



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



SAL Horseshoe Tourney Raises \$640

The *Annual Conrad West/Tom Tucker Memorial SAL Horseshoe Tournament* put a total of \$640 in to SAL coffers for distribution to their charities.

Organizers wish to thank **Bobby Black** for smoking all the ribs and **Randy Baria** for purchasing, prepping, barbecuing, and arranging kitchen volunteers to serve all the delicious

food. He contributed the entire food cost to the tournament, an out-of-pocket expense amounting to \$310.

Additional thanks to **Karen Black** and **Angie Bell** for their help in the kitchen serving the food and clean up



Double Elimination winners Everett Adams and Greg Burrell collect awards from SAL's Tom Davies.

afterwards, **Tanya Kiger** for her coleslaw and wonderful cupcakes, **Sherri Tucker** for keeping score during the tourney, and **Brad Hall** for his support throughout.

Bill Radunz won the 50/50. He collected \$125 and promptly donated \$45 back to SAL. His generosity brought the total raised for charity from food, the 50/50, and the tourney itself to \$640.

Big winners of the double elimination event were **Everett Adams and Greg Burrell**. They will keep the traveling trophy for the upcoming year and each took home \$320 for their winning effort.

Friday Night Bands in November

Country Road One..... Nov 6

The New Zanty'sNov 13

Shadow Mountain.....Nov 20

Night Wolf.....Nov 27

Ladies Night

November 6
Ladies 1st Drink
FREE

Dues Due to Go Up

Members of Post 178 voted to increase annual dues to \$52 effective on January 20, 2016. The increase is intended to offset the dues hike at both the National and District levels. The Department will keep \$18.50 and National will take \$17.50 of the total. Post 178 will continue to retain \$16 (no increase) for our programs. Post 178 members are urged to pay 2016 dues NOW at the current price (\$45) before the increase in January.

CWF Names Recipients

In its 61st year, *The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF)* has awarded \$640,395 in grants to 24 nonprofit organizations. The grant recipients were selected by CWF's Board of Directors on October 11 during their annual fall meeting in Indianapolis. The recipients have been awarded the grants to support youth-serving projects that seek to enhance the lives of children by addressing their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Among the recipients this year is *American Legion Post 133 of Fort Kent, Maine*, awarded \$1,630 for their project, *"Children Sharing Fishing Stories with Veterans."* This grant will provide a fun-filled, wholesome day for at-risk kids, facilitate interactive sharing of experiences between children and veterans, and reinforce classroom learning.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Mickey West

Heavenly Father, as we approach the time of year when we congregate to offer thanks for your many blessings, we pray for Your blessings for those serving our nation both within our borders and around the world, many of whom are unable to join their families.

As leaves turn from summer greens to autumn reds and yellows, they mark another season many people in our military are away from home. Lord, please keep them all healthy and strong. Comfort the families who see their empty chairs at the table this Thanksgiving. Bless us as we pursue the programs of our organization, and strengthen our resolve each day to be a blessing to our Veterans and their families. In Your holy name we pray, Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
Bill Radunz

Thanks to the members who attended our last meeting. Eleven members plus six officers decided what all 738 members will pay for annual dues starting January 20, 2016. Please pay your dues by January 1st, ahead of the increase. Current membership stands at 473, or 64%.

Starting November 6th we will have bands every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. We will continue having bands ONLY if members are supporting these events. This will be a trial period, from the first Friday in November through the second Friday in January.

The *Pistol Shoot-Off* has been cancelled due to hunting season and lack of support. Looking for possible date in February.

The *Early Bird Dinner* was delicious, to say the least. Thanks to chef **Karen Black** and her helpers **Angie Bell**, **Sarah Merr**, and **Chris Schroeder** for such an outstanding dinner. Unfortunately, 136 people signed up but only 101 showed up, forcing the disposal of 35 cooked and non-savable pork loins.

The *Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame* will be here Sunday Nov. 22nd from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Chili dogs will be available.

Denver's *Veterans Day Parade* is Sunday, November 8th starting at 10:00 a.m. from 14th and Colfax. A Festival at Civic Center Park with booths and displays will follow. Our Post Family is sponsoring the *Vietnam Helicopter Display*. Come on downtown and celebrate Veterans Day with us.

Please help out our bartenders by using your door card. They are usually busy with other things. That is why we give you one. If you do ring in you need to sign in. We welcome guests but they need to sign in.

Volunteers are needed for *Thanksgiving Dinner* on the 26th. We need turkeys, cooked or not, at least by the 18th. Anyone coming should bring something to share as there is no charge for dinner. This dinner is for members only, and their guests. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Post. Yours in Service, William Radunz, Commander.

RIDERS REPORT
Nick Trajillo

September and October were kind of a blah months. Not much going on except for our usual meetings and dinners. But we do have some good things happening in November. The Legion Riders are leading the *Veterans Day Parade* on the 8th in downtown Denver with flags flying. We'll also be participating in flag ceremonies organized by **Wayne McClimans**.

The Riders now have a power wheelchair courtesy of **RCI** which we will make available to a Post member. Contact any Rider if you have such a need.

Please pray for members and families.

