



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



Chili Champs Chosen

The Riders hosted their *Annual Chili Cook-Off* on February 18th. Over 50 people tasted the best red and green chilies in town, provided by 21 contest entrants. **Karen Hendricks** took the honors for Best Red Chili and the Runner-Up prize for her Green Chili. She collected \$75 for her very tasty efforts. **Patti Azzolina** claimed \$50 for Best Green Chili, and **Bree Meredith** collected \$25 for Red Chili Runner-Up. **Bob Shifflet** received a well-deserved \$25 Gift Certificate to Sunshine Liquors for putting together the Most Unique Chili. The Riders and event host **Alan Cates** wish to thank all the entrants and tasters for supporting this delicious event.

Legion Rider Alan Cates presented \$75 to Karen Hendricks (r), who brought the Best Red Chili and was Runner-Up with the Best Green Chili. Bree Meredith (l) received \$25 for Best Red Chili Runner-Up.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Wayne McClimans

Let us all be thankful for our youths. March is children and youth month. "Children have more need of models than of critics." — Carolyn Coats
We older youthful people can make a difference. Just listening, waiting and close observation, and thinking something through can help our younger generation. A lot of praise, a hug now and then, positive feedback, goes a long way.

Dear Lord, help us all to be youthful, and useful to our youth today. Your guiding spirit will enhance what we must do. In Jesus name, Amen.

Spring is coming and the horseshoe pits are restless. Some talk about starting a horseshoes league, and starting a game called 21. If you would like to participate, there will be a sign-up sheet near the pickle cage.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
Bill Radunz

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 7th at 7 p.m. All paid members are encouraged to attend. Important decisions are being made about the future of the Post, and generally there only 20 people involved.

The Executive Board is looking for members interested in learning more about the operation of the Legion and Post. Are you interested enough to step up and hold an office or train for one.

There are rules to be followed everywhere, even here at the Post. Some are the Post Constitution and By-Laws. Others come from the Colorado Secretary of State and the IRS. They are not to be taken lightly. We could be heavily fined for violating them—even closed. In the past, both have happened here at 178. That was many years ago, and we do not want it to happen again. Please follow the rules.

Last week we auditioned **Luke Giusto** for the **American Legion Oratorical Contest** coming Saturday, March 11th to Metropolitan State University. I want to thank the few that came to hear him. He did an excellent job, and we all learned more about our cherished Constitution. We wish Luke well as he competes for a trip to the national finals in Indianapolis in April, and a college scholarship.



Many thanks to Les Metcalf (r) and artist Chuck Elsen (l) who affixed the five official Military Emblems to the front of our Post.



Please pray for members and families.

Sick Bay

George Thein—hip and leg injury.

Final Roll Call

Byron Selbe—Korea—Army (02/18/17)

RIDERS REPORT
Bill Torrey

The 1st month and a half have been productive for the Riders as always. Again we need to thank all that were a part of our **Annual Chili Cook-Off**. We had 21 entries and a crowd of about 50 who enjoyed a fantastic array of red and green chili to taste while enjoying conversations with a group of fantastic people at our Post. If you missed it, don't miss it next year. This event has become a signature day at Post 178.

Our next big event will be our **Lasagna Dinner** on April 22nd. Please make plans to attend. You'll be glad you did, as our lasagna recipe is beyond compare.

Keep in mind that every penny we raise goes to Veterans in need. We are committed.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Carol Conway

Top of the Morning to everyone! March is here and with that comes our much anticipated annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner! Corned Beef, Cabbage, and potatoes! YUM!! Only \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 10 and under! Friday March 17th from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., or while the food lasts! Please sign up to help prep on Thursday night starting at 4:30, and to help on Friday. The sign-up sheet is posted on the Auxiliary board.

Our decorative Shamrocks are for sale at the bar. \$1 each or 6 for \$5! All the proceeds go to help military families and they make our little Post look Great!

We're still serving a delicious menu every Wednesday night for Burger Night! You can even sign up to help in the kitchen (sign-up sheet behind the kitchen door)!

A big thank you to all the wonderful people who help by cutting coupons, serving Burger Nights, supporting our events, and keeping our Post such a friendly and welcoming "home." You are truly appreciated!

Upcoming events: April: The Riders Lasagna Dinner, AUX officer nominations. May: AUX Memorial Day Picnic, the Son's Mother's Day Brunch, and election of officers. June: Father's Day, Installation and Awards Banquet, and the State Convention in Colorado Springs.

Thank you for everything you do.

BUSINESS REPORT
Bob Heer

Effective immediately, when the back hall/backyard is rented for a special event neither member guests or non-member guests may purchase liquor in the main lounge. If the party renting our facility chooses to not have a back bar bartender the event will be alcohol free. This change is necessary to allow our security personnel to effectively do their job. Contracts already entered into before this change will be honored.

If a member of our Post passes away and you wish to inform our membership, please e-mail the Post (news@alpost178.org) or **Dave Dupree** (dave_dupree@q.com) with pertinent information relative to funeral arrangements. Dave will share this information with all members who have their e-mail on file with the Post.

SAL REPORT
Steve Stroud

As the year marches toward Spring, some may wonder why the month of March is got its name. According to the Roman calendar from ancient days, March was the first month of the year and was named after the planet Mars, which was called Martius, the Roman god of war. As Sons of the American Legion we may want to consider March 1st as another New Year's Day, offering us a "do over" where we can begin recruiting new members, inviting friends to join us at the Post for events, attending monthly meetings, and seizing the opportunity to get involved in a meaningful way with SAL. We'll soon be nominating officers, and the Sons are in serious need of some help with our leadership.

Many of our Legionnaires know the Roman god of war on a personal level. Consider reaching out to them for their stories. Invite them to tell you about their experiences and their life changing events. You may be surprised at how many will open up to you, delighted to tell their stories and impart valuable lessons to you. Remember, "when a Legionnaire passes, a library burns down." Get the story while the story teller is still with us.



Luke Glusto delivered his oral dissertation on the U.S. Constitution and several Amendments to a small group of supporters at Post 178. He will compete March 11th and, if successful, travel to Indianapolis for the National Oratorical Contest in April.

Welcome

NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS

Louis Lugo—Active—Army
Kent Eckley—Vietnam—Army
David Kriznar—Vietnam—Army
Gordon J. Helm—Vietnam—Navy
Bertram Sanchez—Vietnam—Army
Jerome L. Stabrava—Vietnam—Navy

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Give us your e-mail address and you'll receive:

- Weekly Lunch Menus
- Special Announcements
- Weekend Events Schedules
- Monthly Newsletter in Color (on time)
- Final Role Call Names and Arrangements

Send your e-mail address to news@alpost178.org and please include your street address so we can save money by taking you off our USPO snail mail list.

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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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6 PM FRIDAYS

Dawn Rehbein
\$2,201 Winner
February 24, 2017

NEW LUNCH MENU
Monday thru Friday — 11 AM to 1 PM

- *Daily Special*
- *Deli Sandwich*
- *Chicken Tenders*

Super Bowl Party a Winner



Shawn and Julie Bloomer organized a Super Bowl party at the Post that attracted a huge crowd. The Post provided pizza and guests brought potluck dishes. Win or lose, everyone had a great time. Thank you Shawn and Julie.