



THE AMERICAN LEGION



"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

Glennon Heights Elementary Kids Express Thanks to Vets

Izabella


Dear veteran,

I think you are so brave for risking & sacrificing your life for the world & your family. I deeply believe that the Army is an brave place for a person to go and spend several months, years for the world. It's incredibal you do what you do for our rights and freedom for the world.

thank you for protecting us!

Sincerely,
Izabella

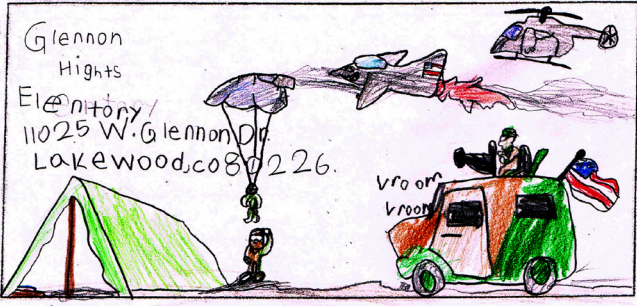
Thank You!
You are a hero!



Created by: Together We're Stronger

Name: Kylee Kaye Date: 11-11-21
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Glennon Heights Elementary
 11025 W. Glennon Dr.
 Lakewood, CO 80226.



Dear Veteran,

Thank you for Pertecing
 us. And fighting for
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 Your life's. (From Kylee)

Doug Powell (Dec. 8, 1945 – Oct. 14, 2021)

Doug Powell passed away October 14, 2021 at age 75. He was a long-time member of Post 178 and the ALR, and served as our Post's Service Officer helping countless Vets deal with benefit issues.

After graduating from Loveland High School in 1963, Doug joined the Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. He then earned a criminal justice degree from Trinidad State College and became a police officer in Estes Park. He subsequently worked as a loss prevention officer for several companies and as a peace officer for the State of Colorado.

Doug was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, camping, and golfing. He enjoyed playing poker and bingo with friends at Post 178.

Doug is survived by Gwen, his wife of 51 years, a sister, three daughters, and four grandchildren. His inurnment was November 15th at Ft. Logan.



Sheryl Funikoshi photo.

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN
Kim Jackson

Lord, we worship You during this Holiday season. You are our wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. We choose to put You at the center of our family life as we celebrate You and pray that You will give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation that we might know You better.

Help us to be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another. Show us creative ways to love and care for those outside our home. Fill us to overflowing with Your love for the lost. Teach us to do acts of kindness to those who are in need at this time of year.

We thank You, Lord, for the many blessings we have been given to rejoice about. Our Veterans. New life. New love. A home. A job. New opportunities. Second chances. And more. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season this year and miss out on these blessings.

Come God and awaken our spirits to worship. May we learn and grow together as we meet and celebrate now. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
Mark Ward

Well, another year is coming to an end. Everyone is asking, where has it gone? All agree that turning the pages of the calendar has been like turning the pages of a magazine. Regretfully, Membership count for 2021 has diminished significantly. COVID restrictions may have affected participation. COVID is still here, but we found ways to continue coping with it and maintain safety as best we can.

Thanks to the few volunteers who stepped up during the year, most Post activities and events were held as scheduled and will continue into the new year. However, the Post needs your support more than ever now.

Remember that on January 1st you will need your 2022 **RED** door cards to get into the Post. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so ASAP to give the Adjutant time to process the renewal and send your door card.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

RIDERS REPORT
Rodney Jones

The month of November was exciting and December will be just as busy. Our **Friday Dinner** on the 3rd will include your choice of Steak, Porkchop, or Salmon. For an additional \$3 you can add Shrimp to any meal. On Saturday the 4th our regular meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. Our **Friday Dinner** on the 18th of December will again be our popular Burrito/Taco Dinner Buffet.

Saturday December 18th is going to be exciting. Not only will we be at Heather Grove serving Christmas Dinner, we're hosting the **RCI and Wounded Warrior Christmas Party and Toy Giveaway**. The toy giveaway is a combined effort of **Lisa Rossi and Ranya Kelly** to support nearly 90 children from all over Colorado. We will be at the event serving complimentary pizza for this event. All face masks and spacing rules will be adhered to. If anyone would like to help support these important holiday events, please drop your contribution into our Riders box and I will make sure they receive them.

Thank you and please be safe.



Mike Moyer is Liberty Bell Quilt Winner

Nancy Chandler's Liberty Bell Raffle Quilt was won on Veteran's Day by Mike Moyer, a Vietnam Navy Veteran.

Nancy and Judy Eberley raised a total of \$2,224 for the Auxiliary during their annual October "Bizarre Bazaar."

During the month the duo also raised funds to support projects including Alzheimer's Quilts, Suicide Prevention Journals, Girls State, and Black Ops.

