



THE AMERICAN LEGION

"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



Colorado Conquers Convention

Colorado led the way with achievements at *The American Legion National Convention* in Charlotte, NC in August. **Mike Moss** from Post 21 in Golden successfully concluded a long, arduous campaign to become *National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion*. Past Auxiliary Department President **Karen Boehler** of Ft. Collins was elected *National Auxiliary Chaplain* and Colorado Department Commander **Carol Kennedy** was named *Department Commander of the Year*.

Colorado took home two more honors, both from the *National American Legion Press Association* responsible for judging Post and Department newsletters and websites. Department Adjutant **Pat Smith** won the *"Best Guest Editorial"* for his story about the construction of the Denver VA hospital entitled, *"Build the Damn Thing."* *"Best Department Publication"* went to **Editor Darrell Myers** of the *Colorado American Legion Observer*.

Labor Day Picnic 2014

Over 100 guests joined Post 178 members to observe Labor Day at this year's picnic.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Wayne McClimans

"The best things are nearest: breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life." —Robert L. Stevens.

SAL member **Bob Reichman** would like a visit or cards. He is at Arvada Care Center, 6121 W. 60th Avenue, Arvada 80003.

Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly thank You, Lord, for understanding our many shortcomings and loving us in spite of them. In Your Holy Name We Pray. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
Steve Tomlinson

If your dues were paid by October 1, you're invited to **FREE Early Bird Dinner** compliments of the Post on Saturday, October 25th. Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:00. This year's entree is Grilled Ham Steak, served with Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, and Dessert.

Our **Legion Adjutant Bill Radunz** is on vacation, so it's my duty to report that only half of our membership is eligible for the Early Bird Dinner. Membership stands at only 415 (9/24/2014). That's just 56% of the 743 members we counted in 2014.

A new brochure describing Post 178 is now available. Please take one (or more) to give potential new members wherever you encounter one. A separate form with applications for the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL is also available. Consider this a membership drive, and please help your Post maintain its strength and ability to serve Veterans.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Mary Tomlinson

Fall is in the air and winter is just around the corner. Before you know it the Holidays will be here. The ALA will be making a change to the **Burger Night** menu on **Wednesday, October 29th**. **Ginny Martindale and Marilynn Anderson** will be serving **Homemade Sloppy Joes, French Fries and Coleslaw. Fish & Chips** will also be on the menu. Watch for future changes to the menu. If you haven't had one of our burgers you don't know what you are missing. Make Wednesday night at the Post your mid-week destination. Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. All proceeds help us contribute to various Veteran's programs.

The **Early Bird Dinner** is Saturday, October 25th. Dinner is free to everyone who has paid their dues prior to October 1st. There is a sign-up sheet at the Post. Please make sure you sign-up if you plan on attending. We need to know how many are attending so that there is enough food for everyone.

Thanks to everyone who helped out or donated baked goods for the **ALA Bake Sale** on September 27th.

We're looking forward to hosting our annual **Veteran's Day Spaghetti Dinner** on **Tuesday, November 11th** from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will serve **Spaghetti, Meatballs, Italian Sausage, and Salad with Garlic Bread. Dinner is free to all Veterans.** Cost for non-veterans is \$7.00. Ladies, please volunteer to help with preparation, serving, and clean up. A sign-up sheet is on the ALA bulletin board.

Haunted House

Friday October 17
8 – 11 PM

Saturday October 18
7 – 11 PM

Children 12 and Under \$5
Accompanied by an Adult

Please pray for members and families.

Sick Bay

Joe Bower—Resting at home.
Bob Reichman—Arvada Care Center

Final Roll Call

Jim Brinkley—SAL—8-24-14

SUNDAY SAL Breakfast
9:00–11:30

MONDAY Doug's Poker
1:00

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00–1:00

BINGO
5:30

TUESDAY Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00–1:00

WEDNESDAY Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00–1:00

Burger Night
5:00–7:30

BUSINESS REPORT*Bob Heer*

Our last picnic of the summer season on **Labor Day** was well attended. **Steve and Mary Tomlinson** did the honors on the grill and our volunteer door monitors collected \$514 from non-member guests. *Big thanks* to **Barbara Bunting, Paul Robbins, Linda Quinlan, and SAL** for their cash donations for beer, and to **Joe Bowers** for his donation of the hotdogs. Throughout the summer **Jim Gibson** has given of his time to keep the BBQ grill as well as the serving area in the back yard cleaned. *Thanks Jim.*

I also wish to thank **Connie and Ken Stark** and **Chuck Morgan** for their contributions to replace our broken popcorn machine. Your generosity is appreciated. Thanks also to **Tom Borris** for his donation of the **Special Edition Eagle with the American Flag** now displayed in the lounge.



