



THE AMERICAN LEGION

"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



Memorial Day, 2024

A Solumn Ceremony to Honor Our Departed



Post 178 Departed

LEGION

WILLIAM E. ASTOR
BARBARA BUNTING
EDWARD GUTHMUELLER
LEE KIPP
GARY LABELLE
ROBERT LUCHSINGER
GABRIEL MADRID
WILFIRD MEIER
DARRELL MILLER
HAROLD "HAL" MUND
HAROLD A. NELSON
JOHN OLSON
LARRY OLSON
ALBERT WELTZHEIMER
RICHARD L. WERTH
ROBERT R. WOOD

SAL

ALAN MERR

AUXILIARY

PAULINE ALTMAN
PEGGY BECKWITH
SUSAN CALDWELL
CONSTANCE JONES
CAMILLE PRAZNIK
DONALITA SCHREINER



LEGION CHAPLAIN*Mary Johnson*

Heavenly Father, as we enter into the summer season, we thank you for the many blessings that you bestow on us. As we gather with friends and family, let us feel your holy presence and protection. Bless all our Veterans and their families and keep them safe and close to you. Let us appreciate the contributions of the U.S. Army celebrating a birthday on June 14th. We ask all this in your holy name, Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT*Wes Vanderpool*

Thank you Post 178! To each and every member, thank you! It has truly been an honor and privilege to be Commander of the best Post in the state for the last two years. I treasure the friendships we have forged and the support I have had from everyone. You have made this experience truly special.

I am fully confident that incoming Commander Russ Scott will be a successful leader because he will have all of you to help continue the positive direction of the Post. I look forward to seeing where Russ leads us in the future. As always, Ever Forward

COMMANDER'S REPORT*Russ Scott*

By way of introduction, I served in the Navy beginning with boot camp in San Diego in June of 1968. After boot camp I was assigned to basic electronics/electricity then sent to Treasure Island, San Francisco for Radar "A" school. I attended "Counter Insurgency, Survival and Escape Course" at Coronado Island and a week of weapons training at Camp Pendleton before being assigned to ComNavForV in Saigon. After two years in Vietnam, I was assigned to PreCom USS Paul (DE-1080). I am a Plank Owner and served aboard her until my discharge in April 1972.

I believe that all members, and guests, of Post 178 should be treated with dignity and respect. I look forward to working with all members of our Post as we strive to serve and honor all Veterans, SAL, and Auxiliary.

BUSINESS REPORT*Bob Heen*

Lots of people to thank this past month for their financial contributions and volunteering of their time. First, I want to thank **Max Thompson** for his generous donation of \$5,000 that he requested I distribute equally to the five Post organizations. Thank you again Max, you are certainly appreciated. Secondly, a huge thank you to **Ranya Kelly** for obtaining plants for the backyard flower gardens as well as products for the Memorial Day picnic. You're awesome Ranya!

Tom Peterson has serviced our swamp coolers and has them ready for the summer season. **Jen** and **Rob** washed all the backyard patio windows. **Bill Beard** and **Doug Schwab** repaired a major bathroom plumbing problem. **Kathy, Dee, Sherry, Wayne, Chuck, Shari,** and **Eric** planted the many flowers that Ranya provided. Our backyard has already received many compliments thanks to their efforts.

During May we had the parking lot potholes repaired and the lot restriped, two damaged trees in the backyard removed, and our fire suppression system brought up to code. Looking back May was a busy month.

SAL REPORT*Brad Hall*

The **SAL Golf Tournament** is coming in a couple weeks and we are hoping for some nice weather. Next event will be the **Horseshoe Tournament** Labor Day weekend. Come on out and toss some shoes for this SAL fundraiser.

The Memorial Day ceremony and picnic went well. Lots of food was served on this Day of Honor and Remembrance. Over 100 people came as guests of members. I hope some of these folks will become members of one of the organizations at the Post.

I want to mention the **Sunday Breakfast** kitchen staff of volunteers again. A shout-out to these folks who take time out of their weekends and come and serve a quality breakfast at what are some real bargain prices. **Dave McBrien, Mike Lawton, Rick Orona, Tom Scholfiels, Stephen Petersen** and **Nancy Marshall** have quite a system in the kitchen. **Chip Reidmiller** and **Ed Roerhe** take turns taking the money. Please thank these people if you come and eat on Sundays.

RIDERS REPORT*Steve Petersen*

Wow...what a great event the Auxiliary and the Legion put on for Memorial Day. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated.

