



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



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

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



## Members Mark Milestones

Lt. Col. James H. Harvey III celebrated his 95th birthday at a large gathering of family and friends on Saturday, July 14th. Fellow Post 178 member Allan Lockheed Jr. presented him with a personalized copy of *Revolution in the Sky*, which chronicles the development of advanced aircraft built by Lockheed for pioneer aviators of the 1930s. Lt. Col. Harvey flew several Lockheeds during his career as a *Tuskegee Airman*, including the P-80 Shooting Star jet fighter in which he completed 126 missions over Korea.



In 1949 he became one of the three Tuskegee pilots whose team won the very first *Top Gun Competition* in Las Vegas flying P-47N Thunderbolts. He is one of only two remaining members of the team, including all of the support personnel. Because of their race the achievement was not recognized until 1995, long after Lt. Col. Harvey's 1965 retirement from the Air Force.

Vern Luoma was surprised with a cake from Connie Stark and a group of friends when he and wife Helen made their daily visit to the Post for lunch on Tuesday, July 17th. The occasion was Vern's 80th birthday. This year also marks Vern's 48th year as a member of Post 178. He possesses a wealth of stories about Post history as well as his time in the Army (1961—67) as an electrician serving in Thailand and Greenland. Our entire membership thanks Vern for his service, and we express our best wishes to him on his 80th birthday.



Photos by Sheryl Funakoshi and Dave Dupree

## Wayne McClimans

July's *Volunteer of the Month* is Wayne McClimans. Wayne served in the Navy for two years aboard the USS Sacramento bound for the Philippines and the Gulf of Tonkin. He spent 14 more years in the reserves, earned a BA in Therapeutic Recreation from Metro State University in Denver, and enjoyed a 25-year career at Foot-hills Parks and Recreation and Pinehurst Country Club.

In his 18 years as a member of Post 178 (Legion and SAL), Wayne has served as Post Commander (3 terms), 1st Vice (4 terms), Sgt.-at-Arms (4 terms), and Chaplain (4 terms). In addition he regularly performs the duties of Americanism Officer and Representative to Boy's/Girl's State and the Legion Oratorical. In 2017, Wayne was honored as "Legionnaire of the Year."

From Spring through Fall you can find Wayne taking care of our backyard, mowing, raking, pruning, trimming, and sweeping up. He's also "pit master" of our regulation horseshoe area.

Summing up all that Wayne means to Post is easy; "What Would We Do Without Him?"



## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Randy Kipp

Wayne McClimans suggested that I introduce myself as one of your new chaplains via this newsletter. My name is **Randy Kipp**. Yes, another Randy! So just call me "**Push**." That is my street name and my pen name. **PUSH** is an acronym for *Pray Until Something Happens*, which is very apropos for a chaplain.



I have a beautiful wife, Lori, my best friend, who has been very supportive of me being a part of **The American Legion**. Lori is all about the troops. Her late father and grandfather served in the military of our great country. She is also a **Daughter of the American Revolution**. Her 5x great grandfather fought in the Battle of Oriskany where he was killed in action on August 6, 1777.

I have three kids from my first marriage; **Kari** (RN), **Renee** (EMT, massage therapist, and master dog trainer married to a Navy SEAL), and **Jonathan** (decorated Army master sergeant with 17 years of service—11 in a Ranger Battalion).

I'm an educator by profession having taught for about 30 years in many different types of schools, from public to charter to home-school. I've also served overseas in the Philippines as a missionary teacher.

Please introduce yourself to me when you see me around the Post, especially if you need to talk, need prayer, or just a listening ear. I look forward to serving all of you at the "**Friendly Post**."

*Eternal God, bless us with Your love and mercy. May we receive Your peace, comfort, and healing. Give us strength and courage to love and serve You and one another. Bless our country and bless our troops; those who have served, and those serving now. Bless Post 178, its members, and its leaders. Help this Post to grow and prosper. Help this Post to make a difference in the community and in the lives of our Veterans. Amen.*

## COMMANDER'S REPORT

David Clinger

We continue providing a variety of calendar events for you—our Veterans and family members. Personally, I enjoyed the recent ceremony at the Post when **Congressman Perlmutter's** representatives issued medals to three Veterans. Special thanks to **Frank Spano**, **Shawn Bloomer**, and **John Darst** for their assistance in preparing the meeting room for the ceremony and clean up.

Please attend and participate at our next Post meeting August 7th at 7:00 p.m. We will review and vote on the Post budget for FY 2019. Additionally, I will address the "*State of the Legion*." Together we've made great achievements and continue to move forward to provide members a fun and safe place to visit to enjoy good fellowship and food. I am proud to work with all the units and especially all the volunteers.

Our fiscal year began July 1st and members are renewing their membership at a rapid pace. If you renew early you qualify for the **FREE Early Bird Dinner** in October (dinner will be catered).

Next fun day is **Labor Day, September 3rd**, and yes it's just around the corner. A committee is being formed to organize some fun games for ALL ages. If you have suggestions for the event, please write them on a piece of paper and put it in the Legion member box, or give it to one of the bartenders. Finally, please remember that this is "The Friendly Post" and behavior should reflect it.

## ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Bill Radanz

Dues are not due until January 1, but our **Early Bird Dinner** is October 13th so please pay now and be rewarded with a free dinner. Your dues are needed to run our programs. If you pay on line or at the Post and still get reminders from National, disregard them as they are a few months behind.

I am back from Florida. It will take me about two weeks to catch up with renewals. We will be holding cards at the Post for your pick up. After Labor Day we'll mail cards not picked up.

