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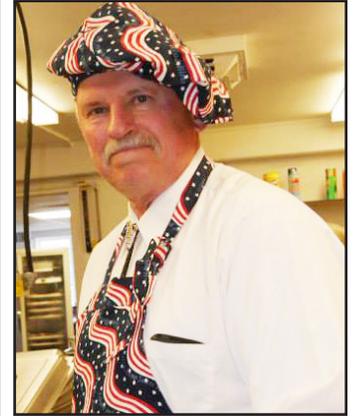
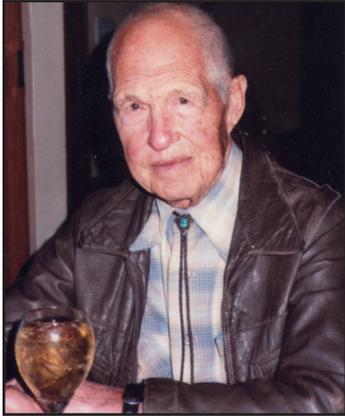
"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

Post Bids Final Farewell to Special Members



Col. Bill E. Myers, USAF, was interred December 3, 2018 at Fort Logan National Cemetery. Born June 1, 1919, his military career spanned 35 years as a P-47 pilot in WWII, where he was shot down during the Battle of the Bulge, a P-51 pilot in Korea, and an F-100 pilot in Vietnam. In all, he flew some 500 combat missions and 25 different aircraft, from an open cockpit trainer to an F-4 Phantom, before retiring in 1973.

Betty Jean Dawson, mother of Past Auxiliary President Nita Calkum, passed away March 26, 2019. She was a member of an The American Legion Post in Oregon, where her husband was Past Commander. Services will be in Grand Junction, Colorado on Friday, April 5.

Long-time Post 178 Historian **Ray Rohlfing** passed away March 9, 2019 at the age of 94. He never missed a Burger Night at the Post. At the 2013 Awards Banquet Ray was officially honored as the Post's "Greatest Generation" Historian. The WWII Navy Veteran was laid to rest at Fairmount Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will be held for **Steve Stroud** Saturday, April 27 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at Christ Community Covenant Church, 6757 Simms Street in Arvada. An RSVP is requested to arlene-stroud@comcast.net or 303-988-5231. Steve was a retired Lakewood Police Officer and a standout member of SAL. In 2016 he was named "SAL Member of the Year."

Judy Myers

March Volunteer of the Month

Judy Myers has again been chosen Volunteer of the Month for her on-going drive to make Post 178 a fun, friendly place. She almost single-handedly raised the money for the second half of our digital sign out front. She continues to seek out and organize entertainment at the Post, does our weekly e-mail blasts, works in the kitchen Wednesdays, Satur-

days, and at many weekday lunches, and volunteers to help in any way she can at any Post event. Judy is an amazing volunteer, who is at the Post almost every day ready to lend a hand.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Patty Wagner

*Lord of us all,
please help us strive
to do the best job*

possible in our work with The American Legion. May we continue doing so with love and devotion. Help us to be mindful to pass the torch with pride in hopes to carry on the tradition of our faith and loyalty to God and our Country. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
David Clinger

What a GREAT March we had. We celebrated the Legion's

100-year anniversary March 15-16. On March 10th the Post hosted an awards ceremony for Gilbert Flores. The week ended Sunday with St. Patrick's Day celebration of food and music. Thank you to ALL the Units that volunteered to make this a successful week.

April is filled with LOTS of interesting, fun, and meaningful activities. Some dates are; 5th—Deep Dish Pizza Day—12th National Grilled Cheese Day, 15th—Tax Day, 19th—Good Friday and Bicycle Day, 21st—Easter, and 22nd—Earth Day. One of the most important days is Tuesday, April 2nd for our general membership meeting 7:00 p.m. The agenda includes nominations of officers for 2019-20.

