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Post 178

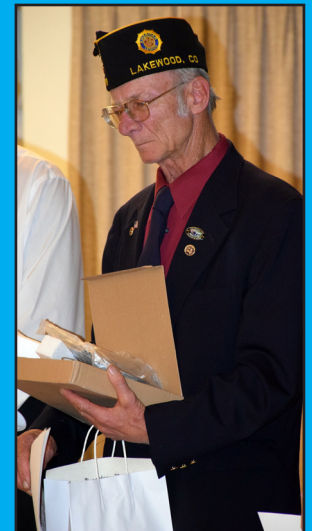
Lakewood, CO



Volunteers Honored, New Officers Installed

2017 Post 178 Awards Winners

Legion Member of the Year..... Wayne McClimans
 Dual Member of the Year..... Bill Radunz
 Life Achievement Award Barb Bunting and Bill Radunz
 SAL Son of the Year Dave Dupree
 SAL Mom of the Year..... Jenny Leiper-Coble



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Mickey West

CELEBRATE THE STAR
SPANGLED SPIRIT OF
FREEDOM

Dear Lord, we thank You for the blessings of freedom to express who we are and to express our thoughts and opinions. May we be filled with the spirit of gratitude. We pray that we will not misuse our freedoms, or ever become complacent. Give us the strength to give our all should it be required of us to retain our freedom.

We take this moment to be thankful for the men and women who defend and protect our freedoms. Instill in them faith, hope, and love and minister to their spirits. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
David Clinger

I am blessed and elated to be your new Post Commander. Turnout at our membership meeting, Memorial Day Service, and Installation Dinner was considerable. The participation displayed a sense of unit pride, compassion, and dedication to our Post, Department of Colorado, and The American Legion. I feel invigorated, and look forward to working with officers of all the units towards the goal of "helping our Veterans and their families."

Throughout the year we go about providing community service, organizing fund raising programs, and mentoring youth. Our hours of work by our volunteers foster pride in our American Legion Post. At the same time we enjoy great food and music, support numerous social events, and make friends at the Post where we can enjoy a good game of pool, shuffle board, horse shoes, or corn hole.

I appreciate immensely Commander Bill's untiring devotion to this Post. Membership has excelled due to his recruiting efforts. As we go forward and look to bring additional new members into the Post, let's ask the question, "How can we help make this a Post where you would feel comfortable recruiting a family or friend?" Please feel free to submit ANY suggestions toward our goals or any other ideas. E-mail me at **commander178@comcast.net** or write your idea on a piece of paper and give it to one our fabulous bartenders.

THERE WILL BE NO POST MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JULY. I look forward to our meeting on Tuesday, August 1st at 7:00 p.m. For God and Country, yours truly, David Clinger.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Judy Myers

Under the leadership of our wonderful past president, Carol Conway, our unit has made great strides forward as is evident in our having been chosen our District's **Auxiliary Unit of the Year**. It will be my honor to serve as Auxiliary President for the 2017/18 term. I welcome any suggestions for ways we can continue this forward progress and maybe even raise the bar a little higher.

We will be serving fresh salads on **Burger Night every 4th Wednesday** and hope you will enjoy these on a hot, summer evening.

Now that we have our own e-mail address, please do not hesitate to respond to any of the e-mails we send. If we do not have your e-mail address, please see Kathy Benton or me and we will add you to the list.

The **Flag Day/Flag Burning Ceremony** happened to fall on **Burger Night** and we welcomed those extra folks who might not be here normally. Our **Father's Day Breakfast** was well-attended with 120 adults and 7 children joining us for the event. The following Wednesday, June 21st, was the picnic for our **Girls State** representatives. We are proud to have had them represent our unit. Please join us at the picnic on July 4th.

If you bring children, please be responsible for them on the playground. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make these events successful.

We welcomed 2 new members—**Camille Praznik** and **Betty Stevens**.

Finally, a big thank you to **Dawn and Randy Rehbein, the Legion and the SONS** for their donations to the **Girls State Program**.

PLEASE NOTE: This month's meeting will be on July 11th at 7:00p p.m.

Please pray for members and families.

