



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
Adjutant	John P. Archuleta
Judge Advocate	John P. Archuleta
Chaplain	Gregory E. Tabb
Surgeon	Victoria R. Haddox
Service Officer	Victoria R. Haddox
Trustee (3)	Paul Golden
Trustee (2)	Jim Carpenter
Trustee (1)	Cynthia Archuleta

## **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

President	Joe Nieto
Sr. Vice	Linda Martin
Jr. Vice	Victor Robertson
Secretary	Nancy Tabb
Treasure	Laura Lopez
Guard	Mike McCord
Chaplain	Mary Higgins
Conductor	Kirk Allen
Trustee (3)	Karen Coffey
Trustee (2)	Tom Trudell
Trustee (1)	Rose Williams

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Juan Nieto (1-yr Chairman)  
Don Culkin (2-yr)  
Robert Chase (3-yr)

## **CANTEEN & GAMING MANAGER**

Cynthia Archuleta

## **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

Comrades and Auxiliary,

It has been another good year for Post 5890 and hopefully we have a great 2019. I would like to thank each and every one of you for making a successful 2018 possible. We are a little short on membership, so let's make it happen. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and a Safe New Year.

SEMPER PARATUS,  
Roy W. Briscoe, Commander

## **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

Members,

As we start a new year we have great things happening. The Mid-winter conference is rapidly approaching. It's a great opportunity to meet more members from around the state!

Please keep an eye towards increasing our membership and bring in your guests to add to our family. Thanks to everyone for our VOD, Patriots Pen, and Teachers awards. Also thanks for the entry to our First Responder award. All of you help is what makes our post wonderful!

R,  
Jim Haddox - Jr. Vice Commander

## **JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

Comrades and Auxiliary,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! Remember our soldiers and sailors who are away from their families. God bless our Troops.

The Post donated money to the NM Bowling News Association this month. They were raising money to send Care Packages to our Troops overseas. I presented the check to them before their fundraiser bowling tournament.



Don't forget to write down your volunteer hours and miles on the Community Service sheets located behind the bar. Thank you all and good day!

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

## **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,

Membership, Membership, Membership. We have all heard how important it is, and to be honest, it is. Some of the annual members I speak to come renewal time often tell me "I just don't have time to get to the post." The truth of the matter is that we would love to have you at the post as often as possible but we know that most of you have very busy lives. What I wish for you to know is that it's your membership that helps us do what we do.

It is simply because you are a member of our post that we are able to help veterans and our community. Just this past year we gave away over \$4000 in scholarships to veterans and their family, we have donated over \$15,000 to our local schools, youth organizations and veteran's causes. Nationally your membership matters, the VFW testifies before Congress several times throughout the year on important issues, your membership is an important part of this process. You are one of the 1.6 million members that congress has to listen to. The VFW has donated over 10 million dollars to veterans and their families through the Unmet Needs program. They have given over 5.6 million dollars in scholarships through the Sports Clips Help a Hero program. This is only a small example of what you simply being a member allows us to do as an organization.

If you find it difficult to remember when it is time to renew your membership, perhaps a lifetime membership is what you are looking for, we have one of the lowest cost veterans' organization lifetime membership programs, and they allow you to break up the payments over a year's time. So, if you ever ask yourself, "does my membership matter?" YES! If you have any questions about life memberships or what other programs the VFW sponsors, I invite you to see for yourself at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

Semper Fidelis!  
John Archuleta  
Adjutant/Quartermaster

## **CLUB & GAMING MANAGER'S MESSAGE:**

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Now that everyone is done spending their money can you bring it back to the post and spend it here please? The canteen and gaming had a couple of slow months so we need to bring our revenue back up. Remember the canteen revenue supports the post and that is you all.

Please welcome Susan McCord as the new assistant gaming manager. She has been training the whole month of December and is ready to go. A huge thank you to Rachel for all of his years assisting and filling in when I was gone. Please thank him when you see him.

Gaming has still been doing well as far as our contributions to the community. Thank you to all who are enjoying our game room. We are still giving out scholarships to children and grandchildren of our VFW family. One per year is what is allowed and they are \$500.00.

A big thank you to John for continuing to do our newsletter, it is a pain sometimes but needed to keep everyone informed.

Again please thank your bartenders, they work for tips and do a great job. If they are not please let me know so it can be addressed.

