



V.F.W. POST #2841  
JULY—AUGUST 2007

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# V.F.W. POST #2841

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

Homeboard	
Larry Tholen	Jim Anderson
Dean Weaver	Wayne Motter

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

Men's Auxiliary Meets 3rd Friday at 7:00 p.m.	
President	Gerry Larson
1st Vice President	Scott Bremkamp
2nd Vice President	Bob Medina
Chaplin	Kelvin Larson
Treasurer	Mike Krueger
Secretary	Rick Korbe

Ladies Auxiliary Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	
President	Connie Motter
Sr. Vice President	Sheila Humphrey
Jr. Vice President	Audrey Larson
Treasurer	Tamara Anderson
Secretary	Sharon Raley
Chaplin	Sandy Brookman
Guard	Jeanette Walker
Conductress	Joann Hildebrand
Patriotic Instructor	Janice Wilkin
Trustees	Sheila Humphrey Sharon Stephen Audrey Larson

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

Pup Tent #23 Meets 3rd Saturday at 1:30 p.m.	
Seam Squirrel	Gary Raley
Blanket Bum	Richard Larson
Hide Gimblet	Larry Tholen
CCDB	Keith Harber
Shyster	Ch "Corky" Randall
Sky Pilot	James Vincent
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

MOCA PT #23 Meets 3rd Saturday at 1:30 p.m.	
President	Barbara Retshauer
Sr. Vice	Debbie King
Jr. Vice	Dorothy Bagley
Treasurer/Secretary	Rhonda Bremkamp
Chaplin	Norma Timmerman
Guard	Sharon Stephan
Conductress	Sheila Humphrey
Trustees	Sheila Humphrey Audrey Larson Ann Kruger

**We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards & kindness after the loss of our granddaughter, Mandy Brown.**

**Thank you very much.  
Gary & Darlene  
Lathrop**

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\* From Larry & Jan Tholen: \*  
\* We would like to thank the Post & Auxiliary for \*  
\* the benefits they put on for me! It helped a \*  
\* great deal! \*  
\* Thank you \*  
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I would like to thank everyone for electing me Commander for 2007-2008. In the upcoming months, besides our normal activities and programs, we will have some new additions. Be sure to check the calendars included in the newsletters for upcoming events. If you have any questions, please call the post.

We have to refinance the mortgage on our home post before December 1, 2007. There may be some new construction or remodeling in the next 12 months. Please be patient!

We need to find new sources of income to make our post stronger. As you see, it is going to take everyone's help and ideas to reach our goals. If you have ideas or would like to help, please give me a call.

Again, thanks for your confidence in me as Commander, I promise to do my very best.

Gary Lathrop, Commander

If you haven't heard, we have an addition at the Adams County Veterans Service Office. Scott Lawson has been on board for about 1 1/2 years, he is also the new Commander for the American Legion.

If you have service related questions, I can be reached at 303-654-6000 and [GLATHROP@co.adams.co.us](mailto:GLATHROP@co.adams.co.us). Scott can be reached at 303-654-6014 and [SLAWSON@co.adams.co.us](mailto:SLAWSON@co.adams.co.us).

We can't help if we don't know the questions.

Gary Lathrop, Service Officer

Well Ladies,

By the time this letter is printed, we'll be into another new & exciting year. I'd like to thank my officers and everyone for your support and trust in me for this upcoming year.

I have high hopes that we can, and will, continue to carry on in the best interest of the Post & Auxiliaries. We need involvement from everyone, even just the little time you can give is what we are all about. Everyone has great ideas, let's bring them to the meetings, talk them over and work on some great fundraisers and fun times here at our Post.

In the last days of June, convention is to be held in Colorado Springs. Sharon Raley made us an inspirational display for the Poppy contest, results will be announced in the next newsletter. With the Culture Festival right on the heels of convention, we did a dart toss with prizes and items to sell.

If this newsletter reaches you before July 4th, please come join us for the Post Picnic. The Post will supply hamburgers & hot dogs (including condiments), please come and bring a covered dish to share.

July 28th is our next blood drive with Bonfils. Please call or come by the bar and sign up. It's summer time and blood is much more in demand. Please help if you can.

The Adams County Fair Parade is July 28th as well. Again, the Post will provide hamburgers & hot dogs, if you would like to come join the fun, bring a covered dish to share.

There are many more fun events we can come up with, let's just have some food ole fun and fellowship with our members, family & friends!!!

Finally, please remember all of our members and families in our prayers who are sick and recovering.

Sincerely,  
Connie Motter, Ladies Auxiliary President.

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Comrades,

Once again as we come to the end of another fiscal year, I wish to thank all you Comrades for once again making me an "All State Quartermaster". The biggest requirement to achieve this honor is for your post to be 100%+ in membership. I'm happy to say, we were over 105% this year. Good job Comrades! This does mean that next year's goal will be larger and more difficult to achieve. Talk to your friends, neighbors and family and sign up new members, this is the only way we can keep growing and moving forward. Let's make our new post Commander, Gary Lathrop, an "All State Commander" next year!

I'm happy to report your post is still financially stable. It becomes difficult to come up with over \$1,000 each year for Post insurance, however, the door is still open. We have a 5 year balloon payment coming due the end of this year. This will be our last 5 year balloon on a 15 year loan. Support your post and help achieve this pay-off goal.

