



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



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

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

## Congratulations Award Winners



Photos by Sheryl Funakoshi

## Service to Post Awarded

Presentation by Commander Mark Ward of the *Legionnaire of the Year Award* to Bob Heer drew enthusiastic approval from members attending the recent *Installation and Awards Ceremony*.

Nancy Chandler was honored as the *Auxiliary Member of the Year*, presented by President Judy Myers.

For her "Service to Veterans and Post 178," all four Units of the Post presented Ranya Kelly (RCI and Warrior's Warehouse) with a unique, commemorative trophy.

Dee Yurko was surprised and honored to receive a "Citation for Meritorious Service" awarded by the *Department of Colorado*.

## Holly Bouchie June Volunteer of the Month

Holly Jo Bouchie joined the Women's Auxiliary in 2000 and immediately became a regular volunteer. For years she served on the Honor Guard, helped the Auxiliary at bereavements, and volunteered in the kitchen or to serve guests. She always kept our coffee cups full. Every Thursday, Holly and her mother Pat Sladek occupied the same corner table at Bingo games.

Sadly we lost Holly on June 6th, at age 57. Unknown to most, she quietly battled Lupus with great strength and courage for over 30 years.

Holly took comfort in her Christian faith. Her last request was for a celebration of life at the Post, "where all of my friends are."



**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**  
*Patti Wagner*

Dear Lord, we remember our founding fathers, and all of the brave, patriotic men and women who have sacrificed so much for us. May we always carry forward their ideals of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy. We thank You, and them, that we are a free nation under God, and a free people.

Lord, we pray for our elected officials, for honest government, and just laws. Teach us to show real care for our neighbors, and to be sensitive to the

needs of others. Guide us Lord, as Americans and as Legion Family, that we may continue to help veterans and others in need. Amen.

**COMMANDER'S REPORT**  
*Mark Ward*

We had a very busy June schedule of events and thanks to all Auxiliary, Son's and Riders volunteers, they were a huge success. Special thanks go to **Brad Hall** for pulling off one of the best **SAL Golf Tournaments** the Post has ever had.

Thanks also goes out to **Judy Myers** and **Dee Yurko** for their help with **Installation of Officers** and **Flag Day Ceremonies**.

# Welcome

## NEW MEMBERS

Francis Spritzer—USA—Vietnam  
Robert Nino—USAF—Vietnam  
Henry Ott—USMC—Vietnam  
Blair Beelendorf—USAF—Vietnam  
Edward Geisenheimer—USA—Gulf  
Joseph Gonzales—USA—Korea  
Roy Schwab—USN—Vietnam  
Brendan Garritano—USAF—Gulf  
Michael Krizner—USN—Gulf  
Adam Sigrist—USAF—Active  
Andre Crespín—USN—Gulf  
John Martin—USAF—Vietnam  
Riley Lynch—USA—Gulf  
Dennis Grimes—USA—Vietnam  
Ronald Nordlee—USMC—Vietnam

## TRANSFERS

Alfonso Archibeque—USMC—Vietnam  
Patrick Moore—USMC—Gulf  
Charles Gomez—USMC—Korea  
Leo McLaughlin—USA—Gulf

Please pray for members and families.

## Final Roll Call

Maurine Knitter—AUX  
Holly Jo Bouchie—AUX—06/12/2019  
Adam Schell—05/28/2019  
James Walgren—05/28/2019  
Albert Schmidt (5 years\*) 05/28/2019  
James Yamane (6 years)—USA—WWII—04/24/2019  
David Proski (13 years)—USAF—Korea—05/06/2019  
Gary Vanwagenen (4 years) USA—Vietnam—05/28/2019  
Edward McKenna (11 years)—USAF—Vietnam—06/04/2019  
\* American Legion member

The **Department Annual Conference**, held June 20-23 in Colorado Springs, had the largest attendance ever. Our Post cannot give enough accolades to the Department Staff for that success.

The **Independence Day Picnic** is only days away, so if you haven't signed up to volunteer, we'll need your HELP. As always, the picnic is free to members, \$5 for others, and \$3 for children.

**RIDERS REPORT**  
*Mike Watson*

Well, riding season is upon us, or at least we think it is given our normal/fickle Colorado weather. We have held our two fundraiser poker/dice runs of the year, the **RCI Dice Run** and the **Victory For Veterans (VFV) Poker Run**, with a good turnout for both.

