



THE AMERICAN LEGION



"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

National Commander To Visit Post 178



Denise Rohan, The American Legion's National Commander, will visit our Post on Mother's Day.

Commander Rohan is touring several posts in the area to meet with veterans and listen to their concerns.

Rohan served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1974 to '76, and has served The American Legion since 1984. She is a past post and department commander in Wisconsin.

Her theme as national commander is *"Family First"* and her fundraising project is the Legion's **Temporary Financial Assistance Program**. TFA awards cash grants to minor children of veterans who are eligible for American Legion membership. These grants help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities, and health expenses, thereby keeping the child or children in a more stable environment.

Rohan has been married to **Mike** since 1976, and they have a son, **Nicholas**, daughter-in-law **Angie**, and two grandchildren, **Sawyer** and **Isla**.

All of the Post's 1,300 members extend a warm welcome to Commander Rohan, and wish her a **Happy Mother's Day**.

Kudos For Cubs

Cub Scouts from Packs 250 and 970 received their Rank Badges during a ceremony at Post 178 on April 18th. Four officers from the Denver Area Council were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their volunteer service by **Chaplain Wayne McClimans** on behalf of the Post.



Chris Schroeder

Post 178's **Volunteer of the Month** for April is **Chris Schroeder**. Almost anytime you look into our kitchen, you'll see Chris hustling around taking care of business.

Chris became a member of our Post 4 years ago and a Legion member 9 years ago, after serving for 6 years in the Air Force. He volunteers to cook for the Auxiliary and on Sundays for the Sons.

Chris' efforts have not gone unnoticed, and the Post is proud to recognize him for his generosity and dependability as a volunteer.

Contact any Post officer or **Bob Heer** with your recommendation for a Volunteer of the Month.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Wayne McClimans

“Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful individuals with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.” — Calvin Coolidge

Dear Lord, we thank you for those brave men and women who make the effort to keep us free. Their persistence and determination have kept us safe for a long time. We give thanks, shed a tear, plant a tree, plant a victory garden, and never we will forget. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
David Clinger

May is here and it's time to nominate and elect new officers. Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders are seeking officers that can commit to putting in time to help the Post grow in its support of veterans and their families. PLEASE do not nominate/ elect a member based on social status rather than what he/she is able to contribute.

A lot of other important dates to remember in May. **The American Legion National Commander, Denise Rohan**, is visiting with us on **Mother's Day, May 13th**. SAL will provide, as always, a great buffet breakfast. Moms who are members of Post 178 dine **FREE**, all others pay \$7.

Our **Memorial Day Service** is Monday, May 28th at 10:45 a.m. You don't want to miss this special day as we honor our departed veterans and members. The **JFK High School Honor Platoon**, who impressed us so much last year, will again perform at this year's service. Of course the family fellowship, food, and fun activities that follow the service are special.

In closing, it has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Commander. Thank you **Sue**, my wife, in allowing me to spend the time here at Post 178. Be safe, thank you for your service, volunteering, and support.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT
Bill Radunz

Membership stands at 96%. New officers will be elected at the Post's May monthly meetings. Your vote counts.

Sign up now for the **11th Annual SAL Golf Tournament** coming June 15th at Applewood Golf Course. Sponsors and donations for door prizes are welcome.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Judy Myers

The Auxiliary would like to recognize **Jean Hawn**, a coworker of member **Dan Wessels**, who so graciously donated many hand knitted items for both the VA Hospital and our sister AmVets post in Missouri.

We will be putting out a box for donations of new underwear and socks for the children at that same AmVets post. Spring brings us flowers and thanks to **Chrissy**, our new bartender, for helping take care of things while **Dee Yurko** is on the mend.

Thanks to the Post's donations to the **JFK High School Honor Platoon**, representatives from the Legion, Sons, and Auxiliary were invited to a kickoff dinner for the drill team's trip to the California competition. They presented us with signed pictures of the team. We look forward to their performances at our **Memorial Day Ceremony** and **Car Show** this year.

There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the **Memorial Day Picnic**.

Our **4th Wednesday Dinner** this month will be *roasted chicken thighs and a loaded baked potato*. The **5th Wednesday Dinner** will be *enchirittos*, a tasty cross between an enchilada and a burrito.

