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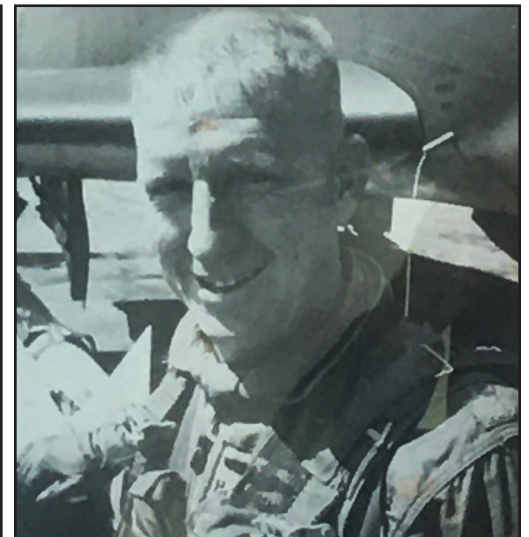
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Post 178

Lakewood, CO

## Remembering Col. Hal Mund

October 26, 1931 — June 18, 2023



Colonel Harold H. Mund spent 32 years in the U.S. Air Force, 10 years as an F-4 Fighter Pilot. He flew 198 combat missions over North Vietnam, South Vietnam, and Laos from April 1967 to January 1968 while stationed at Cam Ranh Bay Air Base, Republic of Vietnam. Among the many medals he was awarded are an Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters, a Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, an AF Commendation Medal, an AF Outstanding Unit Award with two Oak Leaf Clusters, a Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with six Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross.

Hal is survived by second wife, Jean; children Steve, Tina, and Amy; grandchildren Tiffany (Steve's daughter) and Jacob (Tina's son); and great grandchildren Shayla, Raelynn, Xander, Willow, and Elizabeth. Preceding him in death are his first wife, Patricia, and daughter, Karen.

**LEGION CHAPLAIN**  
*Mary Johnson*

*Almighty God, we pray to You to help us have faith in God and our country, and to keep the freedom we have cherished for well over two centuries. With this freedom, may we continue to grow stronger and wiser in all of our undertakings. Also, help us with the friendships we have made and to learn to love one another in spite of our differences so that harmony may be with us always in this great land of ours. We ask this in your name. Amen.*

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

Happy July Post 178! Hard to believe we are halfway through the year, but let's hopefully enjoy a warm, dry few months. A few reminders: the **July 4th Independence Day Picnic** is coming up on Tuesday the 4th. The Riders will be serving food.

**Judy and Margot Myers** (Judy's sister) are providing live music by **Kyle and David Classic Rock and Blues**.

We are still in need of volunteers at all of our events. We can use some extra hands for Saturday breakfasts. If you don't know how to cook, don't worry there are plenty of other things that need to be done and you will even have some fun in the process!

We are experiencing many non-members and guests who come into the Post without their member host. Just a reminder, this is a *members only club*. Becoming a member is quick and easy and allows you access to all of the events and membership benefits that the Post offers. If you bring guests they must sign-in and be present with you, as members are responsible for their guests. This is an amazing Post because of our members. Let's grow the Post 178 family by getting your frequent guests signed up in one of our organizations, so they can also enjoy the fun!

Here's to a great summer, Ever Forward!

**AUXILIARY REPORT**  
*Kay Scott*

The Post 178 **Memorial Day Ceremony** was indeed patriotic and solemn. Thank you to **Daisi Vanderpool** for reading **In Flanders Fields**; **Ruby Vanderpool** for laying the wreath; and **Ayla Polston and Ruby Vanderpool** for presenting the flowers when the names of those Post 178 members who have passed this last year were read.

The picnic afterwards was delicious. Thank you for all the food brought by members to share, and thanks also to **Randy Baria and Brad Hall** for grilling brats and burgers.

The Auxiliary conducted a raffle of no-longer-needed or wanted items from our closet and shed. A BIG thank you to **Brian and Carol Conway** and **Judy Eberley** for conducting the raffle. \$98 was collected as well as \$100 for a 50/50 won by our own **Dee Yurko** (lucky lady!). All proceeds go to our projects to help Veterans.

June was a busy month! We had our monthly meeting on June 6th, participated in the **Installation of Officers Ceremony** on June 13th with delicious hot refreshments prepared by **Bobby Black** and **Judy Brown**.

**Flag Day** was the next night, Wednesday, June 14th. The Auxiliary served burgers and brats before and after the Ceremony to Post 178 members, Flag Day participants, and the Harley Owner's Group (HOGs) before their monthly meeting.

On **Father's Day**, Sunday, June 18th the Auxiliary served a free breakfast to 47 member-dads. Casseroles of french toast, chili rellenos, and cheesy hash browns were prepared the day before and served along side scrambled eggs and bacon. A total of 117 people enjoyed the meal! A BIG Thank you to **Judy Myers, Jan Casper, Lori Kipp, Elene Miles, Becky Beard, and Beth Nalty** for your help with preparing, serving, and cleaning up afterwards.

All July Wednesday Night Dinners will offer your choice of a Hamburger, Cheeseburger, or Brat; served with Potato Salad & Baked Beans.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday July 11th at 6:00 p.m. (delayed by a week due to the July 4th picnic). Topics to discuss will include a **Yard Sale** at the Post where members can purchase a table or two for nominal fee and sell their stuff and keep the proceeds. We plan to have this event in August on a Friday all day and a Saturday morning.

