



THE AMERICAN LEGION



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1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

Post Inaugurates Volunteer of the Month Award

The *Corporation Board* has announced the creation of a *Volunteer of the Month* citation for volunteers whose contributions to Post 178 are worthy of special recognition and appreciation from all of our members.

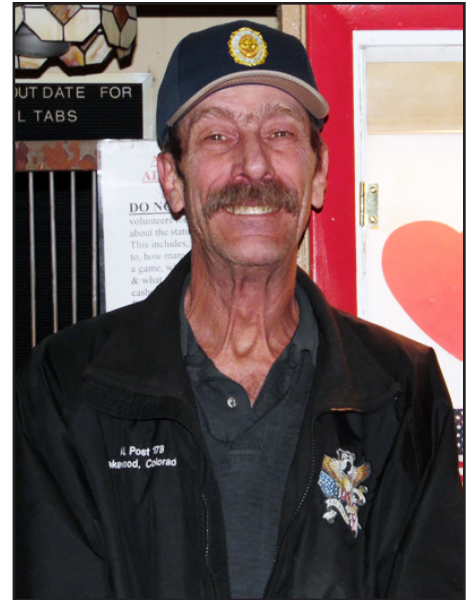


The volunteer selected by the board each month will receive an award pin and official Certificate of Appreciation from The American Legion. A complimentary dinner and beverage at the Post will also go to winner. A *2018 Volunteer of the Year* will be chosen from the 12 monthly winners.

The board also named the Volunteer of the Month for the first three months of 2018. The first recipient is **Bill Groves**, known to everyone as *"Pickle Bill."* An Army Veteran, Bill joined our Post 20 years ago and has lent a hand whenever he can since then. He spends most of his time volunteering to manage the pickle cage, an effort that requires many hours of his time each month, and without

machine, doing mechanical work on our bus and locomotive, running the wire for the administration office security system, and being a driver at the mid-year conference.

Dee Yurko is our March Volunteer of the Month. She has been a member



Volunteer of the Month

January..... **Bill Groves**

February..... **Frank Spano**

March..... **Dee Yurko**

of the Auxiliary for over 50 years, and a member of Post 178 for 18 years. Dee volunteers at virtually every AUX function. She keeps the



which the pickle games would not be available to members.

February's Volunteer of the Month is **Frank Spano**. He's an Army Veteran and has been a member of SAL for 49 years!

Frank put in many hours during February constructing a door for the Post's new AED

backyard garden and patio plants growing, volunteers in the kitchen, and spearheads Girl's State, shamrock sales, and Angel Tree.

Contact any Post officer or **Bob Heer** with your recommendation for a Volunteer of the Month. It's important to thank our volunteers.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Wickey West

Father, as we enjoy the signs of Spring may we be reminded that the beauty of Your green earth and its flora are gifts to be treasured. Though they are temporary and will surely fade, they represent a promise of renewal to be enjoyed again and again. May we recognize the beauty in life's cycles as we offer gratitude to You dear Lord for your many blessings.

We sing Your praise as we celebrate and grieve, for in all seasons there is evidence of Your love and dominion.

We humbly pray for the welfare of our Veterans, active duty military, and their families. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
David Clinger

It's April and the turning point of the seasons. I encourage members to seek out **Glad Potvin** and **Judy Myers** from the Auxiliary and give them special thanks for the time they put in so that we could enjoy a *terrific St. Patrick's Day Dinner*. Also my appreciation is extended to all the volunteers and bartenders who helped make it a fun day.

As most of us celebrate **Easter**, please think of your family. If you're not planning to see them, give them a call and say hi.

Many of you are discussing nominations of new officers for 2018-19. That's great, but let's be mindful to nominate people who have the time, passion, and working knowledge of The American Legion.

I'm looking forward to spending more time at the Post to help make things even BETTER. Check out events on our calendar! Peace, love, and enjoy Spring.

SAL REPORT
Brad Hall

It's April now and I sure hope we see some of those May flowers real soon. It is amazing how much a person that was born and raised here starts getting more and more tired of the cold weather, especially when there isn't that much snow involved.

We had the **Walleye, Smelt, and Steak** fry on Friday, February 23rd and we ended up serving 120 dinners.



The Professionals are (l. to r.) Bill Black, Beth Hall, volunteer Rick, Bob Black, Randy and Dawn Rehbein, and Randy Baria. Sneaking into their picture on the right is Brad Hall.

It was a good showing of support for the Post as the place was pretty full. Thanks to all who came and ate.

Also, I would like to thank that evening's volunteers **Randy Baria, Bob Black, Bill Black, Randy and Dawn Rehbein, Jody and Michelle Marcotte, Beth Hall, and Shawn Bloomer**. Hopefully I didn't miss anyone.

With the help of The Professionals: **Randy Baria, Bob Black, Bill Black, Randy and Dawn Rehbein, Beth Hall**, and volunteer **Rick**, we served about 130 **Baby Back Rib Dinners** on Friday, March 9th. It was again great to see the Post full of people.

Sunday Breakfast help is still hit and miss. We are tossing around the idea of having a more limited menu for the Summer months, hoping it will enable us to keep the kitchen open on Sunday's as the volunteer list is still lacking and the regulars are pretty tired of working every Sunday.

With that in mind, we're having a **Burrito Buffet with Grits** on Sunday, April 22nd. Also, please note that *no breakfast will be served Easter Sunday*, April 1st.

Please pray for members and families.

