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Car Show T-shirt Sales Launched



T-shirts commemorating this year's Car Show are now available for purchase in the lounge. The cost is \$25.



The **Legion Auxiliary** thanks everyone who donated to their **Back-to-School Supply Drive!** The Auxiliary Room tables were completely filled with your donations. An additional \$231 in cash donations were collected. **Shari Davis** (r.) went shopping with the money and organized all the supplies. Everything was delivered to our **Ranya Kelly of RCI**, and she in-turn delivered them to the Ft. Carson military children.

LEGION CHAPLAIN*Mary Johnson*

September is a month of Veteran celebration, honor, and remembrance. September 2nd, we honor the contributions of the nation's workers on **Labor Day**. September 18th, we celebrate the **Birthday of the U.S. Air Force**. September 11th, **Patriot Day**, we mourn the loss of life in an unprovoked attack on U.S. soil. And September 20th, we grieve and hold hope for the missing and lost on **POW/MIA Recognition Day**.

Heavenly Father, We honor all laborers and Veterans who have done the hard work and are lost and missing. We grieve all those who suffered death, injury, and illness after the attacks on 9/11.

We ask for your blessing as we seek peace and rest from life's toils. As written in Matthew 11:28-30: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT*Russ Scott*

At our August meeting, we approved donations to those projects we support. Thank you to all members who attend our monthly meetings and help make these important decisions.

We won't meet in September, but will continue in October to meet on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. with the opportunity to receive a FREE breakfast burrito afterwards made by Dave McBrian.

The annual **Car Show and Bake Sale** is Saturday September 21st. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2025, now is the time. Dues must be paid by September 30th and you must sign up by October 1st if you want to attend our **FREE Early Bird Dinner** on October 19th. The sign-up sheet is located on the clip board by the Pickle Cage. Guests are welcome to attend with a member and the cost is \$18. We need to know how many people we will be serving.

The American Legion is a volunteer organization and we always need more of our members to step-up to lend your time and energy as you are able. Please talk to me or any of our Officers about your desire to be available to help. You are welcome to email me at commander178@comcast.net or call me 720-201-2557.

SAL REPORT*Brad Hall*

The end of Summer already. I always have mixed emotions about this time of year. Part of me likes the cooler temps and change of Season, but the other part knows what's coming down the pike in a couple of months.

The **Car Show and Bake Sale** will be the SAL's last planned function of the Summer. We will once again be cooking ribs for the people attending the Car Show (and anyone that wants to buy some to take home).

We still need Volunteers for our **Friday Night Dinners and Sunday Breakfasts**. Our regular crew needs a break now and then, and it can be a ton of work in the kitchen on Sunday's.

Once again, we are in full swing signing up our membership for 2025. You can mail your \$20 to the Post addressed to the SAL or drop it in our safe next to the bread counter.

Please, please make certain your address, email, and phone are up to date! We are getting a bunch of renewal cards returned by the Postal Service and don't have a way to contact the people they belong to.

Thank a Veteran when you see one.

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*Galen W. Middleton—SAL**07/19/2024*

EARLY BIRD DINNER

OCTOBER 19
5 PM SOCIAL HOUR
6 PM DINNER

Serving Prime Rib



FREE IF YOUR 2025 DUES ARE PAID BY SEPTEMBER 30

BUSINESS REPORT

Bob Heer

The trio of **Tom Peterson, Rob Ostrander**, and **Rocky Mountain** completed the install of another replacement swamp cooler this past month. This is the second one they did this summer. Thanks to them, we are down to having only two units that are in excess of being twenty years old. You are all awesome!

Our annual **Car Show and Bake Sale** is September 21st. There will be no Bingo that day. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. that morning. As this is generally a very busy morning, if you can help in the kitchen please contact **Judy Myers**, who is coordinating the sign-up.

Following breakfast, the SAL will be offering smoked ribs for lunch. Opening ceremony featuring a performance by the **Thomas Jefferson High School JROTC Drill Team** commences at 10:00 a.m. Show coordinator **Dave Dupree** will MC the awards presentation at 1:00 p.m.

We have a new bartender, **Dita Alexander**, who will be working on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. Please stop in and welcome her.

Just a reminder, when you receive your new 2025 membership and purple key card do not throw away your current blue key card. That card must be used for the remainder of this calendar year.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Kay Scott

We start off the month of September with our monthly meeting on Tuesday September 3rd at 6:00 p.m. This will be the day after Labor Day, so please attend and help us plan and participate in our Fall activities!

Wednesday Night Dinners will feature the full menu of burgers, fish, or shrimp with sides of fries, onion rings, cole slaw, baked beans. If our wonderful volunteer cooks decide to serve an alternative meal, we will post this change at the beginning of each week.

New Member Initiation is scheduled for Sunday September 15th at 1:00 p.m. If you have never participated in this brief but inspiring and patriotic ceremony, this is for you! Please email me (unit178auxiliarypresident@gmail.com or call me 720-244-1594) to reserve your spot.

(Editor's Note: New Member Installation has been cancelled and will be rescheduled).

Please start thinking about the treats you will be donating to the **Auxiliary Bake Sale** at the Saturday, September 21st **Car Show**. Seems all who come enjoy snacks, nut breads, cookies, cupcakes, etc. My Kahlua Bars were popular last year, so I'm going to make them again!

If you have not paid your membership dues for 2025, now is the time to get this done. In order to qualify for the **FREE Early Bird Dinner** Saturday October 21st, your dues must be paid by September 30th. The Auxiliary dues are \$46 (cash or check) and can be put in an envelope with your name then placed in the Auxiliary mailbox across from the bar.

Prime Rib will be the entree at the Early Bird Dinner. You must sign-up no later than October 1st if you plan to attend. The cost for a non-member dinner guest is \$18. The sign-up sheets are located on a clipboard on the wall by the Pickle Cage.

RIDERS REPORT

Steve Petersen

The road has taken a few riders on tour of the great state of Colorado. The mountain scenery is green and magnificent. Tourism is in full swing so be aware and courteous to others while traveling. Motorcycles need to be especially careful due to many roads being strewn with pot holes and some tar snakes (cracks filled with tar) which can cause one to lose control. For those in cars, please be extra careful because of the many motorcycles out there.

Our annual **ROMP Ride** will take place Friday and Saturday September 6th and 7th. Therefore we will not serve dinner on that Friday and there will be no monthly meeting on the 7th.

A small contingent of Riders started at Woodland Park for the Salute to Veterans ride to Cripple Creek, then rode back to Woodland Park for the ceremony and festivities. It does a patriot good to participate in the workings and the brotherhood of events like this. Truly uplifting.

Take care of yourselves and each other. God bless America and her Veterans.



Ginny Martindale and her brother, **Bud**, celebrated her 70th birthday and his 75th with a party at the Post.

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