**Judy Myers** is teaching another **Paint Pouring Class** on Sunday July 16th from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. The class is limited to 12 people. The cost is \$30 per person, a non-refundable and advance payment is required. The sign-up sheet is posted on the Auxiliary bulletin board in the hallway going from the Game Room to the Kitchen. Give your payment to the Bartender on duty.

Another bus ride to **Bally's in Black Hawk** is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15th. Those participating will be picked up at the Post at 10:00 a.m. and return to the Post at 4:00 p.m. A \$20 per person, non-refundable, advanced payment and reservation are required. The bartender on duty at the Post will have the sign-up sheet and take your money. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to ride with you!

## BUSINESS REPORT

*Bob Heer*

The final complimentary member picnic of the year will be on July 4th. The Post will provide beer, burgers, brats, etc. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share. Please bring your pot luck dish in a disposable container to minimize clean-up. The picnic will start at noon. There is no charge to current Post members to attend but non-member guests will be charged \$8.00 to attend and children \$5. Volunteers are needed to check membership cards and distribute wrist bands. If you can give 30 minutes of your day please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the lounge.

A sign is posted on the East lounge door requesting members not to open the door for individuals who knock on the door. This is a member's only entrance and all non-members, with the exception of delivery personnel, must enter through the South Door. Limiting access for non-members to one door aids the bartenders in challenging those individuals ringing the door buzzer. Remember, membership has its privileges.

We have added a new part-time bartender to our staff, her name is **Patty Bautista**. Please welcome her to the Post next time you stop by.

## RIDERS REPORT

*Steve Petersen*

Greetings from the Riders! Is everyone enjoying the rain? If not, head to the hills and take in the incredible site of what the rain has produced. Not the rock slides but the beauty of the landscape. It's never been more colorful and beautiful.

The **Victory for Veterans (VFV) Run** is this month on Saturday, June 24th. The VFV is building respite and other help for Veterans in need.

July 4th is Post 178's annual **Independence Day Picnic**. Please bring a side dish in a disposable pan.

Our ride for RCI (Redistribution Center Inc) is July 15th. Most everyone knows **Ranya and Byron Kelly** who run this non-profit to support Veterans and their families, and many other entities including Post 178! Ranya provides us with so much that even I am not aware of. So when you see her give her a kiss and a hug. She and Byron surely have a seat in heaven.

We want to thank all who patronize our dinners so we can give more to the causes we support.

May the force be with you.

## SAL REPORT

*Brad Hall*

Happy Independence Day. I wish more people would take this important holiday a little bit more seriously.

The **15th Annual SAL Golf Tournament** in June was a huge success! The turnout was great considering the weather. Thanks to all the sponsors, participants, volunteers, and **Uncle Danny's** who did the great BBQ on the smoker.

Thanks to **Dawna Schawe, Abbi Greb, Beth Hall, Dave McBrien and Randy Baria**. **Ava and Coco**, you guys rock as usual.

The **11th Annual SAL Horseshoe Tournament** is Saturday, September 2nd. Stay tuned for more info.

Thank a Veteran when you see one!

## Hearts of Love

*The "Hearts of Love" care package program has been going strong since it began on Valentine's Day, 2023. The Post 178 Auxiliary has sent out nine care packages to troops all over the world. These packages served four military units and approximately 160 troops. A few of our own Post 178's recipients have been Brain and Carol Conway's son, John Koller (US Navy), Mary Johnson's son-in-law, Michael Piatt (US Navy), Chrissie Garritano's son, Brendan Garritano (US Air Force), and Randy and Lori Kipp's son, Jonathan Kipp, (US Army).*

*The Amazon gift registry is another way of donating to the care package program. The QR code is located by the "Hearts of Love" donation box. We have received some items that are greatly appreciated and have gone to the troops.*

*In May, 2023 "Just Like Dad's" jerky program and "Hearts of Love" were invited to Post 2017 in*

*Limon, Colorado to present our programs to them. We were well received.*

*The most recent development was a meeting with Sarah at Northstar Dental, which is part of the Freedom Day Veterans Program that provides free dental care for Veterans. Northstar Dental wants to feature Post 178's "Hearts of Love" and "Just Like Dads" programs for their 2023 Freedom Day in September. They have also graciously offered to supply our care packages with dental supplies.*

*Thanks for all the generosity from Post 178 members for making these programs a success. Thanks also to Rayna Kelly, founder of Redistribution Center, Inc. (RCI) for donated supplies from her organization.*

*As our troops continue to work for our country we are honored to support and serve them.*

*God Bless Our Troops!*

**Post 178 Legion and  
Auxiliary Officers, 2023 – '24**



**NOTICE**

Effective July 1 anyone who rings the buzzer for entry to the Post will be challenged. If you are a member of another Post be prepared to show your membership card and sign the guest book with your Post Number. All guests must be with a Post 178 member or they will not be allowed entry. The Post 178 member must sign them in. If you are a Post 178 member please use your key card and do not ring the buzzer. We are not open to the public and encourage anyone who qualifies for membership to please join.

—Bob Heer, Post Business Manager



**2023  
SAL Golf  
Tournament  
Winners**

Dan Spencer,  
Tadd Schlottmann,  
Cory Chelf,  
Lee Brandt  
(left to right).

**Happy 86th Birthday Bill Groves**

"Pickle Bill" for over 20 years at Post 178.



**Flag Day 2023 at Post 178**

