



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



Post Plans Poignant Picnic

This year's **Memorial Day Service** at Post 178 will feature the Post-sponsored **Junior Shooters** and the award-winning **Honor Platoon** from **John F. Kennedy High School**. A 21-gun salute by the Jr. Shooters will augment a precision performance by the very impressive drill team of JFK students.

The Service begins at 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by the annual Picnic at noon. Members and guests are strongly urged to arrive on time for the Service. Please show appreciation for the volunteer performers and honor the countless Veterans who paid the ultimate price so we can enjoy an all-American Picnic with friends and families.

JFK Honor Platoon to Highlight Memorial Day Service

The Honor Platoon is an academically driven, community service oriented, competition drill team limited to the top 1% of the female student body. All the team members are also members of the National Honor Society. Service to school, community, and nation are hallmarks of the team.

The team is nationally ranked, having placed 4th in the Nation at last year's Daytona Joint Service Nationals in Florida. They will compete again on the national stage at the Golden Bear West Coast Nationals in Southern California on April 29th.

Leading up to this year's national competition the team of 23 Junior and Senior girls has been judged Grand Champions at the Air Force Association Drill Meet, the Dane Balcon Memorial Drill Meet, and the Air Force State Drill Meet.



The JFK Honor Platoon presented a plaque during their April 19th performance to Post 178 representatives Mark Ward and Dave Dupree for SAL's \$700 contribution to offset expenses for their competition in California.

Junior Shooter Ryan Burdick Going to National Tournament



Junior Shooter **Ryan Burdick** has qualified for the Legion's National Championship Tournament. Ryan placed 5th out of nearly 700 entries in qualifying rounds. The tournament is July 18-23 at the Olympic Center in Colorado Springs.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Wayne McClimans

“Let me tell thee, time is a very precious gift of God; so precious that it's only given to us moment by moment.”

— Amelia Barr

I remember when my father was alive (WWII-Navy) and a special moment of talking to him, thanking him for what he did for our family and country. November 8th 2000 he passed on, but the moments will never ever fade away.

Dear Lord, as we give thanks for all the bounty that you have bestowed upon us, let us take many moments to generate positive moments, for now and for ever more. Amen and amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
Bill Radunz

Our next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on May 2nd. VERY important meeting as we will be electing Officers for 2017/2018. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. You will need current membership card to enter the meeting. Only current members are eligible to vote or run for office.

I have been privileged to be your Commander for the last two years. It is time for new ideas and to continue the great things that have been accomplished during the past two years. I feel there are some really good choices for Officers coming up. I will try to teach the many things I have learned over the last 26 years for the good of the Legion. I remain available wherever needed.

I want to thank **Cheri Talbot, Richard Flint, Nick Romano, etc.** for all the telephone calls they made to help us attain 100% membership.

If you are interested in going to **State Convention** June 22nd in Colorado Springs contact me.

Yours in Service, Commander, Bill Radunz.

RIDERS REPORT
Bill Torres

On April 18th 2017, the Post 178 Riders attended the Celebration of Life for our own **Rachelle Leigh Johnson**. She was the daughter of Ray Johnson, brother of Jamie Johnson, and sister of Danielle Johnson; all American Legion Riders. Rachelle tragically passed away on April 8th, just 3 days after her 38th birthday. Ride into Heaven Rachelle, take the clouds for a spin, and look down on us every now and then. Please watch out for motorcycles on the road, our lives depend on it.

We had a productive month of volunteering and contributing our time and our money, and we believe strongly in supporting our Veterans. Support our Post.

SAL REPORT
Steve Stroud

The month of May (*Maius mensis*) what does it mean? From the Greek *Maia*, to Latin *Maius*, it means goddess of spring (growth). May is an opportunity month. It's a time of planting, growth, and an opportunity to tell others about our purpose. The Legion is saying good bye to many of our “old soldiers.” Every month many of our WWII Veterans, Korean War Veterans and Vietnam Veterans are passing away.

Members of the Sons need to commit to volunteering and asking others to be a part of our wonderful Post 178. Growth occurs when we plant the seed and then nurture the growth. Invite a friend to join and be a part of something bigger than ourselves. SAL strongly supports the Legion and wants to see growth happen. Be the one who brings growth to the Post.

May 3rd is the next SAL meeting night, and elections of officers will take place. Meetings start at 6 p.m. and end around 7 p.m. SAL needs more members to step up and run for office if we are to continue as a squadron at

Please pray for members and families.

Final Roll Call

Robert Spronce—Korea (11/06/16)
John Martin—WWII—Army (03/29/17)
Don A. Puckett Jr.—Korea—Air Force (04/01/17)

**Annual Poker Run to Benefit
Post 178 Legion Riders**

Saturday, May 20

Registration 9 a.m.

Last Bike Out 10:30 a.m.

Last Bike In 3 p.m.

Complimentary Food 2:30 p.m.

