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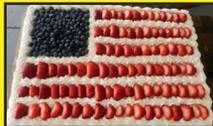
1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO 80215

Memorial Day Observed at 178

This year's *Memorial Day Service and Picnic* attracted a record number of Legion members and guests. The many changes to the Post's backyard were frequent topics of conversation. The all-new horseshoe pits were unveiled and pronounced a welcome improvement by players. Green grass and flowers, all the result of volunteer efforts, made for a perfect setting in which to remember our departed Veterans and enjoy the freedoms won by them for us.



Post 178 Final Roll Call
"Family—Friends—Freedom's Defenders"



Thank You Horseshoe Pit Volunteer Builders

- Brad Hall**
- Alan Hall**
- Jody Marcotte**
- Michelle Marcotte**
- Doug Schwab**
- Randy Rehbein**
- Ray Johnson**
- Bob Heer**

Thank You Memorial Day Financial Contributors

- Doug Powell**
- Mike Makofske**
- Dave Cleveland**
- Jim and Rosie Kuntz**
- David and Susan Brown**
- Steve and Mary Tomlinson**

LEGION

- Delbert Ahrendt*
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- Edward Cox*
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- Steve Engebretson*
- Patrick Farrell*
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- Don Melton*
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- Todd Parsons*
- Terry Peterson*
- Johnny Rabatin*
- Carl Rudy*
- Ronald Rupp*

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- Bruce Tyner*
- Charles Wakefield*
- Floyd Estell*
- H.K. Burgess*
- Justin Verhoeff*
- Severin J. Oberpriller*

AUXILIARY

- Maxine Peterson*

SAL

- Ben Arledge*
- Steve Engebretson*
- Stephen Fabrizio*
- Robert Munson*
- Terry Peterson*
- Johnny Rabatin*
- Tom Tucker*

Thank You Memorial Day Door Monitors

- Vern Schmitt**
- Nancy Marshall**
- Dick Moore**
- Bill Groves**
- Doug Powell**
- Craig Morse**
- Doug Lemons**
- Dee Yurko**
- Linda Quinlan**
- Sue Mountain**
- Beth Hall**
- Faye Okeneske and Tina**

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Mickey West

Heavenly Father, as we enter the summer season of warmth and outdoor fun, remind us that there is a time for every purpose under the heavens, and that we all belong to You.

We pray You will speak to the hearts of young people as well as adults as we celebrate Flag Day on June 14, and as we prepare for Boy's and Girl's State. We pray for Your guidance as we convey the love and pride we have for America to these wonderful, future leaders. Help them to understand that freedom is not free. Let their allegiance be to You and to freedom generations to come.

Thank You Lord, for we are so blessed to be Americans. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

BUSINESS REPORT
Bob Heer

Our **Memorial Day Picnic** was a huge success. Both the service and the picnic were the

best-attended in memory. Our volunteer door monitors did an awesome job of greeting the 464 people who attended and collecting \$844 from guests. Their names appear on the front page of this newsletter.

A sign-up sheet for door monitors for our **4th of July Picnic** is posted in the lounge. If you can help out for a half hour it would be greatly appreciated. The same people always sign-up and they could use some help.

I have many volunteers to thank for their recent contributions. Thanks to the efforts of **Karen Black**, the following individuals were coerced into traveling to Burlington, CO to transport our new shuffleboard table: **Bobby Black, Todd Whitton, George Spano, Frank Spano** and **Greg Byram**. To accommodate the shuffleboard we had to close off one of the double doors into the game room and construct a half wall. **Donny Maine** did an outstanding job of doing the drywall finishing and priming it for paint. Additionally, Donny repaired several areas in the game room where the drywall was in need of attention. *A huge thank you Donny for the excellent work.* **Rob Dynes** generously donated the drywall materials used by Donny. *Thanks Rob.* **Commander Tomlinson** and **Frank Spano** leveled and balanced the table to make it operational. *Truly a team effort all the way around.*

