



THE AMERICAN LEGION



"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

Randy's Run Raises \$8,500 for RCI and Post

After a one-year hiatus, **Randy Baria's In-House Poker Run** attracted another capacity crowd to Post 178 for great BBQ, a tremendous silent auction, and live music in our backyard. The effort was assisted by **Joe Calabro**, who organized the Poker Run, **Brad and Beth Hall**, **Jody and Michelle Marcotte**, **Shawn and Julie Bloomer**, **Bob and Faye Black**, and **Randy and Dawn Rehbein**.



Poker winners were **Michelle Marcotte**, **Tanya Kiger**, and **Tom Davies**. Special thanks go to **Uncle Dan's BBQ** for the excellent food, and to everyone whose bids won them many unique auction items.

In the end, Randy handed \$5,000 cash to our friend **Ranya Kelly**, founder of **Redistribution Center Inc (RCI)** and **Warriors Warehouse**, and turned over an additional \$3,500 to **Post 178**.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Patti Wagner

Dear Lord, bless those who defend our country daily, often with selfless acts of bravery. Bless also the citizens of our nation with the wisdom and strength to live honestly and always assist those in need, especially our beloved Veterans. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Mark Ward

As summer winds down, we are looking forward to the **Labor Day Picnic**, hosted

by the **Son's of the American Legion**. This year the following guests have asked to participate and provide information to our members:

BlackOpsRescue – Provides free dog adoption to Veterans including free veterinarian service, spay/neuter surgery, free vaccinations, and free service dog selection and training.

John F. Kennedy High School JROTC Honor Platoon – Fund raising campaign for Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention (see page 4).

Keller Williams Realty – To provide information regarding a donation to the Post of 10% of the realtor's commission for referrals of homes bought and sold.

As always, we need new volunteers to help with Post events. Please contact any Post Officer to let them know you would like to help.

Thanks to **Chuck Elsen** for stepping up and filling the vacant office of the Legion Historian.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Judy Myers

Ladies, remember the **Car Show Bake Sale** on Saturday, September 21. This has always

been a great fundraiser for the Auxiliary. Bake your hearts out and bring in your goodies on Friday, September 20, or very early on Saturday so we can get them priced for sale. We will also need volunteers to sell our delicious creations. A sign-up sheet will be on our bulletin board.

Please pray for members and families.

Final Roll Call

Daryl D. Harris (5 years*)—USA—Korea

John Adams (6 years*)—USAF—Vietnam

* American Legion member

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Avra Davis—USA—Lebanon

TRANSFERS

Jeffery J. Vanselow—USA—Granada

Robert E. Cossey—USN—Korea

Donnie Pittsinger—USA—Vietnam

Harold Hoffmeier—USAF—Vietnam



CHILDREN FIRST GIFT CLUB

Guardian
2018-2019

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
SQUADRON 178 DETACHMENT OF COLORADO

The Board of Directors gratefully recognizes your outstanding support of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Service to the critical needs of America's Children is made possible through your caring and generosity.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has awarded Post 178's SAL Detachment its Gold Designation in the Children First Gift Club as a Guardian for "cumulative donations."

There is a tub at the Post under the juke box in the lounge for donations to active-duty military members. Items needed are listed above the tub and in an email blast sent out in August. We will close this drive at the end of September.

The Auxiliary 4th Wednesday Dinner in September will be a Sausage and Pepper Parmesan Sandwich.

SAL REPORT

Brad Hall

You can pay your dues any time now for the 2020 calendar year. Still just \$20. Many Legion members are eligible for SAL. Why not honor your father or mother if a Vet, and become a dual member? Dues can be put into an envelope and dropped into our strong box in the game room by the book case. Please put your name, key card number, and any changed information on the outside of the envelope.

I wanted to send an e-mail to SAL members announcing what's going on in the SAL, but out of 200+ members I found only about 50 good email addresses. If you want to receive our e-mails, as well as blasts from the Post, please make certain you give us your valid email address. There is a sign up sheet next to the pickle cage in the lounge.

We're putting on another **Walleye Fish Fry** on Saturday, September 14. Serving will begin at approximately 4:00 p.m. and we'll serve until 7:00 p.m. Flyers will soon appear at the Post with all the information.

Thank a Veteran when you see one.

BUSINESS REPORT

Bob Heer

Our final member summer picnic will be on **Labor Day** kicking off at noon. That afternoon we will also have music on the back patio. Please bring a dish and enjoy. Non-member guests will be charged \$5 at the door. I am in need of door monitors to check membership cards so if you can give 30 minutes of your day it would be appreciated. A sign-up sheet is in the lounge.

I want to thank **Randy Baria, Shawn Bloomer, Chuck Elsen** and **Mark Ward** for the outstanding job they did in demoing and replacing the floor in the kitchen walk-in cooler. **JD (Jon Bormolini)** was very diplomatic in showing us how to cut the diamond plate flooring. Thanks JD.

