.

On June 2nd there will be a planning meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the second half of the year. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The State VFW convention will be held in Buena Vista June 7th through the 10th. Hope to see some of the members there. There will also be a blood drive on June 24th as well. If you have not signed up to donate, please see Sharon.

We have started a number of fund raisers to purchase flags for the new school. Several events have happened or will happen in the future. Please check the post for details. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who help to make these events happen, not only are they post members, but non members as well. So when you see them, let them know how much we appreciate all they have done for the fund raisers, not to mention all of the wonderful food they have prepared. The count for the new flags is somewhere around 80 or more, we have a ways to go for all the funds that will be needed. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

I would also like to congratulate Dick Larson for being appointed as a member of the National Aide-De-Camp team.

Since the next newsletter will not be out before the 4th of July, please mark your calendars as we will once again be having our Fourth of July picnic. The post will furnish hamburgers and hot dogs and we ask that everyone bring a dish to share. Please plan on attending and spend some time with your fellow members and have a wonderful time.

To conclude, I wish all of our members who are sick or injured a speedy recovery and God Bless you all.

Your Commander
Gary Raley

Well Ladies,

The year is fast coming to an end. It has been a great year for the auxiliary in so much as we were able to fulfill all of our programs.

We will have nominations and elections at our April meeting. With all that has happened to my family this past year, and with Franks health, I have told everyone they will need to find someone else for President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

I will still be here to help in any way I can.

I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all the support and help.

Ladies Auxiliary President

Sharon Stephan

The year is fast coming to a close and we still have a number of members who have not paid their 2006 dues. As of this writing, we are at 95% for the year.

The club funds are running really tight. It seems the answer would be to have more functions. If you have any ideas, please bring them forward.

We would like to see more participation at the post meetings. Comrades, it is really difficult for only a handful of members to keep things going. The post meetings only last about 1 hour, surely you can find a couple of hours once a month to attend the meetings.

Have a wonderful spring. I hear the fish jumping so it must be close!

Dick Larson

Quartermaster

At our March 14, 2006 meeting the members in attendance voted to increase our annual dues to \$25.00 per year. Over the last 2 to 3 years our per capita we pay to National and the Department of Colorado has increased so we have to increase our dues to keep current so that we can cover the expenses we have to keep our projects going.

This might be a good time to think about purchasing a life membership. Then the only expense to pay out each year is the \$5.00 per year for Cancer Insurance. When you pay your dues annually, the \$5.00 is included in the dues. The cost of a life membership is based on your age as of December 31 of the year of application. Below is the breakdown:

Through 30	\$200.00
31-40	185.00
41-50	165.00
51-60	145.00
61-70	115.00
71-80	85.00
81 and over	50.00

Thanks to everyone who has paid their 2006 dues. We did, with your help and the new members who joined, make our 100% at the March meeting. There are still some who have not paid, they will no longer receive the National magazine or the Colorado Veteran or the Post newsletter. Cancer Insurance will not be covered until the current years dues are paid.

Once again, THANKS TO ALL!

Mary Murray

Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer

Greetings from Post 2841 Men's Auxiliary-2841

With one and one half years into the beginning of the Men's Auxiliary Post 2841, we would like to thank the officers for a great job of leadership. They have not only strived to start and lead a new membership, but have also lead the members in the concept for freedom for all. Thanks again for all the hard work.

New officers were voted on and placed in their perspective chairs. New officers are as follows:

President: Gerry Larson
Sr. Vice: Scott Bremkamp
Jr. Vice: Cliff Colburn
Quarter Master: Mike Krueger
Chaplin: Kelvin Larson
Secretary: Rick Korbe
1 Year Trustee: Ron Bryant
2 Year Trustee: Adrian Larson
3 Year Trustee: Eugene Unrein
Sergeant At Arms: Ober Herden

Congratulations to these guys for the commitment they are taking on.

A reminder to all, Post 2841 Men's Auxiliary meetings are held every 3rd Friday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Our breakfast is held every 2nd Sunday from 7:00 until 11:00 at \$4.00 each.

Sunday April 9th menu will be

Eggs to order
Sausage or ham
Hash browns
Huevos rancheros
Coffee
Juice
Fruit cocktail
Toast

Recording secretary
Rick Korbe

A special thanks to everyone who continues to support our monthly Post breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of the month. All proceeds are used to pay for the printing and mailing costs of this newsletter. Your continued patronage is appreciated. And next time, encourage a friend or two to join you for a relaxing Sunday morning meal and chat.