Semper Fi  
Cynthia Archuleta - Gaming and Bar Manager

## **AUXILIARY MESSAGE:**



The Auxiliary and the Post adopted/sponsored two military families for Christmas. A food box as well as toys and clothes were donated by many at the post for two single military fathers and their sons. The response was magnificent! The post and the auxiliary both donated a \$50 gift certificates and Karen Coffey donated two \$25 gift certificates. Mary Higgins donated diapers for Aiden. So many others donated to make this a very merry Christmas for these two families! The one family, Jeff Hunt and son, Anthony (6 years old), live here in ABQ. The other, Juan Gallo and son Aiden (1 year old), live in El Paso, TX.

Juan and Joe Nieto as well as Karen Davey loaded up the gifts and food boxes to take to the base for distribution to the two families. The above photo of Jeff and Anthony was taken when the gifts were delivered. Thanks to all who were so generous! It's heartwarming and truly what the spirit of Christmas is all about!!

Note the January change for the Auxiliary Officers and the Auxiliary monthly meeting on the calendar.

Joe Nieto  
VFW Post 5890 - Auxiliary President

## **House Committee**

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year Wish from the House Committee.

It has been a year of ups and downs. On the upside, a lot has been accomplished. On the down, we haven't done as much as we wanted to improve the building. But with you help we can do it.

We have some items left on the "going to do" list. The chairs for the back room have arrived thanks to Robert. The back room still needs a small amount of work. We still need to purchase a small amount of tools. The storage shed has been checked over and there are several issues that need to be addressed. The old round tables are placed by the shed, should anyone want one, please don't hesitate to take it.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for all the help they have been providing.

Juan Nieto  
House committee Chairman

**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](mailto:Zeniinez@comcast.net).

Comrade Frank,  
ARMY STRONG

**POST BREAKFAST & FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS:**

Do not forget to support you Post by attending the the Post Breakfast and stopping by for the Friday night Dinners.

**ADVERTISING:**

**Randy's Barber Shop** 2104 Southern Ave Rio Rancho – **Haircuts \$10 for Vets.** Home appointments are available, call 896-8188 for an appointment.

# VFW POST 5890 Events

## January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>News Years Day</b>	2	3 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	4 Friday Food Comrades	5 Karaoke 1900-2300
6 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	7 Post Officers Mtg. 1700	8 Square Dancers 1900-2100	9 House Committee. Mtg. 1700 (if needed)  Pool League 8-Ball 1900	10 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	11 Friday Food Comrades	12 Post General Mtg. 1000
13 Church 1000-1200  Pool League 9-Ball 1400	14 <b>Martin Luther King Day</b>	15 <b>AUX OFF.</b> 5:00 PM  <b>AUX MTG.</b> 5:30 PM  Square Dancers 1900-2100	16 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	17 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	18 Friday Food Comrades	10 Post Breakfast 0730-1000
20 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	21	22 Square Dancers 1900-2100	23 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	24 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	25 Friday Food Comrades	26
27 Church 1000-1200  Pool League 9-Ball 1400	28	29 Square Dancers 1900-2100	30 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	31 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)		

# VFW POST 5890 Events

## February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Friday Food Auxiliary	2 <b>Dist. Mtg.</b> @ Post 401 Lunch 1200 Mtg. 1300  Karaoke 1900-2300
3 Pool League 9-Ball 1400  <b>Super Bowl Party</b>	4 Post Officer Mtg. 1700	5 Square Dancers 1900-2100	6 House Committee. Mtg. 1700 (if needed)  Pool League 8-Ball 1900	7 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	8 Friday Food Auxiliary	9 Post General Mtg. 1000
10 Church 1000-1200 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	11	12 AUX Officers 1800  Square Dancers 1900-2100	13 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> (Dinner Details TBA)  Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	15 Friday Food Auxiliary	16 Post Breakfast 0730-1000  AUX. Mtg. 1100
17 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	18 <b>President's Day</b>	19 Square Dancers 1900-2100	20 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	21 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	22 Friday Food Auxiliary	23
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**Deadline to turn in your articles for the March - April Newsletter is Saturday February 23rd**  
Please email your reports to [VFWpost5890@gmail.com](mailto:VFWpost5890@gmail.com) and [JKivlighan@Gmail.com](mailto:JKivlighan@Gmail.com)