



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



*"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"*

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

## Auxiliary's Mission at Post 178 Described

The Auxiliary members at Unit 178 are proud to serve the needs of our veterans and our community. We know that military service is a sacrifice for the whole family, so ALA members quietly look for ways to ease the burden—whatever it takes to get that family back on



their feet physically, mentally, socially and vocationally. If we don't have the resources, we connect military families with our partners who do.

In honoring our veterans, one of our core values is to

demonstrate and pass on respect for our country and our nation's flag. We promote patriotic youth programs, most notably the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and Girls Nation programs, held regionally and nationally, along with education programs, contests and scholarships in local school systems.

Making our communities better places in which to live is another core value put into action by American Legion Auxiliary members every day across the country. ALA members are continuously at work in their communities, demonstrating the compassion and heart we have for those who serve our country and protect our freedoms.

We do a few unique things at our Post. We have the Angel Tree and Shamrock donations, and the Bake Sale at the Car Show to support military families. We sponsor an AmVets Post in Missouri where we donate food, clothes and other items to help them live a more comfortable life. Last year we sent over \$600,000 worth of coupons, clipped from the paper, to military families abroad. This is why it is so important to find even a little time to volunteer, as many volunteer positions can be done in house or away from our post. If every member could volunteer once a year, our post would average 3 volunteers per day!

### Lakewood to Have Auxiliary

Much benefit can come to both the individual and community through the channels of this great organization.

—Sentinel Newspaper February, 1942

As we approach our centennial in 2019, ALA members take a great deal of pride in our accomplishments, but we know there is still important work ahead as new, young service members grow older.

—by *Judy Myers, Auxiliary President*

### Dawn Rehbein

Post 178's *Volunteer of the Month* for May is **Dawn Rehbein**. During 17 years as a member of our Post, Dawn has helped with countless Auxiliary projects such as assembling care boxes for active duty troops and aiding victims of the Houston flood. Most recently she has been organizing bands for Friday nights, organizing clothing drives, and helping in the kitchen with Auxiliary dinners.

Dawn is responsible, together with husband Randy, for many improvements to our Post over the years such as the elegant new curtains in Janssen Hall, the big screen TV in the lounge, and the AUX storage shed in backyard.



**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**  
*Wayne McClimans*

"There is no wilderness like a life without friends; friendship multiplies blessings and minimizes misfortunes; it is a unique remedy against adversity, and it soothes the soul."

—Baltasar Gracian

That's one reason Post 178 is called "The Friendly Post. Working as a team on committees, serving as an officer, planting a garden, what ever you do at the Post fosters friendships. That leads to concern for each other while we continue the Legion's mission of serving Veterans and helping in our community.

*Dear Lord, help us to embrace our fellowship with others at our "Friendly Post." Amen.*

**COMMANDER'S REPORT**  
*David Clinger*

Many events have taken place within the last 30 days. Elections are all completed and installation will be on June 16, 2018 at our **Annual Awards and Installation Banquet**. Social hour begins at 4:30 p.m. and a very special catered dinner follows at 5:30. Please attend the banquet, enjoy the fine food, music, camaraderie, and thank the officers charged with leading us forward. The banquet is **FREE** for members and \$9 for all others. Please sign up on the sheet in the lounge before June 10th.

I'm proud of our Post and the people who stepped up to help the **National American Legion Commander Denise Rohan's** visit a GREAT success. Please join me in thanking **Judy Myers, Glad Potvin, Lea Bachman, Sue Clinger, Sheryl Funakoshi, Dee Yurko, John Darst, Frank Spano, Mark Ward, Shawn Bloomer, the Sons, all the kitchen staff, and the Civil Air Patrol.**

June will be a busy month with **Flag Day** on the Thursday the 14th and the **Department of Colorado Convention** June 21—24 in Colorado Springs.

Have a comment or idea? E-mail me at commander178@comcast.net or drop a note with the bartender. Be proud of this Post! This is our place to meet with friends, enjoy a good meal, and even dance to some good music. Post membership currently stands at 736, or 97%. For God and Country, Sue and I wish you a GREAT summer.

**SAL REPORT**  
*Brad Hall*

We served 80 dinners at our Smoked Prime Rib Dinner in May. Thanks **Randy and Dawn**

**Rehbein, Randy Baria, Bob Black, and Beth Hall.** These special dinners have been well received, and as always, we couldn't pull them off without all the help. However, help is still needed for **Sunday Morning Breakfasts**, so please sign up in the kitchen.

The **11th Annual SAL Golf Tournament** is Friday, June 15th at Applewood Golf Course. It's not too late to

enter and participate in the steak lunch and awards presentation. Pick up a flyer at the Post or contact Bill Radunz at 303-995-2663.

If you enjoyed our new sound system on **Memorial Day** you can thank **Shawn Bloomer**.

