

The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

November 2023



Commander's Corner

Happy Veterans Day! On Veterans Day weekend, we will host a Veterans Day dinner on Saturday, November 11th. There will be a short program before the dinner at 5 pm. Please consider helping out! The Chili Cookoff is Friday November 3rd, featuring Toby Karaoke night! As the holidays near, the Post is sponsoring needy families. After Veterans Day, the red, white and blue Christmas tree will go up in the Canteen and for the second year we are planning on putting up names of children and other family members in need of useful items and gifts. In addition, food donation boxes will soon be placed in the Canteen for your generous support. The Post will not be a drop-off site for Toys for Tots this year, but we are accepting toy donations as we keep our attention on local needs and issues. As we are an all-volunteer organization, please consider volunteering at bingo, VA hospital, or closer to home at the Post working as a bartender, cook, or helping out with events. Soon the holidays will be upon us! Thank you and stay safe!

*With Respect,
Jim Kruse, Commander*

Post Officers

Post Commander: Jim Kruse
Sr. Vice Commander: Tammy Greene
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Quartermaster: Tony Nickerson
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Surgeon: Craig Clark
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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,

I hope everyone had a fun Halloween weekend. The weather is really changing now so pull out your sweaters and jackets. Winter is on its way!

Veterans Day is Saturday Nov. 11th. The Auxiliary is serving an Italian dinner starting at 5 pm that day at the Post. There will be a short program beforehand. The dinner is free for veterans. Please consider volunteering for the event.

This year we have opted not to hand out poppies on Veteran's Day weekend. We will still hand poppies on Memorial Day weekend so mark your calendar.

You are all encouraged to come to the Auxiliary meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Come on down and see what we are all about and be an active part of the VFW 5061 Auxiliary.

Have a happy Thanksgiving.
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 - Janet Farris

Janet is a regular volunteer taking orders and money at burger night, monthly Auxiliary dinners, and special functions. Janet helps make the stuffed shell dinner for Veterans Day, helps put together the 'goody bags' for the VA Hospital, helps needy families during the holidays, and frequently contributes food and desserts for Auxiliary functions and Post potlucks. She is the Auxiliary Treasurer, responsible for all business transactions. She is an asset to the Post and the Auxiliary. Congratulations Janet!



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!

Congratulations Commander!



For your appointment as National Aide-de-Camp to VFW Commander-in-Chief Sarmiento for 2023-24!

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!

Post and Auxiliary Meetings November 8 at 6pm

Have Medicare questions? I have answers.



Debbie Beaudry
Licensed Sales Agent
303-881-9362, TTY 711



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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Christmas for Veterans Families

The Post is sponsoring 4 families through the Colorado Department of Labor Veterans Employment Division. Shortly after Veteran's Day, the red, white and blue Christmas tree will go up in the Canteen with names of children and family members in need of useful items and gifts. Grab a card with a name on it, buy the suggested present on the card, wrap it, write the recipient's first and last name on the gift tag and drop it off at the Post by December 4.

Holiday Food Drive

Please bring your nonperishable food items to the Post! Between now and December 10. Our goal is to donate 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	

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

Saturday, November 18 - 5pm

Bring a dish to pass.

Blitz starts at 6 pm sharp.

For more information contact

Bob Johnson

303-229-6061



Canteen Volunteers Needed!

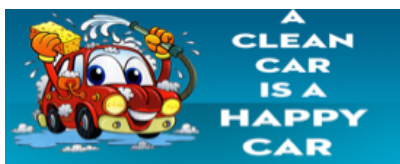
Burger Night Cook Teams!

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





Veterans Day Dinner

**Saturday, November 11
Short Program at 5 p.m.
Dinner to Follow**

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

**Home-cooked
Stuffed Shells Italian Dinner**

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

Honoring all who served

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**

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Broncos vs Chiefs 2:25 pm	30 Burger Night 5-7 pm	31	1	2	3 Barry's Bingo 12:00-2:00 pm Chili Cook-off 5 pm Karaoke 6-10 pm	4 Pool Tourney 2:30 pm
5 BYE Week	6 Burger Night 5-7 pm	7 Home Board Meeting – 4 pm	8 Post and Auxiliary Meetings - 6 pm	9	10 Barry's Bingo 12:00-2:00 pm	11 Veterans Day Dinner 5 pm
12	13 Burger Night 5-7 pm Broncos vs Bills 6:15 pm	14	15	16	17 Barry's Bingo 12:00-2:00 pm Karaoke 6-10 pm	18 Blitz - 5 pm
19 Broncos vs Vikings 6:20 pm	20 Burger Night 5-7 pm	21	22	23 	24 Barry's Bingo 12:00-2:00 pm	25
26 Broncos vs Browns 2:05 pm	27 Burger Night 5-7 pm	28	29	30	1 Barry's Bingo 12:00-2:00 pm	2 Pool Tourney 2:30 pm

Upcoming Events: