

# The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

August 2023



## Commander's Corner

Greetings! I hope everyone is managing to keep comfortable and cool in the hot weather. Sometimes we are cooped up in parts of summer like we are in winter. It is important to get out and stay connected! The Post picnic will be on Saturday, 26 August. The Post will serve burgers, brats and hotdogs from 3-5pm and Mr.E Band will start playing at 4pm! I hope you can make it and enjoy this annual 'thank you' to our Post and Auxiliary members! I take pride in our Post and all we have accomplished over the past year to help veterans and our community, and I hope you do too. Bring the family! Volunteering is also a great way to stay connected. There are bartender shifts, burger cook teams and Friday Bingo. Our Post is a fraternal organization that runs on your volunteerism, so please help out where you can. If you are having a rough time of it, remember, no veteran should go through a crisis alone. Save the Veterans Crisis Line number—Dial 988 then Press 1—in your phone in case you or a Veteran loved one needs support. Have a great month and stay cool!

*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 Tafoya  
**Conductor:** Scott Kingsbury  
**Trustees:** Colin Mason, Tim Gilmore, Charlotte Lattin  
**Guard:** Colin Mason

## Auxiliary News

Hello Auxiliary members,

Hope everyone can stay out of the heat during this heatwave we're going through. It has certainly been a hot one.

Thanks to the volunteers that helped with the Auxiliary dinner and served Cuban sandwiches. It was certainly a team effort from start to finish.

Congratulations again to Steve Perea who received his Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year plaque during July's meeting.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on August 9th.

*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.**

## New! Volunteer of the Month

Announcing VFW Post 5061 and Auxiliary Volunteer of the Month for July 2023: Randy Korodi!



Randy is a regular volunteer at Bingo, and recently stepped up to remove weeds from around the parking lot. He also assisted the Commander with repairing the fence and gate near the dumpsters that was vandalized. Congratulations Randy!

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 Volunteer 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!

**Post and Auxiliary Meetings  
August 9 at 6pm**

**BACK TO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

Please help us support our community by donating backpacks and school supplies for kids before 8/7/2023. Donations will be given to kids attending our Back to School gathering where we will have 50 of the top barbers in Denver giving FREE haircuts for kids, food trucks, face painters, bouncy castles, Live DJ & Local Vendors.

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR EVENT ON  
AUGUST 13TH, 2023 12PM-8PM  
HERITAGE LAKEWOOD BELMAR PARK

INTEGRITY Group

## 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!

Support the children in our community! Drop off school supplies in the box at the Canteen.

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



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**Saturday, August 12**  
**3pm**

Sign up sheet at the Canteen

For more information contact:  
Bob Johnson



**Happy Hour!**

Tues, Wed,  
Thurs, and Sat

**3-6 pm**

**\$1.00 off**  
**All Drinks**

No buckets  
No drink chips



**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!

**Blitz**

Saturday, August 19 - 5pm

Bring a dish to pass.

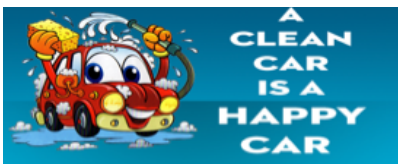
Blitz starts at 6 pm sharp.

For more information contact

Bob Johnson  
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**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!



# Post 5061 Picnic

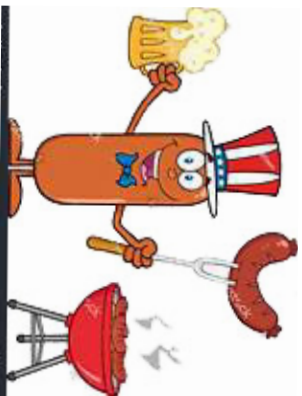
Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

at the Post

**3 PM**



Mr. E Band  
4--7 pm



Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, and drinks (beer and soda) will be provided.  
Please bring a side dish to share.

Volunteers needed. Sign up sheets in the Canteen.

- Setup
- Cooks
- Clean up



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





# August Auxiliary Dinner

## Enchilada Dinner Plate

Friday, August 18

5-7 p.m.

**\$10.00/plate**



*Support our Veterans programs*