



# American Legion

*George Beach Post No 4.*

Fort Collins, Colorado

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## August 2014 News Letter

**Pride of the Front Range**

### **COMMANDERS NOTES**



Greetings Legionnaires:

The 2015 membership renewal cards are here. As soon as you get your renewal notice please renew.

The 2014-2015 Department officers are Richard Humphrey - Commander, Bill Pollock – Sr. Vice,

Lee White, Lou Brackett, Rob Smith and Jay Boyle – Jr. Vice's. Brandt Erikson – Finance officer, Historian – Jim Stanko, Chaplain – Frank Timberton and Sgt. At Arms – Ed Shroves. Let's give them all our support.

At the Department Convention Post 4 was honored to receive 4<sup>th</sup> place for Americanism, 2<sup>nd</sup> place for community service and 1<sup>st</sup> place for our membership renewals. Thanks to all!

Until next time -

Jim Perlinger  
Post 4 Commander  
Pride of the Front Range

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## **ADJUTANT NOTES**

Doesn't seem possible our children will be returning to school. We ask you to please be diligent when driving in our school zones, near the school buses and wherever children are present. Remember back to when these children were ourselves and how careless and unpredictable we were.

We had a very successful and productive Veterans Crisis Center program at the Post last month. It was heartbreaking listening to some of the problems and difficulties facing many of our veterans seeking assistance for their health issues that was promised them and so richly deserved. While steps are being taken to correct the situation there remains much work and changes to be done.

The campaigning for this Fall's election is well underway. American's, if you do indeed love and believe in the American dream then it is your responsibility and duty to your Country to become as knowledgeable and informed on the issues and agenda of all candidates running for an office. Make your decision as to which ones are the best qualified and dedicated to insuring that the American way of life is carried out according to our Country's constitution and the peoples desires. The last thought before you cast your vote should be "What would Jesus do?" We want to thank all you Legionnaires who have so promptly renewed your membership and continue to show your care and support for our veterans and those men and women now serving.

May God continue to bless our Country and may we realize it is only through His love and grace that we as a nation will survive.

Things work out best for those who make the best of the way things work out.

Jerry Swann  
Adjutant

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## **SERVICE OFFICER**

**LAST CHANCE VA HEALTH CARE:** If you are scheduled for a specialty clinic and the wait time to get into that clinic is longer than 30 days, you may ask to be treated by a civilian specialist at VA expense. Keep in mind that even civilian clinics may also have long wait times. That is the nature of health care these days.

Results of the American Legion sponsored "Crisis Center" and "Benefits Help" activities at the Post on July 14-18, source of data is Cheyenne VA Medical Ctr Action report.

Monday night, July 14, Town Hall meeting – 65 persons attended.

For Monday thru Friday, 159 Veterans attended. The VA conducted 71 interviews & filed 33 claims.

51 of the Veterans were seen for other healthcare access and medically related support services as follows; Advice 24, Enrollments 6, Registrations 6, Appointments made 6, VHIC cards ordered 4, Eligibility Determinations 5.

All in all it was a good example of what can be done when The American Legion and the VA work together.

Dwight Miles  
Service Officer  
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### **CHAPLAIN**

A change of pace this month. Some clever sayings and some serious quotations.

To ignore the facts does not change them

We should keep our words soft and tender because tomorrow we may have to eat them.

When you seek revenge, you need to dig 2 graves.

We should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer to the end, the faster it goes.

If we were to concentrate on the really important things in life, there would be a shortage of fishing poles.

Its only when men begin to worship that they begin to grow. – Calvin Coolidge

Democracy cannot live without that true religion that gives a nation a sense of justice and moral purpose. – Franklin D. Roosevelt

The corner stone of modern civilization must continue to be religion and morality. – William Howard Taft

If we are not “one nation under God” we will be a nation gone under – Ronald Reagan

God gave you a gift of 1440 minutes today. Have you used a couple to say, “Thank You”?

George McCambridge  
Chaplain

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## AUXILIARY NEWS



Hi Ladies:

The dog days of summer are here, and though the heat may slow us down, it doesn't stop the Auxiliary's work. Thanks for inviting me back as Unit 4's President!

