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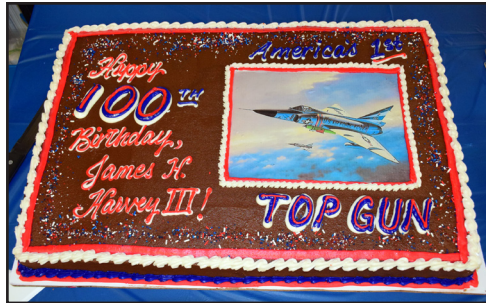
1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



Top Gun James Harvey Celebrates 100 Years at Post 178



Cake donated by Masterpiece Cakeshop.
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Barbara Gloria Bunting (December 29, 1940 — July 5, 2023)

Barb was born in Denver and graduated from West High School. She joined the U.S. Navy in 1960 and served through 1965. Her first duty was as a nurse aboard the USS Coral Sea Aircraft Carrier. After her tour in the Mediteranian Sea during the Vietnam War she returned to the States and served as a Navy recruiter.

Barb co-founded Post 178's Honor Guard and was the official bugler at countless funerals and Post events.

Survivors are son Felix and daughter Ronnie.

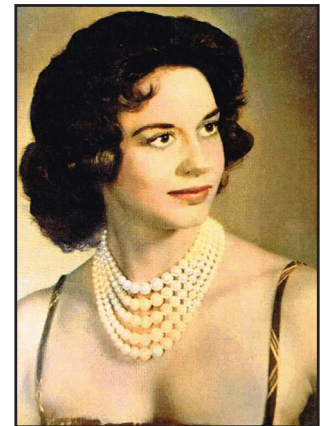


Constance Lou Jones (January 22, 1935 — July 19, 2023)

Connie was born in Denver and graduated from LaVeta High School in 1950. She earned a Business Administration Degree from New Mexico University and taught elementary school before marrying T. Fred Jones II and moving to Lakewood.

She began a career with the City and County of Denver in 1964 that spanned 30 years.

After retirement she traveled to France, Italy, Spain, Costa Rica, and Russia.



Connie had a passion for creativity and was devoted to collecting and constructing doll house miniatures. She also became a talented painter.

She is survived by son Douglas and grandsons Stephen and Matthew.

LEGION CHAPLAIN*Mary Johnson*

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. We appreciate the blessing of the rain and enjoy the sunshine along with all your many blessings. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT*Wes Vanderpool*

Happy August Post 178! Summer is flying by and it has finally started to warm up. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out making **Colonel Harvey's 100th Birthday Party** a success. It was a great time for all that attended! There were several high-ranking military officials that attended, as well.

Harvey's family members came from all over the country! They were all given a warm welcome by the members of our Post. A special thank you to **Bob Black, Randy Baria, Bill Black, and Brad Hall** for the delicious food and **Dave Dupree** for taking pictures and arranging for the impressive cake to be donated by **Jack Phillips of Masterpiece Cakeshop**. It was great having volunteers from the entire Post jumping in and helping where needed for this amazing event!

As a reminder, we can always use some extra hands for Saturday breakfasts. There are many different ways to help in the kitchen and there are usually a lot of laughs!

Don't forget that all members must sign-in their guest and be present at the Post, as members are responsible for their guests while they are visiting. 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 month. Ever Forward!

BUSINESS REPORT*Bob Heen*

On August 21 at 10:00 a.m. representatives from the VA will be here to provide information on the **PACT Act** as well as to answer questions and provide assistance in applying for benefits. This Act expands eligibility to benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. The informational session is being organized by the office of **Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen**, who will tentatively be in attendance.

Life Line screening will be at the Post August 25th. Flyers are available in the lounge for more information and how to schedule an appointment. You must pre-register for the tests offered.

Thanks to **Bob Black, Doug Schwab, Russ Scott, Mark Ward, and Brad Hall** the door frame and adjoining wall around the East lounge door have been completely re-built. The deterioration of the substructure had caused the door not to close and was difficult to lock. Great job guys!

I want to remind everyone that guests must be signed in by a Post 178 sponsoring member in attendance.

SAL REPORT*Brad Hall*

Well, here it is only a month from Fall. I cannot believe how fast the Summer goes by these days.

The SAL will be having their **11th Annual Horseshoe Tournament** on Sunday, September 3rd. This is Labor Day weekend so not many excuses for not showing up and supporting our charities. The entry fee is \$15 and includes burgers and brats for lunch. **Tom Davies** is the contact, and he could use some volunteers to help him pull this off. Give Tom a call at 720-297-9507 if you can help him out.

It is now time to start getting your 2024 dues into the Post. You can mail them (Attn: SAL) or drop them off in our safe in the game room next to the bread store. The dues will remain \$20 for 2024.

Thank a Veteran when you see one. It's pretty easy to forget what they have done for us.

RIDERS REPORT*Steve Petersen*

Greetings from the Riders. July has been a busy and productive month. We started off with the **Legacy Run** at which Riders from around the state gather donations to provide scholarships for children of families where a service member or Veteran has died. Next on the list was our annual **Ride for RCI** which went very well. We want to thank everyone for their generous donations.

