



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



*"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"*

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

## Veterans Day Participants Recognized

Wayne McClimans and Mark Ward recently accepted *Certificates of Appreciation* from Commander David Clinger on behalf of the Post 178 *Color Guard*, whose members racked up a total of 247 Legion Volunteer Hours performing at events this past Veterans Day.



Thanks to the *Color Guard*, Post 178 was represented in *Denver's Veterans Day Parade* and the *Lakewood Cultural Center's Salute to Veterans Concert*. The troupe also paid visits to *Kullerstrand and Vivian Elementary Schools*, *West Metro Fire Station*, the *Kicker's Club*, and a *Cub Scout Den*.



Veterans Day at Post 178 came alive with performances by the *Rockeyettes*



*of Arvada* and *Cub Scouts Den 613* mingling among the Veterans while earning Merit Badges. Everyone feasted on the 200 spaghetti dinners prepared with love by the *Women's Auxiliary*.



WWII Veteran **Harold Nelson** (age 102) presented **Commander Clinger** with a replica of the helmet he wore while fighting in Europe. It's now on loan in the display case at the Post.



**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**  
*Wayne McClimans*

*Lord, thank you for this new year and all the potential it holds. Give us the strength and wisdom to meet its challenges. Help us trust You and seek Your will for our lives during this coming year. Amen.*

**COMMANDER'S REPORT**  
*David Clinger*

Happy New Year. I trust the holidays were fun and safe. Lots of appreciation goes out to

volunteers from all of our Units who have helped throughout the holiday season, and the entire year. Special thanks to **Dave and Glad Potvin** for the daily lunches – yummm.

The shortest day has passed, and we can look forward to longer days as winter weather gradually gives way to Spring. Minute by minute the days will lengthen, so slowly that it may take weeks before we become aware of the change. You may or may not have noticed changes that have been made at the Post—big and small—during the last few months. However, like the seasons, changes are inevitable and occur before you notice them.

Monthly Membership Meeting attendance is gradually increasing (the 1st Tuesday of every month). Up-coming events at the Post are highlighted on the electronic screen in the lounge, on our facebook page (American Legion Post 178), and at [alpost178.org](http://alpost178.org) (Current Calendar). For God and Country.

**SR. VICE COMDR.**  
*Mark Ward*

Accolades go out to the **Color Guard** for their participation in **Veterans Day** events, and rightfully so. It's a new year and the Post needs volunteers to step up to help for the **Department Mid-Year Conference** January 26—28, 2018. The conference is sponsored by Post 161 in Arvada. We have more members and a larger facility, but their Post has out-shone ours year after year.

That said, we need volunteers for all events, from drivers of the Legion bus to ushers at the hotel. Please do what you can to help (see sign-up sheet at the Post).

Post 178 is the second largest in the State, and we need members to help with all of the programs that we sponsor. The American Legion State Oratorical is in March and Girl's and Boy's State Programs are in June. It's easy to sit back on your heels and not do ANYTHING, but we can use your help identifying students to take advantage of these opportunities. The Post pays for students to participate in these programs, which offer college scholarships and avenues to move into the Armed Forces and Service Academies. Please tell our youth how they can benefit from these programs through Post 178, and that you CARE. Thank you.

**AUXILIARY REPORT**  
*Judy Myers*

Welcome to a new year. It's time to slow down just a little after all the activities in December. We had 26 children participate in our **Auxiliary Christmas Party** where they enjoyed snacks, crafts, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thanks to all the members who volunteered.

With proceeds from the **Auxiliary's Angel Tree** we were able to provide 70 active duty military families with some monetary support, through **Ranya Kelly's RCI**, with parties at both our Post and at Ft. Carson. Thanks to **Dee Yurko** for taking care of this program again this year.

In January we will be looking for candidates to participate in the **Legion Oratorical Contest**. Deadline for registration is January 31, 2018. Any high school student is eligible. Scholarships are awarded for winners. We will also begin interviewing high school juniors for Girls State.

Sadly, we lost longtime member **Sharon Werth**. A bereavement was held for her on December 20th.

*Please pray for members and families.*

**Final Roll Call**

Thomas Simms—Korea—Navy—11/18/17  
Harvey Davids—WWII—Navy—11/23/17  
Donald Kametz—Korea—Army—12/07/17

**Welcome**

**NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS**

John T. Ahearne Jr.—Vietnam—Navy  
Rob Black—Gulf—Navy  
Willis R. Opp—Vietnam—Air Force  
Lawrence J. Priest—Vietnam—Army  
Terry A. Stevenson—Vietnam—Army  
Frank R. Rios—Vietnam—Army  
Lyle R. Abitz—Vietnam—Army  
Robert W. Balmer—Vietnam—Marines  
Michael A. Lynam—Vietnam—Air Force  
Noel Olebos—Vietnam—Marines  
Lloyd R. York—Korea—Navy  
Lynn E. Peterson—SAL  
John E. Juranek Jr.—SAL  
Charles T. Finnell—SAL  
Michael A Wagner—SAL



## Auxiliary Steps Forward

It's a busy time of year for the Women's Auxiliary, and they always step to welcome Veterans, children, and military families to Post 178.



Following Veterans Day, the ladies hosted 26 children and families at their annual Christmas Party. Every child received a gift from

**Santa, Bob Black, and Mrs. Claus, Patty Bockelman.**

The *Auxiliary's Angel Tree* raised donations sufficient enough to give financial support this Christmas to families of 70 active duty service members.



