



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5890 and Auxiliary
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The Big Voice

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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

AUXILLIARY 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 & GAMMING MANAGER

Cynthia Archuleta

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades,

It has been another busy and learning experience for me this last two months. A successful C of A in Shiprock and State Commanders homecoming in Aztec. We also had a very successful painting and cleaning day the first weekend in October. I would like to thank each and every one of you that volunteered your time. Don't forget our Veteran's Day remembrances on the 10th and 11th of November. The parade is on the 10th and memorial service at Veterans Park is on the 11th. It would be very nice to have a good turnout for both. Then of course, the Marine Corps Birthday, which I would personally like to forget but, unfortunately, I am reminded every day. Again thank you everyone for your support. It is rumored that our Quartermaster was charged with the task that no beer was to be left in the hospitality room at the National Commander's Homecoming and he completed said task in a dedicated and outstanding fashion.

SEMPER PARATUS,
Roy W. Briscoe, Commander

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Members,

Here come the Holidays! Happy birthday to the Marines on the 10th! Veteran's day on the 11th, Thanksgiving and Christmas too! Busy times for us all and great opportunities to meet with friends and bring them into our post. Let's get those members and make our post All State once again!

R,
Jim Haddox
Sr. Vice Commander

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades and Auxiliary,



Thank you to the Civil Air Patrol Cadets for properly burning the retired American Flags Saturday on October 20th, behind VFW Post 5890.

The Veterans Day parade will be at the Santa Ana Civic Center circle. Report to the post at 0730 for decorating. Departing 0845 - 0900. Parade starts at 1000. Remember 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

QUARTERMATER'S MESSAGE:

Comrades and Auxiliary Family,

Many of you already know the Veterans Day parade to be held on November 10th at Rio Rancho City hall near the Santa Ana Star center. The parade will run from 1000-1200. There will be an open house at the post in honor of Veterans Day. There will also be a small ceremony in honor of the Marine Corps birthday that we hope all will attend. On Veterans Day, (the 11th) there will be a Ceremony at Veterans Monument Park in Rio Rancho beginning at 1400 (2pm). We hope to see as many of you as possible wearing your VFW caps.

Beginning November 6th you may begin to see a new VFW logo (see below). This should not be confused with the Cross of Malta. The Cross remains and will always be the official seal of the VFW.



WALGREENS NO-COST FLU SHOTS NOW AVAILABLE

Be prepared for the upcoming cold and flu season! Now through March 31, 2019, all VA-enrolled veterans are eligible for free annual flu shots at their local Walgreens pharmacy. While this immunization program is limited to VA patients, Walgreens offers flu shots to most VFW members and their families through other coverage programs, such as TRICARE, Medicare and many health care plans.

John Archuleta
Adjutant/Quartermaster

CLUB & GAMING MANAGER'S MESSAGE:

These last few months have been great for our donations to charity. Thank you to all who continue to help us with continuing to donate to our community. If you are in the gaming room and notice a machine is not taking money or is just not working, please let the bartender know immediately. Thank you.

The kitchen is here for all of us to enjoy. If you use it, CLEAN it and PUT the dishes back where you found them. If you use the kitchen and do not clean up, your privileges for the kitchen will be taken away. It is not the bartender's job or anyone else's to clean up the mess.

The canteen does not open until 1100. Please do not bother the bartenders in the morning to serve you if you are here early. They come in to prepare for the day early to be ready to open at 1100. If you come in early and continue to bother the bartenders, we will lock the door until 1100. The only day we will serve earlier than that is breakfast morning and meeting mornings. Thank you.

The bathrooms in the post are cleaned every day. If you go in there and make a mess, please clean it. If you go in there and find a mess, please inform the bartender. This is our home please treat it as such.

Thank you to all who have been cooking on Friday nights and during the week for football games and other events, it is truly appreciated.

