



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



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

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

## Post-Sponsored Teams Take Top Honors

The JFK High School JROTC Honor Platoon is this year's *Northern Plains Grand Champions* and the *Air Force Association Overall Champions*. In addition, the team's leader and Post 178 member, **First Sergeant (R) Paul Mahoney** was named *Army JROTC Instructor of the Year* and received the prestigious *Meritorious Civilian Service Award*.

The *Team State Championship* in *The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports National Postal Tournament* has been won by Post 178's Junior Shooters.

Individual honors went to **State Champion Abigail Michas**.

*Below left to right:  
Logan Kling,  
Abigail Michas,  
Madilynn Hutsell,  
Payton Fry,  
Aiden Meyers.*



## Chili Chefs Show Off at Cook-Off

The Legion Riders well-attended Annual Chili Cook-Off on February 23rd boiled down to Best Red Chile winner **Mike Burroughs** and Best Green Chili winner **Mike Watson**.



**CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER**  
*Frank Henson*

*Dear Lord, bless all those who wear the uniform, who serve our cities, our nation, our people. Bless their families. Bless those they love. Give them Your great favor, this day and every day.*

*Thank You that in our nation today we are free to worship. We are free to pray. We are free to read Your word. We are free to speak. We are free to share. For this we are incredibly grateful. Yet we understand how quickly these freedoms can be taken away. Give us an increased awareness of the spiritual battle we're in. Help us to stand strong in You and for our purposes.*

*Thank You that as believers we can be assured, You never leave us, and You are with us always, in this life and the next. Amen.*

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

Ready, set SPRING!! Forward your clocks on March 8th. The first day of spring is March 20th. That said, I have good news and not so good news. The record high temperature in March was 84 degrees (AAH) and the record low was minus 11 degrees (BRRR).

There is a lot of room on the Post calendar to schedule spring and summer activities. Please talk to Bob Heer or any Post officer and let them know your recommendations and requests.

Legion Membership records have been resurrected and anyone that has renewed should not receive more notices that your membership is late or expired. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2020 please do, so you can continue to enjoy the benefits of Post 178.

Remember *American Legion Boys and Girls State* is May 30 through June 4th. If you know any high school juniors, please encourage them to sign up for this rewarding experience.

**RIDERS REPORT**  
*Mike Watson*

Everyone is getting a bit of cabin fever from all the snow and cold weather we had during February, and we are getting anxious to start riding and enjoying our beautiful scenery while supporting our missions.

We held our annual *Chili Cook-Off* on February 23rd, with a good turnout from our members and some from other Posts. The snow that morning set the mood to enjoy the enhanced flavors provided, and the pots definitely held the spices to warm the soul. Somehow, our two winners were our senior officers with **Michael Watson's** selected as the winning green chili, and **Mikel Burroughs'** red chili selected as best from the entrants in that category. By now, we think everyone's taste buds have recovered and the planning begins for next year.

The Riders rode in support of the *Dignified Honors Escort for Mr. Donald Stratton*, one of the last three survivors from the USS Arizona. The Legion Riders from across the Front Range came together to ride in honor of Mr. Stratton. We escorted him from his home in Colorado Springs, out across the eastern plains, across western Kansas, and finally to his eternal resting place in Red Cloud, Nebraska. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and, though a long day, the Riders completed the mission.

As we ramp up for spring, we are planning events and continue to serve our steak/salmon/pork chop dinners twice a month. We're working to improve our offerings hoping you'll make Friday nights at the Post a regular habit.

**AUXILIARY REPORT**  
*Judy Myers*

March is one of our busiest months. We have begun selling our shamrocks to benefit our veterans' projects. Officer nominations will be accepted at our April meeting.

On March 17th, we will be serving our annual *St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner* for only \$9. This year's hours will be from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and served buffet-style by your Auxiliary. A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the Auxiliary board in the hall. There will be no luncheon served that day.

You can win a beautiful Irish beer mug filled with Guinness at 4:00 p.m. for telling the best blarney story (joke or fun short story). Entrants will be judged by audience responses. Pick up a sign-up sheet at the Post.

**The Gleasons**, who bring many of their friends and family to our Post for a birthday dinner on St Pat's Day, will be providing music by *Front Range Highway* from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. You are all welcome to come enjoy the music and dance along with traditional festivities.

*Please pray for members and families.*

**Final Roll Call**

Lee Salazar — USN — 02-03-2020

**Sick Bay**

Clarence "Scotty" Scott  
Lutheran Hospital, Room 646

**BUSINESS REPORT**  
*Bob Heer*

Bartender **Chrissie Garritano** came to the rescue again when she

was able to secure a free replacement clothes dryer for the Post. Chrissie not only found the dryer, she picked it up and delivered it to our door. Awesome job Chrissie! I also want to thank **Frank Spano** for removing the old dryer and hooking up the replacement.

