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Post 178

Lakewood, CO



Chuck Morgan Celebrates 98th Birthday

A cake baked by *Connie Stark*, a kiss from *Kathy Schwab*, and accolades from many friends and family greeted **Chuck Morgan** at Post 178 for his 98th Birthday Party.

Born October 10, 1919 in Herrin, Illinois, Chuck grew up on the family farm and graduated from Herrin High School in 1937. He was an "A" student, played football and basketball, excelled as a baseball player, but became a standout track athlete in high school and college at Southern Illinois State Teachers College where he earned a Bachelor of Education degree.

He married hometown sweetheart Angelyn Parigi in 1943, the same day he received his AAC pilot's wings. He completed 35 bombing missions over Germany as a Britain-based B-24 pilot in the 8th Air Force. For his service, Chuck was awarded The Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the EAME Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars.

Chuck spent 27 years with Pet Milk Company as a salesman and medical specialist lecturing about condensed milk at hospitals and to doctors. In 1970 he took over Pet's largest territory in Denver. After retiring, he logged another 12 years in sales and marketing for two financial brokerage companies.

"Angie" and Chuck have four children; Lynn Ann, Charles, Maribeth, and Patricia. She passed away in 2005, after 63 years of marriage to Chuck.



Chuck's daughter Maribeth and her husband Rodney Strand (r.) join with Post 178 friends to celebrate his 98th birthday on October 10th.



Chuck became a member of Post 178 in 1970. He has long been a most beloved fixture at almost every event held here. Despite his humility, Chuck's generosity to our Post over the years is no secret, nor is his desire to help his fellow Veterans.

From every one of the over 1,100 members of Lakewood American Legion Post 178, **"Happy 98th Birthday, Chuck."**

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Wayne McClimans

During this November, give thanks for those brave men and women who gave their all for our freedom. Pray for our Gold Star Families, that they can and will make it another day without their loved one. Be safe where ever you go.

“Let me be aware of the treasure you are. Let me learn from you, love you, bless you before you depart. Let me not pass you by in quest of some rare and perfect tomorrow. Let me hold you while I may, for it may not be always so. One day I shall dig my nails into the earth, or bury my face into the pillow, or raise my hands to the sky and want more than all the world, your return.” —Mary Jean Iron

COMMANDER'S REPORT
David Clinger

It's November already – time for family gatherings, traveling, attending numerous events, maybe even take in a movie. Let's take a breath in and prioritize how we will spend our time. A

special event this month is **Veterans Day, November 11th**. Our **Color Guard** will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade downtown. See **Mark Ward** for details or the Electronic Information Board at the Post. The Auxiliary will be serving spaghetti FREE to Post 178 Veterans. See **Judy Myers** or the posting on the Electronic Information Board.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served on November 23rd. Please sign up in advance and bring your special side dish so sufficient food will be available (see Electronic Board).

Our renewal for 2018 memberships stands at 65%, the most ever for October which reflects that members are generally happy with what the Post has to offer Veterans and their family members. Thank you.

So, as we take a pause, remember to say “Thank you” to a Veteran. Also, remember our military serving away from home, the missing in action, and those who answered the final call. The Post officers, Sue, and I wish you a safe month.

For God, Duty and country, David

BUSINESS REPORT
Bob Heer

We are hosting a **Life Line Screening** event here at the Post on November 15th. Pre-registration is required by calling **1-888-653-6450**. For more information about the screenings, pick-up a flyer here at the Post.

Thanks to **Brad Hall** and **Shawn Bloomer** our back patio is enclosed for the fall and winter seasons.

We are implementing a new touch screen point of sale register in the lounge. Prices are all pre-set in the system and will ensure consistency in charging for the same drinks. Some drinks will cost a little more as a result of our analysis of gross profit percentages. Many of our drink prices have been static for a number of years, but our costs have been steadily increasing. On the bright side, during the remainder of the football season we are offering buckets of domestic beer for \$10.

Home Depot has generously repainted our back hall and game room, and left several gallons of paint for us to repaint hallways etc. If any of you like to paint please see Bob.

Please pray for members and families.

Sick Call

Sue Mountain—Home Hospice
Debby Gregory—Cancer Treatment

Legion Membership is Currently 456 or 65.4%

Please pay your membership dues now, both Legion and Sons. The first of the year is closing in. Your dues help pay for our programs. —Bill Radunz

Attention Joker Poker Players

Once the current Joker Poker game has a winner (someone draws the joker and collects the jackpot, we will begin a new game with the following change:

Joker Poker will be played on both Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale at 5:00 p.m. This will give everyone an additional opportunity to win. We also hope it will draw more players and increase the jackpot at a faster rate.

