



THE AMERICAN LEGION



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1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

The Legacy of Bill Radunz

Bill Radunz's Gourmet Galley



Bill Radunz, joined Post 178 in 1990 (28 years ago) and became a dual member by joining the Sons in 1997 (21 years ago). Just one week after joining, he was appointed Finance Officer by Norbert Jossen. He's been serving in many capacities since.

Among his memories are installing the two lounge windows along with Dick Moore and Terry Peterson, placing numbers on

the bar and tables for easier ordering, initiated Wednesday Burger Nights with Auxiliary President Judy Radunz, starting Friday Night Dinners, Sunday Breakfasts, and the SAL Saturday Breakfast Buffet with Commander Bill Nelson, birthday and anniversary dinners (now discontinued), the annual Early Bird Dinner, and the annual SAL Golf Tournament which has raised tens of thousands of dollars for Son's charities. He also chaired the Duck Race in Golden and initiated presentations of Flag Certificates for local business displaying the Flag, conceived the SAL Wall of Awards, and installed the bathroom stall and divider in the lounge.

Bill also took responsibility for ordering all the food and kitchen supplies used daily at the Post, and scheduled kitchen volunteers.

Positions Held

Legion: Commander (2 years), Finance Officer twice (4 years), First Vice Commander (2 years), Executive Board twice (6 years), Corporation Board (9 years), Hardship Committee Chairman (13 years), Boy's State Chairman (2 years), Oratorical Chairman (2 years), Legion Adjutant (10 years).

SAL: Commander (11 years), Adjutant (4 years), Detachment Jr. Vice Commander (2 years), Chairman SAL Golf Tournament (11 years), CWF Duck Race Committee (12 years).

Awards

First recipient of Department of Colorado "Dual Member of the Year Award," Post 178 Legionnaire of the Year Award (2009), SAL Member of the Year Award (9 times), SAL Dual Member of the Year Award (8 times), Jeffco Senior Citizen of the Year Award (2015).

Judy Myers, September Volunteer of the Month

Judy joined the Auxiliary in 2010, eligible for her father's service in WWII. She held the office of 1st Vice President in 2016-2017. This is her second year as Auxiliary President, 2018-2019. Since retiring, she has devoted most of her time and energy to activities at the Post.

Judy enjoys working in the kitchen, since one of her passions is cooking. She has also been able to share her love of crafting with her fellow Auxiliary members and even some of their grandchildren in our paint pouring classes.

Hiring bands for Friday nights has been a new experience for her and she loves getting to meet the musicians and hear their stories. Judy considers it an honor "to serve with so many talented and caring people."



Car Show Winners Next Month

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Randy Kopp

Eternal God, bless those troops who are currently deployed. My son is among them. Sustain them. Give them strength and courage to fight the battles. Give those in supporting roles the strength they need to do their jobs. Bless the leadership with wisdom to know how to lead. Surround them with angels. We pray for their protection. Bless the families of those deployed with peace and comfort during this time of separation. We also thank you, God, for all those troops who have served and sacrificed in the past. God bless our troops; past, present, and future.

Heavenly Father, we also ask you to bestow special favors and blessing to Bill Radunz for his tremendous service to our country, and his service, commitment, and loyalty to The American Legion Post 178. Bless Bill and his family on this new adventure in his life with Your love and grace. May he always serve God and his country no matter where he is. Amen!

Bill Radunz, you will be sorely missed at Post 178. We thank you for everything you gave to make this Post what it is today! Below is a link to some ideas of how to pray for our deployed troops:
<http://www.operationwearehere.com/CaringInsightsMilitaryPersonnelPrayer.html>

COMMANDER'S REPORT

David Clinger

Change of season is here with cooler temperatures and, if you're doing what my wife and I are doing, cooking some great meals indoors. Someone once said that changes are inevitable and the only thing guaranteed after birth are taxes and death.

I, for one, accept change. However, for the most part, I don't like it. For instance, **Bill Radunz** leaving our Post for the warm weather of Florida. Most will never imagine the hours he and his wife put into Post 178. We ALL enjoyed the meals, ceremonies, and meetings that Bill and Judy were involved in. What most of us don't know is the number of hours that it takes to conduct those events. That's not counting the 20+ hours per week that Bill worked as Adjutant and Commander for the SAL and the Legion.