RIDERS REPORT
Bill Torrez

We are having a great year so far. Our dinners and fundraisers are going great. We want to thank all the members and guests who came to our **Annual Lasagna Dinner**. We heard some wonderful comments about our team of fantastic cooks, who served both lunch and dinner.

Please pray for members and families.

Sick Call

Dee Yurko—knee surgery
Tanya Keiger—busted ankle
Sue Mountain—home hospice

Final Roll Call

Harry C. Starkey—WWII—Army—04/18



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

SAL REPORT
Brad Hall

April is out as well as Winter...maybe. Depends on the day. Hopefully we get a little Spring before the high temperatures

kick in for Summer.

Randy, Bob, and Bill's Smoked Brisket Dinner was Friday, April 13th and it was a fantastic meal by these guys. The meat was tender and moist. I guess succulent would be a good description. Thanks to **Randy Baria, Bob Black, Bill Black, Randy and Dawn Rehbein, Beth Hall, and JD Bormolini** for all the help. We served 85 dinners and raised some serious money for SAL. The Post was pretty full and many diners stayed to enjoy the band.

Saturday, May 5th will be the last special meal of Spring when we will be serving smoked prime rib. Should be great if it's anything like the last one.

At the Son's April meeting we voted to contribute **\$350 to the Riders Scholarship Fund, \$100 to the American Cancer Society, \$750 to Homelake Veterans Center, \$1,500 to the Legion's National Emergency Fund, and \$600 to the JFK High School Honor Platoon.**

These contributions are possible because of our volunteers and all of the members who come to the Post to enjoy SAL dinners, breakfasts, and special events. The lounge has begun a **Happy Hour** with drink specials from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., so come on down to the Post and check out what's going on.

BUSINESS REPORT
Bob Heer

On **Memorial Day** we will have our first member picnic of the year. The picnic will follow our traditional **Memorial Day Ser-**

vice that begins at 10:45 a.m. Door volunteers are again needed to check membership cards. A sign-up sheet is in the lounge by the pull tab cage. Please sign up if you can give 30 minutes. As in previous years non-member guests will be charged \$5.

Karen Claims Cash

Congratulations to **Karen Black** who won \$1,221 in the Post's final Joker Poker game until future notice. According to Karen the big win came just in time to give it all to the IRS.



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.

A test is currently being conducted to restrict non-member guests, vendors etc. to only have access through our South door. The East lounge door is reserved for Post members only and the buzzer has been deactivated. This change will hopefully help the bartenders ensure that guests are with a member or are a member of another American Legion Post.

As a thank you to everyone who supports the Post, we've begun a **Happy Hour** in the lounge 7 days a week from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Bottled beer will be \$2 and all other drinks, except buckets, will be 50 cents off. Come and enjoy.

Upcoming ALR Events

Poker Run..... Saturday, June 16

Bishop Castle Run..... Sunday, June 24

Castle Rock Ride Saturday, June 30

SMOKED PRIME RIB

COOKED TO PERFECTION BY RANDY, BILL & BOB

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH, 4 TO 7 PM — \$13

LIVE MUSIC — BILL BOYLE BAND — LIVE MUSIC

Welcome

NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS

Brent P. Krolicki—Gulf—Army

Cindy A. Linderman—Grenada—Air Force

Michael D. Linderman—Grenada—Air Force

Richard Lee Sangl—Vietnam—Army

Richard K. Feltes—Grenada—Navy

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

Service

10:45 AM
A Tribute to
Departed Post 178
Members and
America's Veterans



Picnic

12:00 Noon
Members FREE
(bring a side dish)
Guests \$5
(\$2 children)

Performance by the JKF High School Honor Platoon

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Post Favorites Celebrate Birthdays



ABOVE LEFT: **Dewey Friez (95)** and **Harold Nelson (103)** each celebrated birthdays recently. ABOVE: Dewey's party gathered for a group photo. ABOVE RIGHT: Dewey was challenged to a one round, five player poker shoot out. He won. BELOW LEFT: Commander David Clinger introduces Dewey. BELOW RIGHT: Harold successfully blows out all 103 candles.

