



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5890
and The Auxiliary
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The Big Voice

"The Big Voice" is military lingo for the massive ear splitting loudspeaker communication systems on military installations that blasts news, warnings, and important info to troops including possible dangers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please cut out this portion, fill out your community service information and return it to the post. This is very important to record ALL volunteer hours. Please make this program worthwhile and document all your time. You may call in your hours to the bartender and he/she will write it in the volunteer book. (505) 891-2470

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Type of Service Performed: _____

Performed for whom: _____

Hours of Service and Mileage: _____

Your Signature: _____



POST OFFICERS

Commander	Roy W. Briscoe
Sr. Vice	James R. Haddox
Jr. Vice	Rusty W. Coffey
Quartermaster	John P. Archuleta
Chaplain	Gregory E. Tabb
Trustee (1)	Donel T. Erickson
Trustee (2)	Paul T. Golden
Trustee (3)	Cynthia T. Archuleta
Adjutant	John P. Archuleta
Service Officer	Roger Griffith
Judge Adv.	John P. Archuleta
Surgeon	Roger Griffith

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Linda Martin
Sr. Vice	Nancy (Tigger) Tabb
Jr. Vice	Victor Robertson
Secretary	Nancy (Tigger) Tabb
Treasurer	Karen Coffey
Guard	Mike McCord
Chaplain	Mary Higgins
Conductor	Kirk Allen
Trustee (1)	Tom Trudell
Trustee (2)	Marie Coffey-Goyeau
Trustee (3)	Rosemarie Williams

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Robert Chase	(1-yr Chairman)
Patrick Salazar	(2-yr)
Ray Tharaldsen	(3-yr)

CANTEEN & GAMING MANAGER

Cynthia Archuleta

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades and Auxiliary,

I hope everyone had a happy Holiday Season!
The Post is doing well and we hope for continued success in 2020.

Membership is above what we had last year at this time, and we are on-track for All State and All American.

Cynthia is back from vacation and is working hard getting pull-tabs back into the Post.

Thank everyone who has donated their time and hard work in making Post 5890 so successful.

SEMPER PARATUS,
Roy W. Briscoe, Commander

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades,

Welcome to the year 2020. The New Year will bring more opportunities for your involvement. Last year we were successful in having winners in all of our VFW Programs. We as a VFW Post need you to be involved.

Our next VFW Program focus will be our First Responders Program and our Scouting Program. Please get your program nominations into the post ASAP, so we can meet the all the American milestones for our post!

Our membership up to 90%, we have only 10% more to go!

Hope to see as many of you as possible at our Mid-Winter Conference.

R,
Jim Haddox
Sr. Vice Commander

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades and Auxiliary,
Remember to jot down your volunteer hours and miles on the Community Service sheets behind the bar.

Also remember, please be involved in your VFW Post.

Army Strong!!!
Rusty W. Coffey - Jr. Vice

THE CHAPLAIN:

Please inform the post or myself if there is a veteran or a family of a veteran in need.
May God Bless you and keep you.

Yours in Comradeship,
Gregory E. Tabb - Post Chaplain

QUARTERMATER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades and Auxiliary family,

Greetings, as we enter the new VFW year I would like to repeat what you may hear from many of the officers at every level from National on down, Recruiting! We cannot live up to our motto of "No one does more for Veterans!" if we do not have the members to do it.

If you are a life member of the VFW perhaps you may want to take advantage of the VFW Legacy Program. This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is available in memoriam for past Life members. Three levels of membership each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law. This will allow your post and department to receive an annual contribution in your name in perpetuity. More information on the VFW Legacy Program can be found at www.vfw.org. You can even sign up for the program online if you have an OMS account.

This month we will once again hold our life or legacy drawing. The cost of the ticket is \$10; if your name is drawn and you are not a life member the post will pay your life membership. If you are already a life member, the post will pay for your legacy or life membership. Only 40 tickets will be sold and the drawing will be held upon the sale of all 40 tickets.

Members now have the ability to download a digital version of their membership card. Depending on whether a member has an iPhone or Android, they will be able to download and access their digital membership card from the VFW app. This will not replace the physical VFW membership card - we will still be sending out membership cards to all our annual and Life members. This is intended as another option for the convenience of our members. When asked to show a VFW membership card, a member can either produce their physical card out of their wallet or display their digital card on their smart phone.

As of this moment, our post has met all of our obligations and is on track to become an All-American post with the exception of 100% membership. As of the writing of this, our membership is at 90.17%. WE CAN DO THIS!! This is a collaborative effort on everyone's part as we continue to distinguish ourselves and set the standard for other Posts to aspire to.

Department of Defense Expanding Access to Commissaries, Military Exchanges and Recreation Facilities

The Department of Defense is expanding commissary, military exchange, and morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) retail privileges on U.S. military installations as specified in the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018, included in the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019.

Starting Jan. 1, 2020, access will expand to include all veterans with service-connected disabilities, veterans who are Purple Heart recipients, veterans who are former prisoners of war, and individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. While this expansion will extend eligibility to over 4.1 million new patrons, the Department expects little to no impact on current patrons in most locations. There may be some impact in areas with a high cost of living, but the Department is preparing to accommodate all new patrons.

"These new privileges recognize the service and sacrifice of these veterans and those that care for them," A.T. Johnston, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Military Community and Family Policy, said. "If you or someone you know might be eligible for these privileges, share the message," Johnston said. "Please help us ensure these veterans and caregivers receive the privileges they've been granted."

New patrons eligible solely under this authority should be aware that the law requires the Defense Department charge them a small user fee to offset the increased expense incurred by the Department of the Treasury for processing commercial credit or debit cards used for purchases at commissary stores.

The Department of Defense is finalizing the details for these new privileges with the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security and the Treasury. Information will be announced soon regarding installation access and the authentication process for these privileges.

