



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



Post 178 Venues Serve Many Purposes



When Nick Stone re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy, he chose the backyard at Post 178 for his May 12th swearing in ceremony. Ensign Michael Williams administered the oath to the Cryptologic Technician Second Class (CTT-2) as both stood by the plaque dedicated to his grandfather, WWII Navy Veteran Leland L. Day.



Post member Howard Corwin and his wife, Anne, came from their home in Port Arthur, WA to celebrate his 80th birthday with over 160 of his closest friends on April 29th. The party included a photo booth cutout made to resemble one of his old cars. After the party, they donated the attraction to the Post.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Wayne McClimans

Accept, Oh Lord, our thanks and praise for all You have done for us. We thank You for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and the faithfulness of Your love.

May we, as members of this Post, bring joy and happiness to others through a smile, a warm handclasp, and kindly deeds. Be with us today and give us hope.

Please take good care of all the veterans and their families, here and everywhere. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
Bill Radunz

Hey! Hey! It has been a pleasure serving you for the last two years as Commander. My officers and I have put a lot of time and effort into improving our Post, and I know it will continue to improve. Thanks to all the volunteers who have assisted me. Without you it would not have happened. It is now time for new leadership. Welcome new **Commander Dave Clinger** and his staff. Meet them at the **Awards and Installation Dinner on Saturday, June 10th—Social Hour at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00 p.m.** **Pat Smith**, past 178 member and currently **Department Adjutant**, will install incoming officers. Dinner will be catered, so we have a sign up list at the Post. We need to let the caterer know how many will attend. As in the past, dinner will be free to members, so bring your membership card.

The **State Convention** will be held in Colorado Springs **June 22-25**. *Our new officers will take their positions June 26th.* I will continue to be the Adjutant and my email will be adjutant178@comcast.net.

Our next **membership meeting** will be on **June 6th at 7:00 p.m.** Yours in Service signing off:
William F. Radunz Jr., Commander Post 178

BUSINESS REPORT
Bob Heer

Thanks to **Charles Eisen and Russ Scott** our picket fence in the backyard has been repainted. Great job guys. I also wish to thank **Kathy Schwab** for coordinating and **Doug Schwab and Brad Hall** for installing a new toilet in the ladies restroom.

Wayne McClimans provided invaluable clean-up assistance following the May 8th hailstorm. Thank you Wayne. We incurred significant hail damage to our property from this storm, and will soon have independent contractors on-site repairing the damage.

The large Stella beer machine has been removed from the South bar island and we now offer it on one of our dedicated draft lines.

We have many private events scheduled for our Banquet Hall and backyard over the summer months. Again I ask members to refrain from going to the back patio when these events are in progress.

A huge thank you also to **Ranya Kelly of the Redistribution Center** for the donation of flowers for our backyard. We look forward to seeing if we can replicate the flower garden from last year. Sure couldn't do it without you Ranya.

Due to increasing food costs, the price of weekday lunch specials has been increased by one dollar to \$7. Chicken tenders and sandwiches will remain priced at \$6.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Carol Conway

I'd like to thank everyone who joined us and helped for the **Memorial Day Picnic**. It was a wonderful day and a moving experience.

Officer Elections: **President, Judy Myers; 1st Vice President, Galadriel Potvin; 2nd Vice President, Dee Yurko; Secretary, Kathy Benton; Treasurer, Marilynn Anderson; Historian, Mar Stecker; Sgt. at Arms, Penny Polston; Chaplain, Mickey West.** A note about the officers: A special meeting was held after the election meeting, and **Judy Myers** was nominated and elected **President** and **Galadriel Potvin** was nominated and elected **1st Vice President**.

Please welcome our new and transferring members: **Mona Eckley, Jerri Munson, and Robin Eskildson.** We're so glad you've joined us!

Unfortunately we will be cancelling our Fourth Wednesday Burger Night (until

Please pray for members and families.

Sick Bay

Ron LaPerle—VA Hospital—Bypass Surgery



Friday, June 9, 2017
Applewood Golf Course
SAL Golf Tournament



Welcome

NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS

Megan Sedgwick—Gulf—Navy
Paul Graebeld—Vietnam—Air Force

further notice) unless we can get some ladies to cook and serve. We need a minimum of 3 people! Please contact any Auxiliary officer or come to a Burger Night for more information. We could really use your support by joining us for dinner and/or helping. Great menu options every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The money we raise from burger nights and other functions helps assist military families and support our community.

