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Our vision is always to advocate on behalf of all veterans.*

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



Hello Comrades,
Our new Post is really coming together!
If you can help us paint we would really appreciate your time and effort. I'm hoping to have a grand opening by mid-April or early May. If you are interested in canteen positions, please contact the Post at (720)841-2815 to make an appointment for an interview. We have nominations and elections for 2022-2023 Post Officers and

Three Year Trustee. The incoming Commander will be appointing Adjutant, Surgeon, Officer of the Day, Judge Advocate, and other committee chairpersons. If you are interested in any elected office or committees, attend the meeting on April 13th at the Post, 6PM. If you're not interested come anyway, we'd like to see you! If your partner is an Auxiliary member or interested in becoming an Auxiliary member, you're all welcome to attend the Auxiliary meeting. We welcome all members to come and be a part of our Post and let's make it work again for our veteran brothers and sisters who need assistance. Thank you for your service, God bless you and God bless America.

Thank you for your service,
Garry Wilson, *Commander, VFW Post 2601*

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Greetings Auxiliary! Our new Post is really coming along and looking good. There has been a lot of work done, and the new bar is going from idea to a real space! The floors are going to be redone, but we are still holding our meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. I would love

to see everyone come to the meeting, see what we are doing, meet the newest members, and get involved. I'll be there to meet each of you, get to know who you are, and see what we can do to get you active in the auxiliary. Here is a question for you to ponder: Why did you join the VFW Auxiliary?

Hope to see all of you at our next meeting,
April 13th, 6:00 pm, at 340 Lashley, Suite 150.

God Bless,
Patricia Rowley-Wilson
Auxiliary President, Post 2601



PUBLIC RELATIONS

As our new Post grows, we now focus on making our VFW accessible to all. Stay tuned for virtual VFW meetings! Our Buddy Poppy and Rebuilding campaigns are online! Check us out by scanning the QR code to see more. Come volunteer in-person on Memorial Day weekend for our Buddy Poppy local campaign! Call me at 720-412-2077 to sign up for a 2-hour window. We have coffee, pastries and volunteer gear!

-Idania Mentana, Jr. *Vice Commander, U.S.AR*



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POST MEETINGS

2nd Wednesdays, 6pm

TRUSTEE MEETINGS

2nd Wednesdays, 5pm

(Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct)

BLDG COMMITTEE

3rd Wednesdays, 6pm

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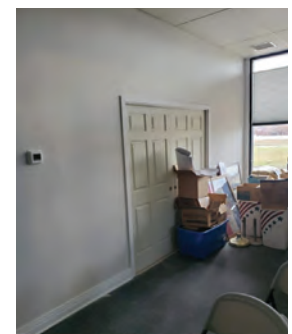
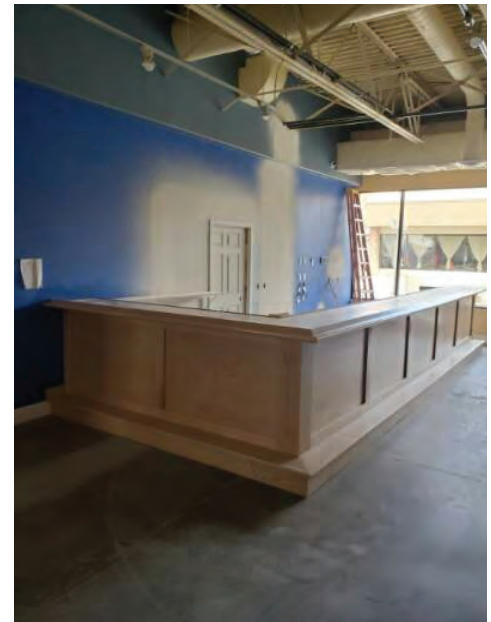
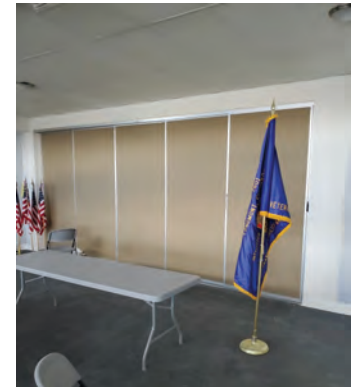
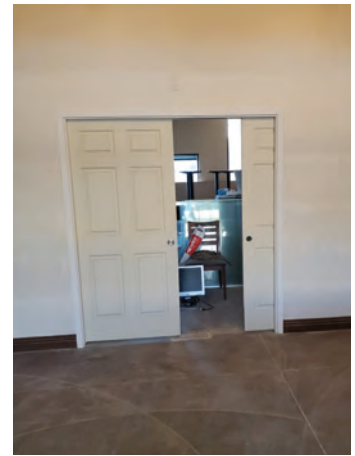
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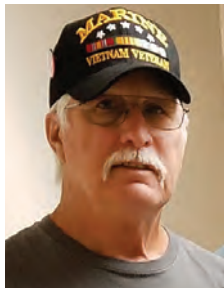
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ADJ/QUARTERMASTER



