



THE AMERICAN LEGION

"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



Vets Remembered on Memorial Day

A break in the rainy weather delivered sunshine and blue skies for everyone attending Memorial Day 2015 at Post 178 where departed Veterans and Post members were remembered for their service and ultimate sacrifice.



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




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| <i>John M. Bridges</i> | <i>Robert Malish</i> |
| <i>Robert J. Corey</i> | <i>Sam McCollum</i> |
| <i>James Ertner</i> | <i>Kevin McCoy</i> |
| <i>Roger Greer</i> | <i>Richard Rance</i> |
| <i>Robert Griffin</i> | <i>Ray Route</i> |
| <i>William Hedberg</i> | <i>Byron Smalley</i> |
| <i>Rolland Hermann</i> | <i>Jerry Snodgrass</i> |
| <i>Joe Holder</i> | <i>Gerald Stanger</i> |
| <i>Gerald D. Ivy</i> | <i>Frank Veltman</i> |
| <i>Donald L. Jandro</i> | <i>Mardoceo Vialpando</i> |
| <i>Richard Lester</i> | <i>Thomas E. Wise</i> |



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| AUXILIARY | SAL |
| <i>Shirley J. Flenthrope</i> | <i>Phil Plummer</i> |
| <i>Cheryl Grisko-Doody</i> | <i>Wayne Wheatley</i> |



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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Mickey West

Heavenly Father, hear us and make us strong and give us support. Send us your spirit and your wisdom that we may follow your path. May we always seek you to purify us and cleanse us.

May we live in harmony with each other and overlook our differences. Give us the power to do your work and grow our American Legion. Help us be forever transformed by your spirit and love. We ask these blessings in your name. Amen.

BUSINESS REPORT
Bob Heer

Our first member picnic of the year was a success. Door monitor volunteers distributed 350 wrist bands and collected **\$615**. Several members contributed financially to defray our costs for beer, hot dogs, etc. All of them are named on the next page. Without their help we would not have had such a great event. Thank you all for your time and generosity.

This past month many volunteers have been busy in our back yard getting everything ready for our planned summer activities. **Brad Hall** and **Jody Marcotte** repaired the damaged horseshoe pits, added sand, and coordinated the assembly of the three awnings on the patio. **Kathy Schwab, Jackie Boyer, Beth Hall,** and **Michelle Marcotte** planted approximately 100 plants in the backyard and performed needed cleanup. A huge thank you to all of you for your hard work and giving of your time. Once we get sunshine the backyard will become a botanical garden thanks to the donation of flowers and plants from **RCI**.

Our second **Joker Poker** game lasted only 7 weeks with **Gary Vaughn** the winner of **\$2,340**. After paying consolation prizes the Post netted **\$635** from the raffle. Our third game was started Friday, May 22nd.

Everyone is asked to **respect reserved parking spots** in our lots and to not park SUV's, vans, and trucks on the east side of our building along Simms. Large vehicles create safety hazards for people exiting the parking lots since you cannot see around them. Only bikes and compact cars should park on Simms Street.

SAL REPORT
Dave McBrien

The **Legion State Convention is June 23—26 in Colorado Springs**. The **8th Annual SAL Golf Tournament is Friday, July 17th at**

Applewood Golf Course. Proceeds will go to **CWF, Denver Fisher House,** and the **State Veterans Center in Homelake, Colorado**. Saturday, July 26th the **Duck Race** will take place in Golden during **Buffalo Bill Days**. Proceeds will go to the above charities.

Our **Friday Dinners** will feature catfish or Chicken Fried Steak on June 12th and Meatloaf or Baby Back Ribs on the 26th. The **New Zanty's Band will perform on the 26th**. We still need volunteer servers and kitchen help for **Sunday Breakfasts**. If no one steps up, *we'll soon replace the menu with a limited buffet.*

AUXILIARY REPORT
Carol Conway

May was a busy month! We had our officer elections and the winners will be announced at the **Installation Banquet on Saturday, June 13th!** Please attend and show your appreciation for those willing to do the work that keeps our Post operating.

Mother's Day Brunch was wonderful! Thank you SAL for putting on such a nice meal for us! It was great to see so many people there. This year the Auxiliary sent two students to **Colorado Girl's State!** They should have a wonderful time and we can't wait to hear all about their experiences. Thanks to all our ladies for stepping up to help with the dishes, setting up, and cleaning up at the **Memorial Day Picnic!**

This month (June) we'll be having our **Father's Day Brunch Sunday, June 21st**. There's a sign-up sheet in the hall. Please be sure to sign up for any time you can give! It's always a nice way to give back.

The **Legion State Convention is June 25th through the 28th**. Several of us will be journeying to Colorado Springs to hear all about the exciting things coming down the road. And remember to mark your

Please pray for members and families.

Sick Bay

Ron Peddycoart—heart, recovering at home.

Final Roll Call

None Reported

VA Hospital Project Updates
denvervahospital.com
denver.va.gov/projecteagle

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

James G. Green—Gulf—Army
Benjamin J. Losasso—Gulf—Navy
Frank O. Benton—Vietnam—Air Force
Kevin R. Scofield—SAL
Michael Shaw—SAL

calendars for a **Pig Roast at Post 21 on Saturday June 6th in Golden**. It's always a fun time and great way to support our family of Posts!