Obviously, the proceeds from the RCI Dice Run go to support our friend **Ranya Kelly** and the **RCI Warriors Warehouse**. Our VFV run supported programs that assist Veterans to transition into the civilian world, and diminish the suicide rate that is so dramatically affecting our heroes.

We also want to welcome our new officers voted on in June; **Rodney Jones (Treasurer)**, **Shirley Bralish (Secretary)**, and **Paul Logan (Sgt at Arms)**.

We also want to thank **Nick Trujillo**, **Dan McMahan**, and **Les Metcalf** for all of their efforts and support as they take a step back. **Mikel Burroughs** and I will continue serving as Vice President and President for the coming year. We are actively recruiting new members so that we can continue our mission to support our Veterans and promote motorcycle safety and awareness.



## AUXILIARY REPORT

*Judy Myers*

Thank you to all involved

in making the **Memorial Day Service** a memorable occasion. The **Father's Day Breakfast** was a very busy affair, serving 59 Post fathers and 134 total breakfasts. Thank you to **Dee Yurko, Marilyn Anderson, Nancy Marshall, Lee Bachman, Kay Scott, and Penny Polston** for their hard work, and especially to **Commander Mark Ward** for washing dishes all morning, slicing ham, and making eggs.

I would personally like to thank **Sheryl Funakoshi** for supplying

us with so many wonderful pictures from Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Father's Day (above).

We are having another drive to supply active duty troops with non-perishable food items, socks, and personal hygiene items. We will have a collection box set up for them.

Our monthly meeting will be held on July 9th, instead of the 2nd. No bands are scheduled in July. Our 4th Wednesday dinner will be gumbo over rice. The 5th Wednesday will be a Cubano sandwich.

## SAL REPORT

*Brad Hall*

The **SAL Golf Tournament** is in the books. I want to thank all the players for showing their support for our organization. We had 60 participants for the tourney which is a pretty good turn-out. Maybe we can get more next year.

A huge thank you goes out to **Julie Bloomer, Beth Hall, Tom Davies, Jimmy Gibson, Dave McBrien, and Joe Calabro!** Thanks a bunch! I was about shot by the end of the tourney, and really appreciate you all stepping up and making it a success.

One item has been brought to my attention following the Golf Tournament. Please remember we have no paid wait staff, table bussers, cooks, or other help. Everyone who helps make Post activities successful does so out of respect for our Veterans and our Post. So, please, if you make a mess pick it up. Spilled beer, food, popcorn, etc. can get pretty disgusting after it sits for a while. Not sure I know anyone who wants to pick up after me. Most of us have raised children and don't really want to continue the babysitting chores.

## BUSINESS REPORT

*Bob Heer*

Attendance at the **Memorial Day Picnic** was down a bit from last year, but 290 members and guests attended the event. Door monitors again did an excellent job of checking membership cards, which generated almost \$500 from non-member guests.

Memorial Day financial contributors for our picnic included **Joe and Fran Bowers** and **Ken and Connie Stark**. My thanks for your generosity.

The 4th of July picnic will kick off at noon and door monitors are needed to check membership cards. Please sign-up in the lounge if you can help out.



Volunteers who served 59 Post fathers and 75 others breakfast on Father's Day.



## SAL Horseshoe Tournament

### Curly's Hog Roast

**SATURDAY, JULY 27 AT 12 NOON**

Blind Draw—Double Elimination

¢10 Per Plate

Payout: 50% Winners / 50% SAL

FREE with ¢15 Entry

**Contact Tom Davies at 720-297-9507**

**George Spano** did a fantastic job of fabricating custom saloon doors for our front bar. A huge thanks, George, for your excellent workmanship. I wish to personally thank **Dave Potvin** for his service as Corporation Board Chair the past two years. Dave always conducted professional (and short) meetings and was a great resource in the implementation of our point-of sale register.

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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



**NO RIDERS DINNER  
FRIDAY, JULY 5TH**

**PATTI'S LUNCH  
NOW BEING SERVED  
SATURDAYS  
BEFORE BINGO FROM  
12 NOON TO 1 PM**



## 12th Annual SAL Golf Tournament

### Winning Team

**Eric Bame     Dustin Jabin**

**Jim Chesley     Chris Neuharth**

### Thank You, Sponsors

**Rocky Mountain Tree Care**

**Dan Jajczyk**

**Windish RV**

**Aspen Mortuary**

**Post 178 Legion**

**Post 178 Auxiliary**

**Post 178 Riders**

**Randy and Dawn Rehbein**

