



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



## Hawaii Comes to Post 178

Hawaiian music and a Polynesian Hula show entertained a full house at the first-ever *SAL Hawaiian Luau*. Hula dancer **Maile Inagaki** recruited audience members to learn the famous dance of the islands as **Tom Yook** filled the room with his Hawaiian melodies. Kitchen help and servers were members of the **Junior Shooting Sports Program**. SAL Adjutant **Steve Stroud** was the event organizer to whom the Post owes much "mahalo."



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

*Almighty God,  
grant to us the grace  
to remember with love*

*and reverence our dearly departed mem-  
bers. Grant peace and eternal rest to those  
who have gone before us. We ask consola-  
tion for those who sorrow, and that You  
bestow upon us Your everlasting blessing.*

*We are thankful for the lives of those  
we remembered this Memorial Day. May  
their memory serve us. Be with us and  
bless us as we pray. Amen.*

**COMMANDER'S REPORT**  
*Bill Radunz*

It's been a very productive year with many upgrades and improvements. I will remain Commander this coming year effective July 1st. Thank you for the honor. All positions are not filled, so I will report them next month after appointments are made.

I hope many of you will come to the **Installation and Awards Banquet on June 11th**. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Beginning at 7:45 p.m. incoming officers will be installed and awards presented to recognize outstanding volunteers at our Post. The menu is meatloaf, potatoes, vegetables, roll, salad, and desert. There is no cost to members and your support is appreciated.

We reached our 100% membership goal in May. It's still not too late to pay 2016 dues and keep your membership seniority. If you need help contact me, we can help. We're looking for someone to fix weekday lunch once or twice a week. Contact me for details if you're interested.

Thanks to all my **Officers, Auxiliary, Sons, and Volunteers** for making it a great year. More to come. Yours in Service.

**RIDERS REPORT**  
*Nick Trujillo*

The month of May has been good for the Riders with some good dinner numbers and funds raised to support our charities.

Our thanks to those Post members and folks who are supporting our dinner nights. We'll keep the good food coming.

We had 78 participants for our **Riders Poker Run** on the 21st, and everyone enjoyed delicious burritos afterward. We paid out awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and lowest hands. There was a tie for the lowest hand when both persons had the exact same hand. June will be a normal month.

**SAL REPORT**  
*Steve Stroud*

SAL's **Hawaiian Luau** dinner and show in May was a great success with 73 tickets sold. We received rave reviews for **Tom Yook's** theme music and for Hula dancer **Maile Inagaki**

from "**Little Grass Shack**" in Golden. Maile entertained us with an hour of Polynesian/Hawaiian Hula and even got several volunteers onto the dance floor to learn the Hula. The **Junior Shooting Sports Program** provided kitchen assistance and we were able to give them \$200 as a thank you. Many thanks to all who attended and to those who donated generously.

June is here and we are looking forward to big happenings for the summer; the **SAL Golf and Horseshoe Tournaments**, the **4th of July Picnic**, the **19th Annual SAL Duck Race**, and much

more. Volunteers are needed to help with each of these events, so roll up your sleeves and join in. Much can be done with a little help from many. Contact the Commander, Bill Radunz and tell him you are here to help.

*Please pray for members and families.*

**Sick Bay**

None Reported

**Final Roll Call**

Robert Woods— Vietnam— Air Force (5/15/16)  
Howard Campbell— WWII— Air Force (5/09/16)

**Installation & Awards Banquet**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

**COCKTAILS 6 PM**

**DINNER 7 PM**

**AWARDS & NEW OFFICER INSTALLATIONS 7:45 PM**

Post 178 Members are Encouraged to Enjoy a Full-Course Dinner and Recognize our Volunteers

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**Military Service Pictures Requested**

*We're still looking for a picture of our members taken during your service years. You can get your picture to me one of three ways:*

- 1) Drop off at the Post with attention **Dawn Rehbein or Karen Black**
- 2) E-mail to me at **drehb7340@comcast.net**
- 3) Mail to American Legion Post 178, 1655 Simms St., Lakewood CO 80215

*Please include your name, Legion membership number, military branch, and information about the photo (year taken, location, etc.). We will scan your picture and return it to you if you include your mailing address.*

*Please keep September 30th open for a night to honor our Veterans. More information will follow.*

— Dawn Rehbein

**BUSINESS REPORT**  
*Bob Heer*

Thanks to **Rayna Kelly** we received around 170 plants from **RCI** that have been

planted in the planters on the front of the Post and in our backyard. Planting these flowers was a herculean task, but with the coordination and efforts of **Kathy Schwab** they were all planted on May 13th by the following volunteers: **Kathy Schwab, Marilynn Anderson, Dee Yurko, Angie Bell, Galad Potvin, Elmer Flath, Jim Kuntz, George Thein, Mark Ward, Wayne McClimans, Mackie Oconnell, and Jim Cunningham**. Thanks to all of you for giving of your time. By the 4th of July they should all be in full bloom.