Lest I forget, the **Independence Day Picnic** was a hit. Again we want to thank all that made it so. Next month we have an opportunity to support **A Salute to Veterans** at the Woodland Park/Cripple Creek event. It is a superbly wonderful event. **Combat Heroes Bike Build** will be there to present a bike to one lucky vet who needs a purpose built machine to accommodate his handicap. We support many other ALR Posts in their poker runs as much as possible.

Thank you for your support with our dinners. By the way, we could use your help with suggestions for our **Taco and Burrito Nights**. We will be changing the menu when we find a winning solution.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Kay Scott

The Department Convention in Ignacio, CO started the month of July for me with ideas to serve Veterans, grow our Unit, invest our resources in future leaders through the Girls State, Oratorical, and Junior Programs, enjoy the company of fellow members, and have some fun!

At the Convention, Unit 178 received an award for Membership. Thank you, **Judy Myers**, for your hard work as Membership Chair. Our own **Christine Moyer**, who was born in 1923, received a certificate award and poppy painting for being the eldest Auxiliary member in the state of Colorado!

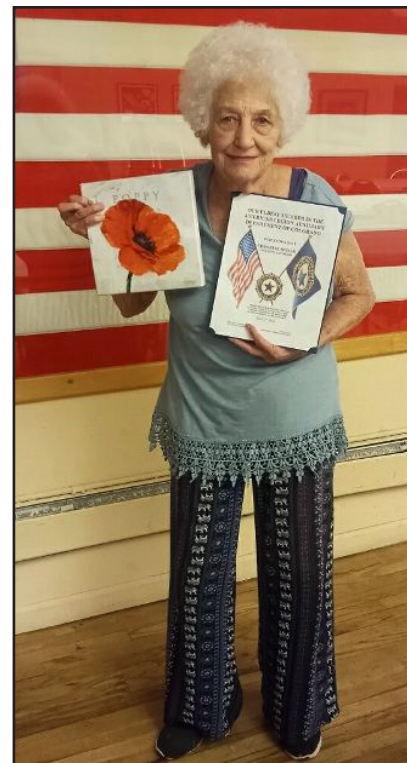
Thank you **Judy Myers** and her assistants **Margot Myers** and **Dee Yurko** for another fun-filled and creative **Paint Pouring Class**, held on Sunday, July 16th.

We are hosting a **Backyard Table Sale** Friday August 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Any member can pay for a table or two (\$15 for one, \$20 for two), bring your stuff to sell, and you keep the proceeds. The public is invited and entrance to the Sale is ONLY through the South parking lot backyard gate.

Back by popular demand, Tuesday August 15th, a Colorado Coach bus will take riders to **Bally's Casino in Black Hawk**. Pick up is at 10:00 a.m. from the Post,. Reboard the bus at 3:00 p.m. to return to the Post at 4:00 p.m. The bus capacity is 52. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors! You do not need to be a member to participate. The cost is \$20 per person. A sign-up sheet is at the bar and advanced payment to the bartender is required.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be August 1st at 6:00 p.m.

New Member Initiation will be Sunday afternoon, August 27th at 3:00 p.m. If you just recently became a member or have been a member for a while and haven't participated in this ceremony, you are cordially invited to attend. Please let me or another Unit officer know you want to be included. We will have a Meet and Greet following the ceremony with light refreshments. All Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. We will also assist **Lori Kipp** with any Military Care Packages she may need to have done.



Christine Moyer is the eldest Auxiliary member in Colorado.

Randy and Lori Kipp Deliver Care Packages to Ft. Bragg

Randy and Lori Kipp had the honor of personally hand delivering two boxes of beef jerky and two Auxiliary "Hearts of Love" care packages to U.S. Army Special Operations troops at Fort Bragg, NC in July. The Kipps also attended the retirement ceremony for Randy's son, "Ranger" Jon.

"Believe me," reported Randy, "it was unbelievable to be surrounded by over 100 Special Operators. We felt very safe. We had the distinct honor to look these troops in the eye, shake their hands, thank them for their service and sacrifice, and for having Ranger Jon's back through his 19 combat deployments over the past 22 years.

"Lori and I received many words of appreciation for all the beef jerky they have received over the years."

In August "Just Like Dad's" beef jerky goes to the SOWW (Special Operations Wounded Warriors) organization (sowwcharity.com) for distribution at their upcoming "Takin' Bacon" hog hunting event for wounded troops.

"We had the privilege of visiting SOWW's com-

pound in South Carolina and speak with one of its board members. We were impressed with the SOWW program, and they asked to receive 'Just Like Dad's' beef jerky every six months for this bi-annual event.

"Thank you, American Legion Post 178, for the fantastic support given to "Just Like Dad's" and "Hearts of Love." The troops are LOVIN' it! We now have every month through the end of the year committed to at least one military unit."



Randy Kipp (r.) and son, "Ranger" Jon.

Independence Day Picnic 2023



Harvey's Birthday Party Continues at Wings Over the Rockies





Tommy Tucker & Conrad West Memorial Horseshoe Tournament

1 1th Annual

Sunday September 3

Sign-up Starts 11:00 a.m.

Tourney Starts 12:00 noon

\$15 Buy-in

Blind Draw (Double Elimination Format)

Burgers & Brats on the Grill
\$7 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 16

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1655 SIMMS STREET LAKEWOOD, CO

BUFFET BREAKFAST - BBQ LUNCH - BAKE SALE

SHOW SPONSORS

Opening
Ceremonies

WINDISH
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Awards
Presentation

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