



THE AMERICAN LEGION

"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



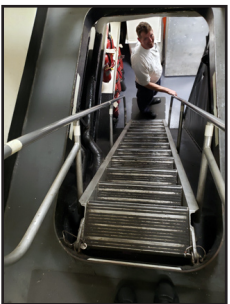
Once in a Lifetime Adventure, "Tiger Cruise 1"

— by Carol Conway

Brian and I recently had the honor and privilege to experience the sailors life as part of a Tiger Cruise. Our son John was stationed aboard the USS John C Stennis aircraft carrier. On rare occasion, family members are invited to stay on the carrier from one port to the next, to experience how our sailor lives. We were known as Tigers!

After going through check-in (security, getting badges and memorabilia) our sponsors directed us to our "racks" (sleeping quarters). We were advised to bring a medium sized duffel bag that could be stored in a VERY SMALL locker. The rack (bed) lifts up so you can store your clothes and personal items under your mattress.

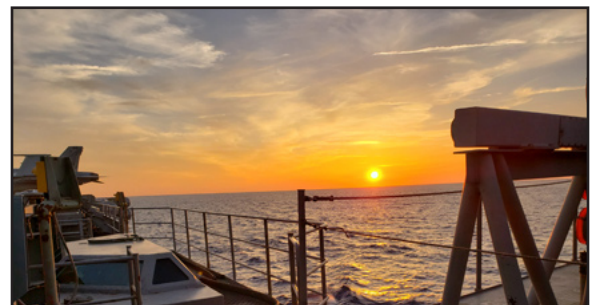
Each Tiger is assigned a sponsor of the same gender. The berthing areas are separated into male and female sections. This wasn't just a pleasure cruise. We got to dress up as a firefighter, tour the ship, view the ammunition bay, fore-castle, and a million other things. And of course, no cruise would be complete without your own private air show viewed from the flight deck!! Incredible!



We watched from the tower while jets took off and landed. It was amazing to see the choreographed movements on the flight deck with everyone wearing color coded uniforms to signify their duties. There's activity on every part of the flight deck. Some sailors stand around an E-2 radar aircraft so no one will walk into the propeller blades. Several jets simultaneously move into positions to be launched by one of the four catapults. At the same time a Hilo is taking off and landing at the stern (back) of the ship! Fire and safety crews are standing by. I could have stayed there forever!

Moving from deck to deck is done through ladder wells! We did about 44 ladders a DAY, and walked over nine miles each day! Talk about a workout! It was wonderful to learn so many things about life on the ship; being away from family and friends, dealing with cramped quarters, extremes in temperatures, and DANGEROUS conditions if you're not watching out, and careful with your everyday activities.

All of the sailors we met were proud of their service, and appreciative of our support. This brought a new appreciation for all that our brave sailors go through! Their service is immeasurable!



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
Patti Wagner

Dear Lord, may we reach out and touch someone with a helping hand. Help us never to lose sight of Your continual guidance in our lives as we work on behalf of our Veterans. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
Mark Ward

It looks like we are in the dog days of summer. We had a hot and successful July. The **July 4th Picnic** again was fun and patriotic thanks to the many volunteers that stepped up to help. A special thanks goes out to the **Riders**, who provided the manpower to prep and cook, and to **Nick Trujillo** for making it a ceremonious event.

This year's **Son's Horseshoe Tournament** was well organized, thanks to **Tom Davies**, who worked ardously to publicize and get participation.

Post 178 will host the **Spring Forward into Scouting BBQ** on Saturday, August 17th. The brochure for this fund raiser is in this edition of the newsletter. As always, we need new volunteers to step up and help with the events of the Post. Please contact any Post Officer to let them know you would like to help.

The office of the Legion Historian remains vacant. Some knowledge of the Post's past is helpful, but not necessary. The Historian's organizational skills are important. Their main function is to record activities of the Post and its members, plus activities of the Legion Department. If you think you may be interested, please talk to any Post Officer.

