



THE AMERICAN LEGION



"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO



Chili Lovers Pick Favorites

Tasters picked Chris Prehn's green chili as their favorite (l.). The collaborative effort of Jen Burgess and Rob Ostrander was voted the best red chili (r.). The two chili winners took home \$50 each from The American Legion Riders. Wayne McClimans (c.) won the 50/50 raffle benefiting the Post's Building Fund. Congratulations to our winners.

Fans Turn Out For Super Bowl Party



50/50 Raffle Winner
David Loomis
presented by **Dita Alexander**

LEGION CHAPLAIN*Mary Johnson*

In March, there are several days that honor Veterans. In honor of our Veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country, I offer the verse below.

- March 15th-17th – Anniversary of the first caucus of the American Legion, founded in Paris in 1919.
- March 21st – Rosie the Riveter Day, honoring the contributions of women in military service in WWII.
- March 25th – National Medal of Honor Day
- March 29th – National Vietnam War Veterans Day

When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you. — Deuteronomy 20:1

COMMANDER'S REPORT*Russ Scott*

The commander's email address has changed as a result of being hacked. If you emailing me, please use this address: **commanderpost178lk@gmail.com**

Thank you all for your cooperation!

Please park only in spaces that are not designated for particular uses and/or people. This includes spaces reserved for Post officers, designated members/employees, and delivery spaces. Also comply with parking spaces along Simms Street reserved for motorcycles and compact cars.

I want to remind everyone that all members and visitors are to be treated with respect and dignity. If you find yourself in a situation where you are unable to do so, please leave the Post and stay away until you can be in control. Name calling is not to be tolerated! Thank you.

"When another asserts something that I think to be an error, I deny myself the pleasure of contradicting him abruptly. I find the advantage of this approach is that the conversations I engage in go more pleasantly. And the modest way in which I propose my opinions procures them a readier reception and less contradiction. I also have less mortification when I'm found to be in the wrong, and I more easily prevail with others when I happen to be in the right." — Benjamin Franklin (paraphrased)

AUXILIARY REPORT*Kay Scott*

Thanks to all those attending our February meeting and those staying after Bingo on Thursday the 6th to make Valentine and Military Care Box cards. Forty-eight beautiful cards were delivered to the VA Hospital for inpatient Veterans for Valentine's Day, and 22 "thank you for your service" cards are ready to be included in the "**Just like Dad's**" Beef Jerky and care package boxes going to our troops.

Thanks also to all those Auxiliary members taking donations for red hearts hung above the bar. Their hard work brought in over \$450 to be used for our Veteran projects!

Our traditional **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** will be Monday March 17th from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. As of this writing, we have yet to decide on how much to charge because it will depend on the cost of the Corned Beef. We try hard to keep the charge for our meals as low as possible. We need to plan how many will attend this meal and there is a sign-up sheet on a clipboard by the Pickle Cage. Please let us know if you will be dining with us and include any additional guests dining with you.

On Sunday, March 30th at 2:00 p.m. we will conduct a brief **New Member Initiation Ceremony**. It is an inspiring and patriotic way for any Auxiliary members to meet our officers and get a brief tour of Post 178, and just get acquainted with each other. Please let me know if you want to be a part of the ceremony by texting or calling me (Kay Scott) at 720-244-1594.

| March | Auxiliary Event |
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| 4 | <i>Auxiliary Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m.</i> |
| 5 | <i>Wednesday Dinner Night: Fish or Chicken Tacos w/Red Beans</i> |
| 12 | <i>Wednesday Dinner Night: Burgers, Fish, or Shrimp w/Sides</i> |
| 17 | <i>St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.</i> |
| 19 | <i>Wednesday Dinner Night: Sloppy Joes w/Tater Tots</i> |
| 26 | <i>Wednesday Dinner Night: Burgers, Fish, or Shrimp w/Sides</i> |
| 30 | <i>New Member Initiation Ceremony at 2:00 p.m.</i> |

BUSINESS REPORT

Bob Heer

Just a reminder that on Friday, April 4, we will be hosting **Life Line Screening** here at the Post.

