

The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

September 2023



Commander's Corner

Greetings! It's getting near fall, which means football at the Post! Regular season games kick off on Thursday, Sept 7, but the Broncos opening day will be Sunday Sept 10! Here's some more September events: Auxiliary Dinner on Friday Sept 15 will have karaoke as well as formal recognition activities for POW-MIA day; Patriot Day marks the anniversary of 9/11; Navaho taco dinner will be on Friday, Sept 22, featuring the Mr. E Band. Coming up soon, 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, Public Servant of the year and Scout of the Year nominations. If you know of an eligible youngster to write an essay, see the flyer at the Post to read about the subject matter and rules. Similarly, if you know of a teacher that brings patriotic curriculum into the classroom, or a deserving police or firefighter or scout, you can nominate them for an award through the Post! Fun stuff coming this Fall! Coming in October is the OctoberFeast, and November brings the Chili Cookoff. Also coming up is the return of the Food Drive, and the CABA food lift is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend of December! These events and more will ring in Fall in style! Bring the family! As normal, it is all about the Veterans. Come to meetings for find out all the goodness going on! Happy Fall!

With Respect, Jim Kruse, Commander

Post Officers

Post Commander: Jim Kruse
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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,

Football season is here and time to pray for the Broncos to have a much better year than the last.

The September Auxiliary dinner will be Italian beef sandwiches. We will also have a POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony that evening at 6 pm. See the flyer in the newsletter for more information.

All Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend the District meetings. The next one is Saturday, October 7, 10:00 am-12:00 pm @ Post 501.

The VA is looking for volunteers to help with the Suicide Prevention Workshop on September 22 from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. They need help with set up, tear down, staffing tables. Please call Eva Gergely at 720-723-3074 if you can volunteer.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on September 13th.

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.

Volunteer of the Month - Vince Miller

Vince is a regular burger night volunteer, and recently stepped up to cook for the Post Picnic. As Kitchen Manager, Vince organized the kitchen, provided labels for food, and instructions for keeping the grill clean and functional. In the recent past he cooked for Independence Day and has helped others get price deals on their hotel stays. Congratulations Vince!



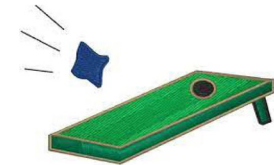
By the end of each month, an outstanding volunteer will be selected by the Commander and Post Officers, and their name and deeds announced in the Post newsletter as well as their photo and name will go up on the new Volunteer of the Month plaque for the month following selection. Awardee will also receive 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!



**Saturday, September 23
3pm**

Sign up sheet at the Canteen

For more information contact:
Bob Johnson



**Post and Auxiliary
Meetings
September 13 at 6pm**

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!



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POW/MIA Recognition Day

You Are Not Forgotten -- that's the central phrase behind the POW/MIA remembrance movement that honors America's prisoners of war, those who are still missing in action and their families.

Many of our service members suffered as prisoners of war during several decades of varying conflicts. While some of them made it home, tens of thousands more never did.

American POW Numbers

According to a Congressional Research Service report on POWs:

- 130,201 World War II service members were imprisoned; 14,072 died.
- 7,140 Korean War service members were imprisoned; 2,701 died.
- 725 Vietnam War service members were imprisoned; 64 died.

37 service members were imprisoned during conflicts since 1991, including both Gulf wars; none is still in captivity

American MIA Numbers

According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, 83,114 Americans who fought in those wars are still missing, including:

- 73,515 from World War II (an approximate number due to limited or conflicting data)
- 7,841 from the Korean War
- 1,626 from Vietnam
- 126 from the Cold War
- 6 from conflicts since 1991

The DPAA said about 75% of those missing Americans are somewhere in the Asia-Pacific. More than 41,000 have been presumed lost at sea.

Efforts to find those men, identify them and bring them home are constant. For example, the DPAA said that in the past year, it has accounted for 41 men missing during the Korean War: 10 had been previously buried as unknowns, 26 were from remains turned over by North Korea in the 1990s, one was from a recovery operation, and four were combinations of remains and recovery operations.



