



THE AMERICAN LEGION



"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

Wounded Veterans Visit Post 178 on Way to Sturgis

For the third straight year, wounded and amputee veterans on Indian Motorcycles rode from Los Angeles to the *Sturgis Bike Rally* in South Dakota. This year the 20 riders began their final leg with a hardy breakfast at Post 178 served by **Brian Conway, Les Metcalf, Joe Calabro, Doug Powell, and Bill Radunz**. **Legion Riders Joe Calabro, Chip Reidmiller, Frank Hansen, Tom Davies, and Doug Powell** joined the Vets for the ride to Sturgis.

Veterans Charity Ride (VCR) is a non-profit organization that uses holistic programs to provide uplifting and healing experiences for wounded, severely injured, and amputee veterans from all branches of service.

Riders spend nine days on beautiful back roads and highways, getting a chance to use motorcycle therapy as a way to decompress from the challenges of post-war life, and stopping in small towns along the way to meet the grateful people of our nation who want to welcome and celebrate these brave men and women.



JFK High School Honor Platoon to Present Colors at Car Show

Post 178 members and guests will again enjoy a performance by the JFK High School Honor Platoon at this year's Annual Car Show as the close-order, all-girl drill team presents the colors dur-



ing opening ceremonies on Sunday, September 17th at 10:00 a.m. The show starts at 9:00 a.m. and concludes with the 1:00 p.m. awards ceremony, followed by the Post's Bronco game party at 2:00.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Mickey West

Dear God, we are grateful for the silence of your divine presence. Our nation has had turmoil, wars, tragedies, and tornadoes. Life has been lost, and life has continued to grow. Your life force energy brings passion, energy, and enthusiasm to our mind, body, and spirit. Help us to feel alive and to overcome the struggles in our lives. Be with those who have lost loved ones and help us to remember to call on You for guidance. Help us to see through the mountain and try not to move it ourselves. May You always give us the strength to climb and rise above through You. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
David Clinger

Hello All. I trust this newsletter finds you in Good Health and Spirits. Have you noticed the latest changes at the Post? Its reflective of the officers and volunteers that have been busy this summer. There are several more changes upcoming.

Why the changes? They are for the purpose of making our Post a more friendly and enjoyable place to bring your family, children, and friends. Let's remember the price paid by fellow Veterans and family members so we can belong to the Post 178.

Please remember to sign in your guests. I have recently visited five other Posts in our area and am continuously told how pleasant it is to visit our Post. People are surprised at all the monthly activities we have. My reply is that we couldn't do it without ALL the officers and volunteers.

I look forward to seeing you at the **Labor Day Picnic AND Early Bird Dinner** in October (if you renew your 2018 membership by October 1).

For God and country, David Clinger

SAL REPORT
Brad Hall

August is about done. The sun is coming up later and setting earlier (still hate that fact).

The **Duck Races** are in the books and the Sons were able to give \$1,300 dollars to **The American Legion Child Welfare Fund**. Thanks to all who bought ducks and merchandise.

The 5th Annual Tom Tucker/Conrad West Memorial Horseshoe Tourney was held on August 19th, and was a big success. **Richard Pintor** and **DanDan Gallegos** were this year's winners. Congrats!

Tom Davies organized and ran the tournament again this year and we in the SAL would like to thank Tom and all those involved.

Bob Black, Randy Baria, and Tanya Kiger were the food masters. **Sue Clinger, Beth Hall, Sheri Tucker, Chip Reidmiller, Frank Spano, and Shawn and Julie Bloomer** all pitched in on the day of the tournament (no pun intended). The food was awesome as usual when these guys and gals cook.

Thanks to the **Legion, Riders, and Auxiliary** for their generous donations as well as those who made cash contributions on their own. Thanks also to **Dave and Glad Potvin**. These events don't happen without a team effort and we had representatives from all the Legion organizations.

The Annual Car Show is September 17th this year, which is a Sunday so come and have breakfast, see the cars, enjoy the **JFK High School Honor Platoon**, and hang around for the Bronco game.

SAL dues need to be paid by October 1st if you'd like to attend the **FREE Early Bird Dinner** on October 21st. Pay and sign up for dinner at the Post.

2ND VICE REPORT
Shawn Bloomer

As promised in our last membership meeting, after we approved the expenditure of a new portable sound system, I executed the purchase.

We have received the speakers and I am happy to report that the system was 'field tested' last weekend in the back patio. The sound is excellent, providing great coverage, excellent reception. The microphone is operational at several angles and distances. The system operated 100% wireless for approximately 8 hours!

Thank you all for your continued support and participation in our beautiful Post. Keep engaged and keep our Post Moving Ever Forward!! HOOAH.

Please pray for members and families.