The Riders have two very important events coming up in June. Saturday June 22nd is our **Victory For Veterans (VfV) Ride** that is headed up by **Mike Burroughs**. It will begin at **The Wide Open Saloon** in Sedalia. Registration is from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. A BBQ will follow the ride hosted at Post 178.

What I consider our most important ride will be June 29th. It's our **RCI Dice Run** to benefit **Redistribution Center Inc. (RCI)**. We all know that **Ranya Kelly** works her fanny off supplying so many with so much. Our Post 178, where she is a member, receives considerable assistance from Ranya as well.

There will be an auction after the RCI Ride and refreshments for the participants. Please tell your friends who ride to come and support a great cause.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Kay Scott

A HUGE Thank you to ALL contributing to make Post 178 Memorial Day a grand success! The Ceremony was patriotic as well as solemn and inspiring. Thank you, Auxiliary members **Nancy Marshall, Penny Polston, and Judy Myers**, for your participation in the Color Guard. **Daisi Vanderpool** was amazing reading "*In Flanders Fields*," and **Ruby Vanderpool** did a wonderful job laying the flowers for the departed.

The picnic was delicious. Thanks to **Brad Hall** and his friend **Barry** for grilling the burgers, brats, and dogs. Thanks **Bob Black, Randy Baria, and Dave McBrien** for doing the prep work in the morning. Thank you, **Leslie Moore, Jan and Charlie Casper, Deb Dickinson, Shari Davis, Sheree Metcalf, Shannon Sanchez, and Judy Eberley** for handing out buns, keeping the condiments, sides, and desserts fresh and tidy. Thank you, **Leslie Hughes** (and anyone else), for personally helping get food for those having difficulty maneuvering through the Post.

Thank you, **Dee Yurko, Judy Eberley, Deb, Shannon, and Sheree** for helping to set up and organize the Silent Auction. Thank you all for contributing your no-longer-wanted treasures. We took in about \$800 to help Veterans and Military Families! Thank you **Russ Scott** for helping me transport all those treasures left-over to the local thrift store! Lastly, thank you **Joy Nichols** for helping me at the end of the day.

I need to recognize all those contributing to the success of **National Poppy Day** (always the last Friday before Memorial Day (May 24th this year). We had a table outside our local King Soopers and handed out paper Poppies (made/put together by Veterans) and took donations. We did three shifts for the afternoon from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Thank you, **Deb Dickinson, Dee Yurko, Shari Davis, Judy Myers, and Wayne McClimans** for your donation of time! We also had Poppy cookies at the Post on Thursday and Saturday Bingo days. Thank you, **Crystal Jones**, for baking cookies; thank you to **Penny and Ayla Polston** for helping me decorate the cookies. Thanks also to **Kim Gebinine** for purchasing and donating those beautiful cookies. In total, the Poppy donations came to \$457 and some change! Thanks to everyone that donated and hopefully enjoyed your sweet treat!

There are still open slots for the next paint pouring class taught by **Judy Myers** on Sunday June 2nd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 and includes all supplies. A sign-up sheet is on the Volunteer Bulletin Board by the Pickle Cage.

Looking ahead to June, the next Auxiliary member meeting is Tuesday the 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Auxiliary room. **Installation of Officers** will be on Saturday the 8th at 9:00 a.m. Dave McBrien has **FREE BREAK-FAST** lined up for all members attending the Installation! Come and meet your Officers for the new year!

June 16th, **Father's Day**, the Auxiliary will serve breakfast from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Post 178 Member Fathers will receive a **FREE** breakfast of casserole choices (Cheesy Hashbrown Potatoes, French Toast, and Chile Relleno) with a side of fresh fruit. All others dining with the Dads can eat for \$8, kids \$5.

Wednesday Night Dinners for June will find the cooks at the patio grill. Burgers and Brats along with a side or two is what's on the menu. Let us do the cooking for you! Take a break and get a delicious meal at a great value.

Thank You Mother's Day Volunteers and Guests



Memorial Day, 2024

A Backyard Picnic to Welcome Summer



16th Annual

SAL



Tournament

Friday, June 14, 2024

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

Entry Deadline June 6 (NO EXCEPTIONS)

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**

Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities

Contact Brad Hall 720-471-9383 (leave a message)

Hole Sponsor \$150

Prize Hole Sponsor \$200

(Includes sign on tee box, recognition at lunch, and in Post newsletter)

Sponsors' Deadline June 1

Proceeds go to SAL Charities

Register online or scan QR Code

<https://tinyurl.com/yx7y3tra>

