



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



*"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"*

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

## Dignitaries to Dine at 178

**Friday Night, March 20th** Post 178 will host newly elected **Sons of The American Legion National Commander Mike Moss** for a *Special Welcome Home Dinner*. A plethora of well-wishers ranging from national officers to personal friends of the Golden, Colorado Post 21 member will attend. Among them will be **National**



Mike Moss, National SAL Commander hails from Golden, Colorado Post 21.

**Legion Commander Mike Helm** and **National Auxiliary President Janet Jefford**.

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, and vegetables served with salad

and dessert are on the menu. After dinner, Zanty's band will provide live entertainment.

Everyone at Post 178 is encouraged to join the dinner party for Mike to show our support and congratulations. The cost is \$10 per person to cover

costs and benefit Mike's chosen charitable projects.

The following night, March 21st, Mike's *Homecoming Banquet* will take place at the Marriott Grand Ballroom in Golden. A reception begins at 6:00 p.m., with a cash bar. The banquet will be seated at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$35. Please make reservations with Dick Wellensiek at 303-279-9681 or 303-319-4566 by March 7th.

### CWF Banquet Coming in April

**Saturday Night, April 11th** Post 178 will host the *Annual SAL Child Welfare Foundation Banquet*. Officials from Posts throughout Colorado will gather for one of SAL's most important yearly events.

Any size donation to CWF gets guests a seat for a full-course dinner (menu to be announced), an evening of live music by Zanty's, and a silent auction for CWF.

A good turnout by Post 178 members will enhance our reputation as "The Friendly Post."

<p><b>Junior SHOOTING SPORTS</b></p> <p>Helping Youths Hold Steady, Aim Higher</p> <p>Regular Menu Available</p>		<p><b>Fund Raiser</b></p> <p><b>Sunday April 12</b></p> <p><b>9 AM — Noon</b></p> <p><b>\$6 PANCAKES</b></p> <p><b>ALL YOU CAN EAT</b></p>
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### Colorado Counts 5 Gold Covers

With the recent election of Golden, Colorado Post 21's Mike Moss to the high office of SAL National Commander, the Detachment of Colorado has achieved the rare distinction of having five National Officers. Commander Moss is flanked by (l. to r.) NEC, Jim Gelwicks; Alt. NEC, Pete Sierminski; National Sergeant-at-Arms, Mike Kirschner; and National Historian, Mark Kilstrom. All are pictured at the Detachment Awards Banquet last November.

Together the five Coloradans represent a sight, and achievement, that is not likely to be repeated.

Photo by The Internet Observer, coloradolegion.org



**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**  
*Mickey West*

Dear God, we have reached the midpoint of this administrative year with pride in all that we have accomplished. Humbly we beseech Thee, to grant us Thy continued love, guidance, and understanding. Make us always aware of the needs of others. Grant us Thy grace to be our guide as we work for the good of our veterans and their families. We ask this in Your most holy name. Amen.

**Heather McCrary** has been very ill and we hope she gets better soon, **Alicia Tighe** lost her mother and we wish her great sympathy. We offer heartfelt prayers for these ladies.

*Please pray for members and families.*

**Sick Bay**

Heather McCrary

**Final Roll Call**

None Reported

**COMMANDER'S REPORT**  
*Steve Tomlinson*

Slowly but surely we are creeping up on our membership goal. The new dishwasher has arrived and is installed.

It is regretful for me to tell everyone that at our March meeting I will be resigning. I am moving back home to Texas. *I would like say that I dearly love Post 178, and it has been a pleasure and an honor being part of such a wonderful organization. I will remain a Legionnaire always.* That being said farewell to all and remember never forget our **POW/MIAs**.



*The new dishwasher is working thanks to Commander Steve's adjustments.*

**AUXILIARY REPORT**  
*Carol Conway*

Can you believe it's March already! And with that we'll be hosting the **St. Patrick's Day Lunch/Dinner** again! Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and a roll all for only \$8.00! What a better way to spend they day than to have good food among friends! **Tuesday March 17th from 11:00 to 7:00 p.m.** or until it's all gone.

Remember our meetings are the first Tuesday of the month. At our next meeting, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m., we will be taking nominations for Officer positions. Please join us to cast your nomination. You might even want to consider sharing your talents as an officer!

We're still serving an awesome Burger Night every Wednesday! Come and enjoy friendly people and a great menu. Remember, we're always looking for volunteers! Check with any officer to see what you can do. We'd love to see you either way.

**SAL REPORT**  
*Bill Radwaz*

A **Special Homecoming Diner** on **Friday, March 20th** will take place at our Post on to welcome new **SAL National Commander**

**Mike Moss**, who is from Golden, Colorado Post 21.

**National Legion Commander Mike Helm** and **Auxiliary President Janet Jefford** will join Mike. It will be a great time to meet the people who devote so much time to represent you. Dinner and music

by Zanty's will cost \$10.00, with part going to Mike's special projects.

Don't miss the next meeting on March 4th as we will be taking nominations for next years officers. Time to step up and help out.