Happy Spring and a Joyous Easter Season to all my Post Comrades!

We are well into our 2021-22 membership recruiting year and we currently stand at about 90% membership. If everyone stands up to my challenge at the begin-

ning of the year—to each bring 1 new qualified combat veteran to Post 2601—we will easily make 100% strength by June. Your Commander made All-State and All-National Commander last year so let's get him up there 2 years in a row. As I write this, I realize it may be my final newsletter report as your QM. We have a new QM nomination for our 2022-23 election year if he follows through, as he was nominated but wasn't at the last meeting. With a new QM at 2601, I can run for District 3 Commander this year and know I will have the time to do it right if elected. I have been honored to serve as your QM/Adj for the past 8-9 years and feel I can turn the reins over to a new QM knowing we a new era with all our ducks in order. Even with the large construction expenditures, we should have adequate funds to suffice until we get to positive flow again. The younger/Post 9-11 vets who are making up at least 50% of our membership meetings are working hard alongside us older VN/Korea/WWII vets to open our doors open again and they will be given the responsibility to carry 2601 forward to their peers. During the next few weeks, we are going to need everyone stepping forward to help us get our Post cleaned, painted, stocked and running. Pretty much anything you can do to help with this will be greatly appreciated. Make sure we have your updated email so you can get updates on projects and chore lists. I look forward to continuing to work alongside you all.

Your comrade in service,

Leon Bartholomay, QM, Adjutant, U.S.M.C.

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DATES OF REMEMBRANCE

APRIL: Month of the Military Child

2nd-5/5th	Ramadan
5th	Gold Star Spouse Day
9th	Nat'l POW Recognition Day
13th	Post & Aux Meeting, 6PM
14th	AF Reserve Birthday
15th	Good Friday
16th	Healing Warriors, 9A-1P
17th	Easter
23rd	Army Reserve Birthday

MAY: Month of the Military Caregiver

National Military Appreciated Month

1st	Silver Star Banner Day
6th	Military Spouse Appreciation Day
8th	VE Day
8th	Mother's Day
11th	Post & Aux Meeting, 6PM
21st	Healing Warriors, 9A-1P
21st	Armed Forces Day
22nd	Maritime Day
30th	Memorial Day

JUNE: Month of PTSD Awareness

6th	D-Day
8th	Post & Aux Meeting, 6PM
12th	Women Veterans Day
14th	Army Birthday
14th	US Flag Day
18th	Healing Warriors, 9A-1P
19th	Father's Day
23rd	Coast Guard Aux Birthday
27th	PTSD Awareness Day

IF YOU'VE EARNED ONE OF THESE YOU BELONG HERE WITH US

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Air-Force Expeditionary



Korean Service



Iraq Campaign



American Campaign



Marine Corps Expeditionary



Combat Action



Army/Navy Occupation Service



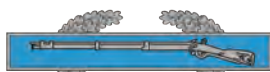
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Inherent Resolve Campaign