For those of you who have visited our backyard recently, I am certain you saw the many flowers planted

along the West white picket fence. The plants were donated by **Redistribution Center Inc.** via **Costco** and planted by **Kathy Schwab, Mackie O'Connell** and **Nancy Marshall**. Thanks also to **Dee Yurko** for planting flowers in the big planters on the front of our building. *Thank you ladies for the great job.*

A final thank you to **Jim Gibson** for taking the initiative and replacing the broken and loose tiles around the BBQ area. Jim recut the broken pieces, re-glued the loose tiles, and grouted them in. Additionally, Jim cleaned around the grill and got it ready for our first picnic. *Thanks Jim.*

Our shuffleboard table has become a major attraction. We are looking into having a competition to establish who really does have bragging rights to being the best.

If you use the back yard for an event this summer,

please do not drag picnic tables in the newly graveled area between the patio and horseshoe pits. Please pick them up if you must move them so as not to rip the underlayment.

Just a reminder that anytime a keg of beer is purchased for an event it must be served by one of our Post bartenders and security is required. This is non-negotiable so please do not ask for an exception.

Please pray for members and families.

Sick Bay

Patti and Stephen Wagner's grandchild, Baby Dakaria, is stable after 1st of 3 heart surgeries.

Final Roll Call

Floyd Estell—Korea

H.K. Burgess—WWII

Justin Verhoeff—Korea

Severin J. Oberpriller—Korea—Army

Mile-Hi Chapter 76 of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association—Army Women United

meets every 3rd Tuesday at Post 178. Their goal is to promote Veterans' welfare with special emphasis on VA Hospital volunteer work.



They welcome new members and recognize women from other services with a variety of honorary memberships. Contact **Joe Ann CV Gaytan, President**, 11259 Marion St., Northglenn, CO 80233-3201 or alangaytan@msn.com.

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
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AUXILIARY REPORT*Nita Calcum*

It was great to see so many people at the **Memorial Day Picnic**. Thanks to everyone who attended, brought a dish, and helped make it happen.

Thanks to the work of **Marilynn Anderson** and **Dee Yurko**, and several generous sponsors, we have eight girls from our Unit who will attend Girl's State. Everyone is invited to meet the girls and hear about their experiences at our **Girl's State Picnic August 2 at 2:00 p.m.** Auxiliary members please call **Marilynn** at 303-278-3849 or **Dee** at 303-883-4965 if you can bring a side dish.

I want to thank everyone for the support I've received during my year as your president, especially our other officers. Special thanks to **Dee Yurko** for being there for me when I needed to be out of town. Please attend our next meeting June 3 meeting at 7:00 p.m. and support newly elected officers.

The Auxiliary wishes to thank Girl's State sponsors*The American Legion Post 178**The Sons of The American Legion Post 178**Randy and Dawn Rehbein**Dee Yurko**R. Herr Consulting***SAL REPORT***Bill Radunz*

The Son's new officers all look familiar. All the same people just moved around a little. There are 209 paid SAL members at Post 178 currently (90% of our goal this year). Why can't we get just a few more members involved? Why did you join if not to be of service to Veterans? Step up and help out.

June 9 is the final day to sign up for the **Son's 7th Annual Golf Tournament** on June 13. We could use a few more donations for prizes.

Duck Race time is coming at the end of July. Again, help is needed to acquire prizes, help in our booth, the parade, setup, and tear down. This is SAL's biggest event of the year for Squadrons 17, 21, and 178 for the benefit of **The American Legion's Child Welfare Foundation**. Our squadron always the way with over \$2000 contributed annually. That works out to about \$10 per Son at Post 178.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

Joshua Dosh—Gulf—Navy

Robert L. Loe—Vietnam—Army

David F. Lutz—Vietnam—Air Force

Jesse Morrow—Current Conflict—Army

RIDERS REPORT*Brian Conway*

fund raiser of the year on May 31 benefitted **Redistribution Center Inc.** We're going to get even busier.

The Riders will attend Post 21's pig roast in Golden on Saturday, June 7. It starts at 3:00 p.m. and features live bands. We'll host the Veterans from **Heather Grove Assisted Living Center** for our Friday night dinner on June 20. And we'll be at the **Lakewood Cultural Center** the next morning, June 21 at 9:00 a.m., for a poker run benefiting homeless Veterans.