BUSINESS REPORT
Bob Heer

At the **4th of July Picnic** we distributed 272 wrist bands to members and their guests. Door monitor volunteers did an awesome job and collected \$519 from non-members. Sadly, we had in excess of 100 non-member guests, which begs the question why don't more of them join the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL?

Special thanks to **Max Thompson** and **Fran and Joe Bowers** for their financial contributions for beer. Our last member picnic for the summer will be on Labor Day September 2nd. Volunteers to help check membership cards are again being requested. We have entertainment scheduled to play on the back patio that afternoon so come out and enjoy.

Our back-yard flowers are again very colorful thanks to **Kathy Schwab** for weeding, and **Dee Yurko** and **Wayne McClimans** for the many hours spent watering. Thanks also to **Frank Spano** and **Doug Schwab** for

getting the propane tanks refilled.

I also wish to thank **Chuck Elsen** for his positive marketing of our Post on Channel 9 News on July 17th. Chuck was interviewed by 9 News regarding his painting of the Legacy Panels that are displayed above the main bar. For the record Chuck, I saw no glare from the bright lights when you were being interviewed.

Please pray for members and families.

Final Roll Call

Marcia "Mickey" West—AUX—06-30-2019
Robert Boffa (6 years)—USA—Korea
John Minkus (16 years)—USA—Korea
Thomas Paul (14 years)—USN—Vietnam
Bruce Wandrey (13 years)—USN—Vietnam
Albinus Citrowske (18 years)—USA—Korea
Richard Burkholder (15 years)—USAF—Korea

* American Legion member



**BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA®**
DENVER AREA COUNCIL

**Spring Forward
Into Scouting BBQ
Saturday, August 17
11 AM to 2 PM**

Proceeds benefit the Leadership Assistance Program of the Denver Boy Scouts.

FOOD	DRINKS
HORSESHOES	CORNHOLE
LADDERBALL	VOLLEYBALL
50/50	AUCTION

RIDERS REPORT
Mike Watson

It's summer, and we are trying to ride. Between thunderstorms, work, and life, we are planning for our winter months.

Watch for us in every rider you see.

JR. VICE'S REPORT
Shawn Bloomer

Summer is in full swing. Football Season started with preseason on August 1st. Go Broncos!

We're driving toward **Labor Day Picnic** time in a short month, and we'll need door volunteers please. Bob will have a sign-up sheet next to the pickle cage. Please contribute 30 minutes of your day!

We put up the second side of the outdoor digital sign last month. Hope you've noticed and enjoy seeing the upcoming events at the Post.

It's time to sign up for your 2020 membership/ The Early Bird is in full effect, so please make sure you get your dues in and enjoy the benefit.

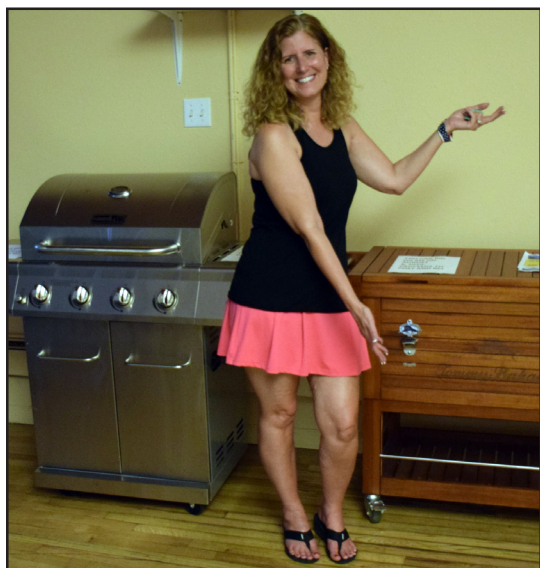
There is always something going on at our beloved Post, and EVERY one of these meals and events are accomplished through hours of volunteer's time. Are you contributing? If not, please consider helping at an event or with food service. We need your help. If you're already contributing and volunteering, I want to personally **Thank You!**

SAL REPORT
Brad Hall

The **7th Annual Horseshoe Tournament** was July 27th and was a success. **Tom Davies** had eight teams and

the tourney was won by **Roger Adams and Steve Rogowski**. **Shannon Chandler** displayed considerable excitement at winning the 50/50.