Eagle donated by Tom Borris.

RIDERS REPORT*Brian Conway*

The Riders had a great September, finishing with the **Legion Car & Bike Show** on the 27th then going for a fall colors ride. Sunday the 28th we once again posted the colors at **Columbine High School** for the opening ceremony of the **Emily Keys Ride**.

We're planning for our annual visit to the Veterans on Thanksgiving and Christmas at **Heather Grove Assisted Living Center**.

Every Thursday we are still working at Redistribution Center Inc. sorting donations of food, clothing, and bedding bound for needy Vets. RCI is in need of new or good coats for their November 6th coat give a way. Bring your coats to the Post and I'll get them to Ranya at RCI.

Don't forget our monthly meetings; Legion and Auxiliary at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 7th and SAL on October 1st at 6:00 p.m. **POW/MIA's you are not forgotten.**

SAL REPORT*Dave McBrien*

The weather is changing, and so is SAL's Friday Night Dinner Menu. Starting *October 10th*, we'll feature **Beef Tips with Rice and Veggies**. We're keeping our popular **Meatloaf Dinner** on the *24th*. **Chicken Fried Steak** remains the alternate entree both nights.

Kids are welcome and always entertained at the Post's **Annual Halloween Haunted House**. Hours are 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17th and 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18th. *Volunteers enjoy this event as much as the kids*, and we need help on both nights as well as for set-up on Thursday the 16th. Please sign up at the Post. The Haunted House is for children 12 and under who are accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$5.

Congratulations to **Shenanigans Bar & Grill** who again prevailed at the **Annual Conrad West Horseshoe Tournament**.

Broncos Games

Join the Party at Post 178
POTLUCK AND TV SHOTS

2015 Legion Oratorical Contest

Department finals are scheduled for Saturday, January 3, 2015 at Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, CO.

If you know a high school student who would like to compete for a scholarship, please contact:

*Roger Masse at 719-648-2818
drivercoach69@yahoo.com*

or

*Ed Pietsch at 720-287-2108
e_pietsch@msn.com*

or

Visit the website at

<http://www.colegionoratorical.org/index.html>

Early Bird Dinner**Saturday October 25**

5 PM Social, 6 PM Dine

**Grilled Ham Steak, Scalloped Potatoes,
Green Beans, Salad, and Dessert**

FREE FOR DUES PAID BY OCT. 1 SIGN-UP BEFORE OCT. 20

THURSDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00-1:00

BINGO
1:00

Play
Shuffleboard

FRIDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00-1:00

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.

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BULLETIN BOARD

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Legion Dinner

HALLOWEEN
FRI. OCT. 31

Menu TBA

5:00 — 7:30 PM

Weekly Lunch Menu

Watch your e-mail for upcoming weekday lunch menus, all home-made at Post 178.

Color Guard To Open Vet's Concert

Post 178's Color Guard will post the colors in the opening ceremony of the annual *Veterans Day Concert* by *Rocky Mountain Brassworks* at the *Lakewood Cultural Center* on November 11. The Guard's association with the musicians began two years ago when coronet player **Larry Miller** contacted **Wayne McClimans**, resulting in several Color Guard appearances and Miller joining Post 178.



Larry is generously offering to buy a ticket for Veteran-members of Post 178 who would like to attend the upcoming concert in their honor.

Rocky Mountain Brassworks is a continuation of Colorado history that dates back to the early 19th century, when over 2,000 brass bands performed throughout the state. Their unmistakable sound continues the brass band tradition and distinguishes them from symphonic orchestras. The 501(c)3 non-profit organization enriches the public's musical experience at various concert venues and provides inspirational music education with their school performances.

The Veterans Day Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Lakewood Cultural Center box office located in the Civic Center North Building, 470 S. Allison Parkway in Lakewood City Commons. Veterans please sign-up at the Post to arrange for your complimentary tickets or contact Wayne McClimans.



"I should have joined 'The Friendly Post' many years ago."

—Larry Miller