A big thank you also to **Jim Gibson** for cleaning and repairing the area around the BBQ pit making it ready for our many summer events. We have acquired a new popcorn machine for the lounge and I want to specifically thank **Barb Bunting, Ken Stark, and Chuck Morgan** for their generous contributions to help offset the cost.

A sign-up sheet is in the lounge for volunteer door monitors for our 4th of July member picnic. If you can give 30 minutes of your day it is always appreciated.

We have a new 50 gallon water heater available for sale and any reasonable offer will be accepted.

**AUXILIARY REPORT**  
*Carol Conway*

Happy June Everyone!  
First I want to thank everyone for all your help and support

on our **Memorial Day Picnic!** It was such a meaningful experience.

OK, get your calendars out and mark the following events! Our **Officer Installation and Awards Banquet** is Saturday June 11th at 6 p.m. We'll be welcoming **Carol Conway, President; Judy Myers, 1st Vice President; Alynn Huffman, 2nd Vice President; Ginny Martindale, Secretary; Marilynn Anderson, Treasurer; Mickey West, Chaplain; Mar Stecker, Historian; and Penny Polston, Sgt. at Arms**. Please come and show your support for the work they'll be doing for our Post.

The Legion Convention is in Longmont June 16th through the 19th. Let us know if you would like to go. Sunday the 19th is our **Father's Day Breakfast**. Prepping begins at 7 a.m. and we can use some help.

The Post's **Flag Day Service** is Tuesday the 14th starting at 6 p.m. in our back yard. See you there!

Last month we welcomed in new members **Jeanette King, Gail Thomas, and Kim Murr!** And we received a thank you letter for the coupons we sent to a base in Japan. Everyone who worked with the coupons deserves thanks for helping our overseas military families.

There are plenty of spots to help on Wednesday Burger Nights. Please sign up! And I NEED YOUR volunteer hours - monthly please. List any and everything you do and how many hours!

Also I'm asking everyone to put your comments, suggestions, ideas in the Auxiliary Box. We'd love to hear from you! Have a wonderful and safe month!



*The Women's Auxiliary and several other volunteers planted flowers in the backyard (above), and Legion Riders erected awnings above the patio picnic tables in time for the Post's Memorial Day picnic.*



## Welcome

### NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

Dan McAuliffe—Gulf—Army  
Thomas Pfanzen—Vietnam—Navy  
Robert A. Ritthaler—Gulf—Army  
James Daniel Griffis—Gulf—Army  
Robert O'Brien—Vietnam—Air Force  
Ronald D. Richardson—Lebanon/Granada—Army

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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

## Flag Day June 14



### Flag Day Service

June 14  
6 PM

## Father's Day

AUX Buffet Breakfast

9 – 11:30 AM

POST 178 DADS

DINE FREE (OTHERS \$7)

JOKER  
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6 PM FRIDAYS

## SAL Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Applewood Golf Course

Sponsorship and Volunteer Opportunities Available

# Drifters' Chico Vega to Play at Post

Chico Vega is an 87-year-old WWII Veteran who rose to fame as a member of **The Drifters** (*Under the Boardwalk, Save the Last Dance for Me, There Goes My Baby*, and many more). Chico (keyboards, guitar, sax) and his wife Dee Dee (song stylist, percussionist) will perform at Post 178 on **Friday night June 24th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** Hits from the 50s and 60s, big band, swing, and old time rock & roll are the duo's specialties. **Randy and Bobby's smoked baby back ribs** are on the dinner menu. The **Joker Poker** jackpot will be up for grabs at 6:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to honor a special Vet, dine on great-tasting ribs, and dance to your favorite music from yesteryear.

## Friday Bands

Uptown Girls ..... June 3

Adam Band ..... June 10

Incidentals ..... June 17

Chico Vega ..... June 24

## Mothers and Others Enjoy Holiday Breakfast



Photos by Sue Clinger.