

# The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

October 2023



## Commander's Corner

Happy Fall! Fantastic efforts with membership, veterans programming and community service has been recognized by National! VFW Post 5061 is not only All-State, but is an All-American Post as well! Thank you! VFW patriotic essay program entries for Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy are due to the Post by Oct 31, as are Teacher of the Year, First Responder of the Year, and Scout of the Year nominations. If you know of an eligible youngster to write an essay, a teacher with an Americanism teaching curriculum, or a first responder to recognize, please see the fliers at the Post to read about the subject matter and rules. Time is running out! Every Broncos game is at the Post. They've had a hard time lately, but it is still fun to hang out and watch at the Post. Bring a dish! Saturday, Oct 14 is OctoberFeast! We also have Toby Karaoke on Friday Oct 6 and 20th. Chili Cookoff will be Friday Nov 3rd on Karaoke night! Watch for sign-up sheets for the Chili competition at the Canteen. Don't forget, we will have a special dinner on Veterans Day. Everyone is invited to bring the family to our events! Looking for fun ways to socialize? Volunteering can be a rewarding and fulfilling experience. We need bartenders, cooks, and bingo help. Bingo brings in most of the Post monies for Veterans Programs and Community Service. I very much appreciate your volunteerism!

*With Respect, Jim Kruse, Commander*

### Post Officers

**Post Commander:** Jim Kruse  
**Sr. Vice Commander:** Tammy Greene  
**Jr. Vice Commander:** Vince Miller  
**Quartermaster:** Tony Nickerson  
**Adjutant:** Duane Johnson  
**Chaplain:** Manuel Sais  
**Judge Advocate:** Duane Johnson  
**Surgeon:** Craig Clark  
**Service Officer:** Gary Williamson  
**Trustees:** Tom Yepsen, Ron Lattin, Gary Williamson  
**Home Board:** Lee Bonney, Joe Gomez, Bernie Nilson, Duane Johnson, Craig Clark  
**Bingo Manager:** Tony Nickerson

### Canteen Appointees

**Canteen Personnel Management:** Jim Kruse  
**Canteen Logistics Manager:** Jerry Jones  
**Hall Manager:** Joe Tafoya  
**Kitchen Manager:** Vince Miller  
**Bartender Scheduler:** Brenda Vigil

### Auxiliary Officers

**President:** Dan Asimus  
**Sr. Vice:** Tim Gilmore  
**Jr. Vice:** Sharon Ervin  
**Treasurer:** Janet Farris  
**Secretary:** Kathy Kurtenbach  
**Chaplain:** Joe Tayfoya  
**Conductor:** Scott Kingsbury  
**Trustees:** Colin Mason, Tim Gilmore, Charlotte Lattin  
**Guard:** Colin Mason

## Auxiliary News

Hello Auxiliary members,

The weather is starting to change and the trees are beginning to turn colors. I think were all about ready for some cooler temps.

I get to do a little bit of bragging now. I want to thank the Auxiliary for donating \$500 towards my son's quest to help Veterans with cancer and Vaspire316. On Sept. 17th he ran a full marathon with a 100lb rucksack on his back. Not only did he complete the marathon, but he broke the world record by 10 minutes at 4hrs and 53min. If you would like to learn more about Vaspire316 and what they do, you can read about them at <https://reconsniperfoundation.org/vaspire>.

September 30th, Past National President Helen Lenahan is turned 94. If you would like to send her a card to let her know how appreciated she is then you can mail it to 2101 S Garfield Ave., Room 218.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on Oct 11th.

*Dan Asimus, Post 5061 Auxiliary President*

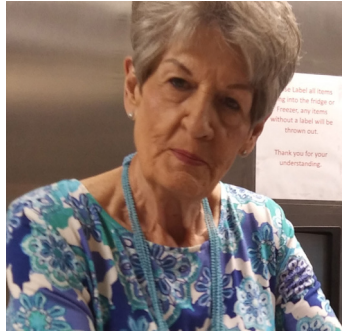
**If an Auxiliary member becomes ill or loses a family member, please let our Auxiliary Chaplain, Joe Tafoya know as soon as possible. (720-347-0843)**

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

**Auxiliary Members: Membership dues are due by December, 31, 2023.**

## Member of the Month - Sharon Ervin

Sharon is a regular volunteer at the monthly Auxiliary dinners, volunteers at all functions and makes delicious desserts and does not ask to be reimbursed. She is impeccably polite, attends all meetings, and appreciates all members! She is an asset to the Auxiliary.



By the end of each month, an outstanding volunteer will be selected by the Commander and Post Officers, and their name and deeds announced in the Post newsletter as well as their photo and name will go up on the new Member of the Month plaque for the month following selection. Awardee will also receive a gift card for \$20.00 for food and drink in the Canteen! Anyone can be nominated, Post or Auxiliary members. Just write down all the goodness and hand to the Commander or leave in an envelope behind the bar by the last weekend of each month!



