

# The Silver Star

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

January 2026



## Commander's Corner

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. January marks the beginning of the New Year and several events at the Post, so please check the calendar for updates. The calendar is available at [www.vfw5061.org](http://www.vfw5061.org). Please get used to checking the website for calendar updates. Jim Kruse will be serving black-eyed peas and cornbread on New Year's Day! (2 PM) Please see Auxiliary News for information on Ron Lattin and the District meeting in January.

Happy New Year, Craig Clark- Commander VFW Post 5061

## Post Officers

**Post Commander:** Craig Clark  
**Sr. Vice Commander:** Bruce Gibson  
**Jr. Vice Commander:** Tammy Greene  
**Quartermaster:** Duane Johnson  
**Adjutant:** Duane Johnson  
**Chaplain:** Manuel Sais  
**Judge Advocate:** Vince Miller  
**Surgeon:** Jim Kruse  
**Service Officer:** Gary Williamson  
**Trustees:** Ron Lattin, Gary Williamson  
**Home Board:** Lee Bonney, Joe Gomez, Frank Martinez, Jim Kruse, Harvey Nakayama, Vince Miller  
**Bingo Manager:** Jim Kruse

## Canteen Appointees

**Canteen Personnel Management:** Craig Clark  
**Canteen Logistics Manager:** Betty Medina  
**Hall Manager:** Joe Tafoya  
**Kitchen Manager:** Vince Miller

## Auxiliary Officers

**President:** Sharon Ervin  
**Sr. Vice Pres:** Shiela Medina  
**Jr. Vice Pres:** Kathryn Kurtenbach  
**Secretary:** Kim Williamson  
**Treasurer:** Janet Farris  
**Chaplain:** Janet Nelson  
**Conductress:** Kathy Hayes  
**Trustees:** Ruth Gulden, Charlotte Lattin, Shiela Medina  
**Guard:** Sedona Decint

## Auxiliary News

### Greetings,

I hope that you had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas spent with your loved ones and friends. We held a food drive and a toy drive at the Post, which were very successful. We handed out ditty bags at the VA Hospital, and that's always a popular table for veterans to stop by, pick up their bags of goodies, and visit with our volunteers. We handed out gifts of toys and food for their holiday dinners to the Gold Star families at Ft Carson just a week before Christmas. The little ones and their mothers were so appreciative of our efforts and generosity. We had a delicious meal at our Post Christmas party, and, of course, wish that more members had been able to attend. Maybe next year they will.

The sad news is that we lost a valued, highly respected, and loved Post member in December. Ron Lattin has succumbed to Parkinson's disease, which he had been suffering from for some time. Ron was VFW State Commander when I was Auxiliary President at Post #2461 about 25 years ago. He was very supportive of the Ladies Auxiliary, and he always made it known how much he valued the work we did. Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to Charlotte and the rest of his family for their loss. He shall be missed so very much. (See the Post for funeral details.) The wake will be held at VFW Post 5061 on Monday, January 5th, from 2 – 5 PM.

There will be a Dist. 1 meeting at Post 9644 on January 18th: breakfast at 9:00 am (not free), training at 11:00 am, a Joint meeting at 12:00, and 12:30 —separate meetings. Someone said there could be a discussion about the Potato Bake, so if you're interested, show up and voice your opinion.

All for this month. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year. With Warmest Regards,  
Sharon Ervin, Auxiliary President

**Post Members: Did you pay your dues? Check your membership card for your anniversary date.**

**Auxiliary Members: Membership dues are due by December 31, 2025.**

