



V.F.W. POST #2841
NOVEMBER– DECEMBER 2007

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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

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. Suggestions and submissions welcome!

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

From the Seam Squirrel:

Meetings come and meetings go

Where are our members?

We just don't know!

Missing members are really bad,

And that makes us really sad.

We need you here, and not just near

So come to the meeting and we'll buy you a beer!

PLEASE ATTEND THE COOTIE SCRATCH!!!

Gary Raley

Seam Squirrel

As November and December get closer, the days are shorter but our work load increases. We have been asked to participate in the judging of art work at the Justice Center the first week of November.

>November 10th is the Marine Corp Birthday and the day we will begin collecting food for Thanksgiving.

>November 12th is Veterans Day and once again, free stew will be served from 12:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

>November 17th, 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. is our next blood drive. Also, we are hosting a benefit for Gary and Sharon Raley from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, salad and dessert for \$6.00.

>November 22nd we will be serving free Thanksgiving dinner from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. as well as sending out box lunches to those who are homebound. Thanksgiving day is also the day we start collecting canned goods and other non-perishables for Christmas.

>December 21st and 22nd, Christmas basket deliveries. If you know of a needy family, please contact the Post as soon as possible so that we can start planning.

>December 22nd Children's Christmas party, 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Plan to attend and visit with Santa Claus!

>December 31st, New Year's Eve Party, 7:00 p.m–12:00 a.m. (details to be announced at the post).

>VFW post meeting on the second Tuesday of each month.

Add to these the day to day items like weddings, birthday parties, hospital visits and funerals. A little bit of help for any of these events would be very much appreciated. We will be getting started on the remodel on the south side and enclosure of the back patio, again, any help would be much appreciated.

So give me a call and pitch in a helping hand, you may actually have some fun. We are now on line an with e-mail and website.

website	vfwpost2841.org .
Commander	commander@vfwpost2841.org
Quartermaster	rlarson@vfwpost2841.org

Use the e-mail or phone but I would like to hear your ideas about the direction we are going.

I hope to see everyone at our next meeting or function.
Gary L. Lathrop
Post 2841 Commander

* We have a new website! It's still a work in progress, but *
* the newsletters and calendars are available. Please check *
* us out at www.vfw2841.org. *
* Thank you Barry Ludwick for making this happen! *

Hello all,
It is getting a little chilly outside so I hope that everyone dresses appropriately. We want everyone to stay healthy and be happy (or get that way soon).

I want to wish everyone a good Veterans Day in November. I appreciate your hard work and dedication to your country through your service. Without all of you, we would not be living the lives that we have today. Again, thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas to everyone. :) This time of year should always be filled with love, happiness, laughter, and many, many other positive things. :)

I appreciate everyone's involvement in the meetings and breakfasts (member and non member). I urge everyone to please continue to support the military organizations in every way that they can. It is your support that makes a positive difference in a lot of people's lives every day.

As some of you know, one of the Adams County Veterans Service Officer's go out to the Colorado state nursing home (Fitzsimons) every Tuesday. The admissions director, Ryan Hoffert, brought to my attention that they are having a Veterans Day open house on Nov 11th, 2007 (Sunday) from 2PM-4PM. They will have refreshments and various types of entertainment. Feel free to stop by and say hello to everyone there. I am sure that they would be happy to see ya'. :) Their address and phone number is as follows:

1919 Quentin Street
Aurora, CO 80045
(720) 857-6400 Receptionist #

Respectfully,
American Legion Commander, Post #2002
Scott Lawson

Summer is gone and the holidays are now upon us. We have many projects and events coming up within the next couple of months, please come by and show your support in any way you are able.

> November 10th we will begin collecting food for the Thanksgiving dinner. If you are able to donate food and/or time, please contact the post at 303-659-9902 and let us know what you can do.

> November 17th is our next blood drive. Please call the post and schedule a time to donate.

> November 17th is also the day we are hosting a benefit to raise money for Gary & Sharon Raley. We will be serving a spaghetti dinner with bread, salad and dessert, all for only \$6.00. Please join us from 4:00 to 8:00. We are also holding a raffle with many great prizes. All proceeds will be given to Gary and Sharon to off-set recent and upcoming medical costs.

> November 22nd is Thanksgiving day. We will once again be sending dinners to those who need them. We will also be serving a full Thanksgiving dinner to anyone who comes to the post. Please join us from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

> December 22nd is the annual Christmas party for children. Please plan on coming for the fun and to visit Santa Claus!

Be sure to check the calendar and join us for meetings, parties or anytime you would like to come and visit! Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, if you have any questions or suggestions, please attend and share your thoughts!

Our thoughts and prayers go to all who are ill, recovering or have lost loved ones.

Sincerely,
Connie Motter, Ladies Auxiliary President.

