



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



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

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

## McClimans Named VOTY

Post 178 Corporation Board Chairman, **David Potvin**, presented Certificates of Appreciation at January's monthly membership meetings to Volunteers of the Month **Sue Clinger** (December) and **Galad Potvin** (August). Chairman Potvin also announced the Volun-



teer of the Year, and with standing applause from all in attendance presented the award to **Wayne McClimans**.

The Corp Board is continuing the VOTM program for 2019. Pictures of members selected for the honor are now displayed in the hallway at the Post and on our electronic bulletin board. Monthly winners will continue to be featured in the newsletter and receive valuable prizes.

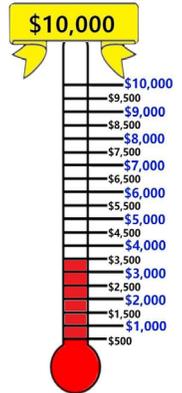
To nominate someone as Volunteer of the Month, please contact any Post officer or member of the Corporation Board.



## Members Rally to Help

The response has been extremely gratifying to the Post's call for assistance in meeting our increased insurance obligation. So far \$3,504 has been funded. Some members have contributed generously. **Karen Black**, for example, raised \$432 selling 144 bags of her homemade caramel corn at the Post.

Thanks to everyone who has stepped up so far. But we're less than half way to our goal, so please help spread the word.

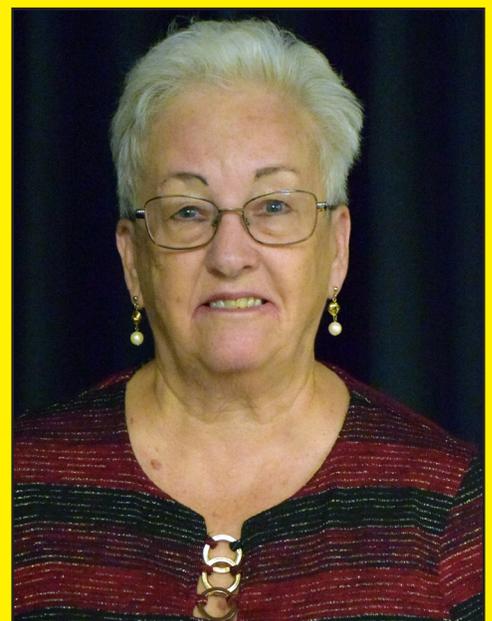


## Fran Bowers January Volunteer of the Month

**Fran Bowers** devotes approximately 40 hours per week clipping, sorting, counting, and mailing discount coupons to four separate overseas military installations. The coupons are then distributed to military families to use in their commissaries.

Every month she spends her own \$30 to mail about \$11,000 in coupons. Over the past five years, she has sent over \$500,000 worth of coupons to our Veterans serving overseas.

Fran also finds time to help the Auxiliary at many of their events, and is a regular Bingo player where she also assists by selling cards.



**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT***Randy Kiepp*

*Eternal God, we ask you to bless our troops. Keep them safe. Give them strength and courage to complete all missions. Dispatch Your angels to protect them. Bring*



*our troops home safely. Bless Post 178 with your grace and mercy. Thank you for all who volunteer. Bless the families and*

*friends of The Four Chaplains whose love and sacrifice we honor this month. Amen!*

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

As we move forward into the 2019 New Year, let us reflect on how far we have come since the Post was Chartered in 1942. In adversity, leadership and members looked for resolutions with faith that with adversity comes opportunity. As stated in last month's newsletter, we had difficulty finding an insurance company. However, after much time spent searching, never giving up, and having faith in God that the Post would not close, an insurance carrier was obtained. So proud of members who have donated money to the Post Insurance Fund. As a result of YOUR continued contributions, we are well on our way to meeting our obligations this year. Although we're off to a good start, we still have a long way to go. Look for monthly updates in the newsletter.

