



V.F.W. POST #2841
MARCH – APRIL 2009

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Post Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	
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 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

American Legion Meets 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	
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 Meets 3rd Friday at 7:00 p.m.	
President	Jerry Carmichael
1st Vice President	James Krueger
2nd Vice President	Gerry Larson
Chaplin	Kelvin Larson
Treasurer	Mike Krueger
Secretary	Bobby Medina

Ladies Auxiliary Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	
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 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.

Suggestions and submissions welcome!

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

Pup Tent #23 Meets 3rd Saturday at 1:30 p.m.	
Elected Officers:	
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 Garcia
Tightwad 1 Year	Gary Lathrop
Tightwad 2 year	Harry Latta
Tightwad 3 year	Victor Madonna

Pup Tent #23 Meets 3rd Saturday at 1:30 p.m.	
Appointed Officers:	
Hungry Cootie	Dean Weaver
Hospital Chairman	Keith Harber
Blood Chairman	Richard Larson
Provost Marshall	Harry Latta
Shirt Reader	Frank Stephan
Jimmy Legs	
VFW Booster Chairman	Richard Larson
National Home Special Projects Chairman	Keith Harber
Life Membership Chairman	Keith Harber

MOCA PT #23 Meets 3rd Saturday at 1:30 p.m.	
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 Alberta Souders

The Post website is:
www.vfw2841.org.

Suggestions or comments regarding the site can be sent to :Barry Ludwick at webmaster@vfw2841.org

COMMANDERS CORNER

Another new year is upon us, and this year will have its ups and downs, as does every year. I wish to thank all the people that made the Voice of Democracy/Patriot Pen banquet a total success. Without the help of volunteers (mostly the same individuals all the time) nothing would get done. So again, I thank them for their unselfish service to our great organization.

The time has come again to elect our new command team for the upcoming year. I urge each and everyone of you to come to the March meeting (held every 2nd Tuesday) and nominate the people that will lead the VFW for the next year. Nominations will be held on March 10th and voting will be on April 14th, at the monthly meetings. Officers will be installed in June for the next year. Participation is extremely important. Lacking enough officers for the new year could result in having our charter revoked and the closing of our VFW. It would be a welcome sight to see the meeting room full for nominations and elections.

Just remember that while all members are encouraged to voice their opinions at the meetings, those same opinions are not welcome at the bar. So if you don't come to the meetings keep your opinions to yourself.

In Service

James Anderson
Commander

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Special thanks for the hard work and long hours spent working on cleaning the club over the past few weeks. It's these projects that make us proud of our Post!

From the ceiling to the floors, a great big **Thank You** goes to:

Danny

Wayne Motter

Eddie Martinez

Glenn (the Postman)

Jerry Carmichael

Dick Larson

Burt

And to all others who helped that we might have missed!

Ladies and Friends,

Well, here we are with this year coming to a fast closing and plans for next year starting to form. With this in mind, please, if you haven't paid your 2009 dues or your cancer insurance, do so as soon as possible to keep your membership up to date and in good standing. If you're having a hardship, please call us and we can help.

At our April meeting we will hold our nominations and elections, so please plan to attend and take part to make your choices heard and helping us to work toward the good of our order.

For our January Blood Drive, we moved back inside and had a good response. We collected 31 units of blood. Next Blood Drive will be Saturday, March 21st with lunch provided for donors. Please call 303-659-9902 to schedule an appointment.

Our ham and bean dinner was a success. All proceeds will be going to National Home to help the kids. Huge "Thanks" to Shelia for the delicious ham and beans and Jo Ann for the wonderful corn bread. Please remember to save your soup can labels and bring them in. The labels can be used to help raise money for National Home.

We hosted the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen banquet for the participants and winners of the competition and their families. We served a spaghetti dinner, complete with all the trimmings. Our Commander, Jim Anderson and his wife Tammy presented the certificates of participation and the awards. Huge thanks to them! A big thank you to Sissie for making the certificates for the participants and winners. A great big thank you to all who donated and worked so hard to make this a success!

