

# The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

May 2026



## Commander's Corner

Greetings! Summer is fast approaching, and so are all sorts of veteran-oriented activities! Day of Service, Post 5061 will be cleaning the parking lot across the street on May 16th. Please meet here at the Post at 10 AM (many hands make light work). Poppies are back for Memorial Day weekend, May 22, 23, and 24th, at the Bear Valley King Soopers. See the sign-up sheet in the Canteen. Also, the Memorial Day picnic will be on Monday, May 25th, starting shortly after we open at 3 pm. We are planning on grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats. Please bring a side dish. If the weather is good, plan to enjoy the Post's nice outdoor area. Do not miss it! On Friday, May 29th, we will have a Game night here at the Post. The Cooties will have their convention in the hall on May 29th, 30th, and 31st. Our Post thrives on member activity and volunteerism. Please do not hesitate to see where you can volunteer. It is fun and rewarding. Thank you for your support!

Best Regards

Craig Clark Commander 5061

### Post Officers

**Post Commander:** Craig Clark  
**Sr. Vice Commander:** Bruce Gibson  
**Jr. Vice Commander:** Tammy Greene  
**Quartermaster:** James Kruse  
**Adjutant:** James Kruse  
**Chaplain:** Manuel Sais  
**Judge Advocate:** Vince Miller  
**Surgeon:** Jim Kruse  
**Service Officer:** Gary Williamson  
**Trustees:** Gary Williamson, Jerry Jones, Blake Anderson  
**Home Board:** Vince Miller, Joe Gomez, Frank Martinez, Jim Kruse, Harvey Nakayama  
**Bingo Manager:** Jim Kruse

### Canteen Appointees

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

### Auxiliary Officers

**President:** Sharon Ervin  
**Sr. Vice:** Shila Medina  
**Jr. Vice:** Bernadette Sannino  
**Treasurer:** Janet Farris  
**Secretary:** Kim Williamson  
**Chaplain:** Janet Nelson  
**Conductor:** Kathleen Hayes  
**Trustees:** Ruth Gulden, Charlotte Lattin, Shiela Medina  
**Guard:** Sedona Decint

### Auxiliary News

Well, we had a great turnout at our annual Potato Bake event. A lot of people showed up and enjoyed themselves. It was fun meeting and working with the other three Dist. #1 Auxiliaries that benefited from this event. We are all looking forward to the Potato Bake next year. Thanks to all who helped put it all together, including and especially Post 5061 for hosting it, and to Cmdr. Craig Clark and Quartermaster Jim Kruse for organizing and planning it, and assisting with it. This fundraiser will allow our Auxiliary to continue its various programs that help veterans and their families.

We held our annual election of officers, and I'll be including their names in the next newsletter. I want to thank the members who stepped up to serve as officers for 2026-2027. Their term begins in June after the Department officers are installed at the State Convention, which will be held at Post 9644 this year. Be sure to register to attend this year's convention since it's so close in our area. Convention dates are June 25th - June 28th. You can register at [vfwco.org](http://vfwco.org).

My mother always said, "Make yourself useful as well as ornamental". Volunteer to help at Bingo, and/or sign up for our Day of Service with Cmdr. Craig Clark.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.  
Warmest Regards,  
Sharon Ervin, Auxiliary 5061 President

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