Final Roll Call

Paul Bilawsky — WWII — Navy
Alan W. Morley — WWII — Navy



ADJUTANT'S REPORT
Bill Radunz

Legion renewals for 2018 stand at 345 as of August 16th. Pay your dues by October 1st

and you will be eligible for the Early Bird Dinner October 21st. Remember to sign up at the Post. We need to know how much food to order. If you have paid dues you can pick up your cards at the Post. If you receive a letter with your new card and it says SAL or Sons, my mistake. Same as Legion don't panic.

Why do we belong to the Legion and why should anyone join? To help support other Veterans, their families, and the community. Also for some, to fill a need for self-esteem.

If your continuous years number ends with a 5 or 0 you can see me for a Legion Membership pin. For instance 5, 10, 15, 20, etc.

Congratulations to the following officers who completed the course from the American Legion Extension Institute. They have all learned more about the Legion to better serve you. **David Clinger, Nick Romano, and Bill Radunz.** Become a better member and take the course yourself.

Yours in Service, Bill Radunz, Adjutant

AUXILIARY REPORT
Judy Myers

Thanks to those of you who contributed clothes and money to help support our adopted **Amvets Post** in Rockaway Beach, MO. The **Bowers, Rehbeins, and Kunsts** packed their campers and trailers and hauled all the goodies to Missouri.

The **Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)** is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency help to eligible members of **The American Legion Auxiliary** who have suffered a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis. It continues today solely through donations from Auxiliary members. Please contact me for more information.

Please remember the **Auxiliary Bake Sale** during the **Car Show** in September. Ladies we need your donations for this event and can probably use some help making sales.

If you haven't already paid your dues, please pay them now so you are eligible for the **FREE Early Bird Dinner** in October.

Sadly, we say goodbye to two of our very active members, **Mar Stecker** and **Kathy Reeves Benton**. They are moving out of the area and we won't be seeing their smiling faces in the kitchen and volunteering in other areas at the Post. Kathy's position of both Secretary and Membership Chairman of the Auxiliary will be filled by **Rosemary Young**. Thank you for stepping up, Rosemary.

BUSINESS REPORT
Bob Heer

Our final member picnic is on **Labor Day** with kick-off at noon. As usual the Post will provide the meats and beer and we ask you bring a dish to share. Non-member guests will be charged \$5.

Our **Annual Car Show** is on Sunday, September 17 kicking off at 9:00 a.m. A pancake breakfast fund raiser will be served from 9:00 a.m. to noon benefiting the **JFK High School Honor Platoon**. They will also perform during the 10:00 a.m. opening ceremonies. The South parking lot will be closed off for the show so parking will be stretched that day.

On Tuesday, September 5 our roofing contractor will be on-site. They plan to have the re-roofing completed in 4 days. Finally, the reason we had the kitchen floor reworked is because the surface that was applied was so rough and irregular that it had become almost impossible to keep clean and comply with health codes.

Welcome

NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS

Lynn E. Peterson

Jack Mohl—Vietnam—Navy

Ben A. Romero—Vietnam—Army

Darrel D. Galster—Vietnam—Navy

Loren D. Spencer Jr.—Gulf—Marine

Ronald A. Pearce—Korea—Coast Guard

Randy "Shane" Wickham—Gulf—Marine

Paid dues qualify for \$5,000 accidental Insurance.

Fill out an application at the Post or on line at

www.theLIT.com/Legioncare12.

More info at the Post.

Riders
Saturday
September 9
9 AM



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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



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
FUND RAISER
FOR JFK HIGH SCHOOL
HONOR PLATOON
SUNDAY, SEPT. 17
9 AM TO NOON**

LEGION DINNER

**Friday Sept. 29
Karen's Burritos**



5:30 – 7:30 PM
Movers & Shakers
6:30 – 9:30 PM



Fly Your Flag

Labor Day—September 4

Patriot Day—September 11

POW/MIA Day—September 15

Gold Star Mothers Day—September 24



Annual Tom Tucker/Conrad West Horseshoe Tournament Raises \$1,268 for SAL Charities

Pulled pork prepared by **Bob Black** and **Randy Baria**'s baked beans were served to 41 hungry people by **Tanya Kiger** during this year's SAL Horseshoe Tournament. The 50/50 took in \$306, half of which was won by **Dave Cleveland**. The \$1,268 raised exceeded organizer **Tom Davies**' goal of \$1,250 for SAL charities.



Tom Davies presents trophy and cash to **Richard Pintor** and **DanDan Gallegos** for first place in the SAL horseshoe tourney.

Sunday September 17



**Car Show
AND
Krackel Fest**

**WINDISH
RV CENTER**

**PERRY & TERRY
AUTO BODY INC.**