The SAL and the Riders are switching Fridays in March due to the National Commander Mike Moss Homecoming Dinner March 20th. The Sons will be serving Baked Chicken Breast on the 13th and Chicken Fried Steak for the Homecoming on the 20th. The Riders will be serving on the 6th and 27th.

The Sons will be hosting the **Annual SAL Child Welfare Banquet** on April 11th. Dinner and dancing (Zanty's) for donations to CWF. Also, we will be having a silent auction and could use items for the auction.

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### ADJUTANT'S REPORT

*Bill Radunz*

Many thanks to **Todd Whitton**, who for a number of years has been donating time, effort, and money to get our newsletter to you. Todd recently sold the addressing/bulk mailing part of his business and will no longer be able to help us. We have found another company but our additional cost will be around \$160 a month. Therefore, if you have an e-mail address, please consider getting your newsletter by e-mail instead of USPO delivery. You'll get the news and calendar sooner, *in color*, and also receive the weekly lunch menu.

### BUSINESS REPORT

*Bob Heer*

This past month we have had the shuffleboard table refinished. **Bill Beard** volunteered to install new carpet which was donated by **Jeff Smith of Carpet Contractors**. Thank you both for your donating the materials and labor. The table looks awesome!

A huge thank you also to **Bruce Earnhardt, Frank Benton, Gary Blumer, and Chuck Nelson** for refinishing all the high top tables in the lounge. Thanks to their efforts the tables look brand new.

Thanks also to **Cathy Schwab, Karen Black, Gary Tredu, Randy Baria, and Bill Radunz** for keeping weekday lunches going and very tasty during the last few weeks.

*If you ride a motorcycle or scooter please do not park them on*

*the sidewalk on the East side of the building. The sidewalk is not wide enough to accommodate vehicles and becomes a serious safety issue when members are trying to enter or exit the East side of the building. There is designated bike parking along Simms Street. Your cooperation is appreciated.*

## Welcome

### NEW MEMBERS

Trevon C. Elsen—Gulf—Air Force  
Anthony "Tony" Polisi—Vietnam—Marine

### TRANSFERS

Terry T. Steen—Vietnam—Army  
Joe D. Lucero—Vietnam—Army  
John C. Nelson—Vietnam—Navy  
Edward T. Holtzman—Grenada—Army  
Ernest Tangye—Korea—Air Force  
Leland C. Ehls—Panama—Navy  
Stephan F. Burke—Panama—Air Force

**Beth Hall and Jody and Michelle Marcotte.** Kudos to the team! It was the best-attended cook-off ever with over 120 guests served, but no one went away hungry.

The next monthly meeting is on the 7th of March 10:00 a.m. Our next big event is the **60s and 70s Party Saturday, March 14th**. Dress for the period or not, but come out and dance to **Boomers Band**. Thanks in advance to **Brian Conway** for coordinating the event.

### "Mike's OORAH"

**Saturday, April 4, 7 – 11 PM**

**Everyone Welcome**

**Live Entertainment by The Bucktones**

*Join us for an evening of music, fun, and reflection to celebrate Marine Captain Mike Russell's life and support his favorite charity, the Wounded Warrior Project.*

\$10 minimum suggested donation

### WIN \$1,500 CASH



**Do you know someone who should join Post 178? If so, you could win \$1,500 by recruiting them to the Legion, SAL, or Auxiliary. It couldn't be easier. Just give them our brochures and an application with instructions for obtaining a DD-214, all available on the information table in the lounge. Then report their name, your name, and Post #178 to Dept. Headquarters, 7465 E. 1st Ave. Suite D, Denver, CO 80230 or at [pncbock@coloradolegion.org](mailto:pncbock@coloradolegion.org). GOOD LUCK!**

### RIDERS REPORT

*Nick Trujillo*

This year's Chili Cook-Off featured 25 entrants, and all were delicious. The winners are **Hope Lucero (#1 red), Roger Nelson (#2 red), Jamie and Danielle Johnson (#1 green), and Eloy Trujillo (#2 green)**. Our sponsors for the event were **Brad and**

### Membership Report

	2015 Goal	Actual	%
Legion.....	743	692	93
SAL.....	213	173	81

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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

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**Tuesday**  
**March 17**

**Corned Beef & Cabbage**  
**11 AM — 7 PM (or gone)**  
**\$8 10 & under \$4**  
*Everyone's Irish Today*

### 60S / 70S NIGHT

**Dress up, or Not**  
**6:30 — 11 PM**  
**Music by Boomers**  
*Hosted by the Legion Riders*

**Saturday**  
**March 14**

### Junior SHOOTING SPORTS

**Helping Youths**  
**Hold Steady,**  
**Aim Higher**



Regular Menu Available

### Fund Raiser

**Sunday April 12**  
**9 AM — Noon**  
**\$6 PANCAKES**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT**



### Chili Cook-Off Fuels Reception



### To All Our Friends At Post 178



Brian and I wish to thank everyone for our special reception on February 14th. The cake and decorations were great. And to everyone who attended, your presence made it a night we'll always remember.  
—Brian and Carol

