



V.F.W. POST #2841
SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 2009

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V.F.W. POST #2841

Post Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	
Commander	Gary Raley
Sr. Vice Commander	John Riley
Jr. Vice Commander	Michael Bergman
Chaplin	Robin Mason
Quartermaster	Wayne Motter
Adjutant	Dean Weaver
Trustees	Dick Larson Jim Anderson Larry Tholen
Guard	
Officer of the Day	
Surgeon	Patrick Mason
Historian	
Color Guard Captain	

American Legion Meets 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	
Commander	Wayne Motter
Sr. Vice	Gary Raley
Jr. Vice	Kal Larson
Adjutant	Jim Otto
Finance Officer	Dean Weaver
Chaplin	Gerry Larson
Sergeant at Arms	Michael Bergman

Men's Auxiliary Meets 3rd Friday at 7:00 p.m.	
President	Mike Krueger
1st Vice President	Jeff Ocker
2nd Vice President	Gerry Larson
Chaplin	Kal Larson
Treasurer	Jerry Carmichael
Secretary	Bobby Medina

Ladies Auxiliary Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	
President	Sharon Raley
Sr. Vice President	Sheila Humphrey
Jr. Vice President	Jessie Ludwick
Treasurer	Connie Motter
Secretary	Diane Finley
Chaplin	Myranda Straface
Guard	
Conductress	Ginny Weaver
Patriotic Instructor	Yolanda Sandoval
Trustees	Sharon Stephan Delores Orozco Brenda Petrie

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.	
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	Frank Stephan
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

From the Commander:

This is my second letter as Commander for the current year.

There are some new officers, first time being elected and they are doing a great job! I hope all of the members feel that way too. We have been hosting dinners on Friday nights that helped to raise funds for the new carpet, and I would like to thank all of those who have donated their time. I would also like to thank the American Legion Post 46 for their generous donation that helped us to reach our goal for the new carpet. The carpet has now been installed, and it looks great! You should drop by and see for yourself.

The Friday night dinners will continue as there are more improvements that the post is still in need of. Call the Post for times and menu. We hope to see you there.

The Post has another improvement that we are proud of. We have flat screen televisions that are mounted on the wall behind the bar and in the general area. This makes for better viewing for all, as well as the HD programs now available. Thanks to all who have worked on this project as well. The television in the smoking room has been upgraded with it's own remote—smokers can now enjoy their own programs.

The meeting attendance is low and we need you to attend so that your voice can be heard. If you choose not to attend the meeting, your complaints are not welcome. Meetings are important and are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars.

Sundays are a day of rest, not for just you, but for the officers of the Post. If you have a complaint on a Sunday, you will need to check it at the door and bring it forth another day.

The Post and all of its members would like to send out sympathies to Larry Tholen on the passing of Jan. We are here for you.

I wish all of that that are sick a speedy recover and God Bless you all!

Commander
Gary F. Raley

Ladies:

Wow!! I cannot believe that a month has already gone by. The Auxiliary is underway with another busy year. We have several projects that are in the process. Please check the calendar at the Post for dates and times. I would like to thank all of the new officers we have for the coming year, they have already kicked into overdrive to get these projects off the ground.

This is the year for awareness of Cancer Aid and Research. If you see Miss Piggy around, please make a donation to her! She will be attending all functions and she will want you to pay her some attention \$\$\$\$\$\$. Let's make George B. Williams Post 2841 shine for Cancer Aid and Research.

I would like to thank Connie Motter for all of her hard work! She tirelessly and diligently works around the post to make sure things get done. Without Connie, we would not have such a good meal every month when she serves her yummy sloppy joes!