Additionally, I have received suggestions this year on how to create more interest and support for Post events/functions. Unanimously, I hear requests for more information about upcoming events/functions at general membership meetings, in the newsletter, on Facebook, and our website, [alpost178.org](http://alpost178.org). Moving forward leadership will key in on making all avenues of communication informative and accurate. Give us your feedback, let us know how we are doing. Write a note and drop it in the membership box, mail it to the Post ATTN: Commander, or send an e-mail to [commander178@comcast.net](mailto:commander178@comcast.net).

Change in receiving the monthly newsletter is going well. We are saving manhours and money while keeping membership informed. Changes for some are difficult to adjust to however, for the most part, everybody has done great. Please remember to let us know your e-mail address. I'm looking forward to meeting our 100% membership goal. Thank you members, volunteers, and officers for supporting "The Friendly Post".

**2ND VICE REPORT***Shawn Bloomer*

2019 is off to a fast start. Hard to believe it's February already. I think we still have candy canes all around our house! As we watch the snow fall for several more weeks and look forward to spring, I am acquiring a new target. I already have my attention focused on **Memorial Day**.

I challenge any and all volunteers, with your input and ideas, to make 2019—the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion—the best Memorial Day Celebration Post 178 has ever experienced. We owe it to our

comrades to honor their lives and their sacrifice for our great nation with a day of remembrance, fellowship, and selflessness. So please send an e-mail with your suggestions to me at [shawnbloomer@msn.com](mailto:shawnbloomer@msn.com).

Our Post does not operate on autopilot, it takes many busy hands and minds constantly volunteering and striving to serve.

*"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."* —Gen. James H. Doolittle

*Please pray for members and families.*

**Sick Call**

Gene O'Malley — Lafayette Good Sam  
(recovering from fall, calls welcome)

**Final Roll Call**

Dave Baker — USCG — Korea — 01/10/2019

**February Events**

<b>February 3</b>	<b>Four Chaplains Day</b> , to honor the four U.S. Army chaplains who gave their lives to save others when the troop ship USAT Dorchester sank during World War II. Ask Chaplains Wayne or Randy for more information about this important occasion.
<b>February 8</b>	<b>Fish Fry Dinner</b> . Check the Calendar for the information. Special Fund raiser!
<b>February 14</b>	<b>Valentines Day</b> . If you forget this day good luck...you may be sleeping on the couch.
<b>February 15</b>	<b>National Vice Commander Pisa (Navy) Visits</b> , from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to meet and discuss Veteran issues.
<b>February 19</b>	<b>Coast Guard Reserve Birthday</b> . If you know a member in the Coast Guard Reserve bring them to the Post and treat them to lunch.

## BUSINESS REPORT

*Bob Heer*

A huge thank you to the members who have made financial contributions to our insurance reserve.

As of January 18th, we have collected \$3,504 which has been deposited in a new insurance reserve account. Our goal is to secure a \$10 donation from each and every member of the Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary.

Effective January 19th, the price of our Saturday buffet increased to \$8. The increase was required to help offset the rising food costs. Also unrelated to our increased cost of insurance is the need for the Board to raise prices in the lounge to offset the higher cost of alcohol and effect of the minimum wage increases for employees.

We have been absorbing all of these costs for the last several years. Our last price increase was approximately five years ago. But we can no longer absorb the increases and still be in a position to pay our bills. Beginning February 1 all drinks in the lounge will be raised by 25 cents.

# Welcome

## NEW MEMBERS

Michael J. Kriznar—USA—Vietnam  
Cory Beachler—USA—Vietnam

## TRANSFERS

John M. Martin Jr.—USAF—Vietnam

## Angel Tree Donations Report



*This year's Angel Tree donations came to \$4,025. The Post 178 Women's Auxiliary contributed an additional \$2,200, making the total amount raised \$6,225.*

*Sixty-two families each received \$100 gift cards at the Christmas Party. Thank you to all of the supporters of the Auxiliary Angel Tree. (The remaining \$25 will go to the 2019 Angel Tree Fund).*

*—Dee Yurko*

## AUXILIARY REPORT

*Judy Myers*

A questionnaire will soon be mailed to all members of the

Women's Auxiliary. Please complete it and either mail it back to the Post or place it in the Auxiliary mailbox in the game room. Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Patrick's Day will be here soon. A sign-up sheet will be in the hallway by mid-February for volunteers. It's always a busy occasion.

