

V.F.W. POST #2841
AUGUST 2005 –
SEPTEMBER 2005
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Freedom isn't free.

--Anonymous--

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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

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 2nd Thursday 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:	Audrey Larson
Lorraine Owens	Ester Halsey

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	
Tightwad 1 Year	Victor Madonna
Tightwad 2 year	David Fpannenstiel
Tightwad 3 year	Gary Lathrop

FROM THE COMMANDER:

SUMMER IS NOW IN FULL SWING, WHICH WAS LED ON WITH THE FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC. WE HAD ATTENDANCE OF 150 PEOPLE AND 15 CHILDREN. LOT OF GOOD FOOD AND FUN GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN. A BIG THANKS TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT FOOD.

LET'S REMEMBER AS BRONCO SEASON APPROACHES, THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET POSTED FOR FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE GAMES. THE COST WILL BE \$2.00 TO \$3.00, BASED ON WHAT IS BEING SERVED. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD THE SUPERBOWL PARTY AT THE SEASON'S END. PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP.

DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD IN GREELEY ON SEPTEMBER 11. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

LAST, I SEND MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ILL. A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO ALL. THANK YOU

GARY RALEY
COMMANDER

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER'S DESK:

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE EMBARKED ON ANOTHER YEAR. WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL YEAR LAST AND I'M SURE WE WILL MOVE FORWARD THIS YEAR.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE TO REPORT IS ABOUT LIFE MEMBERSHIP. IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO RAISE THE COST OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERABLY. THIS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE UPCOMING NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN SALT LAKE CITY IN AUGUST. IT WAS PRESUMED THAT THIS WILL TAKE EFFECT IN OCTOBER, BUT WILL DEFINITELY BE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2006. IF YOU HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING BUYING YOUR LIFE MEMBERSHIP, DO YOURSELF A FAVOR DO IT NOW!

I WISH TO THANK THE POST FOR ELECTING ME QUARTERMASTER FOR THE REMAINING YEAR. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH COMRADE FRANK STEPHAN. FRANK WAS ELECTED AS MY ASSISTANT. I'M SURE BY NEXT YEAR HE WILL BE READY TO ASSUME THE OFFICE.

TAKE CARE AND STAY COOL.

DICK LARSON
QUARTERMASTER

If it moves, salute it; if it doesn't move, pick it up; and if you can't pick it up, paint it.

-- Anonymous (1940's saying) --

Hi Ladies,

Well, we are off to a good year so far. We decided in meetings that the Ladies Auxiliary will have a dinner the first Thursday of each month and a champagne breakfast brunch on the FIFTH Sunday of each month. There are 4 of them each year.

Also, we are still doing the boxes for our troops. If you have anything to donate, we have a box set up in the club. We also have a box set up for donations of school supplies for the battered women's shelter.

Our meetings are still on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30, it would be wonderful to see more members in attendance.

The 13th of August we are having a blood drive from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. If you come in and donate, Bonfils will be giving a free beach towel for each donor. Audrey is making sticky buns for the donors as well.

We are all very happy to see that Fred Humphrey is back home from the hospital.

Janice Tholen is having a pretty bad time right now with her health. A card or phone call would probably bring a smile to her face!

Our thoughts and prayers to all who are sick or have lost loved ones. Congratulations and best wishes to those celebrating!

Loyally,

Sharon Stephan

THERE WILL BE NO MOC SCRATCH IN AUGUST DUE TO A CONFLICT WITH THE SUPREME SCRATCH. THE SEPTEMBER SCRATCH MAY HAVE TO BE CHANGED OR CANCELED DUE TO THE ANNUAL CHEYENNE V.A. HOSPITAL PICNIC.

WE WILL BE HOLDING A FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE FOR A NEW COOTIE AT OUR NEXT SCRATCH AND WE WILL BE SCHEDULING A THIRD DEGREE FOR NEW COOTIES, JAMES VINCENT AND STEVE RYLANT.

