



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



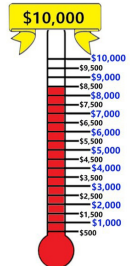
## The American Legion Turns 100

March 15—17, 1919, marks the 100th anniversary of The American Legion, founded to assist veterans, service members, and local communities. The organization has grown into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in America. Today, more than 2 million members occupy over 13,000 Posts worldwide. The Legion has won countless benefits for veterans, established lasting programs for children and youth, and played a positive roll in social change.

Chronology of The American Legion	
Mar. 15, 1919	World War I veterans of the American Expeditionary Force meet in Paris, France to establish the Legion.
May 8, 1919	"The American Legion" becomes the official name.
June 9, 1919	The American Legion emblem adopted.
Sept. 16, 1919	Congress charters The American Legion.
Nov. 10, 1919	First Legion convention in Minneapolis. Constitution adopted. Resolution passed to support the Boy Scouts of America.
Aug. 9, 1921	Legion efforts create the U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner of the VA.
June 15, 1923	First "Flag Code" drafted. Adopted by Congress in 1942.
July 25, 1917	American Legion Baseball program created. Over 50% of current Major League players are graduates of Legion Baseball.
Sept. 1932	Sons of The American Legion officially recognized.
June 23, 1935	First American Legion Boys State convenes.
June 1, 1938	First annual National High School Oratorical contest conducted.
June 22, 1944	GI Bill becomes law based on a draft written by Past National Commander Harry Colmery.
May 29, 1946	Legion and Auxiliary provide a large grant to the fledgling American Heart Association to inaugurate a nationwide program of prevention.
July 9, 1954	The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation formed. To date, more than \$11 million has been awarded to groups that help children.
Sept. 1, 1966	The Legion voices great concern for the fate of POW/MIAs and continues to press for a full accounting.
Aug. 24, 1969	National Emergency Fund established after Hurricane Camille.
April 1, 1975	Legion-sponsored Freedom Bell boards the Freedom Train for a tour of America in celebration of the bicentennial.
Aug. 26, 1982	Legion gives \$1 million to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for construction of the Wall, the largest single donation.
Jan 1, 1989	VA elevated to Cabinet-level status after backing by the Legion.
Aug. 2, 1990	Legion sues the federal government for failure to conduct a Congress-mandated study about the effects of Agent Orange.
June 15, 1991	Legion hosts first Junior Shooting Sports Championship in Colorado Springs. Today, more then 2,000 high school students participate.
Aug. 24, 1994	Legion created the Citizens Flag Alliance to work toward a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration.
Oct. 1, 1995	Persian Gulf Task Force formed to assist veterans of the conflicts.
Sept. 16, 1996	National Emergency Fund surpasses \$1 million in grants to victims.
Sept. 3, 1997	First National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award presented.
Oct. 17, 2007	Legion Riders adopted as a national program of the American Legion.
October, 2012	VA guarantees 20 millionth home loan as part of the GI Bill of Rights.
August, 2017	Denise Rohan elected first woman National Commander of the Legion.

### Insurance Fund at \$8,540

*Thanks to the generosity of our membership, we're now 85% of the way to our goal of \$10K to offset the increased cost of insurance for the Post. Everyone who has contributed can be very proud of this tremendous accomplishment.*



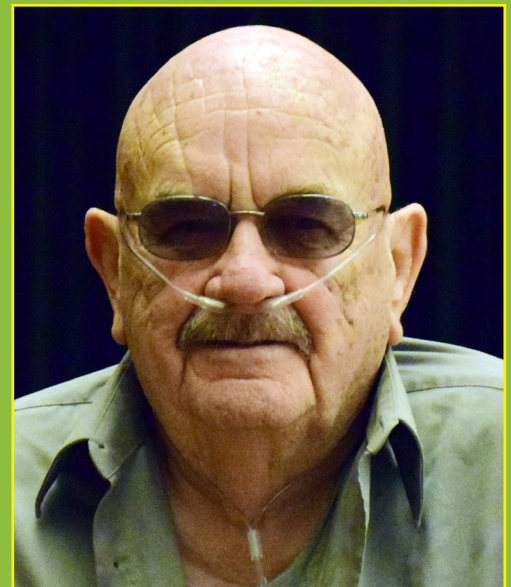
### Joe Bowers

#### February Volunteer of the Month

Joe Bowers aka "Bingo Bowers" has been a remarkable volunteer at Post 178, and brings a boundless passion toward helping raise money for veterans' projects. He is a very generous contributor of his time, talent, and expertise.

Joe has also solicited the participation of his family in support of our mission. He has worn several "hats" demonstrating his willingness to pitch in wherever and whenever the need arises. He spends

countless hours recording pull-tab activity and submitting reports to State. He even calls bingo at the Post and is an ardent supporter of our Dinner bands.