Semper Fi
Cynthia Archuleta

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

Hello Auxiliary members,

I was asked the other day why I am in the auxiliary and not a veteran. I would like to share my answer with everyone and give a little insight as to who I am.

Why am I not a veteran? There are a couple of reasons. One is that I grew up on military bases and saw what I then believed how many Soldiers, Airmen and WACs were treated by more senior officers. Unfortunately as a youth I didn't understand the difference between instilling discipline and mistreatment. That may be one of the reasons why I to this day still have a problem dealing with authority. The second and primary reason I'm not a veteran is because of an injury I sustained during an automobile accident as a teenager. When the Gulf War started my wife was pregnant with my oldest son. It made me think long and hard about the fact that I now had something to fight for. I attempted to sign up and that is when I discovered I was physically ineligible due to my previous injury.

Many of you know that I am in the VFW Auxiliary due to my father's eligibility. Since I was ineligible to join our military, I chose to be part of the effort to start VFW 5890's Men's Auxiliary many years ago. Since that first step, I made the VFW part of mine and my family's life. It hasn't always been easy but my family knows how important it is to me to give back to those who have served.

I started out as the Men's Auxiliary president and believe that we we're able to start and grow that organization and our impact to our post. When the Ladies Auxiliary went gender-neutral I immediately signed up. I became a line officer and after my second year became president. I'm extremely proud of becoming president because it shows that people believe in me and that I have the opportunity to make a difference. I have learned so very much about the history of our military and continue to love hearing the stories of the many brave men and women who have served our country.

Now as we approach Veterans Day, I ask each of you to reflect on why YOU are a member of the VFW and it's auxiliary. Is it to give back or is it because you like having a place to get a cheap drink and have a smoke? Please don't be just a DMO. Please help me and many others in being productive members of VFW post 5890 and make our post All American again.

Joe Nieto
VFW Post 5890 Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY NOTES:

Auxiliary Rummage Sale and Bake Sale: We want to thank everyone for their time, effort and items for the Rummage Sale and Bake Sale, it was a great success. The left over items went to Big Brothers and Sisters and the VA Integration Center. Special thanks to those that help set-up, sell and break down. The bake goods were great!!

Children's Christmas Party:

Saturday, December 8, 2018 Starting at 1:00pm
At American Legion Post 118
1500 Barbara Loop SE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Hosted by:

- American Legion Post 118 & Unit 118
- VFW Post 5890 & Auxiliary
- Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 2447

Come meet Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and the elves. There will be food, fun and presents!

Auxiliary Membership Dues Reminder:

If you haven't paid your dues, please pay your \$25.00 as soon as possible. Bring payment to the post or pay online fwvauxiliary.org via MALTA membership login.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

The grill shelter has been completed thanks to Mike McCord (Conan) an Auxiliary member. Conan has also replaced the 4x4s on back porch. The key for grill shelter is on the shed key ring holder. In order to use the grill, the house committee has established a sign out sheet. The grill needs to be cleaned after each use and the sign-up sheet will point to the last user.

The kitchen was doing real well, but some individuals ruin it for all. There will be a sign-up sheet for the name(s) of the cleanup crew prior to any use of the kitchen. The sign-up sheet will ensure, "**START WITH A CLEAN KITCHEN AND END WITH A CLEAN KITCHEN**" concept. It took three (3) hours for the stove's grill to be cleaned up and an hour to empty the sinks of dishes in order for Saturday's breakfast to be prepared. Please don't use the stove's grill unless you know how to clean it. **Pool league**: this cleanup includes the coffee table in pool area. Please do not hassle our bartenders regarding having to sign up for keys, the grill or kitchen use. Talk to Juan, Cynthia, or the Commander. It is under their authority this is being done.

