



V.F.W. POST #2841
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“If a man does his best, what else is there?”

- General George S. Patton (1885-1945)

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
	Lorraine 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:

Sorry there was not a newsletter in December. Due to the increasing cost of postage, we have decided to make the newsletter a quarterly mailing, starting with this first newsletter in January. Watch for your newsletter on a quarterly basis from now on. I would like to take a few moments to ask each of you who submit articles that they are written in full and legibly. Please do not submit bulleted articles. It is not up to the editor to write your articles. Please make sure the articles are placed in the proper place as each box is clearly marked as to where items should go. I would like to thank Sissie for all of the hard work that she puts in to create the newsletter, and cooperation from each of us would aid her greatly. If you see her, take a moment to thank her and let her know how much we appreciate her.

I would like to give special thanks to all of the volunteers for their support in preparing the wonderful Thanksgiving meal. We served 197 meals this year. Great job!! I would also like to thank all of the volunteers for their support in preparing the Christmas baskets. Your hard work is appreciated and you helped make someone's Christmas a little brighter as we were able to help 42 families this holiday season. And once again, the children's Halloween and Christmas parties were both a huge success. I would like to thank all of the volunteers and thanks to every one who donated items. I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

It has been brought to my attention that some of the members have been getting on people with not a very nice tone. I would appreciate your cooperation in following protocol if you have a problem with someone in the post. Please come talk to me first so that we can discuss the problem(s). If further action is needed, it will be done in a proper manner. Again, your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Almost forgot! I would like to thank all of the people who took part in the Festival of Lights. It was another grand event with 103 entries, not to mention the wonderful float that was entered by the Men's Auxiliary. Great Job!!! I would also like to thank Gary Lathrop for his great chili, all enjoyed it!

There will be a district meeting in Longmont on January 8th, with lunch at 12:00 and meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m. The district meeting is held again in March on the 5th in Lafayette, again lunch at 12:00 and meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

We would also like to thank the Virgin River & Patty Brooks for the decks of playing cards they donated in support of our troops overseas. Thank you so very much.

As Commander, my thoughts and prayers are with all of our members. I wish a speedy recovery to all who are ill or injured. I would also like to welcome our two new bartenders, Wanda & Mavis.

Your Commander
Gary Raley

From the Quartermaster's Desk:

We still have several members who as yet have not paid their 2006 dues. Please get these dues in as soon as possible. It's not too early to start considering who will be your post officers for the year 2006-2007. Nominations are only 3 months away.

A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's to all. I certainly hope everyone had safe and joyous holidays!

Dick Larson
Quartermaster Post #2841

From the Ladies' Auxiliary President:

With another year closing and a new year upon us, I have taken time to reflect just a bit over the last year. Things to be sad about, things that have upset me, things that have made me happy. While at times it has all been so very overwhelming, I have taken the time to step back and look at what my life truly is. I have a loving husband, great children and wonderful grandchildren who all have brought so much to my life. Add to that the supportive friends and extended family I have through the VFW and the Auxiliaries, I have much to be thankful for!! Also, I would like to reiterate Gary's heartfelt thanks to all who so willingly give up time to help us help our members and our community!

We had a very successful year for the Thanksgiving Day meal! So much help given to those who needed it the most. Christmas baskets were very plentiful, and we were able to help 42 families this year. The Christmas party held for the kids on December 17th was another huge success. Thanks to everyone who helped make it all happen.

Remember to mark your calendars for our upcoming events. We have dinners scheduled at various times throughout the year, be sure to look at the calendar included with the newsletter, we would love to see everyone attend. We have a blood drive Saturday, January 28 **AND** March 25, times for both days are 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars and call the post to schedule a time to give blood.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a bright beginning to 2006!!!

Our thoughts and prayers go to all who are sick or hurt, God Bless.

Ladies Auxiliary President
Sharon Stephan

"Fellowship"

Our post should be one that we can be proud of when visitors and families enter, but at times that is not the way it is. There has been a lot of foul language being used and it is quite offensive to some people. As of January 1, 2006, the post will be supporting the Cuss Box. If you are heard using any foul language, you will be charged .50¢ for each word that you choose to use. The money will be placed in the Cuss Box and will be given to the Cooties for placement of their choice. Our post is open to families and their children, and foul language is not acceptable to everyone's ears. So, if you feel the need to cuss, be prepared to dig your hand deep into your pockets, because from now on IT'S GONNA COST YA!!

Another issue that needs to be re-addressed: Please remember that Sunday is a day of rest, to visit with friends and family and to watch sports. Your efforts in keeping complaints from being brought into the post on Sundays would be much appreciated.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a dinner on February 25th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The menu will consist of Rocky Mountain Oysters or fried chicken with all the fixins all for only \$5.00 per plate. Come on down and enjoy a good meal and some fellowship, bring a friend or two!

Food for thought: If someone else fixes it, you don't have to!

Men's Auxiliary Breakfast menus:

Sunday, January 22, February 12, and March 12 (7-11:00 a.m.):

Eggs to order, hash browns, sausage or ham, and toast
or Biscuits and Gravy, with hash browns.