Starting in June we will change Wednesday Burger Night times to 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (instead of 7:30). We're still serving a delicious menu, so come and help out or just order something yummy!

We'll be having a **New Member Initiation at our July 7th monthly meeting** beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you've joined in the last few years and have not received an Auxiliary pin please join us and meet everyone. Should be a great time!!

Hope to see everyone soon! Thank you for all you do!!!

RIDERS REPORT
Brian Conway

A very wet May has gone by with not much riding, but our projects continue. I met with **Heather Grove Assisted Living Center** and got a list of things the Vets could use. After we purchase the items we'll throw a party and give out the gifts.

Nick Trujillo, Joe Calabro, and Brian Conway met with Denver and Colorado Springs police officials to plan our June 12th military escort from Ft. Carson to Denver.

The **Memorial Day Ceremony** and picnic was a great success. **Riders Les Hayes, Chip Reidmiller, Bruce Earnheart, Brad Hall, Jody Marcotte, and Brian Conway** participated in the Color Guard and Firing Line. Thanks guys!

June 12th is our **2nd Annual Military Salute to Wounded Veterans**. We'll escort 50 of them and their families from Ft. Carson to Denver for a weekend getaway at Denver's Aquarium and Elitch Gardens. The Riders continue to support **RCI** by working to sort and load goods that go

to needy Vets. We meet at RCI every Thursday at 1:45 p.m., weather permitting. Remember **Rider Dinners** 1st and 3rd. Friday's. All the money we earn goes to help Vets and their families.

Door Monitors

- Beth Hall
- Angela Bell
- Mike Moyer
- Vern Schmitt
- Tina Montoya
- Roni Johnson
- Sue Mountain
- Linda Quinlan
- Richard Moore
- Bruce Wandrey
- Faye Okeneske
- Marilynn Anderson

Thank You Memorial Day Volunteers

Color Guard

- Les Hayes*
- Russ Scott*
- Bruce Wandry*
- Nancy Marshal*
- Penny Polston*
- Chip Reidmiller*

Financial Contributors

- Fran Bowers
- Richard Moore
- Dave Cleveland
- Claudia Weirich
- Jim Cunningham
- Anonymous

Honor Guard

- Brad Hall*
- Jim Beener*
- Randy Baria*
- Vern Schmitt*
- Brian Conway*
- Doug Schwab*
- Jody Marcotte*
- Bruce Earnheart*
- Barbara Bunting*

A huge thank you to all the Auxiliary ladies that helped sort out our shed (Ginny Martindale, Marilyn Anderson, Paula Hargrove, Connie Stark, and Patti Wagner), and thank you Brian Conway, Tedd Martindale, Ken Stark, and Russ Scott for building the awesome shelves! —Carol Conway

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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

Installation Dinner

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

COCKTAILS 5 PM

DINNER 6 PM

Chicken
Parmesan

JOKER

POKER

Colorado Country

Music Hall of Fame

\$5 Burritos

Sunday/June 14 2—6 PM



SAL Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Applewood Golf Course

Hole Sponsors and
Volunteers Needed

6 PM
FRIDAYS

Bill Radunz Recognized as “Senior Hero”

Bill Radunz was chosen as a *2015 Jefferson County Senior Hero* by the *Seniors’ Resource Center* and *Jefferson County Council on Aging* in a May 21st ceremony to honor this year’s ten recipients of the prestigious award. Master of Ceremonies **Dave Aguilera**, a Channel 4 weather prognosticator, entertained the large audience gathered at *Mountain Vista Retirement Community* in Wheat Ridge for the event.

Bill, a U.S. Navy Air Corps Veteran, was nominated by **Auxiliary Chaplain Mickey West**, who also stood to deliver his introduction to the audience. She acknowledged Bill as a “cornerstone of volunteerism” who works over 108 hours every month at Post 178. Bill and his late wife began the Post’s weekly Burger Night in 1995. Bill established Friday Evening Dinners with live entertainment in 2000, Sunday Breakfast in 1998, and Saturday Buffet in

2004. He orders food, manages the kitchen staff, preps, cleans, and cooks 4 to 6 days each week.

He organized Post 178’s annual golf tournament 8



Senior Hero Bill Radunz was introduced by Mickey West in a ceremony MC’d by Dave Aguilera (l.). Award presenters included Cary Johnson, Jefferson County Council on Aging President and John Zabawa, Senior’s Resource Center President and CEO.

years ago and serves as its chairman. For 12 years he has served on the organizing committee for Golden’s annual Duck Race. He has served numerous terms on the Post’s Executive Board, Corporate Board, and Hardship Committee. He was elected SAL Commander 11 times and named Legionnaire of the Year in 2009. The Sons have named him Member of the Year 8 times. He was the first-ever

recipient of the Dual Member of the Year award given by the Department of Colorado in 2006. He’s been Post 178’s Dual Member of the Year award winner 7 times. The litany of Bill’s accomplishments prompted Aguilera to quip, “Post 178 has pretty much run out of accolades to heap on him.” Congratulations, Bill.