The South 40 has been mowed. Now the Post needs 6 full members to do the railroad cross-ties along the driveway. I say full members as the Auxiliary is doing about 80% of the work at the post. Thirty minutes and 6 people and the job is done. Let's take pride and do the job ourselves, not wait for someone else to do it. It doesn't take a strong member, just some that want to help. The next big item to be completed is the back storage room. It will be remodeled, the tool box inventoried, and restocked. It will also require a sign up for the key. Please bear with us as we try to make the Post a home that all of us and not just a few may enjoy. Two bar stools have been purchased. Check out both and voice your vote on your choice. Don't vote and you will sit on someone else's choice.

Thank you,
Juan Nieto - Chairman,

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

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

VA BINGO MESSAGE:

VA Bingo is held at the VA Hospital in Albuquerque. every other month on the 1st Friday.
POC Frank Trujillo @ 268-7772 or Zeniinez@comcast.net.

Comrade Frank,
ARMY STRONG

POST BREAKFAST:

Post breakfasts are the third Saturday of each month from 7:30 to 10:00 AM. The price is only \$5.00 total.
Please take time to thank those volunteers who make this monthly event possible.

ADVERTISING:

Randy's Barber Shop

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

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS: (See the calendar.)

VFW POST 5890 Events

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only) NFL Game Beer \$2.00 (during game) (WESTERN	2 Friday Food Comrades Brenda & Donal Hamburger- Vegetable- Soup CONFERENCE.	3 District Mtg. Belen 1300 Lunch at noon Karaoke 1900-2300 District TACOMA, WA)
4 DST Ends Pool League 9-Ball 1400	5 NFL Game Beer \$2.00 (during game)	6 Square Dancers 1900-2100	7 House Committee Mtg. 1700 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	8 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only) NFL Game Beer \$2.00 (during game)	9 Friday Food Vic/Cynthia Italian Sausage	10 Veteran's Day Parade 0900 Open House. 1100 - 1300 USMC Birthday.
11 Church 1000-1200 Veterans Day Ceremony 1400 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	12 Veteran's Day Observed. Post Officers Mtg. 1700 NFL Game Beer \$2.00 (during game)	13 AUX Officers 1800 Square Dancers 1900-2100	14 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	15 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only) NFL Game Beer \$2.00 (during game)	16 Friday Food Rose Dinner	17 Post Breakfast 0730-1000 AUX. Mtg. 1100 Post General Mtg. 1300
18 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	19 NFL Game Beer \$2.00 (during game)	20 Square Dancers 1900-2100	21 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	22 Thanksgiving Dinner 1400 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	23 Friday Food Comrades	24
25 Church 1000-1200 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	26 NFL Game Beer \$2.00 (during game)	27 Square Dancers 1900-2100	28 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	29 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only) NFL Game Beer \$2.00 (during game)	30 Friday Food Comrades	

VFW POST 5890 Events

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale 9am-3pm. Karaoke 1900-2300
2 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	3 Post Officer Mtg. 1700 NFL Game Beer \$2.00 (during game)	4 Square Dancers 1900-2100	5 House Committee 1700 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	6 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only) NFL Game Beer \$2.00 (during game)	7 Pearl Harbor Friday Food Auxiliary	8 Post General Mtg. 1000 Kid's Christmas Party Legion Post #118 @1300
9 Church 1000-1200 Pool League 9-Ball 1400	10 NFL Game Beer \$2.00 (during game)	11 AUX Officers 1800 Square Dancers 1900-2100	12 Pool League 8-Ball 1900	13 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only) NFL Game Beer \$2.00 (during game)	14 Friday Food Auxiliary	15 Post Breakfast 0730-1000 AUX. Mtg. 1100
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23 Church 1000-1200	24 Christmas Eve Post closes at 1700	25 Christmas Post closed all day	26 Kwanzaa Pool League 8-Ball 1900	27 Free Pool 1600-2000 (adults only)	28 Friday Food Auxiliary	29
30 Church 1000-1200	31 New Year's Eve. Karaoke with Snacks at 1900					

Deadline to turn in your articles for the January-February Newsletter is Sunday December 23rd
Please email your reports to VFWpost5890@gmail.com and JKivlighan@Gmail.com