



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



American Legion Racing to Compete in Indianapolis 500

The American Legion will add it's name to "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" by participating as a sponsor in this year's Indianapolis 500 on May 30.

The Legion and Chip Ganassi Racing have created a multi-year sponsorship agreement in the NTT IndyCar Series. Seven-time NASCAR Cup Series Champion Jimmie Johnson will drive the street and road courses while Tony Kanaan, 2013 Indianapolis 500 winner and Series Champion in 2004, will handle the ovals including this year's Indy 500.

The American Legion will be the primary paint scheme for oval races and will appear as associate sponsor in races driven by Jimmie Johnson. Carvana will be the primary sponsor for those races.

"This is truly a win-win for all involved," said James W. "Bill" Oxford, national commander of The American Legion. "Teaming up with Chip Ganassi Racing allows The American Legion to showcase how it strengthens America every day through its programs, advocacy and support of veterans and their families. We're looking forward to bringing that message and our mission to race fans across the country."

The National Executive Committee approved the sponsorship stating "The American Legion continually works at building and growing The American Legion organization and brand recognition, increasing membership and



renewals, increasing fundraising and donations, and increasing sponsorship renewals (goals). Not many individual programs are able to impact and connect to all of The American Legion's goals. Sporting event sponsorship opportunities, if properly managed and executed, are a program area that allows sponsors to obtain those goals."

Johnson, whose family members served in the military, made a \$10,000 contribution to The American Legion and hopes his donation will motivate fans and

the public to support veterans by donating \$48 to The American Legion. "Both my grandfathers served...and my grandmother actually did some test flying for pilots. Their pride and influence in defending our homeland and protecting our freedoms were ever-present for me as a child."

American Legion Racing and Jimmie Johnson merchandise is available to collectors including die cast #48 cars, apparel, hats, and flags. A poster is also available for fans to download and print.

Throughout the year, The American Legion will use the series and national television exposure to bring attention to some of the most important issues facing today's veterans, including veteran suicide, honoring the fallen, and remembering the service and sacrifice rendered as a result of 9/11.



Above: The number 48 IndyCar will compete in American Legion Racing livery at oval races.

Center: Number 48 in American Legion Racing and Carvana livery for road and street races.

Bottom: Downloadable, printable fan poster available at <https://www.legion.org>.

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN
Rosemary Young

Heavenly Father, thank you that you defend your people with your mighty hand. Please hear our prayer as we lift up our military and veterans before you now. They work tirelessly to defend our country. Bless and protect them Lord and use their work for the good of our nation and your glory. May they know your presence with them at this time. Amen Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

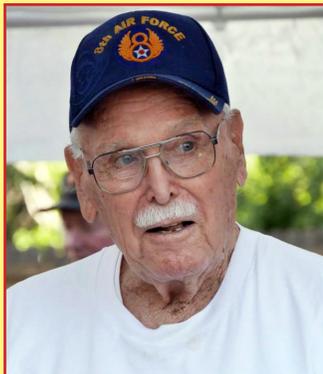
COMMANDER'S REPORT
Mark Ward

As the State and Jeffco continue to relax COVID-19 restrictions, we can become more flexible with Post activities. **Bingo** is back in full swing with the \$1,000 Black-out Games payouts. Our breakfasts, lunches and dinners can accommodate a full house. We are planning the annual **Memorial Day Service** on the 31st. There will be a slight change in the Picnic format from self-serve to volunteers serving the members and guests.

**Chuck Morgan's Memorial Service
Scheduled For Friday, June 4**

A family-only funeral service for Chuck Morgan will take place Friday, June 4 at 3:00 p.m. at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

A reception will follow at the Post 178 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Members, guests, and friends are invited to honor our good friend with their attendance.



Please pray for these members and families.

FINAL ROLL CALL

Raymond Tanner—USN

Kenny "Chip" Steggs Jr.—SAL—04-19-2021

Wray Mountain (Rocky's Brother)—04-22-2021

SICK CALL

David Bralish—COVID—Hospitalized

The **Post Officer Election** is May 4th. The Executive Committee nominated candidates for all offices and announced those to Membership in April. The goal of the Post election is to develop the strongest structure of leadership possible. The Officers are selected because of their experience and ability to perform the work and not because of their social prestige or popularity.

There are still 97 Legion members that have not renewed for 2021. Please renew and continue to enjoy our Post.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Judy Meyers

May is **Poppy Month**. **Poppy Day** is May 28th. We will be

selling beautifully decorated Poppy Cookies for our fund raiser. Thanks to **Kay Scott** for orga-

nizing this project. We will also be serving at the **Memorial Day Picnic**. Volunteers are welcome to sign up to help before, during and after the picnic.

Elections will be held on May 4th and we will announce the officers next month. There will be no meeting on the first Tuesday in June, but we will have a joint installation of officers with the Legion on June 8th.

Third Wednesday dinner Salisbury Steak with mashed potatoes. Fourth Wednesday meal will be chicken, bacon, ranch casserole with salad.

Flower On Every Grave

Victory For Veterans and Memorial Day Flower Foundation are partnering to place 30,000 flowers on Veteran's headstones in Denver's Fort Logan Cemetery. Volunteers and flowers are needed, as well as donations which can be placed in the Riders box at the Post. Flowers will be placed beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Memorial Day, May 31. Staging is at Mullen High School parking lots.

\$15 places 10 roses. \$5 of that goes to help prevent Veteran suicides.

\$75 places 50 roses with \$25 going to suicide prevention.

\$150 places 100 roses and \$50 goes to suicide prevention.