Department Convention, held in Lamar in June, was not well attended but some valuable issues were discussed. Membership declined this year, including in our own Unit 4. Retaining and recruiting new members is part of National ALA's 5 year strategic plan, and this must be a priority for us to remain a viable organization. I truly believe if the Legion family isn't around in a few years, there will be precious few who advocate for veterans and active military like we do. Another ongoing issue was the federal trademark lawsuit brought by the National AL and ALA against the Colorado Columbine Girls State. That lawsuit was settled just prior to convention, with CCGS no longer being a viable entity, with no allowed use of the Girls State or ALA names, and with a mandate that they cannot in any way compete with the Department of Colorado Girls State Program. The DEC at post-convention voted to go to the Secretary of State for cancellation of CCGS as an organization; several steps will ensure, and I must say I'm proud of our Department members who agreed that as a Department we must do the right thing in following Nation's mandates. A very successful program was held this June by a new group of Auxiliary members, and reports are that the program was very well received! Unit 4 sent one young lady, who we'll be hearing from this Fall.

I'll be scheduling a meeting with the Executive Committee in August to establish our plan of action for the 2014-2015 year. You'll hear more about that next month. If you want to be involved, you're invited. Let me know!

I want to especially thank Lenny Olson of On to You Consignments for her donation of the wonderful piano now in our meeting hall. And thank you to Exodus Moving, who moved the piano to our post. Please patronize these businesses as a way to thank them for their support. Piano music will be a wonderful addition during meetings, holidays and children's parties, funerals and memorial services, and just for some delightful fun! Do you play? Let me know so we can get this party started!

For God & Country.

Karen Boehler  
Auxiliary President

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## **MEMBERSHIP/TREASURER**

Hi Ladies:

Hope you all are enjoying your summer. 2014 membership is at 90%. Please renew if you haven't. Our 2015 cards are now here so you can renew those at any time. The sooner you renew, the quicker national will get them and you won't have to be mailed renewal notices, which save the auxiliary money.

Sue  
Treasure/Membership

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## **S. A. L. NEWS**



Hello Sons:

Thank you goes out to Dr. Seanna Mattison of Distinctive Dental Care for two generous donations of tooth care kits for our Vet's. Need a great dentist?

In August & Sept our breakfast crew will be short one of our three regular volunteers. Help? Please? With the cancellation of our chili cook-off and golf tournament, breakfast has become our only fundraiser. We still need officers.

Tony Souders  
Commander

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## **CLUB NEWS**

August 6 – Membership Meeting 7:00 PM

August 9 – Texas Hold-em 5:00 PM

August 21 – Bulletin Due

August 24 – Fold Bulletin

Breakfast every Sunday 8:00-10:00 AM

Mexican Food every Friday 5:30 – 7:00 PM

“31” Pools up and running. \$17.00 per person. Get signed up ASAP.

Buggs

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## **ALL VETERANS HONOR GUARD**

Greetings from the All Veterans Honor Guard

The last part of June & first part of July we had 5 funerals, 87 veterans involved, drove 1700 miles with 430 community hours.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Wellington was very well represented by the Honor Guard.

Thank you guys for all you do.  
Curt Cameron  
Chairman

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# Our Post Officers



Commander	Jim Perlinger	Commander	Tony Souders	President	Karen Bøehler
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Judge Adv		Judge Adv		Children	Tina Snow
Editor	Buggs			House	
				Committee:	Dennis Anderson

Post Events

Aug 2014 (Mountain Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1 5:30pm - Mexi	2
3 8am - Breakfas	4 6:30pm - Exec	5	6 7pm - General	7	8 5:30pm - Mexi	9 5pm - Texas
10 8am - Breakfas	11	12	13	14	15 5:30pm - Mexi	16
17 8am - Breakfas	18	19	20	21 Newsletter	22 5:30pm - Mexi	23
24 Fold Bulletin 8am - Breakfas	25	26	27	28	29 5:30pm - Mexi	30
31 8am - Breakfas	1 6:30pm - Exec	2	3 7pm - General	4	5	6