#### Upcoming events:

3/1—District 3 meeting in Loveland. Service Officer Training at 10:30 a.m.;  
Lunch at 12:00 p.m.; Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

3/10—Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

3/14—Youth Carnival in Golden (anyone available to help, please call Dick Larson or Rhonda Bremkamp)

3/19—Sloppy Joe Night 5:00—7:00 p.m.

3/21—Blood Drive, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. (call 303-659-9902 for an appointment)

3/28—3/29—Department Council of Admin in Security, CO

4/5—District 3 Memorial Service in Longmont; 12:00 p.m. lunch; 1:00 p.m. joint service. This is quite the moving service, a tribute to all members who have passed in the prior year. If you are able to attend, please do so!

4/14—Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

4/16—Sloppy Joe Night 5:00—7:00 p.m.

In closing, our thoughts and prayers are with all who are ill or recovering and to all who have lost loved ones

Loyally,  
Connie Motter  
President, Ladies Auxiliary

## ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST A GREAT SUCCESS

On February 12, 2009 we held an Awards Banquet for our winners of the annual Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Essay Contest. We had an incredible turn out for the awards for the 2008 competition.

Special Thanks go out to the following people as we couldn't have done this without their incredible dedication to the success of our Post:

I personally would like to thank Randa Gomez and her family for the generous donations for Spaghetti Dinner and volunteering to serve dinner.

Thanks also to Connie Motter and Sheila Humphrey for volunteering their time to cook all day so that everyone could have a wonderful meal. They did an awesome job. Sheila was also able to make a second meal to serve to the patrons of the Club and worked on cleanup of the mess.

Jessie Ludwick was kind enough to spend her entire day printing up the awards that were given out. Thanks to all of you and those who worked behind the scenes to make it a wonderful afternoon for all.

The following is a list of this year's winners:

### **Voice of Democracy**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: (Winner of a \$250.00 Savings Bond) Allisha Parsons. Allisha also took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the District 3 finals.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: (Winner of a \$150.00 Savings Bond) Joshua Proffitt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Winner of \$100.00 Savings Bond) Laurel Vargas

### **Patriot's Pen**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Winner of \$200.00 Savings Bond): Caitlin Dodd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Winner of \$150.00 Savings Bond): Molly Bettles. Molly also took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in District 3 finals.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Winner of \$100.00 Savings Bond): Cassidy Frank

**Congrats to all of our winners and thanks to all who participated.**

Tammy Anderson  
Junior Vice President  
Ladies Auxiliary

From the Quartermaster's Desk:

This Fiscal Year is closing in fast. It is time to look for your Leadership for the 2009-2010 year.

We still have a few annual members who have not renewed their 2009 Membership. Comrades, take a look at your membership card and make sure it says 2009, if not, please send in your dues as soon as possible.

We have stalled on the project of updating the building fronts. It has come to pass that the contractor wants a considerable amount of funds up front to start the remodel. We don't have this kind of money available at this time. We have a large annual insurance bill to take care of first. It is a shame the city was insisting we needed the up-grade, they were offering grant money to do so, now they expect us to pay up front. What's wrong with this picture?

It is that time of year when things get really busy. The calendar of events will be full from now until June.

I want to thank the Men's Auxiliary for the new kitchen floor. It looks very nice! Great job, Guys!

To those who have been ill, get well soon. To those who have lost loved ones, our deepest sympathy .

Until next time,  
Quartermaster  
Dick Larson

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

March 15, 2009

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

April 12, 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.

**Newsletter Due Dates**

**April 19**

**August 16**

**December 20**

**June 21**

**October 18**

If you have questions about medical, burial, pensions or replacement of your medals and ribbons, please contact Scott Lawson at 303-654-6014. He is our local Veteran's Services Officer and he is here to help you.

Gentlemen:

Just a couple of things to update:

The Men's Auxiliary put down a new tile floor in the kitchen. It looks so nice!  
Great job, guys!

The Men's Auxiliary donated \$1,000 to the VFW to help with the cost of the insurance for the building. We know how much they appreciate the help!

The Men's Auxiliary and the Post members spent several hours stripping and re-waxing the tile floors in the canteen, the Ladies Auxiliary room, the restrooms and the hallway by the kitchen. Again, they look great!

We will be trading days for breakfast with the American Legion for the months of March and April. We will be serving breakfast on Sunday, March 1 and April 5. We will also be trading days with the Post for May, which means we will be serving breakfast on Sunday, May 17th. Please come in to help, any little bit is very much appreciated.

Get well wishes to those who are ill and sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

In Service  
Jerry Carmichael  
Men's Auxiliary President

## 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, March 21st.



# RECIPE CORNER



## Poor Man Shepherd's Pie Jessie

|                                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 lb ground beef                     | 1 lg can green beans |
| Mashed potatoes (instant works fine) | Shredded Cheese      |
| Garlic Powder                        |                      |
| Salt                                 |                      |
| Onion Powder                         |                      |

Season (to taste) and brown the hamburger, drain well, add drained green beans. Prepare mashed potatoes. Layer the ground beef mixture, mashed potatoes and cheese in baking dish. Bake at 350 until cheese is melted. Serve with warm biscuits.

Please send any submissions for the Recipe Corner to:  
Connie Motter  
161 N. Main Street  
Brighton, CO 80601

# Post Calendar of Events

# March 2009

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     | Monday                                                               | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                                        | Thursday                             | Friday                                                               | Saturday                                                                     |
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| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Mar | 2                                                                    | 3                              | 4                                                | 5                                    | 6                                                                    | 7                                                                            |
| Dining<br>7:00am - 11:00am<br>Men's Auxiliary<br>Breakfast<br>Event<br>10:30am<br>District Meeting<br>- Loveland<br>10:30 - 11:30<br>Officer Training<br>12:00 - 12:30<br>Lunch<br>1:00 Meeting<br>begins |     |                                                                      |                                | Meeting<br>6:00pm<br>Homeboard                   |                                      |                                                                      |                                                                              |
| 8                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 9   | 10                                                                   | 11                             | 12                                               | 13                                   | 14                                                                   |                                                                              |
| Start Daylight<br>Savings Time<br>Dining<br>7:00am - 11:00am<br>American<br>Legion<br>Breakfast                                                                                                           |     | Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>Ladies Aux<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>Post Meeting |                                |                                                  |                                      |                                                                      | Event<br>Youth Carnival<br>for Patriots Pen<br>Participants<br>Golden VFW    |
| 15                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 16  | 17                                                                   | 18                             | 19                                               | 20                                   | 21                                                                   |                                                                              |
| Dining<br>7:00am - 11:00am<br>Post Breakfast                                                                                                                                                              |     | St. Patrick's<br>Day<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>American<br>Legion      |                                | Dining<br>5:00pm - 7:00pm<br>Sloppy Joe<br>Night | Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>Men's Auxiliary | Event<br>9:00am - 1:00pm<br>Blood Drive<br>Meeting<br>1:30pm<br>MOCA |                                                                              |
| 22                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 23  | 24                                                                   | 25                             | 26                                               | 27                                   | 28                                                                   |                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                           |     |                                                                      |                                |                                                  |                                      |                                                                      | Meeting<br>Department<br>Meeting,<br>Council Admin-<br>Security,<br>Colorado |
| 29                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 30  | 31                                                                   | 1                              | Apr                                              | 2                                    | 3                                                                    | 4                                                                            |
| Meeting<br>Department<br>Meeting/Council<br>Admin-<br>Security,<br>Colorado                                                                                                                               |     |                                                                      | Meeting<br>6:00pm<br>Homeboard |                                                  |                                      |                                                                      |                                                                              |