So, I dedicate this newsletter to **Bill and Judy Radunz**. Their valuable leadership, kindness, and dedication will be missed but never forgotten. Of all the past commanders of our Post, I am sure his legacy will be forever imbedded for future generations.

I know Bill would not like it if I didn't mention that our renewal membership is going strong. Our **Early Bird Dinner** sign-up sheet is filling up fast. The dinner will be catered and its **FREE** to all members who renew their 2019 membership by October 1st.

God Bless our members, volunteers, and officers. God bless Bill Radunz, and God Bless America.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Glad Potvin

Car Show Bake Sale—Thanks to all who donated baked goods. Unfortunately, half as many donations were made this year, and we made half as much money for our charities.

The Coat Drive for RCI is going well. We will accept coats until November 7th.

We welcomed the **National Auxiliary President, Kathy Dungan**, on September 17th with a buffet dinner. Although the dinner went well, the representation of our Post was sadly lacking. It is an honor to have had two national officers visit Post 178 this year when most Posts never get to meet them at all. We would like to thank our volunteers who aided in the preparation and cleanup.

We also want to thank the women who renewed their memberships early. We hope you are able to attend the delicious **Early Bird Dinner** on Saturday, October 13th. Sign up by the pickle cage.

We welcome three new members this month; **JoAnn Bradley**, **Carol Byrd**, and **Lisa Mull** plus one transfer; **Elizabeth Owen**.

Sadly, member **Ilene Basquez** passed away in mid-September.

Our 4th Wednesday dinner (October 24) will be baked potato soup and corned beef sandwich. Our 5th Wednesday dinner (on Halloween) will be spaghetti and meatballs.

Please pray for members and families.

Final Roll Call

Fred Wilkins—Korea—Navy—09/06/2018

BUS TO BLACKHAWK

Wednesday, October 17

Leave Post 178 at Noon, Return at 6 PM
for FREE Dinner (Burger Night Menu)
\$20 per person includes \$10 FREE play
at Mardi Gras Casino
Sign up and Pay in Lounge

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Bill Radunz

Membership currently stands at; Legion 400, SAL 24. The time to renew is here.

Please welcome **David Potvin** as our new Legion Adjutant

BUSINESS REPORT

Bob Heer

Lots of members to thank this month for their volunteer efforts here at the Post. First the cooks and

door monitors at the **Labor Day Picnic: Brad Hall, Shawn Bloomer, and Dave McBrien** for manning the grill, and **Jim Gibson** for preparing the condiment trays.

The following door monitors distributed 196 wristbands and collected \$353 from non-member guests: **Dee Yurko, Vern and Sherri Schmitt, Doug Powell, Mary Lou Middleton, Marilynn Anderson, Beth Hall, Bill Radunz, and Karen Black.** Financial Contributors for the picnic were **Fran and Joe Bowers, Ranya Kelly (RCI), American Legion Auxiliary, SAL, and American Legion.** Your generosity is appreciated.

I also want to thank **Elmer Flath** for his yard weeding, **Dick Moore** for lock repair, **George Spano** for installing the new office storm door, and **Frank Spano** for his technical advice to George and I about the proper installation of the door lock. **Chuck Elsen** is also not to be forgotten for his help in fabricating and installing the corner caps on the exterior of the building. A thank you to all of you for giving so much of your time, you do make a difference.

At our September 25th Corporation Board meeting it was decided to stop our daily happy hour drink prices effective September 30th. During the past six months we saw few new faces coming into the lounge and, after evaluating our sales, it was determined to continue did not make financial sense. Our goal when we implemented this program was to encourage more members to come in and support the lounge. It didn't happen.

The bus trip to **Mardi Gras Casino** on October 17th is still a go if we get a minimum of 35 individuals wishing to participate. At press time we only have 15 people signed up. If minimum is not secured deposits will be refunded.