Each meal served with fruit cocktail, orange or tomato juice and bottomless coffee.

\$3.50 adults, \$3.00 seniors

Children under 5 eat free.

From the Men's Auxiliary President:

The Festival of Lights saw another fantastic group effort by our Men's Auxiliary. Members came together and built a float to represent the Men's Auxiliary and V.F.W. Post #2841. It was cold, but the members hung together to get the job done! Well done boys, keep up the good work. A special thanks to Dick Larson for providing the truck to pull the float and to Don Peterson for the use of his garage.

Our membership continues to do well. Continue to sign up those individuals who are eligible and remember to attend your monthly meeting. We as members rely on the support and participation of each and every member.

Men's Auxiliary President
Jerry Carmichael

Our Ladies Auxiliary has been having discussions of starting a Junior Girls Unit. If you have young ladies or know of some young lady that might be interested in joining, please let us know. Membership in the Junior Girls Unit is open to girls from five (5) through sixteen (16) years of age who are daughters, foster daughters, stepdaughters, granddaughters, sisters, half-sisters, foster sisters and stepsisters of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, or of men and women eligible to membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A foster daughter or foster sister shall be one who has been reared from an early age as a daughter or sister of a man or woman who is a member or eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Junior Girls assist the Auxiliary in many of our programs and in return, we help them become our future leaders. We are also looking for someone to help be a co-leader for them, so if you have a couple of hours a month you could help with the girls, we would appreciate it.

From the Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer:

Attention all Ladies Auxiliary members: At our February 14, 2006 meeting, we will be voting on raising the annual dues. National and State have increased the per capita that we have to pay to them and we have not raised our dues accordingly. So to keep this going, we have to do this.

Treasurer
Mary Murray

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:

January 15

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

Breakfast Special: S.O.S.

February 19

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

*Breakfast Special: Ham & Cheese
Omelet*

March 19

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

*Breakfast Special: Biscuits &
Gravy*

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

Get your 2006 membership dues in! We'd like to be 100% by the end of November. And bring in a new dedicated member! This year we need 2 new members to make quota for 2006. Supreme has set the goal for this year at one more than last year's final membership again. So it's not that hard! It's your turn to bring someone in that's worthy and capable of providing the service the Cootie organization was founded for – visiting the sick and way-laid.

Cootie Harry Latta is now a life Member of the MOC – Don't forget to pat him on the back and wish him well. Just think, he won't have to worry about paying his dues on time anymore.

We had a 3rd Degree Initiation in October and another in November. Congratulations to new Cooties Steve Rylant and James Vincent.

Hospital visits and blood donations! Report 'em! **Travel rate credit has changed!** Special hospital report forms are in the blue folder in the pedestal at the VFW Post entrance door. They're there to make your reporting prompt and clear for the Pup Tent Hospital Chairman to report without extra contact with you for more information. Use 'em & turn 'em in to the Hospital Chairman (P.O. Box 1125, Longmont, CO 80502), any way possible to report your good work!

“Keep 'em smiling in beds of white”

PT #23 CCDB
Keith Harber

Plan to attend the VA Hospital Birthday party on January 17, 2006, 11:30 a.m. We will be serving ice cream and cake, our regular scratch will be held that afternoon A.S.A.P.

Dick Larson
PT #23 S.S

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

Taco night is going at a very good pace, but due to the demand for the tacos to be served at 4:30, beginning in January, the times will be changing to 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. There will still be the same scrumptious tacos (hard or soft shell) for \$1.00 each and tostados for \$1.50 each. Come and join us each and every Wednesday for a good and inexpensive night of enjoyment. Hope to see you there, and bring a friend or two!

Your Taco Crew

Submissions for the next newsletter will be due no later than 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 19th.

January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4 4:30-6:30 p.m. <i>Taco Night</i>	5 5-7 p.m. <i>Ladies Auxiliary Dinner</i>	6	7 8:30 a.m. <i>Membership Round-up</i>
8 7-11 a.m. <i>American Legion Breakfast</i> 1 p.m. <i>District Meeting, Longmont</i>	9	10 7:30 p.m. <i>Post & Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</i>	11 4:30-6:30 p.m. <i>Taco Night</i>	12	13	14 <i>American Legion, District 5</i>
15 7-11 a.m. <i>Post Breakfast</i>	16	17 7 p.m. <i>American Legion Meeting</i>	18 4:30-6:30 p.m. <i>Taco Night</i>	19	20 7 p.m. <i>Men's Auxiliary Meeting</i>	21 1:30 p.m. <i>Cooties Meeting</i>
22 7-11 a.m. <i>Men's Auxiliary Breakfast</i>	23	24	25 4:30-6:30 p.m. <i>Taco Night</i>	26	27	28 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. BLOOD DRIVE
29 11 a.m.-2 p.m. <i>Ladies Auxiliary Brunch</i>	30	31				

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			1 4:30-6:30 p.m. Taco Night	2 5-7 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner	3	4
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