

The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

December 2023



Commander's Corner

Happy Holidays! The Chili Cookoff was a success! Thank you to the cooks of the 6 entries this year. Hearty congratulations to this year's Post 5061 Chili Champion, Janet Farris! The Veterans Day Celebration was well attended. Thanks goes out to Vincent Miller and Manuel Sais who stepped up and helped the Commander pull off a nice ceremony, and Janet's awesome pasta recipe and the cooks! As I write this, the Giving Tree for local families and the Food Drive are under way. There is still time! The Post is also sponsoring King Soopers food cards for needy families again this year. The Christmas Party will be on December 9th, featuring DJ Toby! As the Christmas season is the time for giving, please consider donating some time! There are opportunities for volunteering at bingo, VA hospital, or closer to home at the Post working as a bartender, cook, or helping out with events. There are also some new activities at the Post, check out the calendar! The Post will be closed starting at 5pm on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day. Have a joyous and blessed holiday season!

*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
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Secretary: Kathy Kurtenbach
Chaplain: Joe Tafoya
Conductor: Scott Kingsbury
Trustees: Colin Mason, Tim Gilmore, Charlotte Lattin
Guard: Colin Mason

Auxiliary News

Hello Auxiliary members,

Another year has come and gone. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has helped make this Auxiliary such a great group this past year. It's only with your volunteering that we are able to exist as an Auxiliary and help our veterans. I hope we can get more members to participate in auxiliary functions this next year.

There is no Auxiliary dinner this month. Instead we are having a Christmas party on December 9. Come on down and join the celebration and enjoy each other's company with food, drinks and entertainment.

This year for our Christmas activity, we are sponsoring disadvantaged families in the community. Grab a name off the Christmas tree in the Canteen and place the requested wrapped gift on the tag under the tree before the Christmas party.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
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 - Tim Gilmore

Tim is a regular volunteer at Bingo, cooking burgers, taking money for 50/50 drawings, Auxiliary monthly dinners and events, and recently stepped up to cover an open spot on the burger night rotation. He also assisted with putting up the Christmas trees and hanging Christmas decorations at the Post. Tim regularly comes to the Post every morning to manage the pickle machine money and tickets, one of the 'hidden duties' of the Post. Congratulations Tim!



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!

Get Your Hot Dog!
2nd Thursday of the Month - 6 pm



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
December 13 at 6pm**

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



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Christmas for Community Families

The Post is sponsoring community families for Christmas. Grab a tag off the tree in the Canteen, buy a present, wrap it, write "boy" or "girl" and age for present on a gift tag and drop it off at the Post by December 9.

Holiday Food Drive

Please bring your nonperishable food items to the Post! Between now and December 9. Our goal is to donate at least 25 food baskets to families for a Christmas dinner and food for children to eat during winter break. Items needed:

French fried onions	Canned pumpkin
Stuffing mix	Cranberry sauce
Gravy mix	Canned veggies
Canned pie filling	Canned green beans
Jello packets	Fruit snacks
granola bars	Mac N Cheese

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

Blitz

No Blitz this month.

Blitz will return
in January.



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
"YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
CARWASH"
4900 W. DARTMOUTH AVE,
DENVER, 80227





Post 5061 Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 9
3 p.m.**

Main dish will be provided.

- Bring your favorite side dish/dessert.

Dinner will be served starting at about 4 pm.

- **Santa will be stopping by!**

Please bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it for Santa to give to them.

- *Dance to your favorite songs with*

**Toby DJ
5 - 8 pm**

Volunteers needed! Sign up sheet at the Canteen.



Post 5061 Holiday Food Drive

Bring in your nonperishable food items. Let's help local families have a wonderful Christmas dinner and food items for kids during school break. See below for a list of needed items. Please drop off your donations by Saturday, December 9.



Items Needed:

French fried onions
canned pumpkin
stuffing mix
cranberry sauce
gravy mix
mac n cheese

canned veggies
canned pie filling
canned green beans
jello packets
granola bars
fruit snacks

Place donated items in boxes in the corner by pool table.

VFW Auxiliary 5061 Quilt Drawing



\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

need not be present to win.

Tentative Drawing Date - Sunday, February 11*

***Pending minimum ticket sales met**

A BIG THANK YOU

to the following people who helped decorate the Hall and Canteen! Joe Tafoya, Barb and Steve Perea, Sharon Ervin, Tim Gilmore, Rebecca Mestas, Audrey and Dan Asimus, Lori Mckinney, Bob Johnson, Kathy Kurtenbach and Jim Kruse.

The Post looks very festive!



December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 Barry's Bingo 12:00-2:00 pm Karaoke 6-10 pm	2 Pool Tourney 2:30 pm
3 Broncos vs Texans 11 am (potluck)	4 Burger Night 5-7 pm	5	6	7	8 Barry's Bingo 12:00-2:00 pm	9 Post Christmas Party -3 pm DJ Toby
10 Broncos vs Chargers 2:25 pm (potluck)	11 Burger Night 5-7 pm	12 Home Board Meeting – 5 pm	13 Post and Auxiliary Meetings - 6 pm	14 Hot Dogs – 6 pm	15 Barry's Bingo 12:00-2:00 pm Karaoke 6-10 pm	16
17 Broncos vs Lions TBD (potluck)	18 Sloppy Joes and Fries 5-7 pm	19	20	21	22 Barry's Bingo 12:00-2:00 pm	23
24 Broncos vs Patriots 6:15 pm Post closes 5pm	25 Post Closed	26	27	28	29 Barry's Bingo 12:00-2:00 pm Karaoke 6-10 pm	30
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