Our next **monthly meeting** is **Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m.** Saturday, June 10th will be our **Officer Installation Dinner** starting at **6:00 p.m.** **Sunday, June 18th** is our annual **Father's Day Breakfast**. The sign-up sheet is in the Auxiliary Hall. We need your help. Please sign up!!

Our **Girl's State Picnic** is **Wednesday, June 21st at 6:00 p.m.** We need everyone there! We'll be using the outdoor BBQ for the picnic.

The **State Convention** will be in Colorado Springs this year from **June 22 through 25**.

VERY IMPORTANT! The Senior Auxiliary dues for 2018 are now \$35.

Note for July: The **July meeting** will be moved to the following **Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, June 14th is going to be a SUPER busy night. Couple of issues: We will be having our annual **Flag Day Ceremony** in the backyard. If you are coming to the ceremony please, *do NOT to go through the Banquet Room to get to the backyard*. Enter through the gates to the backyard. The **Harley Owners Group** will be having their monthly meeting in the Banquet Room, and they will have between 70 and 100 people in attendance. They start setting up at 5:30 and end about 8:30 p.m. **Burger Night** will take place as well.

RIDERS REPORT

Bill Torrez

It's been a quiet month for the Riders, while we've been waiting for summer to arrive. Things are going along well and we are looking forward to a long riding season. We again would like to ask for your children or grandchildren to apply for our **Legion Riders Scholarship**. We have two scholarships to award, and the applications are at the Post. If you would like us to e-mail an application to you, please give me a call at **720-404-3183**.

While we are at it, we have received some feedback on our **Friday Night Dinners**. If you would like for us to change up our menu, please e-mail your suggestions to me at **btez424@gmail.com**.

Grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know when to just go riding. Watch out for motorcycles please the life you save may be mine!

SAL REPORT

Dave Dupree

At our meeting in May, the Sons in voted in favor of the following donations: **Girl's State, \$400; Boy's State, \$400; Ranya Kelly's Redistribution Center Inc. (RCI), \$900; Fisher House, \$500; the Legion's National Emergency Fund, \$500; Child Welfare Fund, \$500; Homelake, Colo. Veterans Center, \$500; Colorado Kids, \$50; and the Riders Scholarship Fund, \$400.**

The Sons thank everyone at our Post who support our **Sunday Breakfasts, Golf Tournament, Horse-shoe Tournament, Duck Race**, and other activities. You make it possible to support these Legion and community programs, and we do so on your behalf.

Brad Hall will be sworn in as our new Commander at the **Awards and Installation Dinner on Saturday, June 10th**. He stepped up with enthusiasm as well as some new ideas for SAL.

Thanks to **Dave McBrien**, who was our Commander for the past three years. Dave will continue his service in the kitchen every **Sunday** for **SAL Breakfasts**. *Thanks Dave.*

Saturday, July 15

Randy's Run



Silent Auction

TRIP TO BRANSON, MO FOR SHOWS, DINNER, AND GOLF

TRIP TO SWEETWATER, FL

TRIP TO BLACKHAWK, CO

WESTERN AND WILDLIFE ART SIGNED AND NUMBERED

DONATIONS AND AUCTION ITEMS WELCOME

Randy Baria.....303-946-7906

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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.

NEWSLETTER BANNER PHOTO BY BETH HALL

BULLETIN BOARD

FLAG DAY

Wednesday June 14



5:30 PM

GIRL'S STATE

BBQ PICNIC

Wednesday June 21

5 PM

Hosted by AUX

JOKER POKER



6 PM FRIDAYS

Membership Report

	2017 Goal	Actual	%
Legion	743	754	101.5
SAL	222	200	88.2

Installation & Awards Banquet

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

COCKTAILS 6 PM

DINNER 7 PM

AWARDS & NEW OFFICER

INSTALLATIONS 7:45 PM

Post 178 Members are Encouraged to Enjoy a FREE catered Dinner* and Recognize our Volunteers
* Chicken Cordon Bleu or BBW Beef Strips

Thank You Junior Shooters, SAL Mother's Day Volunteers, and Benefit BBQ Helpers



Junior Shooters pose after serving Pancake Breakfast on April 23rd (left). SAL volunteers (above) served complimentary breakfast to Post 178 mothers on Mother's day, May 14th.

Bob Black and Randy Baria wish to thank everyone who attended the Benefit BBQ on May 13th as well as all of the many volunteers who helped prepare and serve 164 plates. Over \$5,700 was raised for Katie Jensen, a single mother of 3 children who is battling breast cancer.