



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



Remembering Joe Bowers (1936—2022)

Joe Bowers was born on February 20, 1936 in the steel town of Steubenville, Ohio. The minimum hiring age at the steel mill was 18, so Joe joined the U.S. Air Force in 1953 at age 17. His basic training took place at Sampson AFB in New

York. He was stationed at Lowry AFB in 1955, after serving in Newfoundland and Morocco.

Joe was a member of the Air Police Squadron at Lowry. On patrol one November night in 1962 he executed a traffic stop and encountered an attractive young lady who was driving her date home on base. The following March, Joe and Fran became husband and wife.

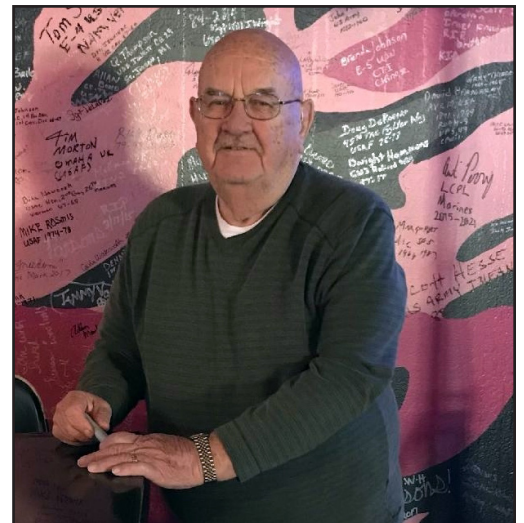
Shortly after being married, the couple was sent to the Phillipine Islands. After two years, Joe was transferred to Andrews AFB in Wahsington, D.C. where he served in the Honor Guard, then to Langley AFB where he cross-trained into the computer service. He returned to Colorado in 1972 and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant in 1974.

Joe took college classes through Columbia College while in the Air Force and graduated with a degree in business after retiring from the military. In civilian life he worked at the Bureau of Mines, Martin Marrietta, and the Bureau of Reclamation. He joined The American Legion and volunteered for 16 years as Post 178's games manager.

During their retirement years Joe and Fran traveled extensively. Joe made it to all 50 states, and Fran saw 49.

Joe loved to bet on football games with fellow Post members Jim Kuntz, Shawn Bloomer, Randy Baria, and Randy Rehbein, with the winner's proceeds going to a favorite charity.

Joe is survived by Fran, son Mike, daughter Ann Kier, and countless friends at Post 178.



AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN
Nancy Chandler

Dear heavenly Father. We come in unison to pray for the soul of Rosemary Young, an avid animal lover, and for the soul of Joe Bowers, an Irishman with a generous nature and the delightful "gift of gab." May they rest in peace.

We pray for good health and a speedy recovery, for our National Champion Volunteer, Ranya Kelly, who runs our famous Redistribution Center.

We pray for wisdom, that our leaders will use their powers for love, unification, and peace.

In Jesus name we pray for a kinder world in which we graciously serve. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT
Wes Vanderpool

Hello post 178! A hot July has flown by and heading into August is bringing more events to the Post. First, I want to say a huge thank you to all of the officers. They have all stepped up at **Saturday's Legion Breakfasts** and the **5th Friday Dinner**.

Nick Trujillo and **Mary Johnson** have been a great help in the kitchen this month. Also, a special thanks to **Julie and Shawn Bloomer**, who fixed homemade meatballs and sauce for the spaghetti dinner last month!

We will be having an **SOB (Summer's Over Bash)** on Saturday, August 20th, where **Bob Black** will be roasting a pig. We are trying to line up live music for that day, as well.



Mitch and Leslie Moore volunteered to take over the content for the Post's facebook page recently and the results have been nothing short of amazing.

Statistics from July show "Post Reach" was up 174% to 671 and "Post Engagements" rose an incredible 376% to 967.

If you haven't seen our facebook page lately, please go to it regularly from now on. And remember to thank Mitch and Leslie when you see them at the Post.

You may have noticed changes to the Post 178 Facebook page. Thanks to **Mitch and Leslie Moore** for stepping up and refreshing the interactions on social media. Hopefully this will help draw more attention to all events and help us bring in new members!