**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT***Randy Kipp*

*Lord, thank you for the fine leadership we have in our unit and thank you for the fellowship and the new friends we have made. Please be with our service men and women and keep them safe and return them home to their loved ones soon. Please watch over us and keep us safe until we return to our heavenly home and loved ones. All this we ask in your name. Amen.*

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

On February 15th the Post hosted **National Vice Com-**

**mander of The American Legion, Jim Pisa.**

That was our 3rd dignitary in the past 14 months. A plethora of people including national, district, and department officers, plus Auxiliary officers and many personal friends attended a light breakfast prepared by the Auxiliary and dinner prepared by our Legion Riders. The evening concluded with good music and conversation.

Thanks to our members for showing their "Friendly Spirit" by contributing to our Insurance Fund, and those who have made suggestions on building on our membership. Thanks also for the great job by **Shawn Bloomer, Brad Hall, Bobby Black, Randy Baria, and JD Bormolini** at the **SAL Walleye Fish Fry Dinner** they hosted on February 8th.

Several members are joining me on March 9th for the **Annual Oratorical Contest** held on the Metro College campus in Denver. The young men/women write and deliver speeches on areas of the Constitution. It's an exciting event to attend, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

PLEASE mark your calendars and join us on March 15th to celebrate American Legion's 100 years. Events begin at 3:00 p.m. with a special award ceremony in the backyard. There will be slide presentations on the history of the American Legion and Post 178. Entertainment will be included. This event is open to ALL our members, their families, and veterans. Also, lets make the day special by contacting a veteran to insure they are doing well and if they need anything. Check our calendars for ALL our upcoming events. Prayers, love, and laughter.

**AUXILIARY REPORT***Judy Myers*

March is the month for our big **St. Patrick's Day Feast**. We will be serving corned beef and cabbage on March 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for \$9/plate. The **County Road One Band** will be playing that evening from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. We will be selling shamrocks through the 17th to support our projects. They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. They will be hanging around the bar as decorations and you will be asked to put your name on them to show your support.

**Rosemary Young** would like to thank **Mary Walker (2), Joann Bradley, her daughter Velda Schleufer, Sue Pound, Kay Scott, Judy Myers, and Galad Potvin** for helping get our member questionnaire out in the mail. Members please respond ASAP so we may learn your feelings.

4th Wednesday Dinner is a **Reuben Casserole**.

*Lord, thank you for the fine leadership we*

*Please pray for members and families.*

**Sick Call**

Gene O'Malley — Brookdale Meridian Lkwd. #459  
Jewell and Balsam, 303-969-7559

**Final Roll Call**

Don Wirth (9 years\*) USA — Vietnam — ?/2019  
David Ellis (31 years) USA — Korea — 10/06/2018  
Dudley Rider (6 years) USN — Korea — 12/24/2018  
James Lobban (3 years) USA — Korea — 01/19/2019  
Buford Johnson (64 years) USA — WWII — 02/25/2019

\* American Legion member

**High School Oratorical Contest**

**Volunteers and Donations Needed For State Competition March 9, 2019 at Metro State University**

*The purpose of The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States among high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, to understand the rights and privileges of American citizenship, and to undertake the duties and responsibilities associated with citizenship.*

*Our volunteers make the event a well-oiled machine. You'll be glad you spent time with these amazing kids. Sign up to volunteer online at:*

*Monetary donations are also needed for the program to continue to thrive. Donations can be made to:*

*Department of Colorado (memo Oratorical)  
Attn: Roger Masse, Oratorical Chair  
726 S Pierce Court  
Littleton, CO 80128*

*Thank you for your PASSION!!  
Laurie Kuntz, President - 2018-'19  
American Legion Auxiliary*

## BUSINESS REPORT

Bob Heer

The members of the Corporation Board will be serving dinner on March 29th. The menu will be **Salisbury Steak/Pork Chops** served with baked potato, salad, veggie, and desert. Proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the Insurance Fund. As of February 25th, our insurance reserve was at \$8,540. I cannot say it often enough, but thank you to all members and friends of the Post who have donated.

I wish to thank **Brittany Ness** and **Doug Lemons** for cleaning the inside of our ice machine and ice bin. Without Brittany's help, Doug may still stuck in the bin!

With the cold weather of this month we had a water line freeze and break above one of the bathrooms. Thanks to **Doug Schwab** and **Frank Spano (Post Ambassador)** for making quick work of repairing the breaks. Frank subsequently volunteered and installed additional insulation over the problem pipes. Thank you both for stepping forward and taking on this repair in very tight quarters. Without your volunteering this could have been a very costly repair. Looking forward to spring.

## SAL REPORT

Brad Hall

It's finally starting to look a lot like Spring, 23 degrees with snow at the time of this writing. Feels good.