Our volunteers have done a great job keeping programs and activities going. Coming up, there are several areas for volunteers to help, from presenting ideas, collecting tickets for picnics, to planting flowers in May. Regardless of your physical limitations, there are fun and interesting things to do that help the Post.

It has been an interesting and rewarding year as your Post Commander. Thank you members and thank you Sue for allowing me to serve so many Veterans and their families. I look forward to seeing you and your family at the Post soon.

2ND VICE REPORT
Shawn Bloomer

Spring is here, grass is turning green, leaves are budding out, and it's

time for a fresh year here at American Legion Post 178. I hope you've noticed that fiscal year 2018-19 has been challenging and rewarding for our Post. We're still accepting donations for our insurance fund, so if you haven't pitched in yet please do so!

I want to thank Commander David Clinger for his leadership and dedication to the success of Post 178. It's been an honor to serve with you sir!

As I finish up my second consecutive stint as Jr. Vice Commander, I would also like to thank every one of you in the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders for your friendship, camaraderie, and contributions to the Post. Please keep up all your good work.

Let us all take a moment to reflect what we have each done to assist Veterans and our community, and re-dedicate ourselves to the vital needs of volunteerism here at Post 178. Please always treat the Post like your home, pick up after yourself, correct what's out of place, straighten a picture, participate in our events, engage with one another, and most of all BE KIND to each other.

Lastly, by the time you are reading this we will have brand new Post 178 T-shirts available for sale. Two colors are available for men and two for women. Women's Ts are a v-neck style. Shirts are \$15 each and all profits/proceeds are going to the Post.

SAL REPORT
Brad Hall

Spring has finally sprung and we should get by with only four or five more snow storms before Summer. Not much to report for this month, but the arrival of Spring should get things going.

The Sons will be assisting Bob Black with a Walleye Fish Fry on June 1st, starting at 4:00 p.m. We have changed the Sunday Breakfast menu a bit by eliminating some items and simplifying the menus.

The 12th Annual SAL Golf Tournament is June 14th. Sign up sheets are by the pickle cage at the Post.

Nominations for officers are happening this month. Talk to your commanders or presidents to see what is available. Thank a Veteran when you see one.

Please pray for members and families.

Sick Call

Carol Martinez—Brookdale Green Mountain #321
Visitors Welcome

Final Roll Call

Frank Rios (2 years*) USA—Vietnam—2/26/2019
* American Legion member



BUSINESS REPORT

Bob Heen

The casino bus trip organized by Frank Spano was a big success. Forty-eight people made the trip and of those 44 had breakfast here at the Post prior to leaving. Paul Maez, Robert Lucero, Marilyn Beener, and Norma Grimes each won \$25 on the raffle drawings held on the way to Black Hawk. After expenses the Post netted \$570 which was deposited in the insurance fund. If you would like to have us schedule another trip please give your feedback to Frank.

We are hosting a Life Line Screening event here at the Post on April 3rd. Pre-registration is required by calling 1-888-653-6450. Flyers are available here at the Post if you would like more information.

Thanks to our members and friends of the Post we have received donations of \$9,501 for our insurance fund. Awesome job everyone.

RIDERS REPORT

Mike Watson

Looks as if we may have a normal springtime here in Colorado, which means we will have days of sunny riding weather punctuated by days of snow/rain/cold. The Riders have been helping some of our fellow Riders get their events up and running, and working on some of our own. We have a "Blowout the Cobwebs Ride" in early May to support our fellows in Frederick, the "Comedy Warriors: Healing Through Humor" event in Estes Park, and our own "Flower on Every Grave" event Memorial Day at Fort Logan. We are also planning our ride to support of the Victory For Veterans organization in late June, which will end at the Post for a meal after a hard day of riding.

Our members have been busy fabricating flag mounts for use by our own Riders in parades and display, as well as offering some for sale to raise funds for our programs. We want to especially recognize Brian Conway, Les Metcalf, and Chuck Elsen for their efforts in getting the mounts fabricated. We will no longer have the concern of having the bikes to carry the flags but no mounts for them, especially for the Veterans Day events.