Special thanks to Nancy and Judy for their tireless efforts on behalf of these charities and the Legion Auxiliary.

Sick Bay

*Nancy Chandler
Dave Anderson*

BUSINESS REPORT*Bob Heer*

I want to personally thank **Max Thompson**

and **Dawn and Randy Rehbein** for their very generous cash contributions to the Post. It is members like you that help us keep the doors open and support our Veterans Programs. During this Christmas season it is very much appreciated.

Thank you is also in order to **Bob Black, Doug Schwab and Brad Hall** for repairing the tripping hazard by the kitchen door. Great job guys! **Doug Schwab and Mark Ward** came to the rescue last week when the wind dislodged the sign over the south lounge door. Good news is nothing broke—just had to be realigned and re-anchored. Good for me, and the Post, we have multitalented members who are always willing to help

If anyone has a good operational propane fueled gas grill they no longer use, give me a call as we are looking at cooking burgers outside during the winter months when weather permits.

With the latest COVID mandate by Jefferson County, everyone coming into the Post must wear a mask. When eating or drinking you may remove your mask but if going to bathroom, etc. it is requested you put your mask back on. On Saturday mornings for breakfast, a mask is required to come through the serving line. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The lounge will be closed on **Christmas Day** to allow our staff to spend time with family and friends.

AUXILIARY REPORT*Judy Myers*

As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank the ladies (and men) who have given countless volunteer hours at the Post, mostly in the kitchen. **Veteran's Day** was another successful meal. **Our Quilt Queen and Historian, Nancy Chandler**, has been ill and we wish her a speedy recovery.

I would like to thank my **New Officers** for stepping up to their jobs and **Kay Scott** for taking on new responsibilities in writing reports on our activities. The December project is the **Angel Tree** headed, as usual, by **Dee Yurko**. You can make your donations at the Post or send them to Dee by mail at 1655 Simms St., Lakewood, 80215. All proceeds go to military families from Ft. Carson to help make Christmas a little brighter. Please make your donations by December 15th.

Max Thompson, we love you. Thank you for your generous donation.

There will be no meeting in December.

December meals are as follows: 12/1 and 12/8 Full Burger Menu, 12/15 Chili and Cornbread, 12/22 Clam Chowder and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, 12/29 No Dinner.

"However you celebrate; celebrate joy."

SAL REPORT*Brad Hall*

I would like to wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**. I hope all have good health and happiness throughout the coming year.

Some people may not know what the **Sons of The American Legion** do with the proceeds they make from **Sunday Breakfast and Friday Dinners**, and our special events like the **Golf and Horseshoe Tournaments**, so I figured I would share where most of our money raised goes.

In the 2021 calendar year, the SAL (pronounced "S, A, L," not "Sal") gave away more than **\$19,000** to an assortment of organizations including the following:

American Legion Child Welfare Fund
Heather Grove Veterans Center
American Legion National Emergency Fund
Arvada Junior Shooting Sports Team
Redistribution Center Inc. (RCI, Ranya Kelly's fantastic Veterans support organization)

Homelake Veterans Center
The Auxiliary's Angel Tree Fund
JFK High School Jr. ROTC
A new Meat Slicer for the Kitchen



Thanks to the Vet's Day volunteers who prepared spaghetti dinners and served them to our Post's Veterans complements of the Auxiliary.

Recently we discovered that **Heather Grove Assisted Living Center** had been sold. Without knowing what was going to happen to the residents, we decided to include our Christmas gifts with our **Thanksgiving Dinner** this year. Thanks to **Jodi and Brian Jenks** it went well. Special thanks to **Ranya Kelly** of RCI for providing most of the food.

Heather Grove Home for Vets



ary as well as many other individuals for contributing to our annual Heather Grove project.

While at Heather Grove we were able to meet new owners **Rina and Jeffery Supit**. They assured us that there will be no significant changes made at Heather Grove and all residents will remain. This excellent news will ensure a

We would also like to thank the **Legion Auxil-** long relationship with us.

