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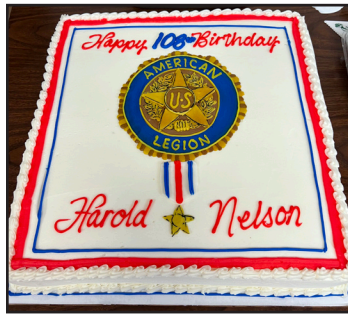
Post 178

Lakewood, CO

## Harold Nelson Observes 108th Birthday at Post 178

Post 178 members turned out in droves Saturday, March 4th to wish Harold Nelson *"Happy 108th Birthday."*

Artist **Jerry Potts** engraved and donated a commemorative plaque with the words *"Patriot, Hero, National Treasure"* that was presented to Harold by **Tuskegee Airman James Harvey**. Artist **Jack Phillips** of Masterpiece Cake-shop



hand-decorated and donated the delicious birthday cake enjoyed by everyone in attendance.



—Photos by Mitch Moore

## "Just Like Dad's" Unites With "Hearts of Love"

Randy "Push" Kipp's "Just Like Dad's" Beef Jerky Program and the Auxiliary's "Hearts of Love" Program have joined forces. Volunteers packed the first combined care packages Sunday, March 26th and shipped them to the 101st First Airborne's 326th Brigade Engineer Battalion. Known as the "Sapper Eagles," it's members are currently deployed in Romania.

Junior Auxiliary members **Daisi and Ruby Vanderpool** shopped for all the goodies. Bartender **Chrissie's** son, **Brendan Garritano**, a "Just Like Dad's" recipient while he was deployed in Sicily last year, dropped by the Post to help make the beef



Volunteer care packers (l. to r.) **Daisi and Ruby Vanderpool, Elene Miles, Stephanie Vanderpool, Kay Scott, Nancy Carter and Lori Kipp.**

jerky for the 326th Sapper Eagles. Many "thank-you" notes on hearts by Post 178 members went into the care packages.

Post members can get involved with the Program by shopping on Amazon.com. A "gift list" has been set up where people can make purchases. The QR code below can be scanned with a mobile phone camera to gain access to the site.



Next up for jerky and care packages will be for our very own **Mary Johnson's** son-in-law **BM1 Michael Piatt**, who is stationed aboard the **USS Makin Island (LHD-8)** deployed in the Far East area. Packages will be shipped in April.

**LEGION CHAPLAIN***Russ Scott*

*Lord, we pray that you are with our troops deployed and those at home. May your grace and peace continue to bless them and sustain them. May you grant them mercy in times of need and strengthen them with the presence of your spirit. We ask these things in your name. Amen.*

**COMMANDER'S REPORT***Wes Vanderpool*

Hello Post 178! Spring has sprung and things are beginning to thaw. Many activities are coming up for all members to take part in as the days get warmer, which means we will have several volunteer opportunities.

Our Fifth Friday Dinner was a great success thanks in large part to **Bob Black, Randy Baria, and Brad Hall**. The ribs turned out great and even the weather decided to cooperate. I also want to thank all the Legion Officers who served guests and shared their time serving the members of our Post. Serving all of you is what it is all about.

We hope everyone will come out for the **All American Big Band** on April 21st. The Riders will be preparing a delicious dinner and the swing music from the 1940s will have you dancing the night away. For the right price, we may even get Brad Hall on the dance floor!

I want to say thank you again to all members for allowing me to be Commander of the best Post in the state. It is truly a pleasure to serve all of you! Ever Forward!



*The All American Big Band will provide the 1940s swing music on Friday, April 21st while the Riders put on a \$12 Prime Rib Dinner.*

**BUSINESS REPORT***Bob Heer*

Since breakfast will not be served on **Easter Sunday**, the lounge will not open until 2:00 p.m. This also holds true for April 30 when there will be no breakfast.

Thank you to **Chuck Washington** for purchasing a replacement book shelf for the game room and to **Chuck Elsen** for assembling it. Looks great guys!

Just a reminder, **Life Line Screening** will be here on April 5th. Flyers are available at the Post describing the medical tests offered as well as the telephone number to make an appointment.

On the 14th of April there will be a complimentary dinner and educational seminar about **Veteran's Burial Benefits** hosted by **Stork Family Mortuary**. Call 303 304 1995 to reserve your space.

**SAL REPORT***Brad Hall*

Come on Sunshine! Not much to report on this month.

**Bob Heer** went under the knife on March 31st. Lets all wish him a successful and speedy recovery.

**Denny Bendt** is organizing a Horseshoe pitching group for this Summer. If you are interested, there are some sign-up sheets at the Post or you can give Denny a call @ 303-507-4145 for more information.

Don't forget the **SAL Golf Tournament** on June 16th. Forms available at the Post or online at <https://tinyurl.com/yx7y3tra>.

No dinner Friday April 28th (dinner volunteer staff vacation) and no breakfast Sunday April 9th (Easter) or Sunday April 30th (kitchen volunteer staff vacation).

Thank a Veteran when you see one.

**RIDERS REPORT***Rodney Jones*

Hello everyone. April is here, spring is here, and that means motorcycles are out and about. Please be aware as you drive and keep us in your prayers for safe riding.

Our first dinner is April 7th with steak, pork chops or salmon. Our second dinner is April 21st together with the **All American Big Band**. We will serve prime rib buffet style for \$12.00 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Riders wish you a **Happy Easter** and hope to see you soon.



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**AUXILIARY REPORT**  
*Kay Scott*

A BIG thank you to all those helping to make our **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** successful! And a sincere "We are SO Sorry" to those of you that came to the dinner after we ran out of Corned Beef! We will do better next year!