And finally,

thank you to every member of Post 178 for your support. Being an officer is a busy job and we couldn't do without the support of all our members. Ever forward!

SAL REPORT
Brad Hall

It's already August. Amazing how time flies when the weather is good (and hot). The Post has a **SOB (Summer's Over Bash)** scheduled for August 20 featuring a pig roast, free tap beer, and live outdoor music.

At this time we do not have the membership cards for 2023. So please understand that if you send in your 2023 dues, it may take a while to get the new cards back to you. I will send out a blast when we receive the new cards.

On Saturday September 3 (Labor Day Weekend) we will be having our **Annual Tommy Tucker, Conrad West Horseshoe Tournament**. (See attached flyer). The tourney will be a blind draw for partners double elimination style format. We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches with sides for food. This is included for players that sign up and is available for purchase to everyone else. Come on out a pitch some shoes!

RIDERS REPORT
Rodney Jones

Our **Ride for RCI** in July was a success for us. The winner of the treager went to **J.D. Travis** (on his birthday no less). **Dave** was the high roll winner and **Jim Marcel** was the low hand. **Ranya Kelly** with **RCI** will receive the money raised. Thank you all for your support.

August begins with our **Friday Dinners**; steak, pork chops, salmon on August 5th. We will be serving up our burrito and tacos on August 19th. We hope to see you all at our dinners.

There will be no meeting as most of the leadership will be at Sturgis.

BUSINESS REPORT*Bob Heer*

Approximately 200 members and their guests attended our **Independence Day Picnic** which was served by the Legion Riders. Big thanks to **Judy Myers, Sue Vacilek, Vern and Sherri Schmitt, Bill and Becky Beard, and Eric Wetherall** for checking membership cards at the lounge door.

Brian Conway and **Les Metcalf** took advantage of a break in our hot weather in early July and replaced the swamp cooler over the game room. **Bill Beard** hauled the old unit off to the Lakewood recycling facility. Huge thanks to the three of you.

Rocky Mountain is continuing to modify our light fixtures in the kitchen to accommodate LED lamps. This past month another four fixtures were completed.

What started initially as removing and replacing the broken floor tile with vinyl in the men's restroom off the lounge has turned into a major renovation. **Bill Beard** and **Doug Schwab** found significant water damage when they removed the old flooring as well as wall tile. They are currently in the process of replacing damaged sub-floor areas and getting it ready for new flooring, painting, and wall coverings around the sink and urinals.

All of the aforementioned individuals did what they did as unpaid volunteers which is awesome and they deserve our utmost appreciation.

AUXILIARY REPORT*Kay Scott*

Our July meeting was attended by six officers and four members. We received a report from **Nancy Chandler** and **Sandi Gailey** regarding their experience at the **Department Convention** they attended on July 2nd. Post 178 received many awards this year, one of which was **First Place for the Poppy Program!** All those poppy-shaped cookies baked and hand decorated by many of our members was a huge hit and I am so thankful for all those taking the time to contribute.

Each member attending the July meeting received a notebook containing important information, a place to keep agendas, minutes, volunteer hours, and a calendar for the year. I included fundraising ideas for the Post, and for the 2024 **VA Creative Arts Festival**.

At our August meeting on August 2nd at 7:00 p.m. we will continue to plan and set dates for upcoming projects. Please plan to attend! I have a notebook for you as well.

Our Auxiliary Wednesday Dinner Nights will be a bit different in August. As Sturgis is the 5th through the 14th, the HOGS meeting will be the third Wednesday (17th) and **Brian and Carol Conway** will be serving Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings, Fish Fillets & Shrimp. As I received favorable feedback serving Sloppy Joe Sandwiches, Fries, Onion Rings, and Fresh Veggies with Ranch Dip the first Wednesday (serving 25 dinners), I'm going to serve it again August 3rd!

Judy Myers has graciously been serving up some delicious alternatives to burgers on the other Wednes-

days, and we welcome volunteers stepping in to take her place. The meal does not have to be complicated, and you don't have to use the grill or the fryers. You likely have a family recipe on hand our Post members would love. Many ingredients are already on stock in the pantry, auxiliary fridge or freezer; and any needed items you buy will be reimbursed to you once receipts are submitted. We are most happy to help you, so if you want to give it a try, please call me (720-244-1594)! Maybe you wouldn't like to be committed to a Wednesday dinner every month. Only the months of August, November, March, and May have five Wednesdays and you could cover those for us!