### Reminder to all Post 5061 members:

Please ask your guests to sign in at the podium upon entry to the Canteen. Please also remember to bring your membership card and magnetic door card!

## Bingo Volunteers Needed!

*Make a Difference in the Life of a Veteran and their Family!*

Volunteers are needed to help support the MISSION of the VFW. Our main mission is to fundraise to help support veterans programs. Bingo is a main fundraiser. **Give back!** Proceeds from Bingo are donated to local, regional, and national veterans programs.

**Make a difference TODAY!  
VOLUNTEER!**

Contact Tony Nickerson at 720-314-5990 to make a difference!

**Post and Auxiliary Meetings  
October 11 at 6pm**

**Have Medicare questions?  
I have answers.**



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## Volunteer Opportunities at the VA Hospital

- **Compassionate Contact Corps**

This tele support program benefits veterans who are lonely, socially isolated or would simply like someone to talk to. Trained volunteers provide support by making periodic phone calls or video calls. For more information contact Keith Anderson at 719-227-4408 or email him at keith.anderson3@vs.gov.

Other Volunteer opportunities:

- Reminder Phone calls for clinics-Move program
- HR Clerical Work and answer phone
- Prosthetic Department - mailing items
- Patient Transportation
- Pharmacy Administration Assistant
- Emergency Department Ambassador
- Fleet Vehicle volunteer
- Badging Admin volunteer
- VISIT (Visual Impairment Service Team) Coordinator
- Volunteer -Reminder Calls

For more information, contact Eva Gergely, 720-723-3074 or 720-443-9834

## Happy Hour!

Tues, Wed,  
Thurs, and Sat

3-6 pm

\$1.00 off  
All Drinks

No buckets  
No drink chips



## POOL TOURNAMENT

FIRST SATURDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
2:30 PM

LIMIT 12 PLAYERS  
VFW Post 5061

## Blitz

Saturday, October 21 - 5pm

Bring a dish to pass.

Blitz starts at 6 pm sharp.

For more information contact

Bob Johnson  
303-229-6061



## Canteen Volunteers Needed!

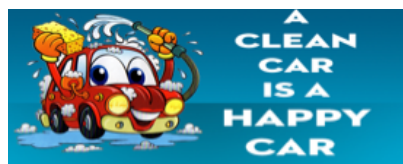
### Burger Night Cook Teams!

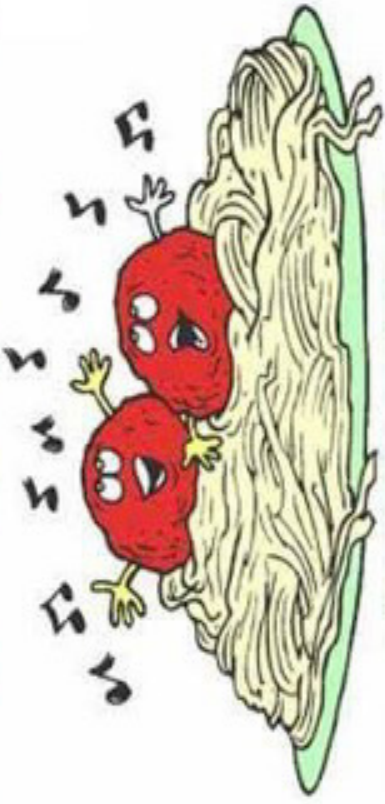
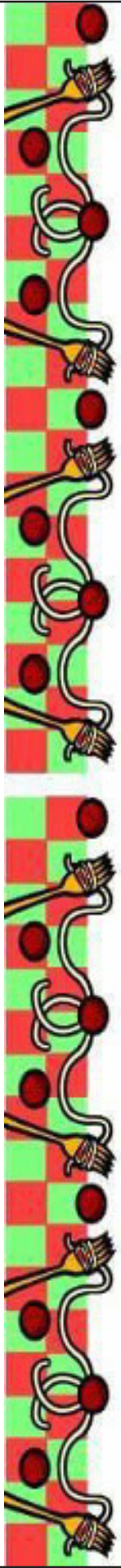
Burger Night on Mondays is popular. We are looking for additional cooking teams of 4 to join in on the cooking rotation. Gather up your volunteer team of 4 or sign up as an individual and we will put you on a team. Contact Vince Miller, to sign up!

### Volunteer Bartenders!

Looking for something to do one or two afternoons or evenings a week? Like to socialize? The Canteen is in need of volunteer bartenders. No experience necessary. Contact Brenda Vigil, Bartender Scheduler, to sign up!