Frank Henson 303-986-7226



Welcome

NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS

Jeff Bindt—Gulf—Army
Art Beck—Vietnam—Army
Alden J. Bendt—Korea—Army
Floyd M. Zordel—Vietnam—Army
Scott L. Fielder—Grenada—Air Force
Lorenzo G. Romero—Vietnam—Army
Austin E. Eron—SAL

the Post. It only takes a little spare time, and greatly benefits SAL and our beneficiaries. You are the gardener who will help to make this organization survive, or not.

The Annual SAL Golf Tournament also needs volunteers for the June 9th event at Applewood Golf Course. SAL will host Post mothers for a complimentary breakfast on **Mother's Day**, May 14th from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

BUSINESS REPORT

Bob Heer

On **Memorial Day**, May 29th, the Post will be hosting our first member picnic of the year, following the Memorial Day Service which is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. The Post will provide burgers, brats, and dogs as well as draft beer. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish and a friend. Non-member guests will be charged \$5 per person and must leave when the member leaves. A sign-up sheet is posted in the lounge soliciting volunteers to check membership cards and collect from non-member guests.

A big thank you to **Dee Yurko** for her generous donation of a garden tiller. Having an on-site tiller will certainly make the job of preparing our flower gardens for planting a lot easier.

Members are again reminded to not park SUVs and other higher profile vehicles on Simms Street as it makes it difficult to see around them when others are leaving the parking lots.

A special thanks to **Ron King** for his cash donation to help offset the cost of our bingo supplies.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Carol Conway

I'd like to send out our greatest *Thank You* to everyone that made **St. Patrick's Day** such a huge success! We had 20 ladies and 9 gentlemen volunteer to serve 186 dinners! And we made over \$290 from our Shamrock donations!

Officer Elections will be held at this month's meeting, Tuesday, May 2nd at 7 p.m. Our nominations are: President; vacant, 1st Vice President; Judy Myers, 2nd Vice President; Dee Yurko, Secretary; Kathy Benton, Historian; Mar Stecker, Sgt. At Arms; Penny Polston, Treasurer; Marilyn Anderson, Chaplain; Mickey West.

Our **Memorial Day Picnic** will be Monday, May 29th. We're looking forward to seeing everyone! Thank you in advance for helping out—picking up, set up, etc. wherever you see a need!

Our 5th **Wednesday Burger Night** (May 31st) we will be serving ONLY pulled pork sandwiches with coleslaw and celery sticks for \$6 until it runs out!

As always we can use your help on our weekly Burger Nights. Please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen. We'll show you the ropes if you haven't participated before!

We've welcomed some new and transfer members: **Ruth Stewart, Jean Whittenburg, Debbie Theisen, Roberta Ockel, and Linda Gray**. Thank you for your patience in this process. We will not be having a new member initiation this month, but keep an eye out for a future announcement.

Our annual **Father's Day** will be Sunday, June 18th. We'll need help starting at 7 a.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the hall. PLEASE sign up!! We'll need LOTS of help!

Riders Scholarship Fund

Deadline for applications is August 1st.
Members and families are eligible.
See any Rider for more info.



The Women's Auxiliary gave their March 29th Burger Night to Boy Scout Troop 166 from Lakewood who served up a delicious dinner of spaghetti and meatballs. Their efforts will help pay for upcoming summer camping outings.



Friday, June 9, 2017
Applewood Golf Course

SAL Golf Tournament



6:30 a.m. Check-In—7:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
Four Person Scramble
\$80 entry fee per person includes:
18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Range Balls, Goody Bag
1st Drink, Lunch, Prizes after tournament at Post 178
Team Prizes: 1st, 2nd, Last
Men and Women: Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Longest Putt
Prize Hole: Sponsors \$200 includes sign placed on Tee Box
Hole Sponsor \$150
Both receive recognition at lunch and in Post newsletter.
Must have by May 19th, 2017
Golf Committee

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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

Membership Report

	2017 Goal	Actual	%
Legion	743	747	100.5
SAL	222	200	88.2

LUNCH MENU

Monday thru Friday — 11 AM to 1 PM

- \$6 • Daily Special \$6**
- Deli Sandwich \$6**
- Chicken Tenders**

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



Vietnam Veteran Jerry Montoya was honored in an April 7th ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the war. He was presented with a lapel pin by Congressman Ed Perlmutter and two military officers.

Riders Front and Center for Inurnment Ceremony

The American Legion Riders (ALR) attended an Inurnment Ceremony on March 24th at Fort Logan National Cemetery for 22 deceased Veterans from WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and Afghanistan. Their remains were cremated after not being claimed by family or loved ones. Over 150 Veterans from numerous military organizations attended the ceremony.



ALR participants pictured are Frank Benton, Brian Conway, Scott Doyle, Bruce Earnheart, Charles Elsen, Frank Henson, Les Metcalf, Dan McMahan, Fred Muskopf, Ron Nelson, Steve Peterson, Ron Richardson, Russell Scott, Bill Torrez, Nick Trujillo, Mike Watson, and Terry Wright. — Frank Benton