



V.F.W. POST #2841  
JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2009

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# V.F.W. POST #2841

| Post<br>Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. |  |
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| Commander                              | Jim Anderson                           |
| Sr. Vice Commander                     | Wayne Motter                           |
| Jr. Vice Commander                     | Gary Raley                             |
| Chaplin                                | Tamsen Thistlehawk                     |
| Quartermaster                          | Dick Larson                            |
| Adjutant                               | Dean Weaver                            |
| Trustees                               | Gary Lathrop<br>Gary Raley<br>Ray Malm |
| Guard                                  | J.B. Terrell                           |
| Officer of the Day                     | Wayne Motter                           |
| Surgeon                                | Frank Stephan                          |
| Historian                              | Dick Larson                            |
| Color Guard Captain                    | Wayne Motter                           |

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

| Men's Auxiliary<br>Meets 3rd Friday at 7:00 p.m. |                  |
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| President  | Jerry Carmichael |
| 1st Vice President                               | James Krueger    |
| 2nd Vice President                               | Gerry Larson     |
| Chaplin  | Kelvin Larson    |
| Treasurer  | Mike Krueger     |
| Secretary  | Bobby Medina     |
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| Ladies Auxiliary<br>Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. |                                   |
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| President  | Connie Motter                     |
| Sr. Vice President                                 | Sheila Humphrey                   |
| Jr. Vice President                                 | Tamara Anderson                   |
| Treasurer  | Rhonda Bremkamp                   |
| Secretary  | Carrol Long                       |
| Chaplin  | Janice Wilkin                     |
| Guard  |                                   |
| Conductress  | Jenny Weaver                      |
| Patriotic Instructor                               | Janice Wilkin                     |
| Trustees   | Sheila Humphrey<br>Sharon Stephen |

**Any submissions or name/address changes for the newsletter can be dropped off at the canteen in the mail-box next to the back door or e-mailed to me at [jessieludwick@aol.com](mailto:jessieludwick@aol.com).**

**Suggestions and submissions welcome!**

# V.F.W. POST #2841 (Officers Cont.)

| Pup Tent #23<br>Meets 3rd Saturday at 1:30 p.m. |                    |
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| <b>Elected Officers:</b>                        |                    |
| Seam Squirrel                                   | Gary Raley         |
| Blanket Bum                                     | Richard Larson     |
| Hide Gimblet                                    | Larry Tholen       |
| CCDB  | Keith Harber       |
| Shyster   | Ch "Corky" Randall |
| Sky Pilot                                       | Wayne Motter       |
| Keeper of the Lousy Records                     | Dean Weaver        |
| Pill Pusher                                     | Roger Pusher       |
| Tightwad 1 Year                                 | Gary Lathrop       |
| Tightwad 2 year                                 | Harry Latta        |
| Tightwad 3 year                                 | Victor Madonna     |
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| Pup Tent #23<br>Meets 3rd Saturday at 1:30 p.m. |                |
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| <b>Appointed Officers:</b>                      |                |
| Hungry Cootie                                   | Dean Weaver    |
| Hospital Chairman                               | Keith Harber   |
| Blood Chairman                                  | Richard Larson |
| Provost Marshall                                | Harry Latta    |
| Shirt Reader                                    | Frank Stephan  |
| Jimmy Legs                                      | J.B. Terrell   |
| VFW Booster Chairman                            | Richard Larson |
| National Home Special Projects Chairman         | Keith Harber   |
| Life Membership Chairman                        | Keith Harber   |

| MOCA PT #23<br>Meets 3rd Saturday at 1:30 p.m. |                                    |
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| President                                      | Barbara Petshauer                  |
| Sr. Vice                                       | Debbie King                        |
| Jr. Vice                                       | Dorothy Bagley                     |
| Treasurer/Secretary                            | Rhonda Bremkamp                    |
| Chaplin  | Norma Timmerman                    |
| Guard  | Sharon Stephan                     |
| Conductress                                    | Sheila Humphrey                    |
| Trustees                                       | Sheila Humphrey<br>Alberta Souders |

The Post website is:  
[www.vfw2841.org](http://www.vfw2841.org).

Suggestions or comments regarding the site can be sent to :Barry Ludwick at [webmaster@vfw2841.org](mailto:webmaster@vfw2841.org)

## COMMANDERS CORNER

Well another year has flown by, and it's time to start a new one. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. This year starts with some sad news, Ray Malm (Uncle Ray) passed away. I and all my officers, along with everyone who knew him, send our condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed, but will remain in our hearts forever.

I wish to thank everyone who helped out with the Thanksgiving Day meals. We prepared and served a total of 368 meals between Meals-on-Wheels and in-house servings. We couldn't have accomplished this without all of the volunteers that participated and all the donations we received.

I also wish to thank all who donated and participated in the annual Christmas basket give-away. Again, it couldn't have happened without all the hard work the volunteers put in.

I'm happy to announce that we had a top 5 winner at the Department level in the Voice of Democracy. Congratulations on that accomplishment.

