



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



Riders Award Two Scholarships



Cody Brown (center left) and **Eli Larimer** (center right) with \$500 scholarship checks in hand presented to them by the Legion Riders.

The Legion Riders presented \$500 to each of two scholarship winners on Saturday, August 20th. They were selected on the basis of written essays submitted on the topic of "Americanism."

Winning scholar **Cody Brown** from Legacy High School will use his award to study nursing at Denver's Metropolitan State University. Home schooled scholar **Eli Larimer** will invest his prize with the University of Nevada's engineering department.

Steve Tomlinson 1953—2016

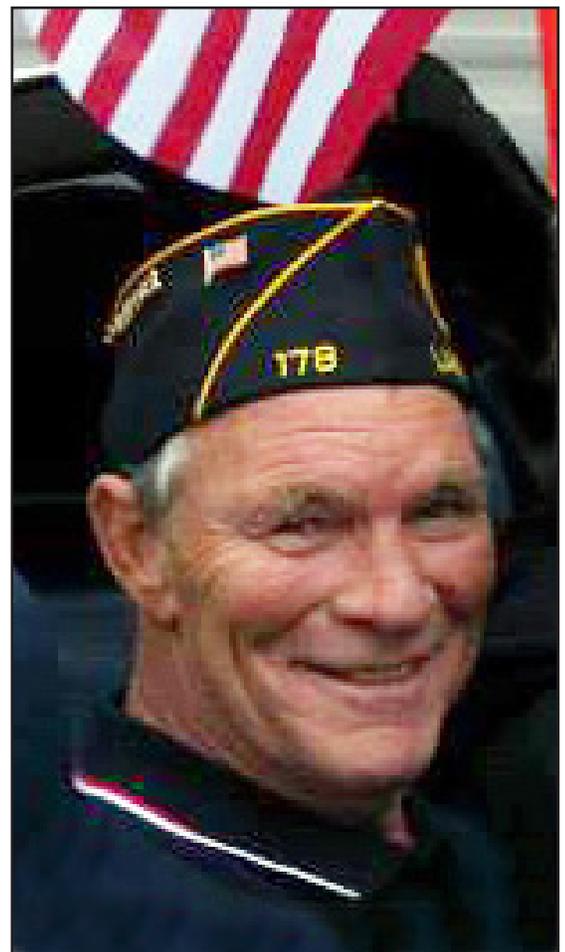
Past Post Commander and U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Steve Tomlinson passed away August 19th from a head injury sustained in a fall while in Houston, Texas.

Steve served two terms as Post 178 Commander from 2013 to 2015. He prepared weekday lunches at the Post for many years and was acclaimed for his excellent chicken and dumplings recipe.

He is survived by his wife Mary (AUX President 2013-14), son Steven, daughter Lori Woodruff, sister Cassandra Tomlinson, and three stepsons; Michael and Pat Zieger, and William Belzer. The family is making arrangements for inurnment with full military honors in Houston National Cemetery.



With great sadness the members of Post 178 express our sympathy to Steve's family, and gratitude for his service to America and our Post.



Past Commander Steve Tomlinson.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Mickey West

Dear God, we are grateful for the silence of Your divine presence.

Our nation has endured turmoil, tragedies, wars, tornadoes, and floods. Life has been lost yet life has continued to grow. You bring passion, energy, and enthusiasm to our mind, body, and spirit. Help us feel alive and to overcome the struggles in our lives. Be with those who have lost loved ones and help us to remember to call on You for guidance. Help us to see through the mountain and try not to move it ourselves. May You always give us the strength to climb and rise above, through You. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Bill Radunz

Our next meeting will be at 7pm Tuesday September 6th. Important business must be concluded including revision and acceptance of By-Laws and budget approval.

After last month's newsletter I thought I might get some kind of response? Only one! Thanks **Ed Jones** for offering your help fold newsletters. Opportunities to serve your fellow Veterans still abound.

The Sons are hosting the **Labor Day Picnic** and they need volunteers to cook, prep, stock, remove trash

during the event, and cleanup after. The Post has the same for all of our events.

Membership cards for 2017 are available in the lounge. Also, if your years of membership end in 0 or 5 see me for a membership pin.

Two prizes from the Duck Races are unclaimed by **Nick N. and Annie Maxfield**. Please see me.

We are fortunate to welcome **Dave and Galadriel Potvin** to our kitchen staff. They have stepped up and will be doing lunches Tuesdays thru Saturdays. I will continue on Mondays.

If you're not receiving your newsletter by e-mail, please let us have your address. You'll also get the weekend activities blasts, weekly lunch menus, and a color edition of newsletter.

Thanks to all our volunteers. We could not do it without you.

It was a sad day August 19th when **Past**

Commander Steve Tomlinson passed away in Texas. Steve was a dual member (Legion and SAL) and served the Post in many volunteer capacities over the years. We'll miss you, Steve.

Yours In Service, Bill Radunz, Commander.

BUSINESS REPORT

Bob Heer

My apologies to the following members for not thanking them for donating beer on the **4th of July Picnic**: **Faye Okeneske, Joe and Fran Bowers, Dee Yurko, and Max Thompson**. Thank you all for your generosity.

Speaking of picnics, our last member picnic of the season is on **Labor Day** beginning at noon. The Post will provide the beer, burgers, brats, and dogs. You are all asked to bring a side dish. If you can give 30 minutes of your day, door monitors are needed to check membership cards and greet guests.

Because we are having a **Car Show** on the 24th, there will be no **Bar Bingo** that day due to lack of parking.