Thank you **Bobby Black** and **Randy Baria** for slicing the Corned Beef. Thank you **Sheree Evans-Metcalf**, **Elene Miles**, **Leslie Moore**, **Nickie Donnell**, **Penny Polston**, **Judy Myers**, **Dee Yurko**, **Nancy Carter**, **Sue Vacilek**, **Jeannie Whittenburg**, and **Stephanie Vanderpool** for helping prep, serve, and clean up.

And, thank you to all those bringing delicious St. Patrick Day cupcakes for our dessert: **Sue Vacilek**, **Jeanie Whittenburg**, **Stephanie Vanderpool**, and **Rochelle Hart**. I know I'm missing somebody here, but please know your donations are greatly appreciated. We set out any extra of these treats for donations during Bingo, for the **"Hearts of Love" Project** and for the **Department Juniors** at their meeting at the Post on March 25th!



Speaking of Department Juniors, Unit 178 hosted their meeting which was attended by six members and five adults. Thank you **Bobby Black** for serving your delicious hot dogs for our lunch. The Juniors painted, played games, sang songs, conducted election of officers for the coming year, and were formally Installed by PDP and **Junior Leader Ann Ritacco**.

Besides looking forward to warmer weather and all that comes with Spring, April is the **Official Month of the Military Child!** We will have a short ceremony on April 15th at 11:00 a.m. on the front lawn of the Post to celebrate the children of all Armed Services personnel. These children frequently move, adapt to new situations, start again at a new school, make new friends. Military children may have a parent deployed and this parent will likely miss their child's sporting events and school performances. Please join us for this celebration and wear PURPLE!

Wednesday, April 26th **Randy and Lori Kipp** will be serving **Push's Famous Meatballs, Pasta, Salad, and Bread**. Our Auxiliary volunteers will be serving the full menu of Burger, Fish, and Shrimp every other Wednesday evening in April. Come on out and enjoy a meal with us from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All proceeds from our Wednesday Dinners go to helping our Veterans.

At our monthly meeting on April 4th at 6:00 p.m. we will be planning for **Poppy Day** (May 26th), and our first picnic of the year on **Memorial Day**, Monday May 29t

## ***Bally's Bus Scheduled for Wednesday, May 17***

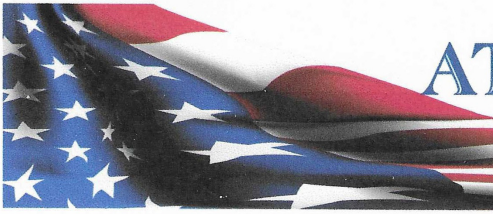
*The Auxiliary has reserved a bus to take folks from the Post to Bally's in Black Hawk Wednesday, May 17th. Pick up is at 10:00 a.m., giving us 4 hours of fun, and returning at 3:00 p.m. with arrival back at the Post at 4:00 p.m.*

*The bus capacity is 52. The cost per person is \$20 which includes a dinner (optional) afterward by the Auxiliary of burgers (hopefully from the backyard grill), salad, and chips. Serving will begin serving at 4:00 p.m.*

RSVP is required by signing-up sheet at the Post or calling Kay Scott 720-244-1594. Non-refundable payment is required in advance. Our promo offer includes the \$10 Free Slot Play for each guest and the Play and Eat promo (earn 50 points and receive a \$15 food credit).

# St. Patrick's Day, 2023





# ATTENTION VETERANS



*There is NO CHARGE for cemetery expenses.  
You Paid For It With Your Service To Our Nation*



Burial at Ft. Logan National Cemetery includes space, monument, outer burial container and opening and closing for all Qualified Honorable Discharged Veterans and Spouses.

**This is an average savings of \$16,200 compared to burial in a private cemetery.**

### Typical Private Cemetery

Grave	You pay	\$3000
Opening/Closing	You pay	\$1600
Concrete Grave Liner	You pay	\$1500
Spouse Grave	You pay	\$3000
Spouse Opening/Closing	You pay	\$1600
Spouse Concrete Liner	You pay	\$1500
Double Marker	You pay	\$4000
<b>You pay \$16,200</b>		

### FT. LOGAN NATIONAL CEMETERY

Veteran's Grave	You pay	\$0
Veteran's Opening/Closing	You pay	\$0
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**You honored us with your service ... Now we're honored to help you!**

Join us for a complimentary dinner and educational seminar about the benefits and recognition you & your spouse are entitled to as a Veteran.

★ **Benefits of Pre-Planning**

★ **Personalized Help With Pre-Planning**

★ **Benefits Provided by the Government for your burial or cremation**

## Seminar & Dinner

**Friday, April 14 at 5:30 pm**

**Hosted By:** Stork Family Mortuary **Location:** Lakewood: American Legion Post 178

**Seating is limited. Call 303-304-1995 today to reserve your space!**



**Jeffrey Hunter**  
jeffrey.hunter@mypeaceofmindservices.com



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**15<sup>th</sup> Annual**

# SAL Golf Tournament

**Friday, June 16, 2023**  
**Applewood Golf Course**  
**14001 W. 32nd Ave, Golden**



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

***\$90 per Player / \$360 per Foursome***

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

***Entry Deadline June 5 (NO EXCEPTIONS)***

**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, Lunch, and Door Prizes at Post 178, 1655 Simms Street, Lakewood**

## ***Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities***

**Contact Brad Hall 720-471-9383 (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 6**

***Proceeds 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 5 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

**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  
720-471-9383  
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**Proceeds from the Golf Tournament benefit Sons of The American Legion Charities**