To learn more about the commissary, military exchange and MWR expansion, visit:

<https://download.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Factsheets/expanding-access-fact-sheet.pdf>.

Thank you for all you do

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John Archuleta

Adjutant/Quartermaster

CLUB & GAMING MANAGER'S MESSAGE:

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful 2019. The canteen is thriving each day and some weeks are better than others. Please, Please, Please if there is something we can do better to keep you all coming back let one of the officers or myself know. This is your canteen and we want you to enjoy coming here.

On Sundays during football and pool we try to have food out for all to enjoy, if you are able to assist with this please let me know as this task can become difficult for one person to do each week. It is nice when the patrons can eat while they enjoying themselves at the canteen.

Gaming is doing well and some weeks not so well. What I mean by that, is people are winning which means less money to the bank, which means less charity money for our donations that we make. I am glad everyone is enjoying the gaming machines. Watch for a new machine in January in the gaming room.

The pull-tab license has been turned in and we should have pull tabs soon. This is open to all members and their guests that they have signed in. Just a reminder, pull tabs will be paid out last, i.e. drinks served first, then gaming, and then pull-tabs. This is a lot of work for the bartenders so please be patient. If I am here or one of the other bartenders are here and you have been waiting, you can ask one of us and we will be glad to help in any way we can.

Thank you to all who continue to help with breakfast: Donel and Brenda Erickson, Debbie Nieto, Ray, Rose, Cookie, and last but definitely not the least, VICTOR. You are ALL awesome and the Post appreciates you all helping out every month.

Semper Fidelis,

Cynthia Archuleta

Gaming/Canteen Manager

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Remember to log any Post discrepancies that need attention in the House Committee Book behind the bar. If you have logged a discrepancy that has not been addressed, notify the House Committee Chairman, Robert Chase.

AUXILIARY MESSAGE:

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! 2019 is coming to an end, it was a great year for the auxiliary. We are looking forward to an even greater 2020.

I would like to have more involvement from both our older and new members. Please come forth with your ideas for new events and planning for our existing events. Your involvement and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

The children's Christmas party at the American Legion was a great success. We hosted over 80 kids, they had a great time, met Santa Claus, received presents and enjoyed wonderful food. I want to thank everyone who helped with the party. It couldn't have been done without you.

Upcoming Events and Meetings for 2020:

January 17-19 - Mid-winter Conference - Albuquerque Sheraton Airport.

January 18-21- National President, Peggy Haake visits New Mexico.

Auxiliary General Meeting for January, 2020 to be announced.

February 14 - Valentine Day Dinner- Flyer will go out with information.- We need volunteers.

Not-So Newlywed Game date will be announced.

February 15 - Auxiliary General Meeting-11am please join us.

March 21 - Auxiliary General Meeting-11am please join us.

April 4 - Children Easter Egg Hunt – We need volunteers.

Reminder:

Annual membership dues need to be paid for 2020.

To remain a member in good standing need to receive your dues by December 31, 2019.

I look forward to meeting all of you!

Linda Martin

VFW Post 5890 - Auxiliary President

VA BINGO MESSAGE:

VA Bingo is held at the VA Hospital in Alb. every other month on the 1st Friday.

POC Frank Trujillo @ 268-7772 or Zeniinez@comcast.net.

Comrade Frank,
ARMY STRONG

POST BREAKFAST & FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS:

Do not forget to support you Post by attending the Post Breakfast and stopping by for the Friday Night Dinners. We need more volunteers for the Friday night dinners. Please contact Cynthia.

VFW POST 5890 Events

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day Pool League 8-Ball 1900	2 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	3 Friday Food Auxiliary	4 Karaoke 1900-2300
5 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	6 Post Officers Mtg. 1700	7 Square Dancers 1900-2100	8 House Committee. Mtg. 1700 (if needed) Pool League 8-Ball 1900	9 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	10 Friday Food Auxiliary	11 Post General Mtg. 1000
12 Church 1000-1200 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	13	14 AUX OFF Meeting 5:00 PM Square Dancers 1900-2100	15 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	16 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	17 Persian Gulf War Begins (1991) Friday Food Auxiliary Karaoke 1900-2300 (Mid-	18 Post Breakfast 0730-1000 AUX MTG. 11:00 AM Winter
19 Pool League 9-Ball 1400 Conf.)	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 Square Dancers 1900-2100	22 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	23 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	24 Friday Food Auxiliary	25
26 Church 1000-1200 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	27 Vietnam Peace Accord Signed (1973)	28 Square Dancers 1900-2100	29	30 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	31 Panama Campaign Ended (1990) Friday Food Auxiliary	

VFW POST 5890 Events

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Karaoke 1900-2300
2 Groundhog Day Pool League 9-Ball 1400 Super Bowl Party.	3 Post Officer Mtg. 1700	4 Square Dancers 1900-2100	5 House Committee. Mtg. 1700 (if needed) Pool League 8-Ball 1900	6 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	7 Friday Food Comrades	8 Post General Mtg. 1000
9 Church 1000-1200 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	10	11 AUX Officers 1800 Square Dancers 1900-2100	12 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	13 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	14 Friday Food Comrades St. Valentine's Day Dinner. (1700 till gone.)	15 Post Breakfast 0730-1000 AUX. Mtg. 1100
16 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	17 Presidents' Day	18 Square Dancers 1900-2100	19 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	20 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	21 Friday Food Comrades Karaoke 1900-2300	21
23 Church 1000-1200 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	24	25 Square Dancers 1900-2100	26 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	27 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	28 Comrades	29 Leap Year

Deadline to turn in your articles for the March - April Newsletter is Tuesday February 24th.
Please email your reports to VFWpost5890@gmail.com and JKivlighan@Gmail.com