



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



Preview of Post's Memorial Day Service

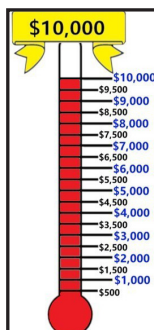
It's Post 178's best attended picnic of the year, but the holiday's most meaningful moments always occur between 10:45 a.m. and noon when we assemble for our annual Memorial Day Service. A respectful, anticipatory quiet descends over everyone gathering on the grass in front of the Post as officers step to the podium to execute their traditional roles. The JFK High School Honor Platoon presents the colors and performs an award-winning routine. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited, followed by singing America the Beautiful. The poem Flanders Fields is read. A wreath is laid. Carnations are placed one by one at the base of the flagpole as Post chaplains read the names of our departed members. A 21-Gun Salute is sounded by the Junior Shooters Team. The U.S. Flag is raised from half staff to full staff, and the National Anthem is sung.

To experience the true meaning of Memorial Day this year, please take advantage of the very moving ceremony at Post 178. Honor America's veterans and the members called home from Post 178 this Memorial Day. Then enjoy the year's best picnic in our beautiful backyard.



Insurance Fund at \$10,000

We have reached our initial goal of \$10,000, and we want to thank everyone who contributed to this fundraiser! Without your support we could not continue to operate the Post in its current capacity and keep the hours we offer. This just shows how amazing our members are, and we are blessed!



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Make Yourself Heard
May Meetings
Your Vote Counts**

**Recognize Your
New Officers
Appreciate Your
Volunteers**

**INSTALLATION
AND AWARDS
DINNER**

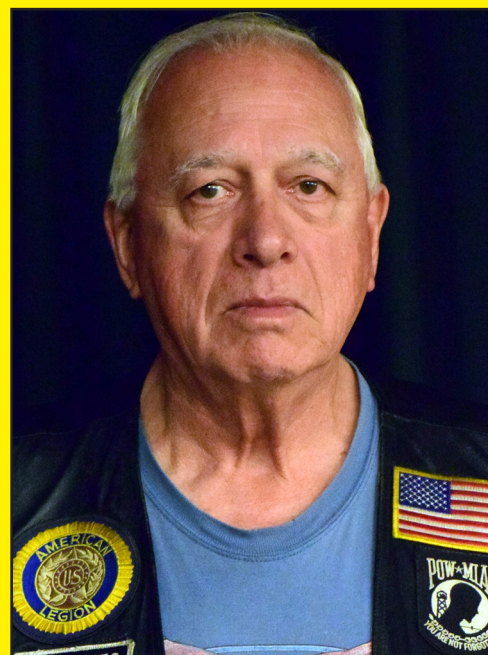
Nick Trujillo

April Volunteer of the Month

Nick Trujillo volunteers continuously at the Post in a number of ways. While president of the Riders from 2015—17 he organized Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner celebrations at Heather Grove.

Nick rides escort at funerals and meets every Thursday at RCI to organize donations for the trip to Ft. Carson. Nick purchased the "Riders Post 178" sign displayed at Warriors Warehouse. He also delivers items for the Post Bread Store collected by RCI.

Nick is a Vietnam Army veteran and currently the Legion's 1st vice.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Randy Kipp

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

David Clinger

An interesting April weather pattern. For some, it was difficult to schedule planting flowers one day, shovel snow the next. May promises to be busy not only weather-wise but with lots of events too. **Derby Day** is May 4th at the Post. Join a team and have some fun. May 7th is Legion and Auxiliary meeting night at 7:00 p.m. Both will elect their 2019—20 officers. Your vote is important, so please attend.

Mark your calendar for this year's **Installation and Awards Dinner** on June 4th at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy dinner and show your appreciation for Post leadership and volunteers.

Our **Memorial Day Service** begins at 10:45 a.m. followed by the annual **Memorial Day Picnic** at noon. I hope you will join us for horse shoes, corn hole, barbecue, and especially at the Service to observe the reason for the day.

Have a suggestion? Please place your idea(s) in the respective box marked in the game room across from the book shelf.

As I leave office, thank you again for your patronage and support. Looking forward to relaxing with family and friends this summer. Of course, I'll volunteer where needed.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Judy Myers

May is the month for the election of new officers. Please attend our meeting May 7th. It is also the month of the Post's big **Derby Day Celebration** with horse races, silent auction, bingo, several 50/50 drawings, and pulled pork sandwiches from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on May 4th.

The most important part of May is the **Memorial Day Service and Picnic** where we honor those members who have passed away in the last year and the military veterans who have gone before.

Our 4th Wednesday meal will be a Reuben sandwich with potato salad and the 5th Wednesday will be 1/2 roasted chicken with mashed potatoes and veggie.

It has been my privilege to be the Auxiliary President for the past two years. I cannot express enough the importance of volunteering. Your officers are only as strong as those who back them with volunteerism. We need more volunteers for **Burger Nights** and will definitely need help with the **Memorial Day Picnic**.

SAL REPORT

Brad Hall

Almost Summer and it's finally starting to look and feel like it. Things really start popping this month. Thanks to some terrific volunteers the flowers will be growing in our back yard, which really makes the Post look great.

