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Commander's Update

"What's Happening in the Mountain Post"

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Comrades,

Wow, time has really started to get away from me! Normally this news letter would have been written, sent out and on the web for a couple of days by now. As most of you are aware November is one of our busiest months. We've got Military Family Month, Veterans in the Classroom Month, Veterans Day, School Programs, our annual Spaghetti Dinner and now Youth Scholarship and Teacher Awards, not to mention Thanksgiving.

The deadline for entries for Teachers Awards, Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen has passed (November 1st). We are now in the midst of judging all of our submissions. We only had one entry for Teachers Awards, and two entries for Patriot's Pen, but we had twelve high school kids enter for Voice of Democracy! The Timberon Home Extension Club has graciously agreed to act as judges for us, and we should have our results before the Cloudcroft Schools' Veterans Day program on the 8th of this month. I hope to announce the winners at the program, and present the awards at our Spaghetti Dinner the next night.

Our Post has continued with our recruiting efforts. We have added two more members bringing us to over 119%! We still need to find new members, and encourage them to get involved with our post and the communities. This post serves more than 9 different mountain communities, and there is so much we could accomplish if we weren't spread so thin. Let's continue to seek out veterans who are eligible to join our organization. I want to welcome our two newest members Dick Hirsch and Bob Millar. Both are WWII vets, and yes Bob is my own dad! Bob is very involved with many groups and organizations in his home town of Green Valley AZ, so involved that we thought he might like to join his son's post in another state, so he would not feel too obligated to volunteer with his local post. Now he is free to help out when he can, and not feel too guilty if he can't. I guess the apple doesn't fall too far from the tree when it comes to community involvement.

As I have mentioned before I have completed the state VFW website. If you haven't looked at the site yet I encourage you to do so. There is a lot of information available. The address for the site is: <http://www.nmvfw.org>

I feel our posts celebration of its 5 year anniversary on October 12th went very well. We had a pretty good turnout join us for the Post Standard dedication ceremony that evening

at the Cloudcroft Village Council chambers. State Commander Lawrence did a great job with the dedication, and the Boy/Cub Scouts were fantastic as our color guard.

I am still attempting to make this monthly letter into a post newsletter. I hope to be including an additional page in our mailing that lists upcoming events and activities. Some of our members do not have access to e-mail or the internet, and I wish to reach as many as possible. Also I know many of you are very busy within your own communities and if you had a little warning a list of events might help you find a moment to help us out with some event or activity.

Yours in Comradeship,

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