Just in case you have not noticed there are some new signs posted around the club about signing in guests. These signs are not a new rule, as they have been in effect for years. You need to sign in your guests (non-members), and you are responsible for them while they are there. They do need to leave when you do.

We had a very successful year in 2008, let's make 2009 even better. I hope to see everyone at the meetings this year.

Thank you for all you do.

In Service  
James Anderson  
Commander

From the Quartermaster's Desk:

I certainly hope everyone had joyous and safe holidays.

I'm sure everyone is wondering what the year 2009 is going to bring us. A new President, a new Cabinet in Washington to oversee the business, and a country in a bit of turmoil. It's going to be interesting, at best.

Not too far down the road we will be nominating officers for the year 2009-2010. It is certainly too early to start recruiting and looking for members to fill these important duties. If the National Election Report is not completed, you no longer have a post. Unfortunately, this has been happening to posts across the Department and Nation. Don't let this happen to Post 2841. At this time, I find it impossible to continue as your post Quartermaster. I can assure you this position will not go unfilled. I will continue to support the post as best as I can.

Our old pickle machines have reached the point of no return. It has become impossible to obtain parts for repair. Therefore, we have authorized the purchase of a new machine. It comes at a time when our funds are not plush, but it is a move of survival. If it wasn't for these machines, we would be out of business. A Great Big THANKS to those who support the post.

Once again, I am pleading for your attendance at the post meetings. It is very disheartening to observe post members in the club room during meetings.

To those who are ill, get well soon. To those who have lost loved ones, our sympathies. Please keep us informed of these circumstances.

Until next time,  
Quartermaster  
Dick Larson

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**BREAKFAST WILL BE \$4.50 PER PERSON, \$4.00 FOR SENIORS AND CHILDREN UNDER 12. OMELETS AND SPECIALS WILL BE REPRICED ACCORDINGLY.**

January 18, 2009

Eggs any style  
Bacon, ham or sausage  
Hash browns and toast

February 15, 2009

Eggs any style  
Bacon, ham or sausage  
Hash browns and toast

All meals served with fruit cocktail, orange or tomato juice and bottomless coffee.

## FALTERING POSTS, TAKE NOTICE

Over the last decade, we have seen a significant decrease in the number of Posts in our organization. Many Posts that have thrived in the past are failing and face closure or consolidation today. It's time for members of those Posts to consider how they got where they are today.

Consider the following tongue-in-cheek observations of Russell Dramstad, a long-time Post quartermaster and past Department commander.

### How to Run Your Post into the Ground

- Don't attend post meetings.
- If you do attend, arrive late.
- When attending, find fault with the work being done by the officers and other members.
- Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize others than to do things yourself.
- Get sore if you are not appointed to a committee; but if you are appointed, don't attend any committee meetings.
- If you are asked by the commander to give your opinion on some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting, tell everyone how it should have been done.
- Do nothing to help the Post, but when other members roll up their sleeves and help to get things done, point out that the organization is run by a clique.
- Hold back your dues as long as possible. Make someone give their time chasing you down to get them.
- Don't try to recruit new members. Let the commander or others do it.
- When a dinner is held, tell everyone that money is being wasted on blowouts that accomplish nothing.
- When no dinners are held, say the Post is dead.
- Agree with everything said in a meeting, but disagree with everything as soon as you are outside.
- Get all the Post can give you, but give nothing to the Post in return.

If this sounds familiar to you, it's not too late to turn the tide and save your Post!

Come on, come in, get involved! Let's keep our Post up and running well. It can't be done without our Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Members!

Ladies and Friends,

Happy New Year! We're now into the second half of the year, and still have so much to do. Please feel free to come in and help out or just to say Hi! All volunteer help is greatly appreciated. We'd like to see more members come to our meetings and contribute your ideas. If not for new ideas and fundraisers, we wouldn't be able to continue forward and be productive for our veterans, which is our main goal.

With continuing forward in mind, nominations and elections are coming in the next few months. Please search your hearts and souls and consider stepping up and filling these positions to help our organization and our veterans.

Our Past Commander and Past President Dinner was a huge success! The hall was full, the meal delicious, and the Boy Scouts served the food and took good care of all. Norma Timmerman and Mary Oliphant talked about the days past and all the great things that were and can be accomplished.

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner was another huge success as well. Thanks to the hard work of all our volunteers. We sent out and served about 368 meals.

The children's Christmas party was a lot of fun. The kids got to visit with Santa. We had about 30 people present. A special thank you to Sissie and the Colorado Rogues for their help and pictures with Santa. Also, a very special thank you to Brenda Petrie for your great cookies. The kids have so much fun decorating them for Santa.

Please check the calendar as we have so much going on and would like to see more of you at these events.

- January 9th—Planning Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Planning for second half of year
- January 11th—District 3 Meeting, Lunch @ 12:00 p.m., Meeting @ 1:00 p.m.
- January 13th—Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- January 17th—Blood Drive, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Call 303-659-9902 for an appointment.
- January 22nd—Sloppy Joe Night, 5:00—7:00 p.m.
- February 10th—Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- February 22nd—Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries Chapel at V.A. Hospital

My thoughts and prayers go to all who are ill or have been hospitalized and all who have lost a loved one.

