

The Silver Star



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5061

July 2026



Commander's Corner

Greetings to all members,

I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout this past year as Commander. It looks like you're all stuck with me for at least one more year! I'm also pleased to announce that we have a new Senior Vice Commander—congratulations to Vincent Miller! Vincent and Bruce, our new Junior Vice Commander, have an important challenge ahead of them: to increase our recruiting efforts to 105%. Please lend your help to Vince and Bruce in achieving this goal by volunteering for the recruiting committee.

To kick off July, we will be hosting a picnic on July 4th from 1 PM to 4 PM. Please join us and bring a side dish; the post will provide brisket, burgers, and hot dogs. The MR.E band will be playing here that day!

I'd like to remind everyone that the Cooties meet at Post 5061 every third Thursday at 2 PM.

While we've seen an increase in volunteers over the past month, there's always room for more. If you can spare an hour or two, your expertise would be greatly appreciated. Let's come together to make July a memorable month. I eagerly look forward to seeing each of you at our gatherings.

Best regards,

Craig Clark

Commander

Post Officers

Post Commander: Craig Clark

Sr. Vice Commander: Vincent Miller

Jr. Vice Commander: Bruce Gibson

Quartermaster: James Kruse

Adjutant: James Kruse

Chaplain: Manuel Sais

Judge Advocate: Vince Miller

Surgeon: Jim Kruse

Service Officer: Gary Williamson

Trustees: Blake Anderson, Gary Williamson, Jerry Jones

Home Board: Duane Johnson, Jack Nelson, Joe Gomez, Frank Martinez, Harvey Nakayama

Bingo Manager: James Kruse

Canteen Appointees

Canteen Manager: Betty Medina

Hall Manager: Joe Tafoya

Kitchen Manager: Vince Miller

Auxiliary Officers

President: Shiela Medina

Sr. Vice Pres: Charlotte Lattin

Jr. Vice Pres: Sharon Ervin

Secretary: Kathy Kurtenbach

Treasurer: Janet Farris

Chaplain: Joe Tafoya

Conductress: Kathy Hayes

Trustees: Ruth Gulden, Charlotte Lattin, Kim Williamson

Guard: Sedona Decint

Auxiliary News

Thank you for electing me as your 2026-2027 Auxiliary President. I am truly honored by your confidence and excited to serve alongside each of you. I look forward to getting to know all of our Auxiliary members and working together to continue supporting our veterans, their families, and our community.

Congratulations to our Auxiliary on earning the All State Achievement Award! This is a tremendous accomplishment that reflects the dedication and hard work of our members. I would like to extend a special thank you to Past President Sharon Ervin, Secretary Kim Williamson, and Treasurer Janet Farris for their outstanding efforts in ensuring our Auxiliary achieved this honor.

I also invite everyone to join us at the Post on Saturday, July 4th 1pm -4pm, for our annual picnic. Please bring a side dish to share as we celebrate Independence Day together with good food, fellowship, and fun. We hope to see you there!

Thank you again

Shiela Medina, Auxiliary 5061 President