Sick Call

Dee Yurko—knee surgery
Tanya Keiger—busted ankle
Sue Mountain—home hospice
Steve Stroud—out of hospital
Buford Johnson—Fitzsimmons VA Hospital

Final Roll Call

Roger Gonzales—Vietnam—Navy—02/07/18
Edward Matson—WWII—Army—02/22/18
Ira Wren—Vietnam—Army—03/11/18
Robert Bembenek—WWII—Air Force—12/2017
James Forbes—Korea—Navy—01/10/2018
Louis Leon Nestler—Navy—Gulf—03/24/2018
George Thein—SAL—03/07/18

Riders Scholarship Fund

Applications available at the Post.
Members and families eligible.
Winners (1 boy, 1 girl) announced
August 15, 2018.
Deadline for applications August 1st.
See any Rider for more information.

Contestants, Committee Boast Successful State Oratorical



The American Legion State High School Oratorical Committee met for the final time this year after a successful contest hosted by Metropolitan State University on March 10th. Committee members are (l. to r.) Lynn Peterson; Post 178 Chairman, Wayne McClimans, Nick Arceo, Janelle Rodriguez, Joel Mendelson, Laurie Kuntz, Teddy Kuntz, Dave Clinger, Gary Force, and George Maese; Legion Department Chairman.

The Post sent Kaylee Coffman and Vincent Nowak to this year's Oratorical, pictured with Judy Myers and Mark Ward. Contestants had to deliver a 10-minute speech to judges covering an aspect of the U.S. Constitution. Vincent, representing Golden View Academy, placed third and received a \$1,000 scholarship. Congratulations!

Sr. Vice Comdr.

Mark Ward

The American Legion State High School Oratorical Contest was successful again this year thanks to many volunteers who stepped up to help. Congratulations to **Kaylee Coffman** and **Vincent Nowak**, the two students sponsored this year by Post 178.

The **2018 American Legion Boy's and Girl's State** camps are scheduled for the second week of June. As always, volunteers are needed. Please call **Mark Ward (303-733-6090)** for more information.

Riders Report

Bill Torrey

The Riders want to thank everyone who helped with the **Chili Cook-Off**. We all had a great time, and with 15 entries there was a great selection for all to try. We are all looking forward to good weather for riding for our upcoming events. Don't miss our **Riders Dinners** every 1st and 3rd Friday night of the month.

Business Report

Bob Heer

Big thanks to **Rocky** and **Travis** for installing a light fixture at the south end of the bar and repairing one of the faulty light switches in the lounge. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Beginning no later than April 1st we will be offering **Happy Hour Prices** from **4:00 to 6:00 p.m. daily**. It's our small way to thank customers for their support.

Many of you have expressed interest in helping offset the cost of **Friday Night Bands**. At its last meeting the Corporation Board agreed that anyone wishing to make a donation should forward it to me. I will appropriately recognize these contributing members for their generosity.

Our kitchen range is showing its age and we are currently exploring options to replace it.

Auxiliary Report

Judy Myers

What a great **St. Patrick's Day** we had. Thanks to my many Auxiliary volunteers who plated, served, and cleaned and to the men from the Legion and Sons who helped with carving, heavy lifting, and cleaning. Many thanks to **Ranya Kelly** for all the wonderful desserts from **RCI**. *continued on back page*

Upcoming ALR Events

Lasagna Dinner..... Saturday, April 14
Poker Run..... Saturday, June 16
Bishop Castle Run..... Sunday, June 24
Castle Rock Ride Saturday, June 30

Chili Cook-Off Winners

Red..... Doug Powell
Green David Bralish

Welcome

NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS

Chase Baron — Gulf — Navy
 Gilbert Flores — WWII — Army
 Rodney S. Jones — Gulf — Air Force
 Todd A. Rupp — Panama — Navy
 Sean Smith — Gulf — Navy
 Dale J. Robuck — Vietnam — Air Force
 Michael C. Roby — Gulf — Army
 Robert J. Saunders — Vietnam — Navy
 Donald L. Schafer — Vietnam — Army
 David L. Scherer — Gulf — Air Force
 Duane F. Gregory — SAL
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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

Junior
SHOOTING SPORTS

Helping Youths
Hold Steady,
Aim Higher

Regular Menu Available



Fund Raiser
Sunday April 15
9 AM — Noon
\$7 PANCAKES
ALL YOU CAN EAT

SMOKED BRISKET DINNER

COOKED TO PERFECTION BY RANDY, BILL & BOB

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 — \$12 — 5 PM UNTIL GONE

Lasagna Dinner



\$8

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

5 TO 7 PM

So GOOD It WON'T LAST LONG



St. Patrick's Day Auxiliary volunteers Sue Clinger, Judy Myers, Glad Potvin, Lee Bachman, Holly Bouchie, and Kay Scott served the best-ever corned beef and cabbage.

Shamrock sales went way beyond last year and were completely sold out on the 17th. Thank you **Dee Yurko** and **Lee Bachman** for selling and to the ladies who cut out the shamrocks for making this a successful program for donations to our charities.

Dawn and Randy Rehbein will be taking clothing donations to our sister **Amvets Post 78** in Missouri again this year. We particularly need NEW children's underwear and socks in all sizes. All donations will be accepted, but these are necessities.

Memorial Day will be around soon. Last year's attendance was huge so be prepared to help. May is also **Poppy Month**. Poppies are available for any donation you would like to make.

Our **Auxiliary Dinner Night** on April 25th will feature delicious Reuben Sandwiches with Potato Salad. Come and enjoy.

George Thein

1943—2018

Known by everyone at the Post as s "One Eyed George" and "Butch" to his family, George Thein was a longtime SAL member and officer who attended every meeting and volunteered in many capacities.

He always wanted to join the Army, but the loss of his right eye in a construction accident as a teenager made him ineligible. George was one-of-a-kind, and served Veterans and his country with distinction as a member of Post 178 until his death on March 7, 2018.