To make a contribution go to: <https://www.memorialdayflowers.org/fort-logan-national-cemetery/>

To volunteer and find event details go to: <https://www.facebook.com/MDFTCO>

Also see victoryforveterans.org and memorialdayflowers.org



SAL REPORT
Brad Hall

Please get your memberships renewed as quickly as possible. They will have to be hand done soon and

can cause delays getting your cards.

Saturday, May 8th will be a **Rib Fest** at the Post. **Randy and Bob's** famous baby back ribs will be served from 4:00 p.m. until they are gone. The Boys are doing a bunch of them so come get you some.

The **SAL Golf Tournament** is June 18. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/yx7y3tra> or complete a sign up sheet available at the Post. Good time for a good cause.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

- Mitchel Moore—USA
- Kenneth Lawrence—USN
- Anthony Rogers—USA
- Roger Suggs—USA
- Arthur Riggins—USA
- Michael Holland—USN
- Lawrence Lopez—USM
- John Browne—ARNG

TRANSFERS

- Dennis Bendt—USN
- Charles Seamans—USN

RIDERS REPORT

Rodney Jones

BUSINESS REPORT

Bob Heer

Hey, most of you know **Wayne Mcclimans** who is a past Commander at the Post. What you don't know is how much Wayne does behind the scenes. When you see our back yard and the conspicuous lack of leaves, pine needles, trash and overgrown grass remember that they are all signs that Wayne has been there. Give him a shout out and a big hug the next time you see him.



Post Business Manager **Bob Heer** is always eager to take on whatever needs doing at our facility.
Thanks, Bob.

May is the beginning of our busy season. Our annual **Flower On Every Grave** is May 31st. We will be placing approximately 12,000 roses on graves honoring our veterans and families at Fort Logan Nation Cemetery. Begins at 8:00 a.m. at Mullen High School parking lots. Any donations can be dropped into the Riders box at the Post. Volunteers to help place the roses are always welcome. If you have any family members interned, you are welcome to bring roses and place them with us.

As **Commander Ward** indicated in his article, we are planning a member picnic following the **Memorial Day Service**. The Post will provide

burgers, brats and beer as well as some side dishes. Bringing outside food is not allowed. Since this is a Post 178-member picnic, all non-member guests must pay \$7 each with the exception of children under age 12 who will be charged \$3 each. If you have not been to the Post recently you will find that the East door (Simms side) is reserved for members only. Only members with a current key card can gain access through this entrance. Everyone else must use the South entrance and ring the buzzer. If you are a paid-up member but choose to ring the door buzzer in lieu of using your key card you must sign the guest book.

Our April 30th **Prime Rib Dinner** was a huge success. Thanks to **Randy Baria and Bob Black** for spearheading and with the volunteer help of **Big Dan Wessels, Mary Johnson, JD Bormolini, Judy Myers, Kathy Schwab, Mark Ward** and **Mike Black** 130 pounds of prime rib were served in just over one hour. What a night!

Junior Shooters Score High Marks

The Arvada Rifle & Pistol Club Junior Shooting Team sponsored by Post 178 competed in the Colorado Junior Olympics in March held in Colorado Springs. Congratulations to those who medaled.



Men's 3/20 Smallbore

- Aiden Meyers - Overall Silver with a score of 516-3x*
- Teegan Meyers - Junior2 Gold with a score of 498-10x*
- Logan Kling - Junior2 Silver with a score of 463-3x*

Men's Air Rifle

- Aiden Meyers - Overall Gold with a score of 575-26x*

Women's Air Pistol

- Ava Sylvia - Overall Bronze with a score of 483-3x*
- Kit Arbuckle - Junior2 Bronze with a score of 361-1x*

We are very proud of these athletes. —Jennifer Meyers

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Post Hours

Mon.— Fri. 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 Sat.— Sun..... 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Bartenders may close earlier on slow nights.

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SUPPORT POST 178
PLEASE ATTEND
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
MEETING IN MAY



SAL Golf
Tournament
FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH
Applewood Golf Course

Eligibility Updated for American Legion Auxiliary

At The American Legion’s National Convention last August, Legionnaires voted to replace the word “wife” with “spouse” in the American Legion Auxiliary’s constitution and bylaws section regarding the ALA’s membership eligibility, opening the doors for membership to spouses of female veterans. Currently, 1.9 million women veterans are living in the United States, and 9% of the U.S. military is female. By 2045, it’s estimated that 18% of the military will be comprised of women.

In 1920, veterans were almost 100 percent male so the ALA was formed as the organization for the spouses of the veteran. Those spouses just happened to be women. In 1921, members voted to drop the word “women’s” from the name, although it remained a women’s organization. Eligibility was

originally open to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and female descendants of members of the American Legion.

The inclusion of male spouses in the Auxiliary follows the expansion of membership eligibility periods that took effect in July of 2019. The LEGION Act created 4.2 million newly eligible veterans and, as a result, more people became eligible for the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, and the Legion Riders.

Today, an estimated 16 percent of enlisted people and 18 percent of officers are women, who may be married to a non-

veteran. To keep the ALA as the organization that supports spouses of the veteran, it was necessary to change the ALA’s definition from wives to spouses, thereby updating the organization to represent the changing makeup of the military.





13th Annual

SAL Golf Tournament

**Friday, June 18, 2021
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

(Includes 18 holes, of golf, cart, and range balls)

Entry Deadline June 15

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

Prizes and Awards

- **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**

Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities

Contact Brad Hall 303-210-4125 (leave a message)

Hole Sponsor \$150

Prize Hole Sponsor \$200

(Includes sign placed on tee box, recognition at lunch and in Post newsletter)

Sponsors' Deadline June 11

100% of Funds Raised go to Sons of The American Legion Charities



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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 15

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