As a reminder, any jackpot will be paid on the first business day following the win. Winnings in excess of \$500 will be paid by check.

—Joe Bower

**JOKER
POKER**



6 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

AUXILIARY REPORT

Judy Myers

Nancy Chandler has donated a patriotic-themed handmade quilt for a raffle. It is a standard-size.

Tickets are being sold for \$1 each and can be purchased in the lounge or from one of our friendly ladies who will be carrying tickets around during events. **The raffle will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Veteran's Day.**

We will have a **Special Auxiliary Dinner**, instead of burgers, on the 4th Wednesday each month and on the 5th Wednesday in November. The 22nd will be **Mexican Lasagna** and the 29th will be **Chicken and Dumplings.**

Remember Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th. No breakfast will be served so the Auxiliary can use the kitchen to prepare and serve Spaghetti Dinner with Meatballs and Sausage, salad and garlic toast from 11:00 a.m. all the way to 7:00 p.m. The annual dinner is **FREE** to Veteran members of our Post. The cost for others is only \$7, or \$4 for children under 10. Sign up sheets to help are on the Auxiliary board in the hall. We can also use donations of desserts for that day.

We have ceased collecting for the **Auxiliary Emergency Fund** as of October 15th. The Auxiliary will match all funds received and a check will be sent to the national office.

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Please keep Debby Gregory in your thoughts and prayers while she is undergoing treatment for recently-diagnosed cancer.

RIDERS REPORT

Bill Torrey

This morning I got on my bike and it was 50 degrees, and the realization that the riding season is coming to an end soon is disappointing. I know we probably have a solid month left, and we intend to push that out as far as we can. We will be riding in the **Veterans Day Parade**, and we are starting to prepare our feast for **Thanksgiving Dinner at Heather Grove**, followed by our **Christmas Party** for the residents there. Spending a little time again with those fine folks reflects on the real price of Freedom. May they live a comfortable life now. We are trying to help that happen.

We have switched up our dinner menu so check the calendar and e-mail blasts. Please let us know what you think and give us your menu suggestions. We want to serve the food you like.

SAL REPORT

Brad Hall

Another month gone and not too much to report from the SAL. November will bring Thanksgiving and the annual Dinner at the Post on Thanksgiving Day. Christmas and the rest of the Holi-

days will be here before we know it. The **Fundraiser for Hurricane Victims** is on November 4th. It will be a smoked prime rib dinner by **Randy and Bob**, so it should be delicious as usual. The food is being donated so all proceeds go to charity.

SAL dispersed the funds raised at this year's **Golf Tournament** as follows: **The American Legion National Emergency Fund, \$1,024.80; Colorado Veterans Center at Homelake, \$1,024.80; the New Denver Fisher House, \$1,024.80.** Thanks to everyone who participated and volunteered. Keep supporting our Post so we can continue assisting our charities.

Veterans Day

Saturday, November 11

Spaghetti Dinner

with Meatballs and Sausage
Salad and Garlic Bread

11 AM to 7 PM
(no breakfast served)

Post 178 Veterans FREE
\$7 Others — \$4 Under 10

Prepared and Served by
Post 178 Women's Auxiliary



Thanksgiving Turkeys, Volunteers Needed

Donations of turkeys for Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner are requested. Volunteers are also needed to prep, set-up, and clean up. Contact Bill Radunz at the Post or call 303-995-2663.

Welcome

NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS

Robert Logan — Vietnam — Army
John L. Butrum — Vietnam — Navy
Reed M. Routier — Gulf — Air Force
George A. Yeagle — Korea — Marines
William F. Mathisen — Grenada/Lebanon — Army
John Simmons — Panama/Granada/Lebanon — Air Force
Albert J. King — SAL
Mike A. Pizelg — SAL
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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

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6 PM
Every Wed & Fri



Fly Your Flag
Veterans Day
November 11th



LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention

Wednesday
November 15

**Thanksgiving
Potluck Dinner**

11 AM to 1 PM
Bring a Side Dish

Auxiliary Dinner Night

Every 4th & 5th Wednesday 5 – 7 PM

Always a Special Entree
(something besides burgers)

120 Enjoy Fantastic Early Bird Dinner Prepared by Dave and Glad Potvin

A Grand Evening of Cuisine and
Camaraderie Enjoyed by One and All

See more pictures on Facebook at
Sheryl's AL Photos.