SAL REPORT

Brad Hall

Well, not much to report this time around. With the exception of **Bill Radunz** heading out for Florida like he has been threatening to do for years. Please try and show some patience with the rest of us as we try and to pick up Bill's slack. Trust me this will be no small feat with all he did for the SAL and the rest of the Post. GOOD LUCK BILL!!

We had a good night for dinner with pulled pork burritos. Seems they went over well with the folks.

I will now cut and paste our volunteers for that evening as we only have certain ones that will come in and donate their time. So...thanks to; **Beth Hall, Jody Marcotte, Michelle Marcotte, Randy Baria, John Bormolini (JD), and John Jr.** And to **John's buddy** for cleaning out all the Halloween decorations from the SAL shed.

Special October Dates

October 7.....Ms. Veteran America Pageant
October 13.....Navy Birthday (243 years old—1775)
October 26.....National Day of the Deployed

Auxiliary Quilt Raffle



Just in time for this winter, **Nancy Chandler**, Auxiliary Historian, has finished a very colorful queen-size quilt for raffle at Post 178. The quilt's theme is WWII, and the raffle winner will be drawn on Veteran's Day, November 11th. Tickets are available now at the Post. Stop by and see if you can find the "**Morse Code for Victory**" imbedded in the quilt, which is on display in Janssen Hall.

Welcome

NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS

Charles W. Feiler— Vietnam— Air Force
Joseph L. Platko— Vietnam— Air Force
Leon E. Siefken— Vietnam— Army
J. R. Stahl— Vietnam— Army
Curtis M. Spradlin— Vietnam— Marines

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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

Early Bird Dinner

Saturday
October 16
5 PM Social Hour
6 PM Dinner

Friday Bands

Oct. 5 Lisa & James
Oct. 12 Incognitos
Oct. 19 Country Road 1

Toys 4 Kids

Post 178 and AMVETS Fundraiser
Silent Auction/Live Music
Bob & Randy's Baby Back Ribs
Saturday, October 6—4 PM—\$12

Auxiliary Dinner Night

Every 4th and 5th Wednesday 5 - 7 PM
Always a Special Entree
(something besides burgers)

RIDERS REPORT Mike Watson

The Riders have been busy enjoying the last vestiges of summer and are looking forward to the cool riding days of fall. Over the last month, the Riders have ridden in support of the Denver Hospice, stood flag line for a fallen Veteran with our fellow members and the Patriot Guard, and attended the first Colorado ALR Ride On Military Pride (ROMP) gathering. We have continued our support of RCI and awarded four scholarships to deserving individuals from the Riders Scholarship Fund.

Now that the days are getting shorter and the mornings more brisk, we are planning our attendance at the annual Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Denver, our annual deliverance of Thanksgiving Dinner to the residents at Heather Grove Veterans Assisted Living Center, and the upcoming holiday season.