If you swing a golf club, "I Need You". The Post's Men's Auxiliary has challenged the Post to a golf outing. This outing has been set-up for July 29th at the Coyote Creek Golf Course, tee-off time at 7:00 a.m. We are planning a get together at the Post afterward. Hopefully, we will be able to have a drawing for prizes. The cost will be normal course fee, come by the canteen to sign-up and gather more information. Come on out and join in on the fun.

2008 dues cards will be arriving in your mailbox before long. Be an "Early Bird" and pay them early.

To those who have been sick or injured, get well soon. To those whom have lost loved ones, our condolences.

See ya at the Post meetings!

Dick Larson, Quartermaster

From the Bar:

We would like for all of you to come in and see us. For all of the non-smokers, we are now smoke free! But for the smokers, we have great patio to go out and have a drink and a cigarette.

We still have Happy Hour all day Mondays. Tuesday through Friday, Happy Hour is 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Ladies night is Thursday, ladies drinks are \$1.00 each from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We have been playing poker every Friday evening. Come on in if you feel lucky. We have 2 poker tables, 1 inside and 1 outside.

Beginning June 30, 2007, you will be able to get a bucket of 5 bottles of beer on ice for \$10.00 (only one type of beer per bucket, please).

We look forward to seeing you!

Larry, Sharon, Joann, Delores & Sissie

We are going to serve special dishes for each breakfast. These menus will be in the newsletter and posted in your home post. Come down and support your post and enjoy a great breakfast at a great price.

July 15, 2007

Taco Omelet

Or

Eggs to order

Choice of sausage, bacon, or ham

All served w/hash browns and toast

August 19, 2007

Eggs to order

Choice of sausage, bacon, or ham

Hash browns or Pancakes

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

Omelets are \$5.00, breakfasts start at \$ 4.00 for Adults, Seniors \$3.50, Kids 5 and under eat free.

Special upcoming dates to mark on your calendars!

June 4, 2007

- Post Picnic. Post will provide hamburgers & hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish to share! Food served from 1:00–3:00 p.m.

July 28, 2007

- Adams County Parade. Post will provide hamburgers & hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish to share! Food served from 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- Blood Drive. 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Please come by or call the Post to set up an appointment

September 2, 2007

- Labor Day. Picnic at the Post. Post will provide hamburgers & hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish to share! Food served 1:00–3:00 p.m.

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Newsletter Due Dates:

- August 12, 2007
- October 7, 2007
- December 10, 2007
- February 10, 2008
- April 13, 2008

The new year has been off to a slow start. Our attendance is still low! We have to ask ourselves why? Is the meeting date not good for our members? We would like to hear your suggestions for a new date and or time. The Cootie organization is held up with the strength of our members, without you we cannot make things happen

As your Seam Squirrel, I would like to throw out a challenge:

*Attend next month's meeting and bring a friend! Let them see what we do, maybe we can become strong once again!*

Gary Raley, Seam Squirrel

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I want to thank the Post for electing me as American Legion Commander for the ensuing year.

I am looking at it as a challenge asking for your support. I think a great first step would be to have as many of you as possible come to the Post and let's get acquainted.

The biggest thing I would like to see is to better attendance at the Post meetings. It is very difficult to conduct business with only a handful of members in attendance. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. They hardly ever last over 1 hour. Surely, as a member of this great organization, you could find 1 hour each month to attend a meeting.

God bless.

Scott Lawson, Commander American Legion Post 2002

A 2006 study found that the average American walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found that Americans drink an average of 22 gallons of beer a year. This means, on average, Americans get about 41 miles per gallon.....

Not Bad!

(Thank you J.B., that should help ease the pain of gas prices! )

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

**Suggestions and submissions welcome!**

# July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>7-11 a.m.</i> <i>Legion Breakfast</i>	2	3 <i>6:00 p.m.</i> <i>Homeboard</i>	4 <i>1:00 p.m.—??</i> <i>July 4th Picnic</i>	5	6	7
8 <i>7-11 a.m.</i> <i>Men's Auxiliary Breakfast</i>	9	10 <i>7:00 p.m.</i> <i>Post &amp; Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</i>	11	12	13	14
15 <i>7-11 a.m.</i> <i>Post Breakfast</i>	16	17 <i>7:00 p.m.</i> <i>American Legion Meeting</i>	18	19	20 <i>7:00 p.m.</i> <i>Men's Auxiliary Meeting</i>	21 <i>1:30 p.m.</i> <i>MOC &amp; MOCA</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.</i> <i>Blood Drive</i> <i>1:00 p.m.— ??</i> <i>Post Picnic</i>
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# August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 p.m. Homeboard	2	3	4
5 7-11:00 a.m. Legion Breakfast	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 7:00—11:00 a.m. Men's Auxiliary Breakfast	13	14 7:00 p.m. Post & Auxiliary Meeting	15	16	17 7:00 p.m. Men's Auxiliary Meeting	18 1:30 p.m. MOC & MOCA
19 7:00—11:00 a.m. VFW Breakfast	20	21 7:00 p.m. American Legion Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	