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Commander's Corner

Greetings! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! As you likely know, COVID has hit the Post rather hard in November. We will not be re-opening until conditions in Denver return to 'orange'. This will likely be after the New Year. Even though the canteen is closed to our members' social interactions, the Post has been busy working for veterans and the community. We assisted District 1's Thanksgiving for the Homeless event (in Post 501 parking lot), serving several hundred people. The Post and Auxiliary donated time and money to Christmas for Soldiers at Fort Carson and Fort Logan Veterans Remembrance Wreaths program (part of Wreaths Across America) to place wreaths on veteran graves at Fort Logan. We also continue to donate money to fund programs at the Denver Rescue Mission, the VA of Eastern Colorado, and other organizations to help veterans and the community. Here's hoping that 2021 will bring us a vaccine and a way back to normal operations. Merry Christmas and stay well!

*With Respect,
 Jim Kruse, Commander*



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Auxiliary News

To those Auxiliary members that been stricken with Covid our prayers go out to you. The Post is closed due to a Covid outbreak. It will remain closed until the State and City/County of Denver reduces risk level to orange.

This type of outbreak comes from the nonchalant practice of not wearing masks when you can't distance yourself from other members. Distancing is probably the safest prevention tool plus good ventilation helps. If you take your mask off and not distancing from others, all it takes is one person without a mask to infect an entire group of people without masks.

This has been a very stressful situation. Each and everyone has been affected by isolation and difficulty doing the simplest tasks. You must keep practicing preventative measures whether or not you have been infected. The vaccine is right around the corner that may give relief. Those of you that have been infected should think about donating blood for plasma therapy. You could be a hero and save another person's life.

The Auxiliary continues to support veterans programs. We donated money to Wreaths Across America, Fort Carson's Christmas for Soldiers, and donated money to purchase much needed items for Delta families.

*Michael Casagranda
 President*

Post Members: Did you pay your dues? Check your membership card for your anniversary date.

Auxiliary Members: Membership dues are due by December, 31, 2020.



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