



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



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

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

## Home Depot, BEHR Spread Goodwill at Post 178

Lakewood American Legion Post 178 was recently selected by *Home Depot and BEHR Paint* as a recipient of their *Celebration of Service 2017* program. Associates from Home Depot stores applied a fresh coat of BEHR Paint to the walls in Janssen Hall and our game room. Home Depot volunteers from two Lakewood stores, the Golden store, and two Denver stores joined a BEHR sales representative at the Post on October 11th armed with an array of brushes, rollers, and tape. Their donation of time, materials, and talent was "to honor those who serve our country." The generosity of the volunteers and their companies is appreciated by every member of our Post.



**Dee Yurko** drew the Joker and claimed \$1,672 from the pot. Joker Poker is now played on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. in addition to Friday nights. You now have two chances to win big when you visit our Post. Dinner is always served both nights.



### Free Training Now Offered Online To Legion, AUX, SAL Members

"Basic Training" is a 5-part lesson available at: [legion.org/training](http://legion.org/training). Topics include History & Organization, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Each topic explores ways members can apply their Post's services and values within their local community.

The program is free of charge to the American Legion Family. It can be accessed on mobile phones, tablets, and desktop computers. Graduates must complete a 40-question exam to download a Certificate of Completion and order a Basic Training Graduate Pin. For more information contact **Bill Radunz, Adjutant**.

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

*Our Father, it is the holiday season, a joyous time. A time to share, and a time to love. A*

*time to pray for everlasting peace in a world that holds unrest, bitterness, war, and hate. Let us as American Legion members be examples of true family love. Let this process be visible. Please, Lord God, watch over our Military and their families at this wonderful time of the year. We ask this in Your Holy name. Amen.*

**COMMANDER'S REPORT**  
*David Clinger*

Random mass murders, hurricanes, Special Forces ambushed and killed. On Veterans Day we paused for a moment to remember the sacrifices made so others may live. During this time of the year most of you will make a New Year's resolution.

Topping the list should be to help a Veteran through the numerous programs supported by Post 178.

Thank you, **Mark Ward**, for leading the **Post Honor Guard** to the various **Veterans Day Ceremonies**.

If you have comments/suggestions regarding our Post please write them down and place them in the **Le-gion Membership Box** or e-mail: **commander178@comcast.net**.

I would like to thank the MANY volunteers that help make our Post one of the BEST in Colorado. President Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country."

For those that signed up for **CPR Training**, classes will be in January. Dates forthcoming.

Be careful driving during the holidays and be safe. For God and Country and on behalf of my family and me, "**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**"

**BUSINESS REPORT**  
*Bob Heer*

Thanks to **Kathy Schwab** for cleaning all the flower gardens and **Wayne McClimans** for cleaning leaves and pine needles, we have our back yard all

cleaned up for the year. You both did an awesome job.

The **Corporation Board** has updated our **Post Rules** which are posted in the lounge. Relative to guests, if you are a non-member spouse or a family member of a Post member you must be signed in by the member. This is particularly important when families come to the Post for dining, Bingo, etc.

We will close the lounge early on **Christmas Eve** and remain closed on **Christmas Day**. On January 1, 2018 you must use your **2018 ORANGE Key Card** to access the lounge.

Our current game of **Joker Poker** has been expanded to include a drawing on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. **New Year's Day** from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. **Dave and Glad** will be serving **Steak and Eggs**. Come in and greet the New Year with an excellent breakfast.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT**  
*Bill Raduzy*

Time to renew your dues. I will be leaving on vacation to visit family for the holidays. I will be gone from

December 19th to January 9th. If your dues are not paid before I leave, no door cards will be available until January 10th. This is not new policy, just a reminder like the last 5 years.

**Happy Holidays to all! Membership stands at 66% Legion and 44% SAL.**

**RIDERS REPORT**  
*Bill Torres*

With this news blast the riders wish you all a fantastic holiday season, and a very prosperous new Year. We had the pleasure of feeding the residents at Heather Grove a Thanksgiving Dinner provided by all of the wonderful dollars we earned by you folks attending our Dinners every other Friday, and the Donations we receive every month. We are looking forward to providing each and every one of these folks a Christmas present along with another Dinner provided by our group from your generous Donations. They thank you and we all thank you for giving us the opportunity to do good things for our fellow Veterans. **May you all have a blessed Holiday.**

*Please pray for members and families.*

**Final Roll Call**  
Alberta "Bert" Sluga—AUX

# Welcome

## NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS

Charles V. Fishel—Vietnam—Army  
Randy L. Kipp—Vietnam—Navy  
Troy D. Hofslie—Panama—Air Force  
Lsmail Abbass—Gulf—Air Force  
Edward L. Baur—Vietnam—Air Force  
Kenneth E. James—Vietnam—Marines  
Howard L. Lammers—Vietnam—Army  
David W. Knight—Gulf—Air Force  
Kenneth M. Knox—Vietnam—Army  
James Clayton Roberts—Vietnam—Army  
Daniel E. Latil—Lebanon/Grenada—Navy  
Harry D. Owen—Vietnam—Army  
Joseph P. Russell-Seymour—Gulf—Army

## Veterans Day at Post 178

The ever-caring Women's Auxiliary baked a cake to thank Veterans then prepared and served spaghetti dinner for 106 Veterans and 94 of their guests on Veterans Day, assisted by **Cub Scouts Den 613** and the **Rockyettes**.