Post Breakfast menus:

April 16

Eggs to order
Choice of sausage/bacon/ham
Hash browns and toast

May 14 Mother's Day

Eggs to order
Choice of sausage/bacon/ham
Hash browns and toast
Mothers Eat Free
MEMORIAL DAY—MAY 29
Pancakes, eggs & Sausage

June 18 Father's Day

Eggs to order
Choice of sausage/bacon/ham
Hash browns and toast
Fathers Eat Free

All meals served with fruit cocktail, orange or tomato juice and bottomless coffee.
Breakfasts start at \$3.50 for Adults, Seniors \$3.00, Kids 5 and under eat free.

PT #23 CCDB ITCHES

What does it take to pay your 2006 membership dues?? If you stop by the VFW Post for a brew, make that extra effort to renew your membership in your elite, honored organization. You were invited to join because of your volunteering and active participation in the VFW—And those attitudes you could bring to the Cooties. And, thanks to you, we have a new member? Give Dean Weaver a pat on the back for accepting our invitation. He'll need the support as he goes through initiation. As I've written in previous bulletins, if YOU feel you could be doing a service and bringing smiles to hospitalized and nursing home veterans, as a Cootie about it. He'll fill you in and put your name on the floor of our members. It's worth it to be a part of this fun group that is serious about giving others comfort.

Nominations and Elections of new Officers for 2006-2007 will be completed in March. Don't know who is who as of my article, but I'm sure the bulletin editor will get them in publishing time.— so look over your officers and congratulate them for stepping up to keep the Pup Tent seams straight. At the April Scratch, the joint installation will be held, and all are welcome, so you new officers invite your family & friends for your presentation. Let's start the new term right with plenty of volunteering, hospital and nursing home visits, reporting your deeds, fund raising, and giving 100% to the new regime and the Pup Tent!

Grand Convention is April 28, 29 & 30 at Post #3917 in Security. If you're going, get your registration fees in before the convention—or be paying more for the privilege of voting. Seam Squirrel Larson has hotel information. The Grand Conventions are a lot of fun, and you get to know some pretty wild Cooties from around Colorado.

“Keep them smiling in beds of white”

PT #23 CCDB

Keith Harber

The Grand Convention is not far away. It will be held at the Security Post hosted by PT #2 this year. April 28—20th. We have a lot of fun at these conventions. Why not plan to attend this year? I have advance registration forms on hand, please contact me for one.

I would like to welcome aboard our newest Cootie, Dean Weaver. I know Dean is going to be an asset to the Pup Tent.

Sometime ago, I kept hearing the excuses that “I can't make the scratches because I can't drive at night.” For this reason, we have moved our scratches to the third Saturday at 1:30 p.m. It appears that we can't drive during the day either. Please make it a point to come one Saturday a month and support our Pup Tent.

Dick Larson

PT #23 S.S

From the American Legion Commander:

We are hanging in there. Our breakfasts are our only active fund raisers, we are talking about re-newing the Friday night steak fries, but we will need more help to do so. Comrades, give us a hand if you can.

This was my first time as an American Legion Commander. I must say, it has been a different experience. At this time, I am not sure I can continue in this position for another year. I have thrown my name in the running for District #3 V.F.W. Jr. Vice Commander. When you take a responsibility, it takes time and there's only so much time in a day. I will still be around to support the post in every way possible.

Would like to see more members attend the monthly meetings. It is on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our meetings don't last very long.

We have committed to help sponsor an American Legion baseball team this year. We could use more help.

Dick Larson

American Legion Post 2002 Commander

April 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>7-11 a.m. American Legion Breakfast</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 <i>7-11 a.m. Men's Auxiliary Breakfast</i>	10	11 <i>7:30 p.m. Post & Ladies Auxiliary Meeting/Election of Officers</i>	12	13	14 <i>7 p.m. Men's Auxiliary Meeting</i>	15 <i>1:30 p.m. Cooties Meeting</i>
16 <i>7-11 a.m. Post Breakfast EASTER</i>	17	18 <i>7 p.m. American Legion Meeting</i>	19	20	21	22
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May 2006

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<i>7</i> 7-11 a.m. <i>American Legion Breakfast</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Post & Ladies Auxil- iary Meeting</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 7 p.m. <i>Men's Auxiliary Meeting</i>	<i>13</i> 1:30 p.m. <i>Cooties Meeting</i>
<i>14</i> Mother's Day <i>7-11 Post Breakfast</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 7 p.m. <i>American Legion Meeting</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 7-11 Men's Auxiliary Breakfast	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Memorial Day <i>7-11 Breakfast</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			

June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 <i>7-11 a.m.</i> <i>American Legion</i> <i>Breakfast</i>	8	9 <i>7:30 p.m.</i> <i>Post & Ladies Auxil-</i> <i>iary Meeting</i>	10	11	12 <i>7 p.m.</i> <i>Men's Auxiliary</i> <i>Meeting</i>	13 <i>1:30 p.m.</i> <i>Cooties Meeting</i>
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