Final Roll Call

Edward C. Rougier Jr. (6/10/2017)
Larry Makowski—SAL (6/20/2017)
Oiva "Vic" Pakka—WWII—Air Force (5/30/17)

Welcome

NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS

John Jackson—Gulf—Marine
Brock Anderson—Gulf—Marine
Dane Hofslie—Panama—Navy
Harold Praznik Jr.—Grenada/Panama/Gulf—Marine

BUSINESS REPORT
Bob Heer

Probably had our biggest attendance ever at our recent

Memorial Day Service and Picnic. Door volunteers distributed 446 bracelets and collected \$904 from non-member guests. A huge thank you to the following door monitors: **Sheri and Vern Schmitt, Brian Conway, Russ Scott, Les Metcalf, Beth Hall, Dee Yurko, Marilynn Anderson, Fran and Joe Bowers, Rich Werth, Doug Powell, David Clinger, Linda Quinlan, Sue Mountain, Bert Sluga, and George Burton.** You are all awesome!

I also wish to thank **Randy Baria, Bill Black, and Jim Gibson** for the food prep and cooking. Nothing but compliments guys. Special thanks to **Faye Okeneske,**

Fran and Joe Bowers, and Max Thompson for their donations for the beer. Your generosity is appreciated.

Two other volunteers I also wish to thank are **Pete Zuniga** for refinishing the back hall floor and **Rocky Mountain** for installing the outside lights that were damaged in the recent hail storm. Volunteers like you who take pride in the Post are always appreciated.

Our **4th of July Member Picnic** will kick off at noon. Please bring a side dish, and if you can give 30 minutes of your day, door monitor volunteers are always welcome. A sign-up sheet is in the lounge if you wish to help out.

The grass trimmer in the garage has been "borrowed" and I would really appreciate that it be returned. This is personal since it is **my** trimmer that Wayne and I were using at the Post. Please leave it by my office door since the code to garage has been changed and only Wayne and I have access to it.



Thank you backyard garden and landscape volunteers.

RIDERS REPORT
Bill Torrez

We seem to have all had a hot, hot 1st day of Summer. For us that means we can ride! A little suntan lotion and we are on the road. The Riders are having a **Poker Run July 8th** at the Post and we would like to invite all to come and have fun. We will be hosting the **Picnic on July 4th** and hope you will all come and eat. Again the Riders are calling for applicants for our scholarship. The deadline is coming up very soon.

SAL REPORT
Brad Hall

The Sons would like to thank Hole Sponsors and Gift Contributors for our **10th Annual Golf Tournament** June 9th, 2017 held at Applewood Golf Course.

Hole Sponsors: American Legion Post 178, American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Riders, SAL Squadron 178, Guido's Nickel, American Scale Service & Supply, In Memory of Johnny Rabatin, and Barb Bunting.

Gift Donations: 26th Ave Tavern, T-Street, Baker's Street, Applewood Golf, American Legion Corporation Board, Tony's Meat Market, Jose O' Sheas, Glad and Dave Potvin, Bill Radunz, Jim Reilly, Wayne McClimans, Kathy Schwab and Mike Makofske.

We also want to thank our **Volunteers:** Jimmy Gibson, Linda Quinlan, Shelly Donahue, Kathy Schwab, Maryann Gardner, Beth Hall, Julie Bloomer, Wayne McClimans, Dave McBrian, Ann and Dave Blascetta, George Thein, and Bill Radunz.

The **21st Annual Great Clear Creek Duck Race is Sunday, July 30th at 1:00 p.m. at Vanover Park** in Golden, Colorado. Buy your ducks at the Post and get ready to win a prize, if your duck is a winner. This event supports SAL's annual contribution to **The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation** and others.

Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday, July 5th at 6:00 p.m. The membership has voted to hold future meetings on the first Thursday of each month beginning in August.

Post 178 Funds Available

Over the years Post 178 has helped many Veterans and their families through our Hardship Fund. However, the system also was abused. So we are inviting suggestions for dispersing this fund in ways that will assist Veterans in need. Please contact Adjutant Bill Radunz with your suggestions at: adjutant178@comcast.net.

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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

Saturday, July 15

**Randy's
Run**



Silent Auction

Randy Baria 303-946-7906

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6 PM FRIDAYS

Membership Report

	2017 Goal	Actual	%
Legion	743	759	102.6
SAL	222	225	98.7



A Busy Month at Post 178

*Memorial Day Service
(left).*

*Father's Day Volunteers
(top right).*

*Flag Day Ceremony
(bottom and right).*



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