If you borrowed the Post appliance dolly please return it for other members to use. Going forward, anytime a member borrows Post property it needs to be signed out through the office so we know who has it.

During **Bronco Games** the lounge will provide **FREE** shots for the first three Denver touchdowns scored.

Please pray for members and families.

Final Roll Call

Steve Tomlinson — Vietnam — Marines (8/19/16)



SAL Horseshoe Tournament Winners Greg Burrell (l.) and Everett Adams accept their prize money and the event trophy on behalf of **Shenanigan's** from **Tom Davies**. In spite of poor participation from Post 178, the event raised \$1,006 and proved its potential with a better turnout next year.

2016 Duck Race Report

The Annual Clear Creek Duck Race during Buffalo Bill Days in Golden raised \$4,100 this year to benefit The American Legion's Child Welfare Foundation (CWF).

Post 178 participates in this event with Post 161 (Arvada) and Post 21 (Golden). CWF was given a check from Post 178 for \$1,500.

2016 Car Show Honorees Named

Dick Surratt and Les Jackson will be honored guests at this year's annual *Car Show and Krackle Fest* on September 24th. Dick is a Post 178 member who's career revolved around midget racing until he built the Half Fast dragster powered by a 1962 Pontiac Tempest 4-cylinder engine. Dick's unique ride is featured in this year's artwork created by *Jeremy Potts of Steel Tattoos*.



Les Jackson and his brother Cal were icons at western U.S. drag strips in the 1970s and '80s campaigning their equally iconic AA/Fuel Altered named "High Heaven." Their original chassis and '32 Bantam body were discovered, restored, and updated for competition by the Callen Family of Boise, Idaho. They compete in NHRA Nostalgia Races in several states, and will be featured in this year's Krackle Fest.



\$1 raffle tickets available at Post 178 for this year's Garage Art.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

Larry Irons— Vietnam— Army
 James O. Palinckx— Vietnam— Navy
 William A. Rizzi— Korea— Army
 Lucas M. Sprague— Gulf— Navy
 Walter E. Stuhlmann— Vietnam— Navy
 Fred R. Wilkins— Korea— Navy
 Bufford Johnson— WWII— Army
 Robert L. Meyers— Grenada— Navy
 Sandra Lee Norris— Grenada— Air Force
 William Pickett— Vietnam— Navy
 Billy A. Reynolds— Vietnam— Marines

AUXILIARY REPORT Carol Conway

We voted on and passed the dues increase for the 2017-2018 year at our August meeting.

Dues will be \$35 beginning next year.

Hope to see everyone at the **Labor Day Picnic!** Thank you for all and any help you can give!

Dee Yurko has volunteered to fill the 2nd Vice President position. Please join us at the September meeting to vote her in!

Our Constitution and By Law Committee met on August 14th and suggested a few changes. They are posted on the AUX board and will be discussed at the September 6th monthly meeting. If there are no objections, we will vote on these changes at our October meeting.

You can pay your 2017 dues now (\$30) and be invited to the **Early Bird Dinner** on October 22nd. Your new card can be picked up in the lounge.

The annual **Car Show and Auxiliary Bake Sale** is September 24th. We always sell out at this event, so please bring your goodies and join us for some amazing cars!

Remember to turn in your volunteer hours, and "thank you" to those that have!!

Wednesday Burger Nights could always use some help! Sign the work sheet in the kitchen. We'd love to have you join us!

And **THANK YOU** to all of the wonderful ladies and gentlemen who put in so much time supporting the Legion family! We couldn't do without your valuable work!

Member Notices

The special evening for Veterans scheduled for September 30th has been cancelled. We apologize for the decision, but we had trouble finding talent and member enthusiasm.

The pictures you provided will all be returned soon, but first Karen is using them to have a short video made. More on that later. Thanks to everyone we heard from.

—Dawn Rehbein

We need some help putting together the Post's history for the upcoming 100th Anniversary of The American Legion. It's a great opportunity for our Post and your stories to gain internet exposure. If you know about our Post's past we'd appreciate hearing from you.

Also, we'd like to find a volunteer to spend a few library hours looking for newspaper clippings about Post 178. The Sentinel Newspaper from the 1940s onward is the best source, and microfilm copies can be found at History Colorado located at 1200 Broadway.

Please contact us if you can help with this important project. Thank you.

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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

Car Show & Krackle Fest

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9 AM — 1 PM

"YOU WON'T BELIEVE YOUR EARS"



2016
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Krackle Fest
Car Show

BUFFET BREAKFAST
BBQ LUNCH
AUX BAKE SALE
SPECIAL GUESTS
WINDISH
RV CENTER

JOKER
POKER



6 PM FRIDAYS

Friday Bands

Uptown Girls Sept. 2
Hands Down Sept. 9
Look Both Ways Sept. 16
Night Wolf Sept. 23
Loose Change Sept. 30



The **Thursday Vets Group** was founded about 2002 by Veterans Administration PTSD Counselor John Woods and recognized as an official therapy session through the Boulder Vets Center. It began as a bowling league, but for the past few years has been meeting weekly at Lakewood American Legion Post 178.

Administrative changes ultimately rescinded official recognition, but the group continues to function as a peer counseling group providing help to veterans attempting to cope with the VA labyrinth. Most members are continuing to deal with PTSD, and many suffer from the ill effects of Agent Orange.

Through the years there have been about 150 members. Any given Thursday will find about 20 veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the recent conflicts meeting at Post 178, with all service branches represented. Marines in the group describe it as being "back in the squad," because "we all know that someone is at our backs willing to step up and give aid to whoever has a need."