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At this writing, it is obvious summer is over. Snow in the Colorado Mountains and 40 degrees here. Does this mean the holiday season is quickly approaching?

To those members who have submitted their 2008 dues, thank you. We still have a long way to go to reach our 100% by the end of the year. Please send in your dues or bring them to me. Don't get caught late!

Our annual Department inspection went very well. No discrepancies were found.

Plans are proceeding to enclose our patio and remodeling the dining area. The Sunday breakfasts may have to be cancelled for a short period, this all depends on how much tear-out and remodeling it is going to take to remodel the restrooms. We will keep you posted!

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

I wish to thank all the Comrades and friends for their cards of sympathy in the loss of my wife's sister. Thank you for your thoughts.

Sure would be nice to see more participation at the Post Meetings!

Dick Larson, Quartermaster

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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.

November 18, 2007

Eggs any style
Bacon, ham or sausage
Hash browns and Toast
OR
Omelets
Hash Browns
Toast

December 16, 2007

Eggs any style
Bacon, ham or sausage
Hash browns and Toast
OR
Pancakes
Bacon, Ham or Sausage
Hash Browns

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

Not a whole lot to report other than if you have questions or need help please give me a call at 303-654-6000 or Scott at 303-654-6014.
We are here to help you.
Gary L. Lathrop
Service Officer

Dates to note:
November 10, 2007—Marine Corps Birthday
Begin collections for Thanksgiving dinner and baskets
November 12, 2007—Veteran’s Day Stew, 12:00—5:00 p.m.
November 22, 2007—Thanksgiving Dinner served 12:00—2:00 p.m.
November 23, 2007—Collections for Christmas baskets begins

December 22, 2007— Kid’s Christmas party, 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Newsletter Due Dates:

- December 10, 2007
- February 10, 2008
- April 13, 2008
- June 15, 2008

I would like to thank all who have been donating food and help for our bereavement luncheons. We know the families appreciate what we do.

I know we are not reporting many need hours for our community service/rehab reports. I need hours, donations, mileage and money spent. Also, I know we have people going to the V.A. to doctors appointments, so if you visit with other patients, keep track of numbers and note that it is V.A. as it goes into another section of the report.

I will mention some of the projects we can use:

- * Visits to hospitals and shut-ins
- * Food taken to ill and shut-ins
- * Remember to vote in November and report
- * Assistance to veterans and families
- * Assistance to senior citizens
- * If you send phone cards to those in service
- * Any money sent to National Home for the children. They not only care for orphans, children of service personnel are there as well

Men's and Ladies Auxiliaries, please report your hours also. Your hours count too, as this is a joint project!

Please make out your report, mark it as "Rehab" and give it to the bartender or me.

Thanks again.
Audrey Larson, Chair

We have started to plan for the Grand Convention in April 2008. We need all of your ideas and help to make this successful.

Thanks to all of our members who have paid their dues. We are at 75% right now. If you have not paid your dues, please do so very soon. You need to pay your 2008 VFW Auxiliary dues first, then pay your 2008 MOCA dues. We would like to be at 100% by Founders Day.

Thanks to everyone who helped with and bought krautburgers. This was a big success.

We still need ideas for more fundraisers-otherwise, we will have soup dinners during the winter. Rhonda has to raise over \$3,000 for Grands Ways, all ideas and help are welcome.

Hope to see you all at a meeting on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Our sympathy to Sheila on the loss of her husband, Fred. Sheila is Grand President this year and she needs all our support. Her special project is brain trauma. Please donate or do a fundraiser for this cause.

Our sympathy to all who have lost a loved one, get well to all who have been ill and a speedy recovery to all who have had surgery. Congratulations to everyone who is celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or any other special occasion.

Barbara Retshauer
President, MOCA 4Q #23

Post Calendar of Events

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December 2007

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
25	Nov	26	27	28	29	30	1	Dec
2		3	4	5	6	7	8	
Dining 7:00am - 11:00am American Legion Breakfast				Meeting 6:00pm Homeboard		Pearl Harbor Day		
9		10	11	12	13	14	15	
Newsletter submissions due Dining 7:00am - 11:00am Men's Aux Breakfast			Meeting 7:00pm Ladies Aux Meeting 7:00pm Post Meeting				Meeting 1:30pm MOC Meeting 1:30pm MOCA	
16		17	18	19	20	21	22	
Dining 7:00am - 11:00am Post Breakfast			Meeting 7:00pm American Legion			Christmas basket deliveries Meeting 7:00pm Men's Auxiliary	Christmas basket deliveries Event 1:00pm - 3:00pm Kid's Christmas Party	
23		24	25	26	27	28	29	
		6:00pm Post Closes	Christmas Day Post Closed					
30		31	1	Jan	2	3	4	5
		Event 7:00pm - 12:00am New Year's Eve Party	New Year's Day	Meeting 6:00pm Homeboard				