At our May meeting the Sons voted to contribute **\$500 to The American Legion National Emergency Fund, \$1,500 to Homelake Veterans Center, and to present \$500 to Legion President Denise Rohan** for the **Temporary Financial Assistance Program** during her Mother's Day visit to the Post.

**Opportunities for Post Community Service**

April 1st was the beginning of another year for our Post's Community Service Program. Community Service is an integral part of our Post because it's part of the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion, the Sons, and the Auxiliary; "...to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community state and nation..."

So what is considered "Community Service?" The simple definition is "making our communities a better place to live." There are countless opportunities for Legion members to fulfill this obligation, from giving a Veteran a ride to a VA Hospital to donating blood at a local blood drive.

We want to hear about what our members are doing in the community to contribute to Community Service. Please contact me with details by sending an e-mail to: [alpost178@comcast.net](mailto:alpost178@comcast.net) - Attention: Nick Romano.

—by Nick Romano, Community Service Chairman

*Please pray for members and families.*

**Final Roll Call**

Ron Pearce—Korea—Coast Guard—05/10/2018

**Welcome**

**NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS**

Julie Jolly—Panama—Navy  
Trevor Petersen—Gulf—Navy  
Lionel Smith—Panama—Army  
Matthew Hyman—Panama—Navy  
Robert D. Orr—Vietnam—Air Force

**RIDERS REPORT**  
*Bill Torrey*

Saturday, June 16th is the **American Legion Riders**

**Post 178 Poker Run.** Come on your bike, your car, or any other way you can make this run with us. Sunday, June 24th we are taking a **Ride to Bishop Castle**, which is an amazing trip through some beautiful scenery. Saturday, June 30th is **Ride 22**, named because every DAY 22 Veterans commit suicide here in the United States. This is a number we just can't live with. Please come and help or donate to the very deserving cause which goes directly to the heart of every Veteran who has served this Country.

June is our Election month, so we will have new officers taking over the reins and taking us forward into the New Year. Ride safe, drive safe, and live well.

**AUXILIARY REPORT**  
*Judy Meyers*

It was a great turnout for the **Memorial Day Service and Picnic.**

Thanks to all of our volunteers for their help. Thanks to the JFK High School Honor Platoon for their fine performance and helping us to honor America's fallen Veterans and our own departed members.

The garden in the back and all the flowers in the front were lovingly planted by **Dee Yurko, Kathy Schwab**, and their helpers. The additions were truly beautiful and were a lovely background for the Memorial Day Picnic as well as for the National Commander's visit.

We depend on volunteers to help make our events a success. Many times we need volunteers and seem to get the same five. Please consider volunteering once this year and help us continue our events, fundraisers, and dinners in support of our Veterans and all of the Auxiliary's programs! Thank you!

Remember to attend the Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th.

The **Father's Day Buffet** on June 17th is our next big project. All fathers who are members of the Post eat free; all others \$7. Hours are from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The **State Convention** will be held in Colorado Springs this month. Information will be posted in the Auxiliary room

We have 3 girls going to **Girls State** and we will have a picnic to meet them and hear about their experiences following their attendance.

Our 4th Wednesday dinner will be a wonderful, big salad (type to be determined).

**BUSINESS REPORT**  
*Bob Heer*

**Ranya Kelly** with **Redistribution Center Inc.** came through again this year with flowers for the back yard. Words cannot express our appreciation. I also want to thank the many **Legion Riders** who carefully transported most of the flowers, and

**Kathy Schwab** for her awesome job of securing volunteers and getting them planted. Thanks to all of you we will again have a backyard we can be proud of this summer.

We are moving ahead with the purchase of a new range for our kitchen and currently securing bids to install speed bumps in our South parking lot. Hopefully the speed bumps will reduce the safety concerns with people speeding through the lot.

I will be again looking for volunteers to staff our doors during the **4th of July Picnic.** A sign-up sheet is in the lounge.



**Congratulations JFK HS Honor Platoon**

The JFK High School Honor Platoon is now ranked 2nd in the nation after their April performance at the Golden Bear West Coast Nationals.

The team, under the direction of Post 178 member **Sgt. Paul Mahoney**, performed at our recent Memorial Day Service and promises to be back again for this year's Car Show.

**SAL Golf Tournament**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH**  
*Appelwood Golf Course*  
*Sponsorship and Volunteer Opportunities Available*

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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

## SAL Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH

*Applewood Golf Course*

*Sponsorship and Volunteer Opportunities Available*

## AWARDS AND INSTALLATION BANQUET

**CATERED DINNER SATURDAY, JUNE 16 SIGN UP SHEET**  
**MEMBERS FREE SOCIAL HOUR 4:30 IN THE LOUNGE**  
**OTHERS \$9 DINNER 5:30 PM DEADLINE JUNE 10**

**Father's Day**  
**AUX Buffet Breakfast**

**9 – 11:30 AM**  
**POST 178 DADS**  
**DINE FREE (OTHERS \$7)**

## National Commander Welcomed to Post 178

Photos by Sheryl Funakoshi and Sue Clinger

