



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



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

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

## Color Guard, Riders, Jr. Shooters Parade for Vets



Want to contact some of the Vets you served with but have lost track of? Try using the Veteran-based website called *"Together We Served"* at <https://www.togetherweserved.com/>



Left: Early Bird Dinner volunteers **David Potvin, Shannon Chandler, Mike Lawton, and Judy Myers.**

Center: Auxiliary volunteers **Judy Myers, Fran Bowers, Sheryl Funakoshi, Nancy Chandler, Elizabeth Jane, Kay Scott, and Dee Yurko** after packaging 25 boxes of personal care items for troops.

Right: **Commander Mark Ward** presented **David Potvin** with a shiny new meat cleaver at the Early Bird Dinner.

*Photos by Sheryl Funakoshi*

**CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER**  
*Patti Wagner*

Dear Lord, thank you for your everyday gifts to us. We have so much to be grateful for, but especially at Christmastime. Please bless us and this Post in the new year, and keep us mindful of our promised duty to Veterans and our community. Amen.

*Please pray for members and families.*

**Final Roll Call**  
None Reported

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

November was a busy month. **Veteran's Day** events were a success at the Post and for the **Color Guard** as they served the community. Eight volunteers marched in the Veteran's Day Parade and presented Colors for one senior center and six elementary school programs. The Post-sponsored Junior Shooters joined the Color Guard at the Parade.

Thanksgiving has come and gone and our great fall is vanishing. The winter solstice will dim our lights, but let's not let it dim our spirits. Holidays are nearing and we need volunteers to help with breakfasts and events on the Post calendar. Also, if you are interested in assisting with the **Legion State High School Oratorical Contest** or **Boy's and Girl's State**, let one of our officers know. If you have grandchildren or know kids in high school who would like an opportunity for scholarships, get a brochure at the Post describing these programs.

**RIDERS REPORT**  
*Mike Watson*

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to everyone from the Riders. We are forever thankful to our Post and the members for hosting the Riders. Proud to call this Post our home and grateful for the support always shown by all in assisting us in completing our missions.

The holidays are always busy between providing **Thanksgiving Dinner at Heather Grove**, the holiday activities at the Post, and hosting the **Holiday Celebration at Heather Grove** in December. We have also reached out to the command at **Buckley AFB** offering support to service members there who are challenged to provide for their families during the holidays, and have been welcomed with open arms. Special thanks to

**Ranya Kelly at RCI/Warriors Warehouse** for helping us provide gifts for the families at Buckley and at Heather Grove.

Our weather has continued to be typical Colorado with warm sunny days punctuated by bitter cold and snow. The gravel makes riding challenging, but some are still brave enough to venture out so please watch out for us as we ride to extend our holiday spirit.

The Riders are still holding our **Steak/Salmon/Pork Chop Dinners** on the first and third Friday of each month, so please come and enjoy a meal with us and help support our missions.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**SAL REPORT**  
*Erad Hall*

**Ranya Kelly** delivered 55 turkeys and boxed meals from **Redistribution Center Inc. (RCI)** to the Post on Saturday the 23rd of November. They were distributed to eligible Veterans who signed up prior.

**Thanks Ranya!**

Hopefully everyone enjoyed **Dave McBrien's Huevos Rancheros** on a recent Sunday. All who did gave them a definite thumbs up.

Speaking of Dave and his meals, I'm not sure how many people realize the amount of time he spends planning and preparing **SAL Sunday Breakfasts and SAL Friday Dinners**. Dave and his crew; **Shannon, Mike, Rick, Lee, Chip, Shelley, Jenny**, and all the others are taking their personal time to volunteer. And they do this weekly. Stick your head in the kitchen and give them a shout out so they know you enjoyed it. (Seems the complaints always make it).

Don't forget to tip the volunteer servers also. Dave does a great job of keeping the prices of our meals as low a possible, and a tip is always appreciated. **Thanks Dave!**

**SAL Dinner Dates to Remember**

- Friday, December 13th **Salisbury Steak Dinner**
- Friday, January 10th **Randy and Bob's Famous Baby Back Ribs**
- Friday, February 14th **Valentine's Day, Prime Rib Dinner**

As always, come early as we will serve until/if we sell out.

## Bob Gordon Wins Quilt



The winner of Nancy Chandler's hand crafted quilt was drawn on Veteran's Day, and it was **Bob Gordon**. Bob is one of Post 178's newest members, thanks to the LEGION Act.

## AUXILIARY REPORT

Judy Myers

I want to thank all the volunteers who helped with the **Veteran's Day** meals. We served 75

Vets, 51 guests, and 13 volunteers. Some of our newest volunteers even worked two shifts to help with the clean up. We are very grateful for your service in helping our Post to help Veterans.

Another November project was to pack boxes for service people. We sent off 25 boxes of hygiene essentials and some snacks too.

Please remember to buy your Angels for the **Angel Tree**. All the proceeds go to military families for Christmas. There will be envelopes for your donations next to the tree in the lounge.

Some of us, led by the indomitable **Nancy Chandler**, will be making a trip to the VA Hospital on December 8th with quilts, healing hankies, and journals.

**December 14th is the Auxiliary/RCI Kids Christmas Party.** We will be hosting many families from Ft. Carson as well as our own children and grandchildren (12 and under) to come enjoy the day and sit on Santa's lap. If you would like Santa to bring a gift for your child or grandchild, please add them to the sign-up sheet in the hallway, including their name, age and gender, along with your name. There will be **NO BINGO** that day due to parking limitations.

If any of you would like to bake cookies to take to our local fire station, we will make arrangements for a visit.

If you are interested in joining us for another **Paint Pouring Class**, it is scheduled for February 9th from 1:00

to 3:30 p.m. Each time we meet we have a bigger group and more chances to share our creativity. Bring a friend and maybe they'd like to join the Auxiliary (or Legion, if applicable).

Since the 4th Wednesday falls on Christmas Day, we will not be serving an Auxiliary dinner that night.

## BUSINESS REPORT

Bob Heer

On behalf of the Corporation Board and employees of the Post, we wish a very **Merry Christmas** to all

members who have supported us this past year. We will be closed on Christmas Day.

To accommodate the **AUX / RCI Kids Christmas Party** there will be *no bar bingo* Saturday, December 14.

Reflecting on this past year we have much to be thankful for. Members have stepped up to fill critical officer vacancies, members donated approximately \$14,000 for our insurance reserve, and members have been awesome in supporting our many programs. Without this level of support, we would be going the way of many membership organizations where services and programs have had to be cut. Let's have an awesome 2020.



Thank you Thanksgiving Dinner kitchen volunteers **Brad Hall, Shawn Bloomer, Randy Baria, and Jody Marcotte.**

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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



## Riders / RCI Feed Vets



*R&L: **Ranya Kelly** delivers needed items to Vets and the Riders load their van with turkey dinners for Vets.*

*Below R&L: The Riders serve Thanksgiving Dinner at **Heather Grove**.*

*Below Center: **Mike Watson** and **Mikel Burroughs** with the staff of Sailors and Marines at **Navy Operations Support Center – Denver** with some of the 40 turkeys and food baskets presented to them by the Riders.*

