



V.F.W. POST #2841  
SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 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

**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!**

# 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

Steve Hedstrom, a Life Member of the VFW donated 3 Skid walkers and 2 two-wheeled walkers with brakes and seats.

Thank you Steve!

VFW Post 2841



## Oyster Fry!

Set your calendar for Saturday, September 22  
5:00 p.m.—???

Rocky Mountain Oysters or Fried Chicken or Fish Dinners include cole slaw, baked beans and a dinner roll, all for only \$8.00 per plate.

The best oysters you will ever eat!

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\* We would like to thank Bill Yeager, Frank \*  
\* Stephan, Jerry Carmichael and Dick Larson for \*  
\* the new stair railing on the back yard patio. \*  
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\* Thanks guys, it looks great! \*  
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At our last meeting, it was voted on that we refinance and look for additional funds to make some much needed repairs and maintenance at the Post. Some of these items will be needed in the near future so they will be voted on at our regular meetings. Please show up and be heard, pro or con. If you are planning a function or party, please contact Larry Tholen or myself so we can get it on the calendar. As you know, October, November and December are our busy months.

I am also looking for help on Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and with the Christmas baskets. If you can help, please leave me a message at the club or at work (303-654-6000). Our first District meeting will be in September, our own Dick Larson will be filling in as District 3 Commander. Show your support and be there.

From me, enjoy the rest of your summer because winter is not far away.

Thank you from the Commanders' desk.  
Gary Lathrop

We are still getting calls on property tax exempt for 100% service connected veterans. Not everyone will qualify, but if you think you might, please contact Scott or myself.

We can also be contacted if you have service related questions, I can be reached at 303-654-6000 and GLATHROP@co.adams.co.us. Scott can be reached at 303-654-6014 and SLAWSON@co.adams.co.us.

We will be glad to answer your questions.

Gary Lathrop, Service Officer

Hello again,

I hope this finds everyone enjoying their summer. Much has been done in the last months and much more to do in the coming months.

Starting with Labor Day, the American Legion is holding the picnic that day beginning at 11:00 a.m. Please bring a dish to share and join in the fun. September 8 is Bartender's Day. Always a fun time to be had by all.

Sunday, September 9th is District 3 meeting at Lafayette. Lunch at 12:00 with the meeting following at 1:00 p.m. We would like to have a large showing at the meeting. Let's set up a carpool, please call for a ride (720) 422-4068.

On September 11, Post 1771 will be having a Patriot Day celebration at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Our last Blood Drive was very successful. We had 33 donors and collected 28 units. Next drive is September 22. Please come by or call the post to sign up. You may also sign up on-line.

The Kid's Halloween party is set for October 27, 1:00—3:00 p.m. Please contact Sissy or myself with questions or donations.

The end of October is when we need to start planning for Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas food baskets. If we start soon, we can collect more supplies and help more families in need. With all that's going on, let's remember our purpose, to help all who need our services.

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

Sincerely,  
Connie Motter, Ladies Auxiliary President.

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Where did the summer go?? So much to do and so little time to get it done. The main thing is, I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer.

I know everyone gets tired of hearing about membership, however, this is what keeps our organization going. Please remit your 2008 dues a.s.a.p. We have signed up several new members who served in Iraq and Afghanistan as of late.

The Post is still financially stable, however, we have encountered some extra high maintenance expenses lately. The City of Brighton has requested us to do some outside upgrades on the property, we are hoping that a majority of those costs will be covered by a grant.

We desperately need your ideas and support at the post meetings. It is the extra activities and functions that help keep the Post strong.

This year I was elected the District #3 Senior Vice Commander. I was appointed District #3 Southern Inspector. Along with being your Post Quartermaster, my plate runneth over. I pledge to do my best in all of these positions.

Hope to see ya at the Post meetings.

Dick Larson, Quartermaster

Dear Lord,

Please keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

Amen

(Thanks again, J.B.)

**We need you** to attend meetings!!! Cooties play an important role, but as we have been saying, our attendance level is LOW! Our Post will be hosting the Cootie Convention in April 2008 and we need your help.

Hope all are well, God Bless those who are sick or injured.

Gary Raley, Seam Squirrel

AS OF OCTOBER, BREAKFAST PRICES WILL BE GOING UP. WITH THE RISING COST OF FOOD AND ENERGY WE ARE FORCED TO DO AN INCREASE.

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

THESE PRICES WILL AFFECT THE VFW, AMERICAN LEGION AND MEN'S AUXILIARY.

September 16, 2007

Eggs any style  
Bacon, ham or sausage  
Hash browns  
Toast

October 21, 2007

Eggs any style  
Bacon, ham or sausage  
Hash browns  
Toast

OR

Biscuits and Gravy  
Hash browns

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

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.

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Newsletter Due Dates:

- October 14, 2007
- December 10, 2007
- February 10, 2008
- April 13, 2008

Hello all,

I want to thank everyone for being a positive and active member in the Legion!!! That is awesome. :) We are looking at some good times ahead of us. As the new commander, I have many ideas and I look forward to sharing them with everyone. I am hopeful that with all of your assistance we can do a lot of great things for many years to come. I want to first take a look at our post, in general, and address any (if there are any) issues as effectively as possible first and foremost. I am a firm believer in the phrase, "We are only as strong as the weakest part of our organization."

