



THE AMERICAN LEGION



"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

Annual Awards Dinner Disappoints

Post 178's newly elected officers and award recipients were greeted by a mostly empty banquet room at this year's event to acknowledge their service. Of the over 1000 members of Post 178, only 32 attended the dinner. Half were the honorees themselves. The occasion nevertheless displayed the unselfish commitment of the few members of Post 178 who continue serving year-after-year in spite of the indifference shown by the members they serve.



Auxiliary Member of the Year

Dee Yurko

SAL Member of the Year

Brad Hall

SAL Mother of the Year

Beth Hall

SAL Dual Member of the Year

Todd Whitton



The Sons wish to thank the Volunteers, Contributors, and Sponsors of our 7th Allual Golf Tournament

VOLUNTEERS

*Jimmy Gibson
Brad Hall
Dave O'Brien
Kathy Schwab
Sharon Mitchell
Bill Radunz
George Thein
Mike McGuire
Mark Luckett
Mickey West
Steve Tomlinson
Wayne McClimans
Don Archer*

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Mickey West

Dear Lord, we pray for our elected officials and appeal for sound government

and just laws that make us ever proud to be Americans. We ask that You rekindle the flame of compassion within so that we show real care for our neighbors. Teach us to be ever-more sensitive to the needs of others. Grant that, as Americans and as Legion Family, we always seek to assist Veterans and others in need. Be with us and guide us as we pray. Amen

BUSINESS REPORT
Bob Heer

Last month when I recognized the many volunteers who made the **Memorial Day Picnic** such a success I inadvertently forgot to thank our cooks

Bob Black and **Dave McBrien**. Bob and Dave did an outstanding job getting everyone served in a timely manner. *Thanks to both of you for volunteering.*

Our 4th of July member picnic will kick off at noon. Please bring a dish to share. The Post will provide the beer, brats, and burgers. If you can volunteer a half hour of your day, door monitors are needed to check membership cards.

Due to the significant interest in our new shuffleboard, a tournament has been scheduled during the picnic. See **Karen Black** to sign-up. I also want to thank **George Spano** for building and finishing the bar top for the half wall now separating our game room from the lounge. *Excellent job George.*

SAL ADJUTANT'S REPORT
Bill Radunz

Yes, I'm still SAL Adjutant for the coming year. Current membership is at 211, our goal is 231. If you know someone that has not renewed or someone that wants to join, let's get it done now before **National Convention in August**. The

7th Annual SAL Golf Tournament raised \$2700.

Detachment recommended a dues increase at the **State Convention**, but it was defeated. Dues will remain \$20 for 2015. We are the second largest of 58 SAL Squadrons in Colorado, yet I was the only person representing 178. We need fellow SAL members to step up and help. Our new Commander **Dave McBrien** will need a lot of assistance to keep our programs going. Want to know how you can help? Keep reading.

Our next project is **Buffalo Bill Days** in Golden the weekend of **July 26-27**, and the **18th Annual Great Clear Creek Duck Race** on Sunday. We need help to set up on Friday, July 25 from 9 to 10 a.m., and to work the booth Saturday and part of Sunday. If you want to have some fun on Sunday, volunteer to catch ducks and provide security for them as they race down Clear Creek. We have lots of volunteer opportunities for 2 to 6 hours (less or more is ok).

At State Convention our bid to host next year's **Child Welfare Banquet** was accepted. The auspicious occasion is scheduled for Saturday evening, April 12, 2015. Turnout is always large as members from several Posts attend. You can enjoy dinner and dancing for a donation to CFW, and/or assist the many volunteers it will take for Post 178 to host this prestigious event.

RIDERS REPORT
Brian Conway

The Legion Riders had a great June and were honored to participate in **Salute to Military Service**, a new Colorado event. Sponsored by **Laundry's Seafood Restaurant**, it allowed wounded active duty soldiers and their families to experience entertainment activities outside of their daily environment. They were treated to a day at **Elitch Gardens**, and **Downtown Aquarium**. It all began the morning of Friday, June 13 when Riders escorted 38 wounded soldiers and their families from Ft. Carson to Denver. On Saturday we rode to Downtown Aquarium and circled our bikes in the parking lot. The **All Veteran's Jump Team** then parachuted in to the circle while the **National Anthem** was being sung. It was a truly moving experience and an honor for the Riders to be part of! We are all looking forward to participating again next year.

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Please pray for members and families.

Sick Bay

Linda Engebretson—heart surgery
Baby Dakaria—2nd of 3 heart surgeries

Final Roll Call

Robert Griffin—Vietnam—Navy—6-11-14
Jerry Snodgrass—Vietnam—Air Force—5-28-14

SUNDAY

SAL Breakfast
9:00-11:30

MONDAY

Doug's Poker
1:00

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00-2:00

BINGO
5:30

TUESDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00-2:00

WEDNESDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00-2:00

Burger Night
5:00-7:30

Now it's July! The July 4th Picnic will be a great way to celebrate America's independence and meet and greet old and new friends. So please bring a side dish and enjoy the day at your Post!

The Riders are partnering with **Randy Baria** to hold a **Poker Run** fund raiser on **Saturday, July 19** to benefit the **Legion Honor Guard** and **Redistribution Center Inc.** In addition to the Poker Run, Post 178 will host a live band, silent auction, great food, and plenty of beer! The Poker Run and auction are open to everyone; bikes and cars. Don't miss a fun time for all!

POW/MIAs you are not forgotten.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Steve Tomlinson

Summer is here and time is flying. Just yesterday it was Memorial Day, now it is the 4th of July and time for our annual picnic. Hope to see as good of a turnout as we had on Memorial Day.