### 1ST VICE REPORT *Mark Ward*

A huge THANK YOU needs to go out to the **American Legion Post 178 Color Guard**. During events over this **Veteran's Day** the Color Guard presented the flags and marched in 10 ceremonies. These Post volunteers put forth effort and gave up their time above and beyond any expectations. All of the ceremonies in which the Color Guard represented Post 178 were much appreciated by the Veterans, kids, and parents who attended the performances. The two most prestigious were the **Veteran's Day Parade** in downtown Denver, and the **Star Spangled Review Concert at the Lakewood Cultural Center Theatre**. If you missed these, you missed seeing true celebrations of the real meaning of Veteran's Day. Thanks again Color Guard.

### SERVICE OFFICER *Doag Powell*

Assisted Veterans in filing and/or updating disabilities claim. VA scheduling is now available online. Need help? See me at the Post Monday—Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or leave a note in the Legion box with your contact information. Also, if you'd like a copy of the latest Veterans Benefits Book see me.

### AUXILIARY REPORT *Judy Myers*

The quilt raffle went very well and we took in \$600. The winner was **Mary Lou Middleton**. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets. Proceeds to the **Angel Tree**. On **Veteran's Day** we served our delicious spaghetti and meatballs to 106 Vets and 94 paid diners. We enjoyed having the well-behaved **Cub Scouts Den 613** and the **Rockyettes** to assist and entertain us as well. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who spent many hours working in the kitchen and serving food.

We welcome many new members for 2018. We are glad to have them aboard. They are: **Yvonne Bernal, Debra Gregory, Judith Luckett, Margot Myers, Mary Lou Middleton, Donna Pearce, Betty Stephens, Joan Mund, Camille Praznik, Linda Butrum, Elizabeth Hayes, Jing Huang, Karen Laing, Johnnie Sheeley, Sun Cha Zerbest** and transfer **Beth Nalty**.

Sadly, one of our long-time members, **Bert Sluga**, passed away on November 2nd after a long battle with cancer. A celebration of life was held on Friday, November 17th at the Post.

We have two events in December. Saturday, December 16th is the **RCI Toy Giveaway** and Sunday the 17th is our **Kids' Christmas Party**. There is a sign up sheet on the Auxiliary Board to include a child, grandchild, or great grandchild of any member of our Post for whom you would like to have a toy purchased. There is a \$20 maximum and the child must be present at the party on the 17th to accept the gift. The deadline for the **Kids' Christmas Party** is December 10th.

The **Angel Tree** was set up right after Thanksgiving and we are accepting donations to help Veterans and active duty members and their families. The Angel Tree will continue to accept donations until Christmas.

The **Auxiliary Emergency Fund** collection jar has been reinstated since there were so many natural disasters this year. It will be available near the daily draw machine.

On the **4th Wednesday in December** the Auxiliary will be serving **Rigatoni and Meatballs**.

If you are not getting Auxiliary e-mails or the general blasts from the Legion, please make sure that we have your e-mail address so we can get you on the list.

**Be safe and healthy, and enjoy the holidays with friends and family.**

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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



**Auxiliary  
Children's  
Christmas Party**  
DECEMBER 17  
2 – 4 PM

**JOKER  
POKER**  
6 PM  
Every Wed & Fri



**Happy New Year  
GLAD & DAVE'S  
Steak & Eggs**  
JAN 1, 9AM – 12PM

**Auxiliary Dinner Night**  
Every 4th & 5th Wednesday 5 – 7 PM  
**Always a Special Entree**  
(something besides burgers)

### SAL REPORT *Brad Hall*

December already. Turkey Day is in the books and Christmas is only a few weeks away, and with that, please remember to be as generous as possible to the many opportunities to donate for the cause at the Post. For example, the Auxiliary will be doing their **Angel Tree** until Christmas.

The **State SAL Awards Banquet** was held on November 18th with our **First Vice Tom Davies** in attendance. Several awards were presented to our Squadron's **SAL Detachment**, among which is the **Americanism and Memorial Award for Rehabilitation**.

Have you have noticed the Flag decals around the Post? The Sons are selling them for \$1 per sheet (not a misprint). The decals are the static type that stick on glass without glue and are easily removed. They are not permanent, stick on decals.



**Randy and Bob** assembled a rowdy crew to serve 150 of their famous Smoked Prime Rib dinners on November 4th. Their efforts raised \$2,800 for hurricane victims in Texas.

We seldom hear feedback from recipients of our fund raising efforts, however the following is a note sent from the people at Project Sanctuary who benefited from **Randy's Run in July**.

*"Thank You. This retreat was something my family needed very much. The time spent together and memories made are amazing. Thank You, The Yazzie Family."*

**Project Sanctuary** takes entire Military Families (active duty, returning Vets, etc.) on a retreat to the Colorado mountains where they spend quality time together with other families. They get to participate in activities such as horseback riding, campfire cookouts, hiking, and other functions which all revolve around family. I will share the other thank you cards over the next few months.