Riders Present Scholarships

2018 Legion Riders Scholarship Winners



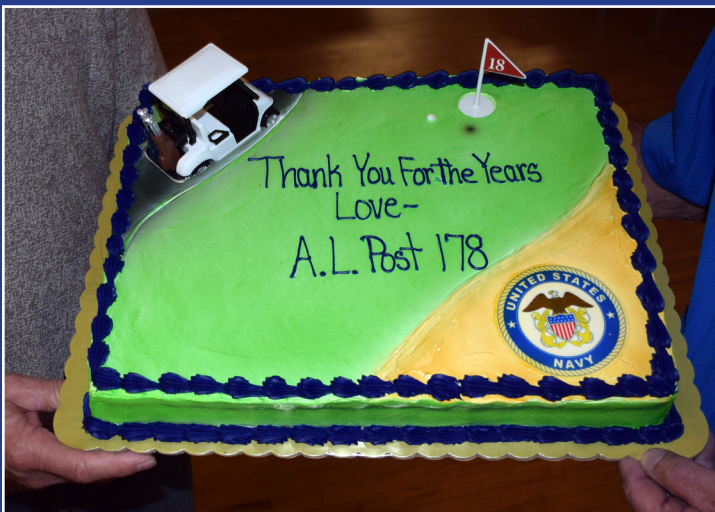
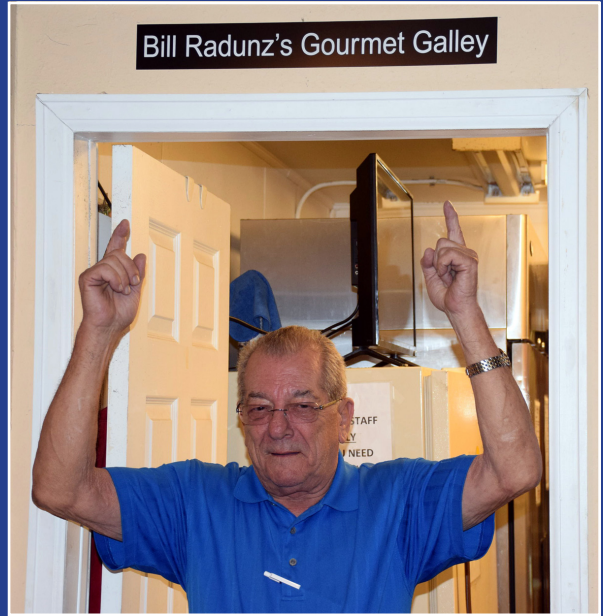
Left, Tanner Bloomer; 4.0 Wheat Ridge High School student, football/baseball teams, plans to make a difference.

Center, Carley Cross; nursing student at Adventist University pursuing medical/religious education.

Right, Megan Sedwick; nursing student at Front Range College, working single mother of two daughters.

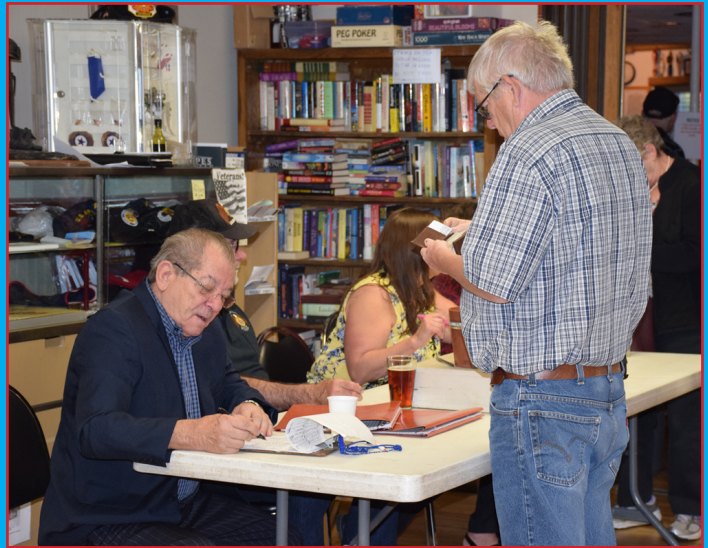
Not pictured, Lauren Regis; Business Management student with emphasis on photography/video.

Thanks for the Memories
Bill Radunz









Friday, June 15, 2018
 Applewood Golf Course
SAL Golf Tournament 17th Annual

100% of Funds Raised go to:
 • The American Legion Civil War Era Foundation • Colorado Kids
 • State Veterans Center in Homelake, Colorado • National Emergency Fund

Tournament Sponsorship Options Contact Bill Radunz 303-995-2663

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Prize Sponsor \$250 • Hole Sign • Banquet Recognition	Hole Sponsor \$150 • Hole Sign
Other Prizes Deadline June 8 • Gift Certificates • Club • Shirts • Putters • Flags • Gift Bags for Each Player • Golf Balls and Tees • Nutrition Bars	

Monetary Donations
 Accepted anytime to cover costs of food, trophies and other expenses.

All Sponsors Receive
 Recognition in Post 1728 Newsletter, Website, and on Facebook (1000+ circulation)














Presented to

WILLIAM RADUNZ

For his dedication and volunteerism work at American Legion Post 178. Through his vision and leadership, service to the veterans and their family members, Commander Radunz has truly embodied the Post's moto: American Legion Post 178, The Friendly Post.