Speaking of the diamond plate flooring, it was all donated by **Shawn Bloomer**. Thanks to Shawn and the volunteer labor, the cost of fixing the floor was minimal.

During the upcoming football season, we will offer buckets of domestic beer for \$10 during **Denver Broncos** games and **FREE** schnapps shots for the Broncos first two touchdowns.



RIDERS REPORT

Mike Watson

The Riders have been busy as usual riding in support of our Veterans and active duty personnel. We have joined with members from other Posts across the Front Range to ride in escort for the Dignified Transfers and Dignified Honors of our fallen Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines in their final journey. As we continue to adapt to a smaller number of Riders at the Post due to retirements and transfers, we also seem to be getting more engaged with our fellow Riders from Posts 22, 21, 38, 2010, and others.

We're riding with organizations that assist our Veterans, their children, and our community. We're helping our fellows in the **Patriot Guard** with services at Ft. Logan and other final resting sites. We have also participated in rides to support the **Denver Hospice**.

We will also be meeting with our fellow ALR from across the state in our annual gathering, the **Ride on Military Pride (Romp)** held again this year in Buena Vista. We meet up and discuss our missions, enjoy riding through the wonderful Colorado fall scenery, and foster the contacts to join forces across the state in support of our combined missions.

Lastly, we are making continuous improvements to our twice monthly Steak and Salmon (or meat of opportunity) dinner. We have been

Riders Announce Scholarship Winners

Three outstanding high school students were awarded \$400 each for college expenses this Fall by the Post 178 American Legion Riders.

- **Lauren Regis** will attend college in California with plans to become a business owner.
- **Tanner Bloomer** also aspires to business entrepreneurship and will begin his effort at CU Colorado Springs. Tanner is a previous ALR Scholarship winner, 4.0 GPA Wheat Ridge HS graduate, National Honor Society member, and First Team Academic in football and baseball.
- **Katelyn Searle** has her sights set on becoming an orthodontist, and will major in Biology on her way to dental school. She belongs to the National Honor Society, Builder's Club, and Key Club.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9 AM: Car Show and Bake Sale

9—11 AM: Buffet Breakfast
(Proceeds to JFK Honor Platoon)

10 AM: Opening Ceremony

1 PM: Awards Presentations



10 AM: Flag Presentation by JFK HS Honor Platoon
Show Sponsors



Dash Plaque Sponsor: Jerry Potts, Steele Tattoos

EARLY BIRD DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

1/2 BAKED CHICKEN DINNER

SIGN UP SHEET BY THE PICKLE CAGE

FREE WITH PAID DUES / OTHERS \$10

adding grilled shrimp, and it has been a big hit so far. We may make additional changes as we see the opportunity.

Keep an eye out for all motorcyclists please, we are out there, going to work, riding for enjoyment, and in support of our mission.

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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

WALLEYE FISH FRY

SEPTEMBER 14 \$12 PER PERSON
SERVING FROM 4 TO 7 PM



PLEASE REPORT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Opening Ceremonies **LAKEWOOD AMERICAN LEGION** Awards Presentation

JFK HIGH SCHOOL HONOR
PLATOON PERFORMANCE
10:00 AM



ALL YOU CAN EAT
\$8 BUFFET BREAKFAST
9 AM to 12 PM
*100% Funds Raise to Benefit the
JFK High School Honor Platoon

WINDISH
RV CENTER

2019



FIRST COME, FIRST PARKED
PLEASE, NO CARS BEFORE
7:00 AM

16 TOTAL AWARDS
• TOP 10
• JUDGES' 5 BEST
• BEST OF SHOW



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A Message from the John F. Kennedy High School JROTC Honor Platoon Welcome to Every Veteran Matters — In Memory of Ian Mahoney

Please join the **JFK High School JROTC Honor Platoon** in our campaign to raise money for **Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention**. We're bringing awareness to the plight of our Veterans who are taking their lives at the rate of twenty per day. Every Veteran is a wounded warrior, many hide their wounds on the inside.

Our instructor, **Paul Mahoney**, and his wife lost their son, a Veteran, in 2005. To honor **Ian Mahoney**, our team is participating in the **Race Against Suicide 3K walk / 5K run** in Colorado



Springs on Sunday, September 15th.

Look for some of our team at the Post's **Labor Day Picnic**. You'll be able to make a donation that will help us reach our \$500 goal.

Or go to: [https://www.raceentry.com/races/race-against-suicide-and-memorial-balloon-launch/2019/fundraising/charity/campaign/pikes-peak-suicide-](https://www.raceentry.com/races/race-against-suicide-and-memorial-balloon-launch/2019/fundraising/charity/campaign/pikes-peak-suicide-prevention-4222/3380)

prevention-4222/3380 to learn more and make a donation. Every effort helps our cause as well as all Veterans at risk for suicide. Thank you.