I believe it is time to again remind members that their guests are welcome but they must be signed in by the Post member and leave when the member leaves. As those of you who frequent the Post know, the East lounge entrance is for members only and the door buzzer has been removed. Non-members can only access the building through our South entrance and ring the buzzer. Membership has its privileges and anytime someone buzzes the door they will be challenged if they are not with a member.

A strict interpretation of our non-profit rules is that the guest be signed in by the sponsoring member. I get extremely frustrated when we have spouses of members buzz the doorbell. *Why are they not members?* I do not believe the cost of membership is that prohibitive.

**SAL REPORT**  
*Brad Hall*

Can you feel that? I thought I smelled Spring at least once during February. Hopefully it doesn't take two more months to get here.

The **13th Annual Sons of The American Legion Golf Tournament** will be held on Friday, June 12, 2020 at Applewood Golf Course. Sign-up is at 6:30 a.m., shotgun start at 7:00 a.m. Cost is \$80 per player again this year and includes some snacks, range balls, golf and cart, and a steak lunch. Still a deal!

**13th Annual SAL Golf Tournament**

**Friday, June 12, 2020**  
**Applewood Golf Course**  
**14001 W. 32nd Ave, Golden**

**Player / Team Sign-in at 6:30 a.m. Shotgun Start at 7:30 a.m.**  
**\$80 per Player / \$320 per Foursome**  
**Entry Deadline June 10**  
 Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/yx7y3tra>

# Welcome

## NEW MEMBERS

- Janie Andress—USA—Legion Act
- Harold Hoffmeier—USAF—Vietnam
- John Huebner—USN—Gulf
- Eyvind Logan—USAF—Legion Act
- Christian Martin III—USN—Gulf
- James McGee—USAF—Vietnam
- Robert Nino—USAF—Vietnam
- Alvin Ort—USAF—WWII
- Richard Schendel—USA—Vietnam
- Michael Theisen—USAF—Gulf

## TRANSFERS

- Julie Blethen—USN—Lebanon
- James Cardinal—USA—Vietnam
- Paul Harris—USN—Vietnam
- Samuel Ladenburger—USA—Gulf
- Bernard Nichter—USA—Vietnam
- James Statin—USA—Gulf
- James Taylor—USAF—Vietnam
- John Warren—USAF—Vietnam

Hole sponsors are needed and cost is \$150. Prize hole sponsors are \$200 each and will be for Long Drive, Closest to Pin, Longest Putt, and whatever else we need to do depending on how many prize hole sponsors we get.

This has always been a good time and a good way to raise funds for SAL and Legion Charities. You may sign up on line this year at the following link. Please be sure to include all names of your foursome if you are paying for the entire team, as well as contact info for team leader.

Sign-up at: <https://tinyurl.com/yx7y3tra>

The **Valentine's Day Smoked Prime Rib Dinner** was a huge success! It was fantastic to see the Post full of people with live music, dancing, and fine dining all happening. The bartenders were hopping like a couple of rabid chipmunks and squirrels. We served about 160 meals before running out of prime rib, as this was more than we figured on. We try to make as much as we can, but it doesn't always work out. Apologies to anyone who missed out.

Thanks a ton to the following: **Bob Black and Randy Baria, Jenny, Beth, Jody and Michelle Marcotte, Chip Steggs, JD, Tanya and Tom Davies, Kathy Schwab, Donny Stockmar, Randy Rehbein, Judy and Big Ed.** As always, without help, this kind of thing never gets off the ground. Thanks Everyone!

Remember to thank a Veteran when you see one.

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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

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY  
APRIL 5TH



*Dewey Fries is 97 on March 19th  
Celebrate with him at the Post*

## SAL Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH

*Applewood Golf Course*

*Sponsorship and Volunteer Opportunities Available*

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**Left:** Joe Bowers celebrated his 84th Birthday with a party at the Post on February 20th.

**Right:** Special Forces vets gather for Saturday breakfast at the Post.

**Below Right:** The Son's Prime Rib Dinner on Valentine's Day was a sell out.





# SAL Golf Tournament

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual**



Friday, June 12, 2020  
Applewood Golf Course  
14001 W. 32nd Ave., Golden

Player / Team Sign-in at 6:30 a.m.  
Shotgun Start at 7:30 a.m.

- 18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Range Balls
- Team Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
- Awards for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and Longest Putt
- 1st Drink, Steak Lunch, and Door Prizes at Post 178, 1655 Simms Street, Lakewood

## REGISTRATION

**\$80 per Player / \$320 per Foursome**

Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/yx7y3tra>

*Mail entries to: Lakewood American Legion, 1655 Simms St., Lakewood, CO 80215*

*Make checks payable to: "SAL Golf"*

*(Register as a single or group. Specify which group players you're paying for.)*

**Entry Deadline June 10**

**Team Captain**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Player #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Player #3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Player #4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**I cannot participate but would like to make a contribution**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Direct inquiries to:**  
**Brad Hall**  
**303-210-4125**  
**(leave a message)**

**Proceeds from the Golf Tournament benefit Sons of The American Legion Charities**