## BUSINESS REPORT

*Bob Heer*

For those of you who visited the Post during the Christmas holidays, you observed our many indoor and outdoor decorations. **Dawn and Randy Rehbein, Nancy Marshall, Dee Yurko and Judy Myers** decorated the inside of the Post. **Brad Hall** and **Shawn Bloomer** hung the outdoor lights and wreath on the Simms Street side of our building. Thanks to all of you. A special thank you to **Ranya Kelly** of **RCI** for donating the many poinsettia plants displayed throughout the Post.

For those of you receiving the newsletter via e-mail, we have attached a copy of our revised club rules. Please scroll to page 5 and read, as we need everyone to abide by them and protect our tax exempt status.

Dave and Glad will be serving **Steak and Eggs Breakfast on New Year's Day** from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$8 per plate. Remember to bring your new **ORANGE key card** to access the lounge.

On January 19th at 3:00 p.m. **Aspen Mortuaries** will make a presentation relative to **VA Burial Benefits**. Please join us and get your questions answered.

I wish to thank the many volunteers who have stepped up this past year to call **Bingo** on Thursday and Saturday afternoons. Your help in making these events a success is greatly appreciated.

## SAL REPORT

*Brad Hall*

By the time this goes to print, Christmas and New Year will be in the books. The Sons hope everyone had a joyous Holiday Season.

If you have not paid your 2018 dues yet, please get them paid. Dues not paid by February will be considered delinquent and removed from the roster. Come on, what's 20 bucks? Answer: It's only \$1.66 per month.

Please don't forget upcoming events this year. The Golf Tournament will be played tentatively June 8th with a planning meeting in February. All help and ideas are welcome. Please be thinking about potential sponsors, if you know of any.

The Sons will begin a **Gun Raffle** in February. Only 100 tickets at \$20 each will be sold, so the odds of winning are not too outrageous.

Below is another thank you card from recipients of a trip to **Project Sanctuary's Camp** paid for by funds raised from **Randy's Run** last July. God Bless the Troops and God Bless the USA.

"To the Lakewood American Legion Post 178.

We are so grateful to you for your generous donations to Project Sanctuary. Our family feels so blessed by our experiences with Project Sanctuary and we know that your generosity made it all possible!

From the bottom of our hearts, Thank You!" —Anonymous

## RIDERS REPORT

*Bill Torres*

Winter solstice is upon us and the Riders are moving through the Holidays helping our Brother Veterans every chance we get. We're staying warm and planning our rides for the upcoming year. We donated and served a scrumptious **Thanksgiving Dinner** to our brothers at **Heather Grove Assisted Living Center**, and as I write this we're putting final touches on their **Christmas Celebration**. We gathered food and Christmas gifts for every resident. Giving at this special time of year has brought happiness to each of us.

## Auxiliary Dinner Nights January Menu

4th Wednesday - Reuben Casserole

5th Wednesday - Mexican Combo Plate

*Fish sandwich will be added to our regular menu in January.*

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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.

# BULLETIN BOARD

**JOKER  
POKER**

**6 PM**

*Every Wed & Fri*



# 2018

## Auxiliary Dinner Night

Every 4th & 5th Wednesday

5 – 7 PM

**Always a Special Entree**

*(something besides burgers)*

## Friday Bands

*Uptown Girls* ..... Jan 12

*Willy & Po Boys* ..... Jan 19

### ADJUTANT'S REPORT

*Bill Radunz*

Legion Membership stands at 605 or 86%. SAL is 155 or 71%. Renewals are late after

January 1st and deleted from membership rolls in February resulting in the loss of your seniority.

I'm on vacation in warm, sunny Florida and will return January 10th.

Happy Holidays to all.

**SO THAT  
WE MAY  
BE FREE**

**PLEASE JOIN US**

Friday January 19, 2018 3:00 p.m.  
at the American Legion Post 178  
to learn more about all of your  
**VA Burial Benefits**  
along with *Funeral and Cremation options.*

**ASPEN  
MORTUARIES**  
aspennmortuaries.com



Post 178 will host a seminar January 19th at 3:00 p.m. conducted by Aspen Mortuaries. Subjects include VA Burial Benefits plus Funeral and Cremation options.



**Gwen Hackbirth** (r.) was surprised on Sunday, December 10th by a large gathering of her family and friends assembled at Post 178 to celebrate her 81st birthday. The secret party was arranged by Gwen's youngest daughter, **Judi Hackbirth**. A birthday cake was provided by **Barb and Ken Pennel**. Among those attending were Gwen's 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Happy Birthday Gwen.

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## Lounge Rules

### **BARTENDERS ON DUTY AND POST OFFICERS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO:**

- Ensure compliance with lounge rules
- Request proof of membership
- Refuse service to any patron
- Request any patron to leave the premises for the remainder of the day

### **ADMITTANCE TO THE LOUNGE IS LIMITED TO:**

- Current members of the American Legion, members of the American Legion Auxiliary, members of Sons of the American Legion and their authorized guests. Pets are not allowed at any time unless a certified service or comfort animal.

### **NON-MEMBER GUESTS:**

- Non-member spouses and their family members must be signed in by the member
- Must be signed in by a member
- Must be known by the member signing them in
- Members must be present while their guest is on Post property
- Members of other American Legion Posts are welcome and must sign in as a guest and note their current post number

### **MINORS: (PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21)**

- May not sit at the bar at any time
- Must be under direct supervision of parent or guardian

### **CONDUCT THAT MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION/SUSPENSION:**

- Profane or abusive language
- leaving Post building with alcoholic beverages
- Bringing alcohol onto Post property
- Smoking Marijuana or using illegal drugs on Post property
- Going behind bar with no authorization from bartender on duty or club manager

### **GENERAL PROCEDURES:**

- No cashing of two party checks
- Personal checks limited to \$50 per shift
- Non-Alcoholic factory sealed beverages are permitted
- Rules to be reviewed annually by Corporation Board

Dated: November 14, 2017