Please call if there is anything that anyone needs help with. We are always here for each other.

Loyally,  
Connie Motter  
President, Ladies Auxiliary

Gentlemen,

The last couple of months have been busy, and I'd like to say Thank You for all your hard work!

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been ill or hospitalized and to those who have lost a loved one.

Men's Auxiliary members helped with the renovation of the front part of the building. A special thanks to Don Peterson for the generous use of the boom truck. Without that, we'd still be working on it!

We're going to be putting in a new kitchen floor in the coming months. We also voted to go in with the Post and the American Legion for the purchase of new coffee pots for the breakfasts.

It's time again to pay your 2009 dues to stay in good standing. Please send the money for your dues to: Treasurer, Men's Auxiliary, 161 N. Main Street, Brighton, CO 80601. We'd like to be at 100% paid membership by the end of January!

Thank you  
Jerry Carmichael  
President, Men's Auxiliary

## TOP 10 REASONS TO GIVE BLOOD

10. Hundreds of patients rely on Bonfils Blood Center every day
9. It looks great on a college application
8. Our community needs more than 4,000 blood donors each week
7. You can have all of the juice and cookies you want
6. You only have to do it every 56 days (unlike homework)
5. One donation can help up to three patients
4. It's easier than studying!
3. A,B, AB and O are the only possible grades
2. Giving blood makes you popular and cool (Okay, maybe not.)
1. **YOU can SAVE A LIFE!**

Call 303-659-9902 to set your appointment during the Post 2841  
Blood drive on Saturday, January 17th.

## Treasurers Report:

Our annual dues have been coming in, slowly. Thanks to everyone who has paid. Remember—Life Members— your \$5 Cancer Insurance dues are due if you have not paid this yet. Please contact me if you have any questions.

I will be mailing any paid annual cards with any membership anniversary pins. I have finally found the “bubble” envelopes in the right size and at a good price.

We would like to see more members at our meetings and at our functions. Please contact the Post and leave a message if you are interested in attending any meetings or functions and need a ride, we will definitely see what can be arranged for you!

Thank you  
Rhonda Bremkamp  
Treasurer

This has been a busy year for Service Officers all over Colorado. If you have questions about medical, burial, pensions or replacement of your medals and ribbons, please contact Scott at 303-654-6014. The Veteran’s Services Officers are here to help you.

Gary L. Lathrop  
Service Officer, Retired

### Newsletter Due Dates:

February 15

April 19

June 21

August 16

October 18

December 20



# RECIPE CORNER



## Taco Soup Jean Wilkens (Connie's mom)

|                                        |                              |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 lb ground beef                       | 1 pkg Taco seasoning         |
| 1 pkg Hidden Valley Ranch dressing mix | 1 can pinto or kidney beans  |
| 1 can corn                             | 1 can Ranch style beans      |
| 1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes                  | 1 can diced/chopped tomatoes |
| 1 can hominy or corn                   |                              |

Brown the hamburger and drain well. Mix the rest of ingredients in soup pan with juices. If too thick, add can of chopped tomatoes or 1 cup water. Stir and heat until hot or simmer in a slow cooker

## Crème de mint Cake Barbara Hayes (Wayne's cousin)

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| 1 white cake mix        | 1/4 c crème de menthe       |
| 1 jar hot fudge topping | 1 small container Cool Whip |

Make cake mix as directed on the box, except substitute 1/4 cup crème de menthe in place of water. Bake as directed. While cake is hot to warm, spread fudge on top of cake. Let cool completely then spread Cool Whip on top.

Refrigerate and serve cold.



# Post Calendar of Events

# February 2009

| Sunday                                                                     |                       | Monday                                                               | Tuesday | Wednesday                      | Thursday                             | Friday                    | Saturday |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1                                                                          | Feb                   | 2                                                                    | 3       | 4                              | 5                                    | 6                         | 7        |
| Dining<br>7:00am - 11:00am<br>American Legion<br>Breakfast                 |                       | Groundhog Day                                                        |         | Meeting<br>6:00pm<br>Homeboard |                                      |                           |          |
| 8                                                                          | 9                     | 10                                                                   | 11      | 12                             | 13                                   | 14                        |          |
| Dining<br>7:00am - 11:00am<br>Men's Aux<br>Breakfast                       |                       | Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>Ladies Aux<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>Post Meeting |         |                                |                                      | Valentine's Day           |          |
| 15                                                                         | 16                    | 17                                                                   | 18      | 19                             | 20                                   | 21                        |          |
| Newsletter submissions due<br>Dining<br>7:00am - 11:00am<br>Post Breakfast | Washington's Birthday | Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>American Legion                                 |         |                                | Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>Men's Auxiliary | Meeting<br>1:30pm<br>MOCA |          |
| 22                                                                         | 23                    | 24                                                                   | 25      | 26                             | 27                                   | 28                        |          |
| Event<br>Ladies & Mens Auxiliaries<br>Chapel at V.A. Hospital              |                       |                                                                      |         |                                |                                      |                           |          |