Combat Infantry Badge



Combat Medical Badge



Euro-African-ME Campaign



Afghanistan Campaign



Asiatic-Pacific Campaign



Armed Forces Expeditionary



Coast Guard Combat Action



Korean Defense Service



Global War on Terror Expeditionary



American Defense Service



Navy Expeditionary



Air Force Combat Action



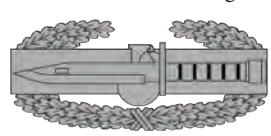
China Service



SSBN Deterrent Patrol



Combat Action Badge



COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 vaccines continue to work well to prevent severe illness and death. The vaccines are working against the Omicron variant. This form of the coronavirus spreads easier but has less severe illness than earlier forms. Data shows that booster shots and additional doses can help people stay fully protected:

- A booster shot can help you stay fully protected over time. Data shows that protection against milder illness lessens over time. This is especially true for certain groups of people. The CDC recommends that everyone who is at least 18 years old should get a booster shot. Teens ages 16 to 17 can also now get a booster shot. Learn about getting a booster shot
- Some people need an additional dose to get full protection. Certain groups of people may not have had a strong enough immune response from the first 2 doses. Learn about getting an additional dose.

Note: Not all VA health facilities have all types of vaccines right now. And facilities may offer different vaccines at different times. Confirm that the facility has the vaccine you want before you make your appointment.

Please visit www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/

GIVE TO CHILDREN

Become Life Members of the National Home for a one-time \$50; includes a life member pin! Membership forms are available and online. Visit the National Home website and read up on the wonderful work the VFW is doing for our veterans and their families. Call 720-841-2815.

www.VFWnationalhome.org

*Thank
you!*



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Come to our meeting as our guest and see for yourself why we are a great Post.

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HEALING WARRIORS



The Healing Warriors Program of Ft Collins is BACK and offering their free Veterans Clinic at

our Post, 340 Lashley St, in Longmont. Therapies provided to veterans and family are: **Acupuncture, Cranio Therapy** and **Healing Touch Therapy**.

If it is your first time with us, please **bring your DD214**. We know the value of bringing self-care and connection to our members—especially now as we heal in uncertain times. Come out and take advantage! It's on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Check us out or follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Our younger veterans are participating and have felt great results. We hope to see you there! Check out: healingwarriorsprogram.org

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FUNDRAISING

As your unofficial Fundraising Chairman, I would like to thank everyone for their help and support in our efforts so far. We had another great fundraiser at the Pumphouse Brewery. We received a check for \$600! This and the other fundraising events we held will go to our construction committee for their needs in the future. A big THANK YOU to the Pumphouse and all their wonderful staff for their help. Also thanks to all of YOU for the great support. Thanks to Comrade Idania for putting it all together. Moving forward, we have other ideas we are looking into for later in the spring and summer months. Good ideas we can utilize through our great community support. We welcome all ideas for fundraising activities! Thanks again to all my fellow comrades for all the help. We also have many local businesses who are happy to offset the cost of our newsletter by advertising with us. **As you read, please check them out and consider them for your needs.** They are really great businesses that love Longmont and want to help our community. At Your Service,
Robert Delva, U.S.M.C.



Karen Townsend
Veteran's Service Officer

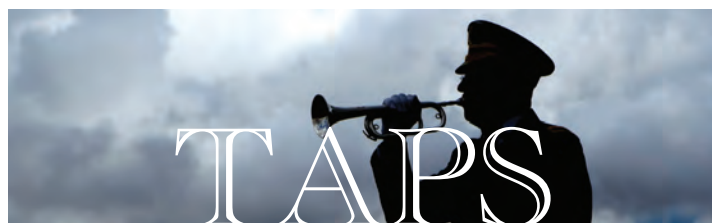
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