The weekend of June 13—15 is **Denver's Salute to Military Service**. Riders will escort a convoy of wounded warriors from Ft. Carson to **Downtown Aquarium** for the weekend's activities. The public is invited.

The Riders will assist on June 17 at the Post's **Flag Retirement Ceremony**. It starts at 6:00 p.m. We'll finish the month by going on a four-day overnight ride. We leave June 26 and ride to Moab, Utah.

Michelle Rabatin answered our call for bicycle donations by contributing three to **St. Joe Veterans Home**. If you have a bike to donate please see Brian Conway.

Randy Baria is looking for silent auction items for the July 19 **Honor Guard** fund raiser. Have fun and ride safe. **POW/MIAs you are not forgotten.**

We finished off the month of May with the **Memorial Day Parade and Picnic** at the Post. Our first poker run

The **Riders Scholarship Program** is seeking college or high school senior applicants through July 1, 2014. Awards of \$250 go to the boy and girl whose essay best conveys "**What it Means to be an American.**" Winners will be announced in August. Essays of any length may be dropped into the Riders mailbox at the Post. See Brian Conway for further information.

Father's Day Buffet Sunday, June 15

All dads who are members of Post 178 dine **FREE**. Others pay only \$7 or \$3 for children.

THURSDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00–2:00**BINGO**
1:00

Shuffleboard

FRIDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00–2:00SAL 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.

BULLETIN BOARD

Fly Your Flag

Flag  Day

Saturday, June 14
National Flag Week
June 14—20

Father's Day

Buffet Breakfast
9 — 11:30 AM
POST 178 DADS DINE
FREE (OTHERS \$7)

 **Flag Retirement Service**
Tue.—June 17—6 PM

Installation and Awards Dinner

Saturday—June 14
Social Hour 5 PM, Dinner 6 PM
Annual Post 178 Awards Presented

Coming in June

Randy's Poker Run and BBQ

Saturday—July 19
First Out 9:30 AM, Last In 3:00 PM
Silent Auction Items Needed, see Randy

Coming in July

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Steve Tomlinson

Turnout on Memorial Day was fantastic. Our back yard has been completely transformed into an extremely different place thanks to some of our dedicated members. The significant donation and hard work of **Brad Hall** and **Jodi Marcotte** deserve special recognition. There were others involved who are acknowledged in Bob Heer's section of this newsletter. *Thank you all for the hard work.*

The shuffle board table is a big hit and deserves a special thank you to all that helped make it happen. It was a lot of work to be sure. Once again they are all named in Bob's section, but *I would like to send a personal thanks to all involved.*

Our **Installation and Awards Dinner** is Saturday, June 14. The entree will be lasagna expertly prepared by **Karen Black**. Salad and dessert will be included, all served by volunteer **Girl Scouts**. Please plan to attend and sign up on the sheet in the lounge.

Since summer is vacation time and just plain busy for everyone, so the Legion will suspend our meetings for July and August but meet as usual in September with renewed enthusiasm and better attendance. Until then keep our troops in your prayers and never forget our **POW/MIAs**.

State Convention

June 20—23, Lamer, CO
See Bill Radunz to Attend

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Bill Radunz

We have reached 100% membership! Current membership stands at 734, or 102% of our goal. We still need everyone to help recruit new members as our ranks are dwindling. We need ideas and help to come up with new events that will draw younger as well as older to our Post.

Only three members attended our last monthly meeting who were not current officers. As a result, the same people will be doing the same jobs for the coming year. Surely not everyone is happy. This is your time to get on a committee and bring changes. Remember, your family members can join as Ladies Auxiliary, Jr. Auxiliary for girls, and SAL for sons and grandkids.

Lamar, Colorado will host the **State Convention June 20 through 22**. Contact me soon for rooms if you would like to attend. Have a great summer and never forget our Veterans, their families, and our **POW/MIAs**.

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Social Hour 5 PM, Dinner 6 PM
Annual Post 178 Awards Presented