Sick Bay

Sharon Werth—broken leg, recovering

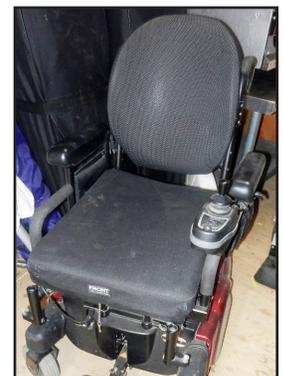
Final Roll Call

Betty Brinkley—AUX
Clyde H. Russell Jr.—Korea—Army

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

Sam Gilley—Vietnam—Army
Donald Wiseman—Korea—Navy
Richard Yoder—Vietnam—Army
Jeff E. Frederick—Grenada—Navy
Donald A. Puckett—Korea—Air Force
Dennis E. Steinhagen—Vietnam—Army
Richard E. Woodward—Vietnam— Air Force



SAL REPORT
Steve Stroud

Come to our SAL meetings to put in your suggestions for 2016. The November meeting is on the 4th and the December meeting is on the 2nd. These are the first Wednesdays of the month and they start at 6:30 p.m. We welcome our new members and encourage every SAL member to invite friends and family members to join the Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion. Put an application in your pocket, car, and desk to be ready for that new applicant. SAL could use your help with many things. Tell an officer you'd like to help.

BUSINESS REPORT
Bob Heer

Over the past several weeks, complaints have been raised relative to unauthorized vehicle parking in handicap designated areas. Most of these complaints center around vehicles with Disabled Veteran plates but no Handicapped plates or placards. The Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles is very clear that a Disabled Veteran license plate does not allow the vehicle to be parked in a designated Handicapped parking space. Since we have limited handicap spaces, please respect them and make them accessible to our members who legitimately need them.

We still have a number of t-shirts remaining from last month's car show. If you missed out in getting one see one of the bartenders. They make great gifts and the cost is reduced to \$15.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Carol Conway

Veteran's Day Spaghetti Lunch/Dinner will be served all day! We NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please sign up (if only just for an hour or two) and meet lots of Veterans that will warm your heart! Wednesday 11-11-15 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This also means *there will be no Burger Night menu*. Thank you so much for any and all your help!

Speaking of Burger Nights, we are starting to add delicious soups to the menu! Please sign up to bring in your favorite soup and join us to sample others every Wednesday night! YUM! Side note: *there will be NO Burger Night on November 25th, before Thanksgiving*.

Thank you to all the wonderful ladies that helped roll towel sets (61 in all) for the families at Ft. Carson (donated by **RCI**). What a great way to support our troops!

We would like to welcome and introduce all our new members: **Julie Bloomer, Jody Davis, Laurie Easton, Marilyn Gleason, and Christy Robertson!** We look forward to seeing you around our Post home! Our monthly meeting is November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and if you have a November birthday please join us for a treat!

Our annual **Christmas Party** is coming up on Saturday, December 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please sign up your child by December 5th and if you want to volunteer to buy for a child please sign up by the 6th, or the same day. Thank you!



Two Survey Requests For Veterans

Girl Scout Survey to Connect Public and Military

My name is **Debra Zerr** and I am a Girl Scout in Troop 53124. I'm working towards my Girl Scout Gold Award which is the highest award in Girl Scouting. For this award I must complete a project that helps the community.

My project is **Connecting & Protecting**. The issue I chose is the lack of connection between the general public and the US Military. During the months of November and December I will be interviewing military active duty and veterans. With their consent I will post them to my website **connectingprotecting.wordpress.com** for everyone to read and connect more to the military.

To participate please call me at 720-432-4496 or send an e-mail to **debbie4goldproject@gmail.com**. Thank you.

Research Participation Request For Military Service Members, Retirees, and Veterans (all Branches and Eras)

I am **June Ashley, M.S.**, a doctoral candidate in counseling psychology. As a military veteran (USAF), I am passionate about understanding both the potentially stressful aspects associated with military deployments and the personal growth that can sometimes come about through them. Therefore, my dissertation study (under the guidance of Dr. Chu-Lien Chao and approved by the Institutional Review Board at the University of Denver) focuses on military deployments.

The goal of this study is to understand both the occurrence and influence of stressful or traumatic deployment experiences from the perspective of the military service members, retirees, and veterans who experienced them. My hope is that the results of this study will contribute to research promoting understanding of military culture and military deployment experiences among the mental health providers who support our service members and veterans.

To participate go to **https://udenver.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8ibjeMWe7osplyd** and answer the multiple choice questions. It should take about 30 minutes and you can also register to win a \$25 Amazon gift card. I will donate \$5 to a Veterans charity for each survey completed.

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Lounge Hours*

Mon.—Thurs. 11:00 AM to 12:00 Midnight
Fri. 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM
Sat.—Sun. 9:00 AM to 12:00 Midnight
**Bartenders may close earlier on slow nights.*

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BULLETIN BOARD



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

JOKER POKER Fridays - 6PM	HAPPENING THIS MONTH	JOKER POKER Fridays - 6PM
	Rky Mtn Brass Works Concert November 6 at 7:30 PM	Friday Night Dinner Music Every Friday in November
	Veterans Day Parade November 8 at 8 AM (Post 178)	Denver Broncos Games Every Sunday in November
	Veterans Day November 11 from 11 AM until gone	Thanksgiving Potluck November 26 from Noon to 2 PM

Chuck's Milestone and Bill's Award

Chuck Morgan celebrated his 96th birthday at the Post in October. The former WWII B-24 pilot attributes his longevity to having been a champion track star in his youth and never smoking cigarettes.

Post Commander Bill Radunz was presented with the Department of Colorado's highest award for Volunteerism by **Department Commander Tom Flores** (center below) and **District 5 Commander Jimmy Walker**.



Post 178
Early Bird Dinner

Photos by Sheryl Funakoshi.
Look for your pictures on Sheryl's facebook page:
Sheryl's AL Pictures