## AUXILIARY REPORT

Judy Myers

We welcome two new members, **Lani Rogers** and **Jennifer Petty**. Thanks go out to all the Auxiliary members who helped the Riders with the 4th of July Picnic. We enjoyed hearing one of our **Girls State** candidates, **Carolyn Goodwin**, describe her experience. Carolyn is also the first runner-up for **Girls Nation**. Congratulations to her.

The 4th Wednesday dinner will be a **Chicken or Shrimp Fiesta Bowl Salad**. The 5th Wednesday dinner will be a **BLT Salad**.

We are sad to have lost two longtime members in recent weeks, **Patti Miller** and **Rose Davis**. Our sympathies go to their families.



**BUSINESS REPORT**  
*Bob Heer*

On  
August  
8th

we will be hosting a **Life Line Screening** at the Post. You must pre-register if you wish to take advantage of these tests. Brochures are available at the Post with contact and registration information.

We had a good turnout for the **4th of July Picnic**. Door monitor volunteers distributed 289 wristbands to those in attendance and collected \$512 from non-member guests. Door monitors included: **Dee Yurko, Marilynn Anderson, Judy**

**Myers, Mary Lou Middleton, Dave McBrien, Doug Powell, Wayne McClimans, David Clinger, and Lee Bachman.** Donations to offset the cost of beer were made by **Fran and Joe Bowers, Connie and Ken Stark, and Dee Yurko.** Preparation of condiments was done by **Karen Black and Judy Myers. Chip Reidmiller, Nick Trujillo, Mike Watson, Mark Ward, and Bill Torrez** were our cooks. Thank you volunteers and financial contributors. Another successful member picnic because of you.

I wish to thank **Chuck Elsen, David Clinger, Mark Ward, and Frank Spano** for their assistance in repair-



Judy Myers taught two acrylic pouring classes, one in June and one in July. The ladies made some beautiful art and seemed to enjoy themselves. Attendees included **Dee Yurko, Margot Myers, Sheryl Funakoshi, Jan Belmear, Elaine England and her granddaughter, Kendall, Andrea Larson, Galad Potvin, Betty Stevens, Beth Nalty, Nancy Chandler,** Legion member **Lisa Matzke,** and **Judy's daughter, Sarah Armstrong.**

ing and reassembling the two damaged canopies in the backyard. All you volunteers are very much appreciated.

Due to some software issues with our point-of-sale system, implementation of accepting credit cards in the lounge has been delayed. However, I am optimistic that we can begin processing credit cards soon.

In the coming weeks we are going to conduct a test in our South parking lot to stop neighbors from using it as a shortcut. The West end of the lot will be closed for entry and exit. This action is required because we've had several members almost hit by cars speeding through our lot.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE REPORT**  
*Nick Romano*

**"The Friendly Post."** We're proud of our motto and want all who enter, members and non-members alike, to enjoy their experiences at Post 178.

Your personal conduct as a member of **The American Legion** reflects on you, our Post, and the entire American Legion Family. As required by the State of Colorado and Legion National, the Post must adopt and enforce certain rules:

- 1). Admittance to the Lounge
  - only current members of Post 178 and their authorized guests.
  - no pets except certified service or comfort animals.
  - minors (under age 21) may not sit at the bar .
  - minors must be under direct supervision of a parent or guardian.
- 2). Non-Member Guests:
  - must be known by and signed-in by a current member.
  - member must be present while their guest is at the Post.
  - members of other Posts must sign in and note their Post number.
- 3). Authority of Bartenders and Post Officers
  - ensure compliance with lounge rules.
  - request proof of membership.
  - refuse service to any patron.
  - request any patron to leave the premises for the remainder of the day.
- 4). Conduct that may result in Discipline or Suspension
  - profanity or abusive language.
  - bringing alcohol onto Post property.
  - leaving the Post with an alcoholic beverage.
  - smoking marijuana or using illegal drugs on Post property.
  - going behind the bar without bartender or club manager authorization.

All Post Rules can be found on our website: <http://alpost178.org/> Let's practice our Post motto so it's experienced by everyone everyday at Post 178.

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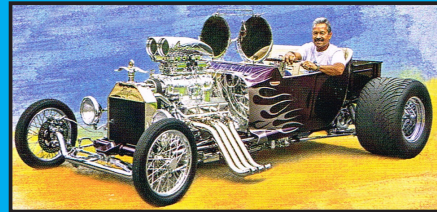
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Lounge Hours\*

- 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



**CAR SHOW SATURDAY SEPT 22**



**JFK HS HONOR PLATOON PERFORMANCE 10 AM**

### SAL Horseshoe Tournament

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 AT 12 NOON**

**2-Person Team \$40 (food included)**

**Payout: 50% Winners / 50% SAL**

**Contact Tom Davies at 720-297-9507**

### RIDERS REPORT

*Mike Watson*

The Riders are back into the busy summer season enjoying our wonderful Colorado summertime. We are participating in a number of events including the **Pony Express Run** supporting the **Legacy Scholarship Fund**, the **Ride 22** event put on by **Victory for Veterans** working on veteran suicide awareness, riding in support of our fellow members at local Posts, and providing escorts for a number of national events coming through our region.

As always, the Riders are providing direct assistance to **RCI** and doing our best to promote motorcycling safety, a challenge in this day of distracted drivers. Please remember to always look twice and look for motorcycles. We are looking forward to more riding in support of our efforts.

Our next meeting will be August 11th at 10:00 a.m. We will not convene a meeting in September.

### 2018 SAL Golf Tournament Wishes to Thank

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