The Post's annual **Memorial Day Service and Picnic** is May 27th and the ceremony can be a pretty solemn affair.

The Sons recently gave a \$2,500 donation to the **Child Welfare Foundation**, which is one of the big American Legion charities. It's a great fund for all entities to get involved in.

The **12th Annual SAL Golf Tournament** is in June on the 14th. Please get you sign up sheet and sponsor sheets to the Post soon so we can pay the golf course. It's a great event; a good time to play a round of golf and have a good steak or chicken lunch.

The cost is \$80 per person which includes golf, cart, bucket of balls, 1st drink at the Post, and a home cooked steak or chicken entree. Any profits go to SAL and Legion charities. Good causes, so come and tee it up. All hole sponsor monies are returned to the tourney.

Please pray for members and families.

Final Roll Call

Brenda Oswald—AUX

Sue Mountain—AUX

Sherry Braun—AUX

Jeni Wheatley (Dawn Rehbein's sister)

SAL Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH

Applewood Golf Course

Sponsorship and Volunteer Opportunities Available

CALL TO ACTION

FROM: Nick Romano, Department Community Service Officer
SUBJECT: U.S. Senate Bill 504, aka "Legion Act"
CITATION: "Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act"
ACTION: Congress should pass Senate Bill 504, a bill aimed at authorizing The American Legion to determine the requirements for membership in The American Legion.
Current qualifications for membership require military service during specific periods of war as designated by the Federal Government.
CONTACT: Your State Representative and tell them to Pass Senate Bill 504.
To find your State Rep, go to: <https://leg.colorado.gov/legislators>
To read the bill go to: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/504/text>

BUSINESS REPORT *Bob Heer*

The Auxiliary is hosting **Derby Day** May 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars for a fun filled time with horse races, silent auction, and much more.

On Memorial Day we will again close the Post during our commemorative service which begins at 10:45 a.m. Doors will only open after the service is concluded, which will kick off our first Post member picnic of the year. Members will be asked to show their Post 178 membership card and non-member guests of our members will again be charged \$5. I have a sign-up sheet in the lounge looking for volunteers to staff the doors and check membership cards. If you can give 30 minutes of your day it would be greatly appreciated.

The Post will host four **Tai Chi Classes** beginning May 3rd. Classes start at 10:00 a.m. and Will be held for 4 consecutive weeks. If you have an interest in attending call Doreen at 602-349-2541. There will be a charge for attending after the introductory class.

Life Line Screening will be at the Post Friday, May 31st. Informational flyers are available in the lounge.

RIDERS REPORT *Mike Watson*

The Riders continue to extend our services to the dignified transfer of those current service members who are being taken on their final journey. It is often a sad and quiet time of reflection, but one of the means by which we fulfill the contract we made with these souls.

We are now busily planning and making final arrangements for the upcoming **Memorial Day** events at Ft.

Logan, to include supporting the **"Flower on Every Grave"** initiative. Last year, 8,500 roses were placed on gravestones at Ft. Logan, plus untold numbers at other sites across the country. If any are interested, we will be meeting at 0900 at **Ft. Logan National Cemetery** on 27 May. They typically have us muster at the maintenance location in the southeast corner of the cemetery. Enter from Kenyon Street, and the Riders will provide traffic guidance. We are also planning our Victory for Veterans ride on 29 June, and a ride to raise funds for Redistribution Center Inc. (RCI) on 8 June.

We have received great feedback on our menu change with the addition of pork chops to the usual steak and salmon. We are also changing the way we prepare the salmon and continuing to make other improvements to our Friday Dinners.

And, as always, please watch for motorcycles especially now that the weather is warming. It may be us.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Connie D. Moore—USA—Vietnam
James P. Collins—USA—Vietnam
Shane M. Thomas—USA—Gulf

TRANSFERS

Patrick A. Moore—USMC—Gulf
Adecmo J. Antencio—USAF—Vietnam

AR-15, SCOPE, MAGS, AND AMO

BUSHMASTER



\$20 PER TICKET

**DRAWING JUNE 1
DURING FISH FRY**

**SEE RANDY BARIA, BOB BLACK, OR BARTENDER
BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED**

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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

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**WALLEYE
FISH FRY**

JUNE 1ST, 4 PM

\$12 PER PERSON

Mother's Day

SAL Buffet Breakfast

9 – 11:00 AM

POST 178 MOMS

DINE FREE (OTHERS \$8)

**FRIDAY
BANDS**

THE SUNSETTERS MAY 10 5:30 TO 8:30 PM

DAVID BOOKER TRIO MAY 17 5:00 TO 8:00 PM

Two episodes of a newly produced centennial documentary on the history and influence of The American Legion have been released and can be viewed on the Post's website, alpost178.org.

They feature professional actors, who are also Legionnaires, crisscrossing the country to discover how The American Legion was formed, grew, and serves community, state, and nation today.



The Post 178-sponsored **Junior Shooters Team** served a pancake breakfast Sunday, April 28th then posed for a group picture.

SHOOTING SPORTS



Karen Black and Gwen Hackbirth with assistance from **Brad Hall** served 96 delicious egg souffle breakfasts on Easter Sunday at the Post, and it was all free, compliments of Karen and Gwen.

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.*

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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: _____