Some of my interests and key points will be on the following (in no particular order):

1. **People** - The members of this fine organization must be taken care of the best that we can. Without people/membership there is no post. Without people (preferably positive and active people) there is no post. Etc...
2. **Events/Interests** - I think that a stagnant organization is pretty close to an organization that will eventually collapse due to lack of interest by its members. As a team, we need to "*Spice*" things up a bit, continue to support each other and our community. I am looking for thoughts and ideas on how to achieve this goal.

For those who have assisted and continue to assist (member and non-member) with the breakfast and all other Legion events I want to personally say "Thank you" for your hard work and dedication. I appreciate all that you do.

On the note of breakfast, I would like to get some feedback on what people think of the food that we cook and prepare. I would like to get some feedback on the services that they receive at the door when receiving their order to when they are seated and served up until the time that they are finished eating and are then leaving the breakfast area. With this feedback, I plan to discuss this at the meetings because there is always room for improvement on all that we do.

I want to say "Thank you" to the VFW and its members for allowing us to use their facility and equipment to function as best that we can. I appreciate your generosity and kindness. It will continue to be our goal to ensure that we do our part to ensure that we help take care of the facility the best that we can.

I would also like to say "Thank you" to Sissy for all of her hard work on receiving, copy, pasting, editing and the other various things that she does for this news letter that goes out every 2 months. I appreciate her efforts a great deal.

If I forgot to thank anyone else, please bring that to my attention and I will address that as soon as what I can. I appreciate everyone's assistance and it is important for them to know that.

Being as new as what I am to the Legion I want to get a feel for what everyone thinks and feels about being a member of the Legion post in Brighton. By becoming aware of how everyone feels about the post and what they envision the Legion to be as a whole I think that it will become a lot easier to progress forward as a team. Feel free to share those thoughts and feelings during the meetings. I will gather my own thoughts and feelings to share at the meeting as well.

Respectfully,  
American Legion Commander  
Brighton, CO  
Scott Lawson-

# “Operation Basketball”



## Purpose:

- Ground forces engaged in the War on Terror are building public relations and good will with the children in their communities.
- Basketballs are valued by the children. This project enables the troops to interact and build rapport with the children by providing basketballs which are not available in these remote and economically deprived areas of the world.

## Goal:

- To secure 24 + New or used basketballs, some small hand operated air pumps and inflation needles.
- Target date for shipment: September 11, 2007

Contact: Rick Baum 303-919-3161  
Commandant, Detachment 469, Marine Corps League  
**Make checks Payable to: Foothills Det. 469, MCL**  
(For shipping costs) **15750 S. Golden Rd., PO Box 5031**  
**Golden, CO 80401**

**Thank You for Supporting Our Troops**



# September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 7:00- 11:00 a.m. American Legion Breakfast	3 11:-00 a.m.—??? American Legion Pic- nic,	4	5 6:00 p.m. Homeboard	6	7	8 11:00 a.m.—??? Bartender's Day
9 7:00—11:00 a.m. Men's Aux Breakfast	10	11 7:00 p.m. Post & Ladies Aux Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 7:00—11:-00 a.m. Post Breakfast	17	18 7:00 p.m. American Legion Meeting	19	20	21 7:00 p.m. Men's Aux Meeting	22 5 p.m.—??? Oyster Fry
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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<i>21</i> 7:00—11:00 a.m. Post Breakfast	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 1:00-3:00 p.m. Kids Halloween Party
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			

# No Limit Texas Hold-em Tournament

To Benefit The U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Enhancement Projects

**A Non-Profit Organization**  
**Remembering Our Veterans & Supporting Our Troops**

**Public Invited**



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Place: VFW 4171— 15625 W. 10th Ave., Golden, CO 80401

Date: Saturday—October 6, 2007

Time: 6:00pm—7:00pm registration

Tournament promptly starts at 7:00pm

Sign-Up: Contact Bob Hunter at 720-480-5525 / polokpat@aol.com  
Sign-up in advance. You may also sign in at the door.

## Optional Meal Will Be Available

### Buy-In: \$25.00

\$10.00 Goes to The U.S.M.C. Memorial  
\$15.00 Goes to the Cash Prize

### Cash Prize Pay Outs:

1st Prize = 50%  
2nd Prize = 25%  
3rd Prize = 15%  
4th Prize = 10%

- Each player receives \$2,000 in chips to start.

### Some Tournament Details

- Seat assignments will be randomly assigned at registration time.
- Standard “button” small blind, big blind. The button is the dealer and will be rotated clockwise. Everyone gets an opportunity to deal.
- Blinds will be promptly raised every 25 minutes.
- Blinds start at \$25.00 and \$50.00 minimum bet is equal to the big blind.
- This is a NO LIMIT tournament.
- At any time players may move “all-in.”
- Cash Only, NO credit cards.
- Must be at least 21 years of age to play.

**Bring a Friend. Join us in the Fun!**