## RIDERS REPORT

*Mike Watson*

Now into the middle of winter where the roads go from clear, to snow packed, to sand covered and back, the Riders are working on numerous projects. Our next event will be our annual **Chili Cook-Off** scheduled for Saturday February 23rd where we will be offering tantalizing choices of red and green chili to warm the souls. Entry is free, just sign up and bring a pot to plug in and share. Cost to sample and enjoy will be \$5, the cost going to support our ongoing missions with **RCI**, the **Riders Scholarship Fund**, and **Heather Grove**.

On a different note, we sadly bid a fond farewell to **Frank Henson**, who has decided to explore other avenues. Frank has been a long-time member of the Riders, and was our Chaplain. He promised to drop in every now and then, and we all wish the best in his quest.

Lastly, we have put up our new Facebook page where we will be posting our upcoming events, stories of our rides, and just general activities of the American Legion Riders. You can search for it on **Facebook** at **ALR-Post178**.

## SAL REPORT

*Brad Hall*

Greetings for February. As the countdown to Summer begins, let's all take a little time to stop and thank a Veteran. We have to remember what they gave up so we can have the life we have.

The Sons will host a **Walleye Fish Fry** on February 8th. Come early as we have a limited amount. However, as a backup, **Bob Black** will be smoking some chicken. We all know that Bob can work up some good eats on the smoker. Cost is 10 bucks for either the walleye or chicken dinner.

The date for this year's SAL Golf Tournament is Friday, June 14th, held again at Applewood Golf Course. We will have sign-up sheets available in the Post shortly. Please register early as we have to get a count to the course (and pay) ASAP. As always, prizes and donations are greatly appreciated. All funds raised will go to American Legion charities. Come out and hack it up, have some fun, and finish with a steak or chicken back at the Post. It's intended to be a good time with good people and raise a little money for charity.



**ALR CHILI COOK-OFF**  
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23**  
CONTESTANTS PLUG-IN @ 12 NOON, TASTING BEGINS @ 1 PM  
**THE YEAR'S HOTTEST EVENT**

**WALLEYE FISH FRY**

**FEBRUARY 8** SERVING BEGINS AT 5 PM  
**\$10 PER PERSON** LIVE MUSIC



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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

**FRIDAY BANDS**

COUNTY ROAD 1	FEBRUARY 8	5 TO 8 PM
PAUL GLOVER	FEBRUARY 15	6 TO 9 PM

**COUNTRY JAM**  
6:00 — 8:00 PM  
February 14, 21, 28

ENJOY LUNCH/DINNER  
GO TO A MEETING  
ATTEND AN EVENT



**SUPPORT POST 178**

## JFK Honor Platoon Apparel Available

The JFK High School Honor Platoon is making plans to defend their national ranking this Spring. To raise funds for travel and expenses, the girls are launching an internet room where supporters can purchase Honor Platoon apparel.

Post 178 is privileged to host the Honor Platoon for two performances annually, on Memorial Day and for the Car Show. According to Post member Paul Mahoney, who directs the Honor Platoon, “all of the girls feel very strong ties to the Lakewood American Legion.”

The JFK Honor Platoon is an academically driven, community-service-oriented competition drill team limited to the top 1% of the female student body. They are great ambassadors of Post 178.

To warm up for the nationals, the girls took first place in 4 out of 5 categories and overall first place in



unarmed drill at the recent Area Nine Navy Meet in Colorado Springs.

To view and purchase apparel, go to <http://coachassistant.gtmsportswear-9r.com/jfkhonorplatoon>. The room will be closed after February 28, so get your order in soon.

## Post Member to Receive Gold Medal

Post 178 member **Gilbert Flores**, who celebrated his 100th Birthday with a party at the Post last August, recently learned he is entitled to receive a Gold Medal minted in Norway to be presented in person by a Norwegian official. Mr. Flores was part of the First Special Service Force, an elite group of specially trained fighters known as the “Black Devils”. Arrangements are underway for the ceremony to be held at Post 178. Details will follow.