— **Rodney Jones**

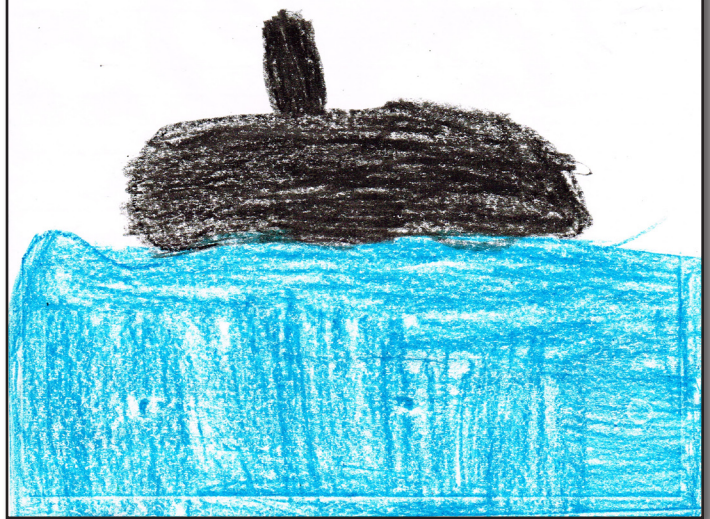


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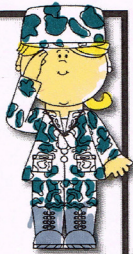
Happy  Veterans Day

From the students of Glennon Heights Elementary School.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

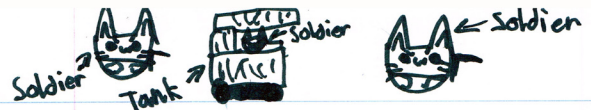


DEAR Veterans,

Thank you so much for EVERYTHING!! You risk your life for mine. You are so brave! You keep us safe, without you, we would not have freedom or rights. Thank you!



Sincerely, Annabel

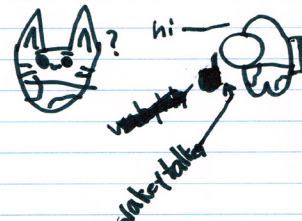


Nov 8, 2021

Dear soldier,

Thank you for surviving us and keeping us safe. I don't mean this to be cheaser but where I live there is a air force acadimey and I want to be in the air force when I'm older. So thanks for inspiring me and I don't care with grop you are in but I want to be in the air force cuz you inspired me.

Sincerely, Ian E



November 11, 2021

Dear Veteran,

I want to thank
all veterans for
safing our country.

My uncle is a veteran.

He served in the Navy.

I like having the
freedom of speech.

I hope this

letter makes

you happy.

Sincerely
Ava

November 11, 2021

Dear Veteran

I want to thank you for
serving our country. You
are the reason I am able
to write this. You are so brave
to risk your life so I can be
free. I am so thankful for
you and your service. Without you
we would not be able to have
the freedom of speech. We would
not be able to vote for our
leaders. And without you lots and
lots of people would be in jail
for no reason. Or would not be
able to support their religion.
So thank you.

Sincerely, Marcella



November 11, 2021

Dear veteran

I want to thank you for your
service to our country. I know
you have to be brave to serve in
the military because of
your bravery, we have the
freedom to choose to worship
god in any way we please.
Finally we are lucky that
our country provides us with
an education. To conclude thank
you for keeping us safe.

Sincerely

Sean

November 8, 2011

Dear Soldiers,

You have worked really hard for our Country. You have also sacrificed lots of dangerous things in your life. You have done lots of stuff for everyone. My Great Grampa was in the military before I was even born. He once told me that he wished to be able to bring me to the coolest place he was at once also. Thank you for all the kindness and freedom you've gave in us.

Sincerely
Rylee N.

From Aliyah

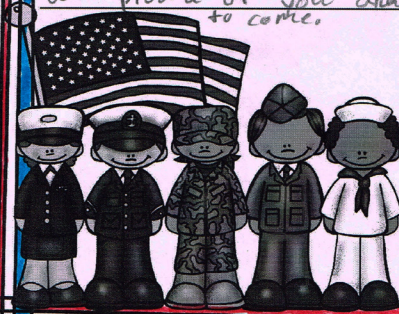
Dear Veterans



Thank you for your service in your branch. I know that you risked your life to save mine and many others. You have a very special place in my heart. I believe and know that you are one of a kind. I know that you must have been so brave. I know that your family and many more generations to come are proud of you and amazed for years to come.

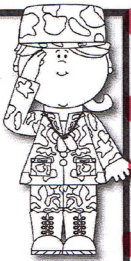
Sincerely,
Aliyah

Thank You
You are a hero!



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THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SERVICE



Dear Veterans,

Thank you for your service and risking your life for this country. Giving U.S.A. freedom and keeping us safe. I really appreciate you being brave to not let they bad guys come into this country. Thank you for spending your time for us.

Sincerely,
Jacob



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Dear veterans,

I want to thank you for your service to the country. I know you have to be brave to serve in the military. Because of your bravery, we have many, many freedoms to choose to worship God in any way we please. We have the right to vote for our leaders or to vote leaders out of office. We have the right to bare arms. We are lucky to be able to have a trial with a jury in case we are accused of crime. Finally, we are lucky that our country provides us with an education. To conclude, thank you for serving our country. Sincerely,
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