It was a good time and the pig that **Curly and Ed** whipped up was delicious as usual. Thanks to **Tom Davies, Paul Logan, JD Bormolini, Shawn and Julie Bloomer, Randy Baria, Frank Spano, Rodney Jones, Curly Johnson, Ed Roehre, Russ Scott, Dallas Kiefer, and Joe Calabro**. **Beth Hall** did a great job selling 50/50. A special shout out to **Tanya Kieger** who always is a huge help and whose cupcakes supplied needed nourishment for the contestants. Thanks Tanya!



Silent auction items await bidders at the In-House Poker Run and BBQ August 3rd.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Judy Myers

Thanks to Auxiliary members who helped the Riders for the **4th of July picnic**.

There will be a **High Tea** for all Auxiliary members on Sunday, August 18th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please feel free to bring a friend. The Tea is free for members and \$8 for non-members. Come spend some time to meet your new officers and chat with the ones who have been around for awhile while enjoying some finger sandwiches and desserts. Please RSVP to **Nancy Chandler**, 303-420-3585.

We are still accepting items for the non-perishable food/hygiene drive.

The **4th Wednesday Dinner** will be Reuben sandwich with veggie pasta salad.



Our friend Mickey West passed away June 30, 2019. She was an icon at Post 178, as was her late husband, Conrad. "Connie." Mickey was a member of the Auxiliary for 22 years. She was an incredible volunteer, and served as Auxiliary Chaplain for 10 years. She is survived by two sons, Bob and Andy.

Welcome

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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

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% Fund Raiser to Benefit the
JFK High School Honor Platoon*

**WINDISH
RV CENTER**



**Krackel Fest AND
CAR SHOW**

**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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**FRIDAY
BANDS**



INCOGNITOS AUGUST 9 5:30 — 8:30 PM

SUNSETTERS AUGUST 16 5:30 — 8:30 PM



Winning Team
Steve Rogowski and Roger Adams



50/50 Winner
Shannon Chandler



7th Annual SAL Horseshoe Tournament

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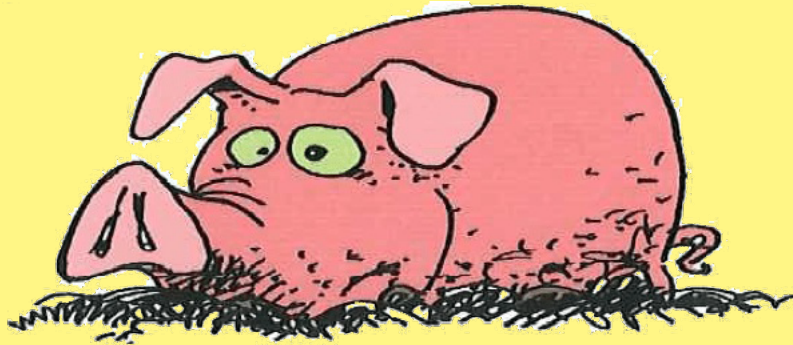
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**Saturday, August 3
1 to 7 PM**

IN-HOUSE POKER RUN

and



BBQ BY UNCLE DAN'S

**Silent Auction
Ends at 5 PM**

**Raffles
Giveaways**



**Live Blues Music
Till 7 PM**

**A Randy Baria
Production**

\$15 Single \$20 Couple \$12 BBQ Only

*All Proceeds go to RCI (Warrior's Warehouse) and
Lakewood American Legion Post 178 Charities*