



Danny Dietz VFW Post #322

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Post Meetings occurred 7pm 2nd Thursday of each month

Email Newsletter from the Office of the Senior Vice Commander,

Comrades! Please see the latest newsletter for the month. If you have any cool pictures or want to add something to the next newsletter, please share and reply! If you know of any Veteran or their families in need, Danny Dietz VFW Post 322 is here to help, please forward any information or contact details.

Upcoming, Funeral Service Announcement, 10-22



It is with deep regret and profound sadness that we inform you of the passing of Past State Commander Doug Raymond, 10/12/1938 to 08/20/2026 (State Commander 1983-1984). We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and fellow Comrades during this difficult time. Doug's legacy of service and devotion to veterans will not be forgotten.

The Funeral for Doug is schedule for Thursday, October 22nd at 12:30pm at Fort Logan National Cemetery with reception to follow at VFW Post 9644, 2680 W Hampden Ave, Sheridan, CO 80110.

Broncos' vs Chiefs Spaghetti Dinner, 9-14

The spaghetti dinner was a great time! The pasta and meatballs were so delicious! There was a great turnout! The Broncos' have to do back to two-a-days, and go bad to training camp! It was a bad game! Den 10-31 KC



District 1 Meeting, 9-20

Our Post attended the District 1 meeting at Post 1. The agenda was discussed and the several items were voted upon. District 1 voted to share \$250 to help with the replacement of the Danny Dietz Memorial in Littleton. Post 1 also expressed interest in matching that cost sharing! There will be more information to follow with this announcement. Post 1 Adjutant and State Quartermaster Jesse Eastburn, was interested to help the memorial replacement. Jesse mentioned that during his service in the Navy he was assigned security when Danny Dietz's remains were flown home to Colorado, he was in the detail assigned to bring him home.



Upcoming, Boy Scouts Flag Ceremony, 11-1



The Post and Auxiliary will be hosting a Boy Scout Troop for a flag retiring ceremony. There will be lunch following the flag ceremony. The event begins Sundays November 1st at 11am at the Post. All members and visitors are encouraged to attend. This will be a great way to show patriotism and a way to honor our American flag. We'd love to be a great example for our youth. Come support the Post and Auxiliary in the Boy Scouts of America!

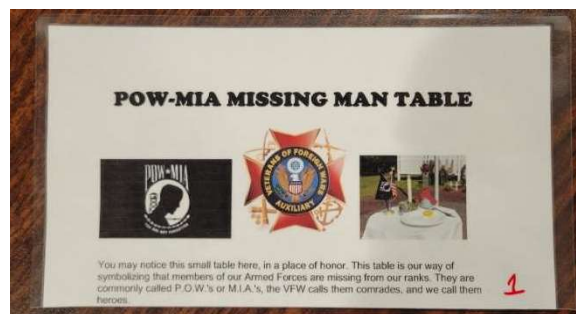
Nomination for VFW National Aide-de-Camp, 9-20

It was announced at the September District 1 meeting that Post Quartermaster Mike Gardunio was selected as one of the State Commander's Aide-de-Camps, and he was also nominated for the National Aide-de-Camp! Well done Mike, Bravo Zulu, great work! Mike is now authorized to wear a special VFW member hat!



The POW MIA Remembrance, 9-10

POW/MIA Day is observed on the third Friday in September. After our Post and Auxiliary meeting, we held a small remembrance. There are still military members unaccounted for, we remember them, “Remember.” Special thanks to the auxiliary for safeguarding our POW/MIA Table.



Upcoming, Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy, 10-31



The Post is hoping to compete for All-American recognition. The VFW sponsors several national programs, Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy. Those two programs engage middle school and high school students to learn about military service and Veterans. At each level the VFW and the Post will grade submissions and award winners with a scholarship amount.

This is the 2026 prompt: “What a Veteran Taught Me About America.”

We are already in contact with Englewood middle school and high school and an email thread was sent to several Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups in the area; but it's going to be unknown if any student will apply. Call or email the Post or Senior Vice Cmdr. Adam Donahue to learn more. ***If you know of any student that might be interested, please forward the students name and contact information. The deadline to apply is October 26.*** Planning for this event is underway and preparations are in the early stage, additional details to follow. Any help or interested student contact details would be greatly welcomed.

9/11, 9-11

In this newsletter for the month of September, we'd like to recognize our GWOT Comrades. (Global War On Terrorism) Our Vietnam Comrades held the line and paid the price, but as we mark 9/11, our younger Comrades did the same. The VFW has a special place in American history and we salute you!

We remember our auxiliary who equally pay the price as well. This YouTube clip, to me, speaks volumes. ...Comrades, I salute you! God bless Danny Dietz and his family.



<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=FmInxbmGhH0>

VFW Dept of Colorado Dashboard, 9-1

There is a new dashboard and a new website feel. You can find a link to the new dashboard here. It shows some resources, ways to file reports, claim information, scholarship information and more.



<https://linktr.ee/VFWColorado>

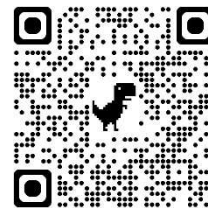
*****Request for Veteran Community Help,*** 9-10**

A Post Member notified us of a 93-year-old Korean War Veteran in need of a helping hand. The gentleman lives nearby the Post, and due to his age, he has trouble getting into the bathtub and the bathroom. We knocked on the door to the house on two occasions, and left to business cards, but it appears he doesn't want to talk to us. It's unclear if he is enrolled in VA healthcare. He is in need of a new bathroom at his house, a bathroom remodel that can be an accessible and reasonably accommodation. We are on top of the situation and there will be more to follow. We are looking at VA social work, county elderly care help and possibly bathroom contracting help. Post 5061 tentatively suggested to share the cost of a new bathroom. Please keep our Comrade in his prayers.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest, 9-17



Each year, more than 4,000 high school students from across the country participate in the VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The contest began in 1979 to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth.



Who is Eligible to Apply? Students in grades 9-12 by the March 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program.

<https://vfwco.org/index.php/home/scholarships/284-patriotic-art-contest>

Colorado VFW Veteran Trust Fund Grant, 9-26

<https://vfwco.org/index.php/home/grants/476-veteran-trust-fund>

https://form.jotform.com/VFW_Dept/vfw-department-of-colorado--26-27-v

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