**BEAR VALLEY CAR WASH**  
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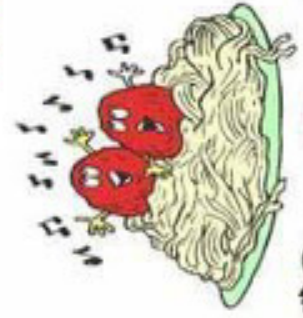




**Come join the Auxiliary**  
**VFW Post 5061**  
**5220 W Warren**  
**Denver 80227**  
**for Spaghetti night!!!!**

**Friday, October 20**  
**5:00 to 7:00 pm**

**WWII and Korean War Vets**  
**eat free!**



**Karaoke – 6-10 pm**

**Spaghetti,**  
**salad, bread**  
**and dessert**







VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

2023-2024 COMPETITION

# PATRIOT'S PEN AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Post 5061



**"VFW made it possible for me to go to college."**

- Rachel 2020 Prize Winner

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**OCTOBER 31, 2023**

## ELIGIBILITY

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity

## PATRIOT'S PEN

- Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300 – 400-word Essay
- National Prize is currently \$5,000



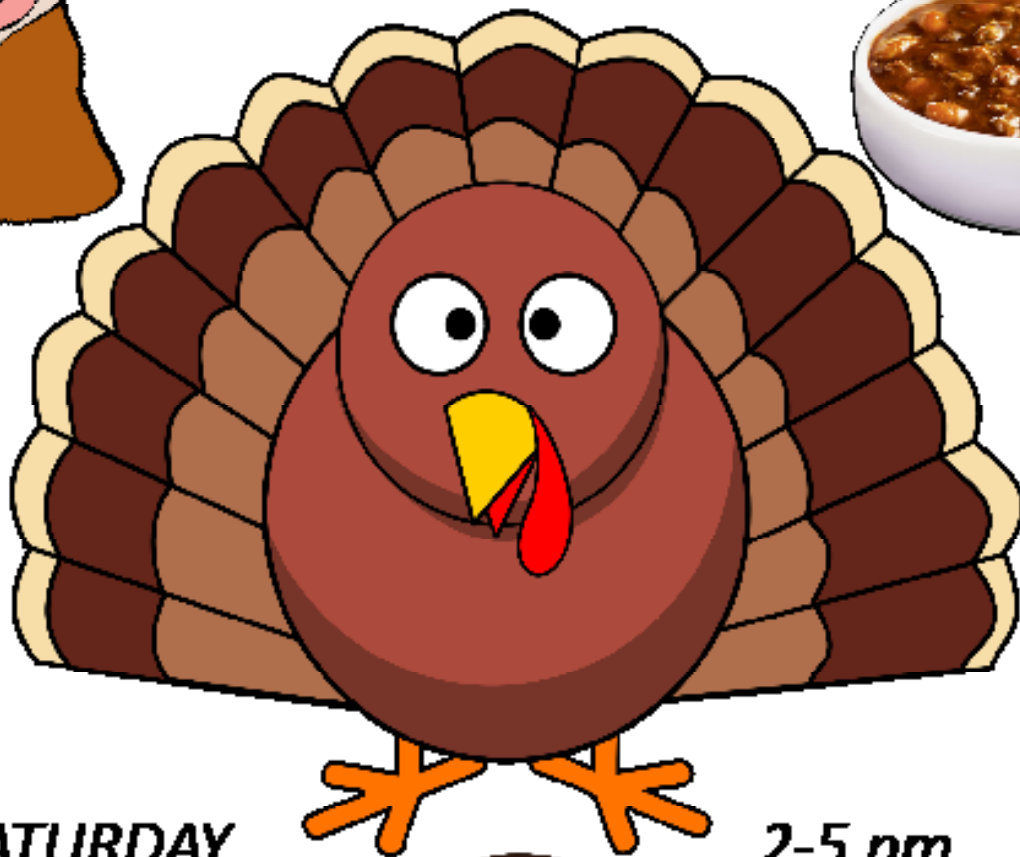
## VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3–5-minute audio and written essay
- National Prize is currently \$35,000



# OCTOBERFEAST

## HAM-TURKEY-CHILI



**SATURDAY**

**2-5 pm**

**OCT. 14<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10.00 ea.**



Post 5061  
Friday  
Nov 3

# CHILI

## COOK-OFF

Best overall chili  
gets name  
on plaque

Friday, November 3 - 5 pm

Free to enter your chili, Free to taste  
Entries must be dropped off by 5 pm to be considered.

Bring in your best chili and put it to the test to see if it's voted one of the best!

Best green chili  
Best red/bean chili

Sign up  
sheet at  
Canteen

Come on down and sample the best chili in town!



# Karaoke 6-10pm



**Save the Date!**

**Veteran's Day  
Dinner**

**Saturday, November 11**

**VFW Post 5061 - 5220 W Warren  
Denver, CO 80227**

**Home-cooked Italian Dinner**

**Veterans and active duty - Free  
Friends and Family - donation appreciated**

**Honoring all who served**

**More info to come!**