Saturday, June 14 was our **Annual Installation and Awards Dinner**. It was a nice ceremony, delicious food, and a good time for all who attended. I would like to send out a special thanks to **Jamie Johnson, Karen Black, and staff** for preparing the wonderful lasagna, as well as the **Girl Scout Troop 162** for serving everything. *Great job everyone.*

There will be no Legion monthly meetings in July and August, as everyone is busy and/or vacationing. However, it would be nice, come September, to see some new faces at our meetings.

Not much else going on, so in closing have a nice summer. If you are traveling, be safe. If you are staying home, come by and see us at the Post. Our monthly calendar shows many opportunities for dining, entertainment, and participating in Post-sponsored events.

As always, keep our troops in your prayers and never forget our **POWMIAs**.

SAL REPORT

Dave McBrien

The **7th Annual SAL Golf Tournament** was a huge success thanks to everyone who played, sponsored, and helped out. We raised \$2700. We'll be giving all of it to our charities at our next monthly meeting, so please plan to attend. We also need to plan for our upcoming **Horseshoe Tournament**.

The **18th Annual Great Clear Creek Duck Race** is right around the corner (Sunday, July 27). We need help acquiring donated prizes and manning our booth during **Buffalo Bill Days** (Saturday and Sunday). We also need volunteers to sell ducks. Sell them where you work, play, eat, drink. Sell them to friends, strangers, and buy them for yourself. Proceeds go to **The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation**.

Please help SAL support all of our programs by joining us for **Friday Night Dinner** on **June 11 and 25**. Check this month's calendar for our Friday menus (CFS=Chicken Fried Steak). **Rudy Grant** will be performing on the 25th. Our **Sunday Breakfasts** are a great way to start your Sundays during the summer.

LEGION ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Bill Radunz

Our membership stands at 103%, or 745. Thank you all. Membership allows us to maintain our programs with veterans, children, and the community. Dues will remain at \$45 per year at our Post. State Convention is over and I will be processing 2015 membership. If you know someone that has not renewed or would like to join now is the time.

Richard Humphries is our new **State Commander**. He is from Post 23 in Aurora. He has a great knowledge of the Legion as he has held positions at Post, District, and State levels.

Mid-Year Convention will be held in Colorado Springs near the end of January, and **State Convention** at the end of June 2015. I remain your Post Adjutant and Finance Officer for the coming year.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

- Ron Pitcock—Vietnam—Army
- Jeremy Calderon—Gulf—Army
- Larry Borego—Vietnam—Army
- Gary C. Shaffer—Vietnam—Navy
- Terry Wright—Vietnam—Air Force
- Christopher Schroeder—Gulf—Air Force
- Timothy Matthewson—Panama—Air Force
- Raymond S. Ulibarri—Vietnam—Air Force
- Bobby Boffa—SAL
- Jason Walker—SAL
- Brian T. Jenks—SAL
- Raymond T. Ulibarri—SAL

THURSDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00–2:00

BINGO
1:00

Play
Shuffleboard

FRIDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00–2:00

SAL or Riders Dinner
5:30–7:30

SATURDAY

Legion Brunch
9:00–11:00

BINGO
1:00

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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.

NEWSLETTER BANNER PHOTO BY BETH HALL

BULLETIN BOARD

JULY 4TH PICNIC
12:00 Noon
Bring a Side Dish
Members Free
Guests \$5, Kids \$2

Randy's 3rd Annual BBQ and Poker Run

Sponsored by
Aspen Mortuaries Post 178
Redistribution Center Inc.

First Out: 9:30 AM	Last In: 3:00 PM
Food: 1:00 PM (while it lasts)	
Live Band 3:00—7:00 PM	Silent Auction

18th Annual
Great Clear Creek Duck Race
Sunday—July 27—1 PM—Vanover Park—Golden
DUCKS \$2 EACH

AUXILIARY REPORT

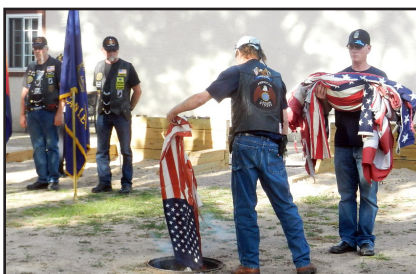
Mary Tomlinson

June turned out to be a busy month. Everyone enjoyed a scrumptious lasagna dinner prepared by **Jamie Johnson** at the **Annual Awards and Installation Dinner** June 14th, served with enthusiasm by **Girl Scout Troop 162**. **Nita Cal-kum** presided over the installation of new Auxiliary officers. Our own **Beth Hall** was named **SAL Mother of the Year**. *Congratulations Beth.* **Dee Yurko** received the **Auxiliary's Member of the Year Award**. *Congratulations Dee, and thanks for all you do for the Post.* The next morning we prepared **Fathers Fay Breakfast** at the Post. Thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time to help.

Our monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Please attend. It's where your voice is heard, and your input is important. We currently have 239 members, or 95% of our goal. If you haven't paid your 2014 dues, please do so now. Your membership is important. If you haven't paid your 2013 dues you can still pay them and be reinstated as a member.



Winners of the 7th Annual SAL Golf Tournament led by SAL member D.J. Simpson, second from right.



178 Retires U.S. Flags

A very moving and informative service conducted by **Post 178 Americanism Officer Wayne McClimans** made the June 17 Flag Retirement Ceremony a somber and memorable occasion. Several members stood up to personally express what the Stars and Stripes mean to them. Anyone with a flag in need of replacement can bring it to Post 178 for proper retirement at our next ceremony.