WE HAVE TWO COOTIES THAT HAVE REGISTERED FOR THE SUPREME SCRATCH. I'M SURE THEY WILL BRING US BACK THE NEWS.

WE JUST LOST OUR COOTIE HARVEY TIMMERMAN. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED AT OUR SCRATCH'S AS HE ALWAYS HAD A WAY OF ENLIGHTENING THE SCRATCH.

PLEASE REPORT YOUR HOSPITAL WORK. WE DID VERY WELL LAST YEAR ON REPORTING, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

UNTIL NEXT TIME....

DICK LARSON

PT #23 SEAM SQUIRREL

From the American Legion Commander:

Thank all of you for electing me as your leader for this year. It is a new Concept as I have never before been Commander for the American Legion. I will give it my best.

It sure would be nice to see a few more members in attendance at the post meetings. They are always on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the VFW Post home. I do not like roundtable meetings, my first meeting was held in ritual form and lasted 35 minutes, surely you can afford 1 hour a month to attend this important meeting. We are only as strong as our participation.

Thanks again and God Bless.

**Dick Larson, Commander
American Legion Post #2002**

NEW EVENTS!!

The Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring two new events for the new year.

There will be a spaghetti dinner served the first Thursday of each month from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The menu consists of spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. The cost for dinner is \$3.00 and to go orders are \$3.50. So come to the club and enjoy dinner with your fellow members.

The Ladies Auxiliary will also be hosting a champagne brunch on the fifth Sunday. The menu will consist of various breakfast and lunch items from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. A complete menu will be posted at the club. The cost for brunch is \$6.00 with children under 8 at \$4.50. Door prizes will be awarded each time. Mark your calendars and help make our new events a huge success.

Always forgive your enemies--nothing annoys them so much.

—Oscar Wilde—

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The annual Halloween party for the kids will be held on Saturday, October 15 from 1-4 p.m.! We have a very special "Harry Potter" event planned for the day so make plans to join us!

4Q PUP TENT IS HAVING AN "OUTSTANDING" YEAR WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERSHIP AND HOSPITAL WORK. TO ADDRESS THE FIRST ITEM, THE COOTIES HAVE TWO NEW COOTIES AND TWO NEW MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE GRAND CONVENTION THIS YEAR, AND ONE OF THESE NEW MEMBERS IS AWAITING FINAL INITIATION. ISN'T THAT GRAND? CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS FOR BEING READY TO CHEER UP OUR VETERANS THAT ARE LAID UP IN HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES. IT IS ABOVE THE CALL OF NORMAL DUTY!

OH YEAH, THE SECOND "OUTSTANDING" ITEM IS THE WAY THE HOSPITAL REPORTING HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY YOU COOTIES THIS PAST YEAR-IT'S BEEN "GREAT"! THE PUP TENT WAS AT 100% OF OUR MEMBERSHIP QUOTA BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER. AGAIN THIS YEAR! AND WE'RE STILL CHUGGING ALONG AT A FINE RATE AT THE END...SO DON'T SLACK OFF THIS YEAR AND KEEP IT UP! GET TO VISITING YOUR FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES WHO CAN'T GET OUT TO SEE YOU-BRING A BAG OF CHEER WITH YOU FOR THEM. THE REPORT IT! THERE ARE STILL HOSPITAL REPORT FORMS IN THE PEDESTAL AT THE VFW POST ENTRANCE DOOR. USE 'EM AND TURN 'EM IN!

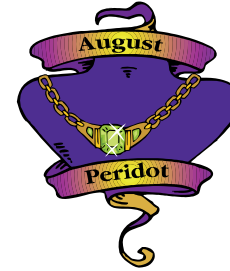
OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR THE 2005-2006 YEAR WERE HELD IN FEBRUARY, AND BOTH THE PUP TENT AND ITS AUXILIARY OFFICERS WERE DULY INSTALLED IN MARCH. I'M SURE THE INCOMING AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S GIFT TO THE INCOMING PUP TENT SEAM SQUIRREL HAS ALREADY REACHED NOTORIETY, BUT I GUARANTEE YOU HAD TO BE THERE TO SEE AND FEEL THE MOMENT! ALL I CAN SAY IS "HONK" IF YOU SEE THE SEAM SQUIRREL! THE NEW OFFICERS HAVE OFFICIALLY TAKEN THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAIRS SINCE THE GRAND CONVENTION IN LONGMONT IN APRIL. WISH THEM WELL AND GIVE THEM THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