Dee Yurko, Sandi Gailey, our Granddaughter Abby, and I attended a dinner at Post 1 on July 19th to meet and greet the **National Auxiliary President Kathy Daudistel**. We had a wonderful time visiting with her, catching up with other Auxiliary members from other Posts and enjoying a delicious Mexican dinner.



Kay Scott and granddaughter, Abby.



National Auxiliary President, Kathy Daudistel (l.) with Dee Yurko and Sandi Gailey.

Post 178 Celebrates Independence Day, 2022



RCI Ride for Ranya Kelly and RCI





American Legion Post 178

***Teegan Meyers, Lillian Hensiek,
Chiara Sylvia, Camden Koert***

is named

**Colorado's TEAM PRECISION CHAMPION
of
The 32nd Annual American Legion Junior Shooting
Three Position Air Rifle Postal Tournament**

Presented by The American Legion National Headquarters

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*Post 178-sponsored Arvada Junior Shooting Team,
Champions of the Annual American Legion Tournament.*



Tommy Tucker & Conrad West Memorial Horseshoe Tournament

10th Annual

Saturday September 3

Sign-up Starts 11:00 a.m.
Tourney Starts 12:00 noon
\$15 Buy-in
Blind Draw (Double Elimination Format)

**Pulled Pork, Beans, Cole Slaw
\$10 per plate
FREE for Tourney Players**

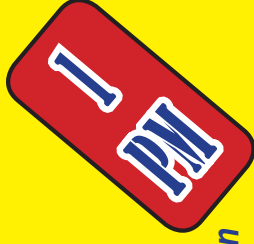
Sponsored by Post 178 SAL Fundraiser for SAL Beneficiaries
Info: Tom Davies, 720-297-9507

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PLEASE REPORT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

*Opening
Ceremonies*



*Awards
Presentation*

LAKEWOOD AMERICAN LEGION

BUFFET BREAKFAST

8 AM to 10 AM

**STEVE & BRAD'S
FAMOUS BBQ LUNCH**

11 AM to 12 Noon

**AUXILIARY
BAKE SALE**

*Cookies, Cakes, Pies,
Breads, Brownies, Fudge
and MORE*

**FIRST COME
FIRST PARKED**



SHOW SPONSOR 

**SPECIAL HONOREE
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**Tuskegee Airman
America's First
TOP GUN**
*presented by
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**PLEASE, NO CARS
BEFORE 7:00 AM**

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LAKESWOOD AMERICAN LEGION POST 178

REGISTRATION FOR ENTRANTS

Registration is FREE. Complete the form below and e-mail, USPS mail, or bring to Post 178 at 1655 Simms Street, Lakewood, CO 80215. Dash plaques to the first 100 arrivals. Awards presentation at 1:00 p.m. Show judging from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Only registered vehicles will be judged and eligible for awards. E-mail address for completed registrations: news@alpost178.org. Rainout info posted by 8:00 a.m. on day of show at: alpost178.org and facebook at American Legion Lakewood. Rainout date Saturday, September 24th.

Awards by Jerry Potts, Steele Tattoos

Car Show Art by Jerry Potts, Steele Tattoos

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Liability and Release. In consideration of the acceptance of the liability resulting from the conduct of entrants, guests, or persons right to participate in The American Legion Post 178 Car Show, by assisting the entrant under the direction of the entrant. Each entrant, car owner, spouse and/or guests agree to permit The American Legion Post 178 the use of names and/or photographs for publicity, advertising and commercial promotions before, during and after the event and hereby relinquish any rights whatsoever to any photograph taken in conjunction with this event. Entrants and guests must comply with all posted rules and regulations set forth by The American Legion Post 178. All traffic laws are in effect.

Proceeds Benefit Arvada Junior Shooting Sports, All Veteran's Honor Guard, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation and National Emergency Fund, Colorado Boy's and Girl's State, Boy and Girl Scouts, plus many other veterans' and community charities supported by the 1,150 members of Lakewood Post 178. New members and visitors are always welcome at "The Friendly Post."

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