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Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

November 2019



CANTEEN NEWS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
\$1.00 Shuffle Board	Burger Night \$5.00 Every Monday 5-7 PM		2 nd Wednesday of every month Post and Auxiliary Meeting. 7:00 PM	\$1.00 Shuffle Board Everyday Free Pool and Darts.	1 st and 3 rd Friday of the month Karaoke with Toby 6PM – 10PM 3 rd Friday Auxiliary Dinner 5-7 PM	2nd Saturday of every month Come by for The Blitz Tournament Starts at 6PM

Commander's Corner

November is here! Like every year, focus this month will be around Veterans Day (Nov 11) and Thanksgiving (Nov 28). The Post will be handing out buddy poppies at Bear Valley King Soopers 11/8-10 from 9-5 Friday and Saturday and 9-4 Sunday. Please sign up for a shift! Poppies on Sunday will be followed by the Veterans Day Celebration at the Post starting at 4pm. There will be free food for Veterans and \$5 meal for family, friends, and supporters. Tickets available in the Canteen! Even though it is free for Veterans, please get your tickets in advance so that we know how much food to get. On Veterans Day itself, many businesses offer anything from free haircuts to free meals, and lots of discounts in between! Check out <https://www.military.com/veterans-day/veterans-day-military-discounts.html>. Just remember to bring your retiree or military ID card, VA benefits card, the new Veterans ID card, or last resort your DD-214 to prove eligibility. Thanks to those that participated in the third annual Chili Cook-Off! Carl Miller won in a very tight voting race. Stay tuned for the Food Drive, Toys for Tots, and other fun events at the Post! When you have the chance, thank a volunteer! They literally make the Post run!

Rest in peace Chris Nielsen, a true friend and a great volunteer.

With Respect, Jim Kruse, Commander

Post Officers

Post Commander: Jim Kruse
Sr. Vice Commander: Steve Coca
Jr. Vice Commander: Tammy Greene
Quartermaster: Tom Yepsen
Adjutant: Kenny Maestas
Chaplain: Manuel Sais
Judge Advocate: Carl Miller
Surgeon: Mario Rodriguez
Service Officer: Carl Miller
Trustees: Delbert Bowen, Mario Rodriguez, Chris Nielsen, Bill Costa
Home Board: Charlie Dominguez, Lee Bonney, Fred Valdez, Joe Gallegos, Steve Coca
Canteen Manager: Jerry Jones
Bingo Manager: Tom Yepsen
Hall Manager: Joe Tafoya

Auxiliary Officers

President: Michael Casagranda
Sr. Vice: Tim Gilmore
Jr. Vice: Bernadette Sannino
Treasurer: Juliana Mancuso
Secretary: Kathy Kurtenbach
Chaplain: Roxi Nielsen
Conductress: Christine Dominguez
Trustees: Christine Dominguez, Roxi Nielsen, Tim Gilmore
Guard: Joe Tafoya

Auxiliary News

The Auxiliary started serving the Spaghetti dinners again in September on the third Friday of each month. Thanks to everyone who supported the October Spaghetti dinner. We served 46 dinners. Special thanks to our volunteers; Juliana Mancuso, (made the meatballs), Jim Kimminau(made the sauce), and Chris Dominguez, Lori Lucero- Fermin, Tim Gilmore, Roxi Nielsen and Mark Mancuso who helped serve. Please make plans to join us again in November.

New members in October were Dale Padilla, Joleen Troutd and Janet Farris. Welcome to Post 5061 Auxiliary. We have lots of volunteer opportunities. Please contact one of the auxiliary officers or myself if you would like to volunteer.

We are sad to hear of Chris Nielsen's passing. He will be missed at Bingo.

Yours Truly,
 Michael Casagranda, President

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

Auxiliary Members: Annual Auxiliary memberships expire on December 31, 2019. Pay your dues now!



VFWPost5061.org



Veteran's Day Dinner and Dance

**Sunday, November 10
4 p.m.**

VFW Post 5061 - 5220 W Warren
Denver, CO 80227

Home-cooked Italian Dinner



Veterans and active duty - Free
Friends and Family - \$5.00

Honoring all who served

Music by D.J. Toby

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Toys for Tots Toy Drive

We are again collecting toys for the Marines' Toys for Tots Program. Please bring an unwrapped toy to the Post between now and December 14. The Marines will pick the toys. If you are donating a bike, please leave it in the box it came in. The Marines will assemble it.

Holiday Food Drive

Please bring your nonperishable food items to the Post! Between now and December 10. We are donating at least 25 food baskets to families for a Christmas dinner. Items needed:

French fried onions	Canned pumpkin
Stuffing mix	Cranberry sauce
Gravy mix	Canned veggies
Canned pie filling	Canned green beans
Jello packets	

Let's Play Shuffle Board!

Plan is to play the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month starting November 2nd.

Planning meeting
Saturday November 2 @ 2 p.m.
to iron out dates followed by
Shuffle Board tournament.



Sign up sheet at Canteen



Veterans Day History

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress – at the urging of the veterans service organizations – amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971.

Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on Nov. 11.

If an Auxiliary member becomes ill or loses a family member, please let our Auxiliary Chaplain, Roxi Nielsen, know as soon as possible.

(303-517-7774)



Buddy Poppy Distribution
Bear Valley King Soopers
Nov 8, 9, 10

9 am – 5 pm - Fri and Sat
9 am – 4 pm - Sun
Volunteers needed!
Sign up sheet at the Canteen.

OVERLAND HIGH SCHOOL
Celebrates Our Nation's Veterans

You are cordially invited to attend our Veterans Day Program
On Friday, November 8, 2019
9:00am in the Cafeteria – Breakfast Reception

If you would like to attend and be recognized for your military service, please RSVP to:

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