The **SAL Walleye Fish Fry** on February 8th was a huge success. We really appreciate the participation of everyone that came and supported the Post for this function. It was fantastic to see the Post full of people on a Friday night, almost like the old days.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for the fish fry, as nothing gets done without them. The cast for this dinner included **Bob Black, Randy B., Curly and Ed, Jody, Shawn and Julie B., Judy, Beth, JD, Jenny and Danny**, who did a great job putting the kitchen back in order. Thanks to all you guys once again.

We will be doing this meal again, only we will not run out of Walleye. My apologies for that, but we burned through the same amount we served last time in only an hour or so. The chicken was pretty tasty as a backup.

The **12th Annual SAL Golf Tournament** is set for Friday, June 14, 2019 at Applewood Golf Course. Come and enjoy a casual round of golf, a good lunch, and some good times. Send entries to the Post ATTN: SAL Golf and make checks payable to SAL Golf Tourney. Forms are available at the Post or on page 5 of the electronic version of this e-mail.

Until next month, thank a Vet every chance you get!

## RIDERS REPORT

Mike Watson

Well, winter is slowly coming to a close and we still have the big, snowy months in front of us to shovel out from. The Riders have held our annual Chili Cook-Off and welcomed a number of members from across the Front Range as they supported us (we are all working together to build our alliances and friendships). We have not heard of any cases of food poisoning, yet.

As spring starts to come into fold, we will be working on our rides and riding skills to encourage safety out on our ever crazy roads. We have plenty of activities coming up as the days warm and look forward to engaging all of our members to partake in our offerings. We are busy planning our support for the **"Flower On Every Grave"** event held on 27 May at Ft. Logan (last year we placed over 8,500 roses on the graves with 250 volunteers). We are also busily constructing motorcycle flag mounts to use in our parades and for other ALR Posts and motorcycle groups (a big thank you to **Chuck Eisen** and **Les Metcalf** for spearheading this effort).

As always, as the days warm up, please watch for motorcycles. We ride defensively, and watch for you all.

## Win This Stein Filled With Beer

Join us at 2:00 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day (Sunday, March 17th) and deliver your best/worst Irish story and/or joke. It's the Post's first-ever contest to honor/roast our Irish friends. The winner, as judged by the Auxiliary and other "brass," will be awarded an authentic Irish stein filled to the brim with Irish beer.

The stein and the great idea for the contest comes from **Nancy Chandler**. So come and celebrate the "wearin' of the green" with a proper toast this year at Post 178. The Auxiliary will serve its delicious corned beef and cabbage feast from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



## Welcome

### NEW MEMBERS

Morris Askew — USAF — Vietnam

### TRANSFERS

Joseph Morales — USN — Gulf

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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

## SAL Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH

*Applewood Golf Course*

*Sponsorship and Volunteer Opportunities Available*

**Entry Form on Next Page**

### FRIDAY

### BANDS

**INCOGNITOS** MARCH 8 5:30 — 8:30 PM

**JIM FOX** MARCH 15 5:00 — 8:00 PM

## St. Patrick's Day

*Corned Beef & Cabbage  
Prepared and Served by  
the Women's Auxiliary  
11 AM to 7 PM*

# HAPPY 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday Harold! Everyone Welcome!



## VA Benefits Update from Doug Powell, Service Officer

The Agent Orange Registry is expanding to include additional disabilities. See the Agent Orange Newsletter or Bulletin for more information. It appears that Blue Water Sailors Ships will be rejected for Agent Orange Claims. Legal help for veterans is available at [statesidelegal.org](http://statesidelegal.org) or Pro Bono Resources for Veterans.

Lakewood American Legion Post 178  
"Twelfth Annual SAL" Golf Tournament

Friday, June 14th, 2019 7:30 AM Shotgun Start  
Applewood Golf Course, 14001 W. 32nd. Golden, CO  
Four Person Scramble - 6:30 AM Check in



**\$80 Entry fee per person includes:  
18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Range Balls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Drink, Lunch and Prizes after tournament at Post 178, 1655 Simms St., Lakewood
- Team Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Longest Putt
- Sponsor a Hole \$200 Prize Hole/\$150 Regular hole includes sign placed on Tee Box, Recognition at lunch and in Post newsletter. Must have by June 3rd, 2019

Please Direct Inquiries to  
Brad Hall (303-210-4125) *Leave message and I will get back to you.*

I cannot participate but would like to make a donation:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Proceeds to benefit **Sons of the American Legion Charities**

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Entry fee must be received no later than Monday, June 8th at 6 PM. Mail to SAL,  
1655 Simms St., Lakewood, CO 80215. **Make checks payable to "SAL Golf".**

**Team Captain**

**Player # 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player # 3**

**Player # 4**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_