Lastly, our Chili Cook-Off in February was a great success with 25+ entrants and more than 60 people attending. As the cook-off was after the deadline for the last newsletter, we will let you all know that Jimmy Walker was the winner (again) with his "Ghost" green chili, and our own Joe Calabro (again) was the winner with his red chili. We look forward to holding this event again next year.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Judy Meyers

It was another successful St. Patrick's Day. We served a little over 200 meals, had a successful 50/50 drawing and sales of shamrocks which will all help support our projects.

Thanks to Dee, Marilynn, Carol, Rosemary, Penny (and her granddaughter, Ayla), Rose, Beth, Colleen, Lee, Kay, Galad, Winnie, Sue C, and Nancy C for their volunteer help. Also thanks to our brothers from the Legion and Sons; Shawn, Les, Shannon, and Steve for their prep, serving, heavy lifting, and cleaning assistance on Sunday.

We will be accepting nominations for next year's officers at the meeting on the 2nd. We vote in May and install in June. Please come to the meeting and nominate the people you think will do the best job. We are looking for fresh ideas and new officers can bring a new perspective to the Auxiliary and the Post!

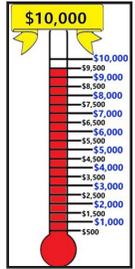
On April 14th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Nancy Chandler will supervise a hat-making party to design hats for our May 4th Derby Day Party. Bring some kind of a hat base (or headband) and a glue gun (if you have one) and any embellishments you want to use and/or share.

Derby Day, which is a joint venture with all our entities, will feature horse races for your betting pleasure, several 50/50 drawings, pulled pork sliders, a silent auction, voting on the best hat, and probably mint juleps too. If you want to buy a team, the cost is \$25 for your pick of six jockeys to "ride" our blow-up stick horses. The bartenders will have the forms for teams. Come join the fun. There will be no BINGO that day. All proceeds will go to the insurance fund.

Happy Easter and Passover this month.

Insurance Fund at \$9,501

Thanks to everyone who has contributed our challenge has become a tremendous accomplishment, as we're now 95% of the way to our goal of \$10K to offset the increased cost of insurance for the Post.



Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Michael Kriznar—USA—Vietnam
Cory Beachler—USA—Vietnam
Morris Askew—USA—Vietnam
John Martin—USAF—Vietnam

Make Yourself Heard Officer Nominations April Monthly Meetings



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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

WALLEYE FISH FRY

JUNE 1

SERVING BEGINS AT 4 PM

\$10 PER PERSON

LIVE MUSIC

SUPPORT POST 178

FRIDAY BANDS

LOOK BOTH WAYS

APRIL 12

5:30 TO 8:30 PM

BUTTER SIDE DOWN

APRIL 19

5:30 TO 8:30 PM

Post Member Drops Puck at Avalanche Game



Tuskegee Airman and Post 178 member **Lt. Col. James Harvey III**, 95, was honored during Military Night at a recent Colorado Avalanche game. To watch the video of this very moving tribute to America's very first Top Gun pilot go to <https://www.nhl.com/avalanche/video/avs-host-military-night-puck-drop/t-277437098/c-66939103>

Dewey Fries celebrated his 96th birthday playing Bingo at the Post

with daughter **Gayle Gleghorn**. The celebration continued over several days at **Jose O'Shea's, Red Lobster, Applebees, and Ruby Tuesday** with daughters **Karen Herrick and Pamela Cleveland**, plus 2 granddaughters, 3 grandsons, 2 great granddaughters, and one great grandson.



Dee Yurko enjoyed cake and wine at the Post to mark her 83rd birthday, then departed for Southern California to attend her granddaughter **Mattie's** wedding.

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

- 1st Drink, Lunch and Prizes after tournament at Post 178, 1655 Simms St., Lakewood
- Team Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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**

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Player # 2

Name: _____

Player # 3

Name: _____

Player # 4

Name: _____