Appointments can be made by calling **888-814-0466** and mentioning **promo code HSCA001**.

Rentals of our back room and backyard were discussed at the most recent **Corporation Board Meeting**. In light of the many activities on-going at the Post rental availability is very limited on both weekdays and weekends. We continue to only rent to members of our Post but do make limited exceptions for bereavements. The cost of bereavements for non-members is a donation of \$250. There continues to be no charge for bereavements for current members of Post 178.

I want to thank **Dee Yurko** for monitoring the lounge door on Bingo days ensuring non-members are signed in as well as reminding people that neither food or drinks may be brought in. Great help for the bartenders, Dee.

SAL REPORT

Brad Hall

Another month closer to getting rid of the snow and cold. It sure does seem that the Winters go on

a lot longer than they used to.

Please continue to get your memberships in.

The **Superbowl** get together was a pretty good time. Thanks to everyone who prepared a dish and brought it to share.

The **Prime Rib Dinner** in February was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who dined with us. Prep work for something like this dinner is where most of the work takes place. Thanks to **Bob Black, Jim Hutton, Judy Brown, Randy Baria, Shari Davis, Wayne McClimans, Ed Roehre, Beth Hall, Brad and Karla Revard, and Bob Black's sisters Anne, Debbie, and Kim.**

Shari did a bang-up job on decorations. Thanks, **Randy Kipp** for the clean-up and his wife, **Lori Kipp**, for slicing all the leftovers. Hopefully I haven't forgotten anyone.

SAVE THE DATE. This year's **SAL Golf Tournament** will be Friday, June 13th. Flyers and sign-up sheets will be showing up soon. Come on warm weather! Thank a Veteran when you see one!



WELCOME TO OUR

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

CORNER BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

MONDAY MARCH 17TH


2:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

SIGN UP SHEET & HOW MANY ATTENDING
BY PICKLE CARD CAGE

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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**BOBBY'S
FAMOUS SMOKED
CHICKEN DINNER**

Saturday, March 8th
5-7 PM

Live Band!
Gritty Velvet

A Foot Stompin'
Country Good Time!

5:30 - 8 PM

17th Annual

SAL

GOLF

Tournament

Friday, June 13, 2025

\$90 per Player / \$360 per Foursome
Entry Deadline June 6 (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities

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

Sponsors' Deadline June 1

Proceeds go to SAL Charities
Register online or scan QR Code
<https://tinyurl.com/yx7y3tra>



Colorado Boys State

The American Legion National Americanism Commission established the Boys State program in 1935. Colorado has held Boys State annually since 1949. More than 25,000 young men participate in the American Legion Boys State program each year.

The program's stated goals are to instill basic ideals and principles of American government, focus on responsible citizenship, and foster love for God and Country.

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students in the nation. It is a participatory program where each boy becomes a part of the operation of his local, county, and state government. Young men are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities of a franchised citizen.

Every phase of the program includes practical instruction presented by experienced outside speakers on the duties and responsibilities of citizens and of public officials.

During the week long program the boys are assigned to cities, counties, and a fictitious political party. They create their party platform, conduct party conventions, campaign for office, and nominate and elect officials from the city, county, and state levels to

form their 51st state.

Boys State is non-partisan. Issues are considered without reference to existing political parties. Boys State "political parties," named "Nationalist" and "Federalist," are purely mythical. The sole purpose is to enable the delegate to grasp the meaning and responsibilities which he will be called upon to assume when he becomes an adult.

Delegates to Boys State come away with knowledge and an appreciation for our American form of government, reasons to love the United States, and respect for those who are serving and have served our country in both military and public service.

High School Juniors are eligible to attend. No boy, or parent, is required to pay any tuition cost. All program costs are paid by The American Legion.

Colorado Boys State will take place from June 1st through the 7th at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling. Boys participating in American Legion Colorado Boys State can receive up to 4 college credits.

Boys State is an experience that will be remembered for a lifetime. See **Wayne McClimans** at Post 178 for information about Colorado Boys State and to submit an application for this year's program.



Colorado Boys State delegates come from every part of the State.