

The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

May 2023



Commander's Corner

Greetings! Summer is fast approaching, and so are all sorts of veteran oriented activities! Toby is back for Karaoke on May 5th! District 1 meeting will be on Saturday, May 13 at Post 501 at 1000. District is holding elections, so if you are interested in serving with the VFW at a higher level, make sure you plan on coming. Poppies are back for Memorial Day weekend May 26, 27, and 28th at the Bear Valley King Soopers. See the sign-up sheet in the Canteen. Also, Memorial Day picnic will be on Monday, May 29th starting shortly after we open at 2pm, and Mr. E Band will play 4-7pm. We are planning on grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats. If the weather is good, plan on enjoying the nice outdoor area at the Post. Don't miss it! Like cornhole? Express your interest in Saturday cornhole in the back yard by putting your name on the sheet in the Canteen. We're looking at starting the second Saturday of June. Our Post thrives on member activity and volunteerism. Please don't hesitate to see where you can volunteer. It is fun and rewarding. Thank you for your support!

*With Respect,
Jim Kruse, Commander*

Post Officers

Post Commander: Jim Kruse
Sr. Vice Commander: Steve Coca
Jr. Vice Commander: Tammy Greene
Quartermaster: Tom Yepsen
Adjutant: Duane Johnson
Chaplain: Manuel Sais
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Surgeon: Mario Rodriguez
Service Officer: Gary Williamson
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Home Board: Lee Bonney, Joe Gomez, Bernie Nelson, Steve Coca, Duane Johnson
Bingo Manager: Tom Yepsen

Canteen Appointees

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

Auxiliary Officers

President: Dan Asimus
Sr. Vice: Tim Gilmore
Jr. Vice: Bernadette Sannino
Treasurer: Janet Farris
Secretary: Kathy Kurtenbach
Chaplain: Joe Tafoya
Conductress: Roxi Nielson
Trustees: Juliana Mancuso, Colin Mason, Tim Gilmore
Guard: Colin Mason

Auxiliary News

Hello Auxiliary members,

After a very long and cold winter things are finally starting to warm up. Come on down to the post every 3rd Friday of the month. We will be serving up some fun and some Mississippi Pot Roast on May 19.

Memorial Day is May 29 and every Memorial Day weekend we pass out poppies at the Bear Valley King Soppers to raise money for veteran's programs. There is a signup sheet at the bar. Please sign up for a time slot. Volunteers are needed from Friday thru Sunday. Please take time out of your Memorial weekend plans to donate some time to help Veterans. This is why the VFW auxiliary exists and handing out poppies is one of our big money makers that we do jointly with the Post.

The next Auxiliary meeting is 5/10 at 6pm and is open to all Auxiliary members, so please come down and see what activities we have upcoming.

*Dan Asimus
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 were due by December, 31, 2022.



**Buddy Poppy Distribution
BV King Soopers
May 26,27,28**

**9-5 pm Fri, Sat
10-4 Sun**

**Volunteers needed.
Sign up sheet at the Post.**

*In Flander's Field
by John McCrae*

*In Flanders Fields the
poppies blow,
Between the crosses, row on
row,
That mark our place; and in
the sky,
The larks, still bravely
singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns
below.
We are the dead.
Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw
sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and
now we lie,
In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with
the foe
To you, from failing hands,
we throw,
The torch, be yours to hold
it high.
If ye break faith with us,
who die,
We shall not sleep, though
poppies grow,
In Flanders Fields.*

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 Tom Yepsen at 720-985-0610 to make a difference!

**Post and Auxiliary
Meetings
May 10 at 6pm**



**Taps
Terry Thill**



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Medal of Honor Soldier Accounted For - From Korea

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that Army Cpl. Luther H. Story, 19, of Americus, Georgia, killed during the Korean War, and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, was accounted for April 6, 2023.

In late 1950, Story was a member of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. On Sept. 1, 1950, Story was reported killed in action after his unit was engaged by the Korean People's Army near Naktong River, South Korea. There is no indication his remains were recovered after the battle, and he was never recorded as a prisoner of war. The Army issued a presumptive finding of death on Sept. 1, 1953, and his remains were determined to be nonrecoverable in January 1956.

In October 1950, 11 sets of remains were recovered near Sangde-po, South Korea, eight were identified. One set remains designated X-260 Tanggok thought to be Story, but investigators at the Central Identification Unit-Kokura in Japan didn't have enough identifying data to positively ID the remains. X-260 was later transported with all of the unidentified Korean War remains and buried as an Unknown at the National Memorial

Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In July 2018, the DPAA proposed a plan to disinter 652 Korean War Unknowns from the Punchbowl. In June 2021, the DPAA disinterred X-260 as part of Phase Three of the Korean War Disinterment Plan and sent the remains to the DPAA laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, for analysis.

To identify Story's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

Story's name is recorded on the American Battle Monuments Commission's Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Story will be buried in Andersonville, Georgia, on May 29, 2023.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil.

Blitz

Saturday, May 20 - 5pm

Bring a dish to pass.

Blitz starts at 6 pm sharp.

For more information contact

Bob Johnson

303-229-6061



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"YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
CARWASH"

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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 Jim Kruse, 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



Memorial Day

Picnic

Monday, May 29
3 pm

Post will provide burgers,
brats, hot dogs, and chips

Bring a dish to pass

Volunteers need to help cook, prep, and clean up.
Sign up sheet at the Canteen

Mr. E Band 4-7 pm