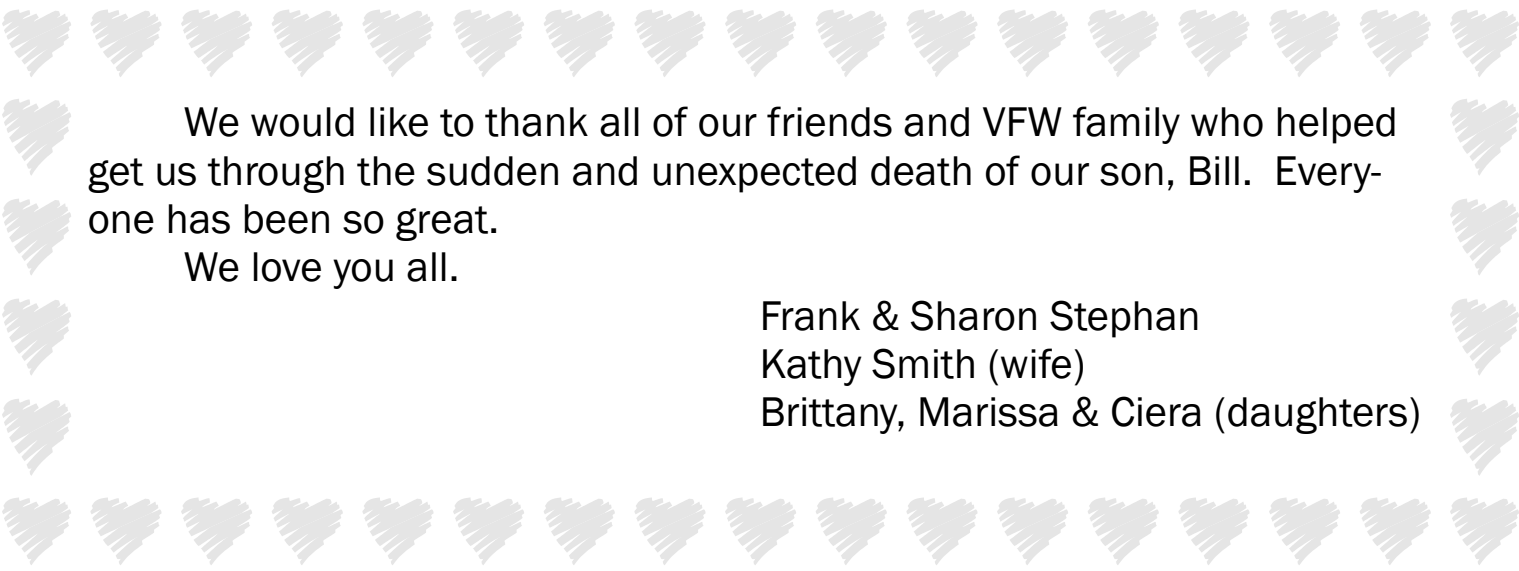
We were saddened by the passing of our sister, Jan Tholen. She will be missed. Our prayers go out to Larry and we want him to know that the Auxiliary is there for him, as well as for any of our members who are in need.

We would also like to thank Dan for cleaning the Auxiliary room and keeping it bright and shiny for all of us. Thanks so much to you Dan!

We would like to see more of you ladies attending the meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you need a ride, please call the post and we will make arrangements for transportation to and from the meeting.

I would like to wish all of those who are sick a speedy recovery and God Bless to all!

Ladies Auxiliary President
Sharon L. Raley



We would like to thank all of our friends and VFW family who helped get us through the sudden and unexpected death of our son, Bill. Everyone has been so great.

We love you all.

Frank & Sharon Stephan
Kathy Smith (wife)
Brittany, Marissa & Ciera (daughters)

From the Seam Squirrel:

The scratch last month almost had enough warm bodies to call a scratch. We have decided to keep the Charter for another year, but we seem to have lost something ...YOU!!! We need to have members here for the scratches, and without that, what is the sense of having a Charter? The Cooties are part of the VFW and have great recognition for the great work they do for the vets, and the hospitals. So you see, when you cannot take ONE hour of your day for one month, these people suffer. They have given their lives for you on a daily basis and you need to find it in your heart to give them a few hours a month. It is a small price to pay!!

All Patients Day is September 19th in Pueblo. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A delightful lunch will be served.

There will be no scratch for 4Q Pup Tent for the month of September due to the event listed above. Now is the time you can help. If you need a ride, call the post and someone will be happy to haul your butt to Pueblo. Or, call the Seam Squirrel at home...and hope that his wife doesn't pick up the phone!

Please, please help us to take care of all our veterans that are home bound as well as in the hospital. You are needed.

God Bless to all those who are sick or in need.

Seam Squirrel

Gary F. Raley

POST BREAKFAST

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

September 20, 2009

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

October 18, 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.

2009 Newsletter Due Dates

December 20

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.

From the Bar:

We have started something new! We now have 2 Happy Hours per day.

HAPPY HOUR #1:

Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Bottle Beer \$2.00

Draft Beer \$1.00

Pitchers of Beer \$4.00

HAPPY HOUR #2:

Monday 5:00 p.m.—Close

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Bottle Beer \$2.25

Draft Beer \$1.25

Well Drinks \$2.25

All other drinks \$.25 off for everyone

Thursday →Ladies Night← 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

LADIES PRICES

Bottle Beer \$2.25 \$1.50

Draft Beer \$1.25 \$1.00

Well Drinks \$2.25 \$1.50

All other drinks \$.25 off for everyone

Come by and check out all the recent improvements!

Larry Tholen

Bar Manager

Building Fund Benefit Dinner

Friday, September 4

5:00 P.M. —Until the food runs out!

Fried Chicken, vegetable, rolls and dessert.

Iced tea and water included.

Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer's Corner:

Ladies, we've had a great start to our new year, 2009-2010. Thank you all for your hard work.

Let's keep the great fundraisers going to benefit our programs.

The time has come again to pay your annual dues of \$ for 2010.

Please send the money to:

Connie Motter, Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer
161 N. Main Street, Brighton, Colorado 80601

Life members, please send your \$5.00 for cancer insurance to the same address.

Just a reminder, if you or someone you know who is a member of the Auxiliary is undergoing cancer treatment, please contact me at 720-422-4068 or 303-659-9902 for information on grants and insurance that may be available.

Connie Motter
Treasurer, Ladies Auxiliary

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**4Q CCDB COOTIE ITCHES**

Well, Cooties, it's a new year for us! We made 102.9% by 31 June, even with one Cootie unpaid. That Cootie can still reinstate himself this year without going through an initiation again. How'd we do that? With two new members in the Pup Tent. But we are still waiting to being the initiation process with them. You two need to contact the Seam Squirrel to set up your date. I have one continuous member paid already, so we're at 63.9%. We won't know the quota of new members National MOC will set this year until National convention, but be sure it will be at least one! So get to talking to eligibles.

In spite of all our pleading, we just made a quorum of attendance in July to get all the business completed. The biggest issue was to turn in the Charter because of lack of attendance both in Scratches and activities. Those Cooties elected and appointed are having a dickens of a time getting the work of the Pup Tent done, not to mention the paperwork. It was voted on to keep the Pup Tent of ONE MORE YEAR and see how this problem rectifies itself. If nothing would have happened at the Scratch, National MOC had the right to pull the Charter themselves. And that would be bad. We still have to do the work and report it, or Congress and the VFW will get their hands in it, and we all know what will happen then!

And on reporting, remember, report sheets are by the Post door in the blue folder. Either fill it out on your hospital visits and funerals after your return to the Post or take a blank home and fill it out and mail it to me-I'm also the Hospital Chairman. We had a might poor year on reporting last year, let's do our duty as Cooties and make this year much better.

"Keep 'em smiling in beds of white"

4Q PT #23 CCDB  
Keith Harber

**AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST**

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

September 6, 2009

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

OR

Biscuits and Gravy

OR

Pancakes  
Peaches

October 4, 2009

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

All meals served with orange or tomato juice and bottomless coffee, regular or decaf.

I heard a soldier as he knelt and prayed. And here is what he said:

God, bless our buddies who now lay dead,

We don't know what you have in mind,  
But when you judge them, please be kind.

When they come before you, they'll be poorly dressed;  
But they'll walk proudly, for they did their best.

Their boots will be muddy and their clothes will be torn;  
But these are the clothes they have proudly worn.

Their faces will be unshaven and stained with blood;  
Their lips will be cracked and caked with mud.

Their hearts will be still and cold inside;  
But they fought like hell and did so with pride.

So, please take care of them as they pass your way;  
For the price of freedom they've already paid.

This one last thing we ask in your name,  
Bless and keep them in your Heavenly Hall of Fame.

## VFW Post 2841

# October 2009

| Sunday                                                                           |                 | Monday                                                                                   | Tuesday                        | Wednesday | Thursday                                                                                                                     |                                                                                   | Friday                                                                            | Saturday |
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| Dining<br>7:00am - 11:00am<br>American<br>Legion<br>Breakfast                    |                 |                                                                                          | Meeting<br>6:00pm<br>Homeboard |           |                                                                                                                              | Dining<br>5:00pm - 7:00pm<br>Friday night<br>dinner - menu<br>announced<br>weekly |                                                                                   |          |
| 11                                                                               | 12              | 13                                                                                       | 14                             | 15        | 16                                                                                                                           | 17                                                                                |                                                                                   |          |
| Dining<br>7:00am - 11:00am<br>Men's Aux<br>Breakfast                             | Columbus<br>Day | Navy<br>Birthday<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>Ladies Aux<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>Post Meeting |                                |           | Dining<br>5:00pm - 7:00pm<br>Friday night<br>dinner - menu<br>announced<br>weekly<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>Men's<br>Auxiliary | Meeting<br>1:30pm<br>MOCA                                                         |                                                                                   |          |
| 18                                                                               | 19              | 20                                                                                       | 21                             | 22        | 23                                                                                                                           | 24                                                                                |                                                                                   |          |
| Newsletter<br>submissions<br>due<br>Dining<br>7:00am - 11:00am<br>Post Breakfast |                 | Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>American<br>Legion                                                  |                                |           | Dining<br>5:00pm - 7:00pm<br>Friday night<br>dinner - menu<br>announced<br>weekly                                            |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |          |
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| Dining<br>7:00am - 11:00am<br>American<br>Legion<br>Breakfast | Labor Day |                                         | Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>Ladies Aux<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>Post Meeting |     |                                                                                                                                                       | Dining<br>5:00pm - 7:00pm<br>Friday night<br>dinner - menu<br>announced<br>weekly |                                                                                   |          |
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| Dining<br>7:00am - 11:00am<br>Men's Aux<br>Breakfast          |           | Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>American<br>Legion |                                                                      |     | Air Force<br>Birthday<br>Dining<br>5:00pm - 7:00pm<br>Friday night<br>dinner - menu<br>announced<br>weekly<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm<br>Men's<br>Auxiliary | Meeting<br>1:30pm<br>MOCA                                                         |                                                                                   |          |
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