IF YOU'RE A VFW MEMBER, AND YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT THIS ARTICLE IS ALL ABOUT, AND ON SOME DAYS WHEN YOU'RE VISITING THE POST YOU SEE YOUR FELLOW COMRADES BUGGING AROUND THE AREA WEARING FUNNY RED HATS AND VESTS, AND LAUGHING IT UP WITH EVERYONE, MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO ASK THEM WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT AND JUST MAYBE YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN BEING ONE OF THEM AND HAVING FUN FOR ONCE....EH??? IT'S WHAT A COOTIE IS, AND YOU COULD BE ONE AS WELL.

HOPE YOU ARE HAVING A FINE SUMMER AND DON'T FORGET TO "KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE", AND DO IT WITH THE EXUBERANCE OF HARVEY TIMMERMAN'S DEDICATION

PT #23 CCBD
KEITH HARBER

August 2005



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>7-11 am American Legion Breakfast</i>	8	9	10 <i>6 pm Homeboard 5-7 Taco Night \$1 Tacos \$1.50 Tostadas</i>	11 <i>7 pm Men's Auxiliary Meeting 5-7 Ladies Auxiliary Dinner</i>	12	13
14 <i>7-11 am Men's Auxiliary Breakfast</i>	15	16 <i>7:30 pm Post & Auxiliary Meetings</i>	17 <i>5-7 Taco Night \$1 Tacos \$1.50 Tostadas</i>	18 <i>7 pm Sons of the American Legion Meeting</i>	19	20 <i>1:30 pm MOC/MOCA Meetings</i>
21 <i>7-11 am Post Breakfast</i>	22	23 <i>6 pm American Legion & Auxiliary Meetings</i>	24 <i>5-7 Taco Night \$1 Tacos \$1.50 Tostadas</i>	25	26	27
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September 2005



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 7-11 am American Legion Breakfast	5  Labor Day	6	10 6 pm Homeboard 5-7 Taco Night \$1 Tacos \$1.50 Tostadas	8 7 pm Men's Auxiliary Meeting 5-7 Ladies Auxiliary Dinner	9	10
11 District Meeting #6624 Evans 12 pm Lunch/1 pm Meeting 7-11 am Men's Auxiliary Breakfast	12	13 7:30 pm Post & Auxiliary Meetings	14 5-7 Taco Night \$1 Tacos \$1.50 Tostadas	15 7 pm Sons of the American Legion Meeting	16	17 1:30 pm MOC/MOCA Meetings
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Post Breakfast Menus:

August 21

Eggs to order

Choice of sausage, bacon or ham

Hash browns and toast or

Pancakes

Juice, coffee, and fruit cocktail

September 18

Eggs to order, ham or sausage

Hash browns

Toast

Juice, coffee and fruit cocktail

~or~

Choice of Ham & Cheese omelet or GBW

Hash browns

Toast

Juice, coffee and fruit cocktail

Breakfast starting at \$3.50

Chaplains Corner:

I do not know of anyone in the hospital or needing assistance from the Chaplain. If you know of anyone needing assistance, please call me.

Kal Larson (720) 685-9950

From the "Editor"

I am getting great information for the newsletter, keep it coming!

We have been working on updating the database containing member information. If your newsletter address is incorrect, or there are misspellings, please drop a note at the Post. If you know of someone who should be receiving the newsletter and they are not, please drop that information off as well. If you happen to have internet access and would like to email information for the newsletter to me, please send it to jessieludwick@aol.com.

*The next newsletter submissions will be due at the Post no later than **SEPT. 18**. There is a mailbox on the wall at the Post, please drop your submissions there.*

*Thanks!
Sissie*