POW MIA Day
Friday, September 15
Ceremony at the Post
just before karaoke
at 6 pm

Blitz

Saturday, Sept 16 - 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!

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"YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
CARWASH"

4900 W. DARTMOUTH AVE,
DENVER, 80227



Congratulations!

Post 5061 and Auxiliary

100% Membership

and

All-State



Auxiliary Dinner

Italian Beef Sandwich

Friday, September 15

5-7 p.m.

\$10.00



Sandwich, side, and dessert

Karaoke 6-10 pm

**MIA/POW
Recognition Day Ceremony
6pm**

Friday Special Dinner

Navajo Tacos

September 22

5-7 pm

\$10.00



Mr. E Band 6-9 pm



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



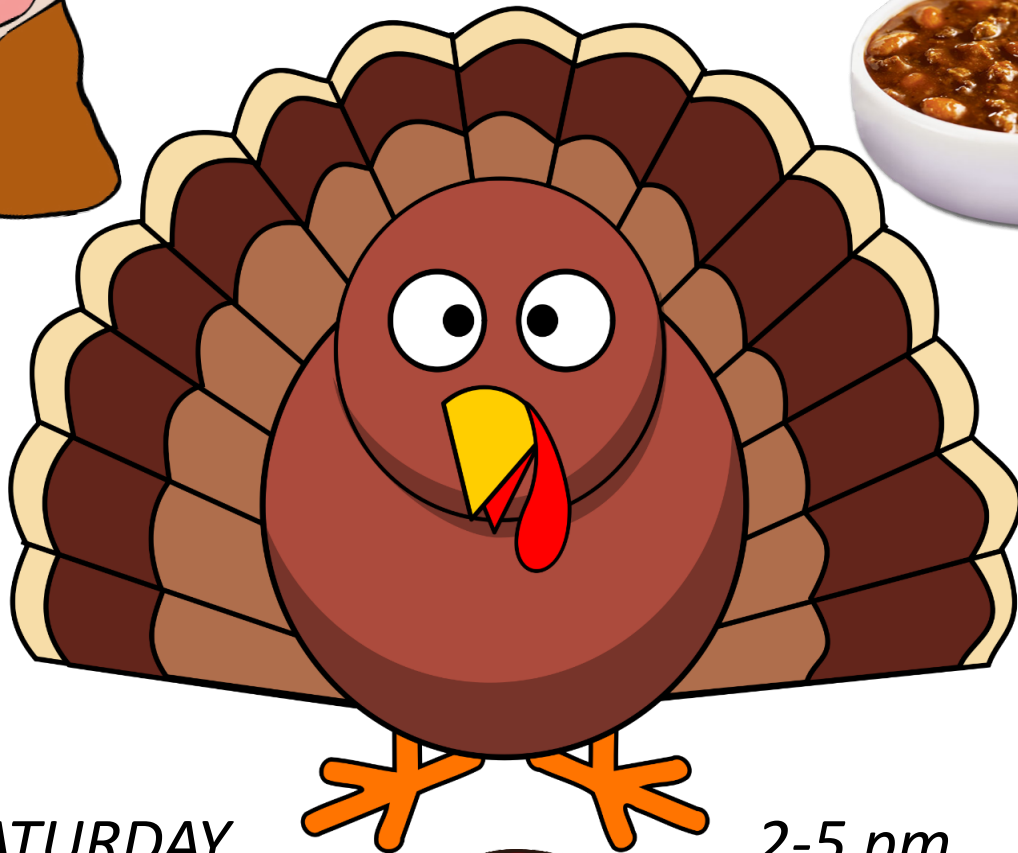
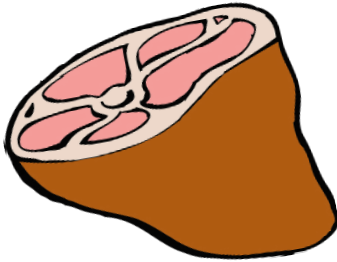
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- 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. 14th

\$10.00 ea.



Mr. E Band 3 – 6 pm

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