



THE AMERICAN LEGION



"The Friendly Word" from "The Friendly Post"

1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO

Col. Harvey Honored at White House

Post 178 member Col. James H. Harvey III (ret.) was an honored guest this past Veterans Day at the White House in Washington D.C. Harvey and his daughter, Kathy, were warmly received by President Joe Biden and First Lady, Jill Biden.



Rest In Peace, Tom Davies

Tom Davies was tragically taken from his many friends at Post 178 and wife, Tanya, on March 1st. His presence was felt throughout our Post as a longtime member of SAL and the Legion Riders. Tom organized the annual SAL Horseshoe Tournament for many years and was the driving force behind its ongoing success. His outgoing personality leaves a void that will be impossible to fill. With great sadness we can only say, "ride on, brother."



LEGION CHAPLAIN
Mary Johnson

Spring has arrived and we have enjoyed some beautiful weather recently. As we see the arrival of flowers and the beginnings of gardens, we should keep in mind the sacrifice of all Veterans who have given all for our continued freedom.

Passover (April 12th through April 20th) and Easter (April 20th) are observed this month and should remind us of the power of God. As is stated in Ecclesiastes 3:11:

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

COMMANDER'S REPORT
Russ Scott

There seems to be some confusion about the pool table. In order to keep from having to replace it with a pay table, it has been decided to collect a small fee from those who use the table. This fee will be collected from all players, including the pool team, and used for maintenance of the table. The fee is \$2 per week, which is reasonable considering what would be spent for games on a pay table. I will be collecting the fee and am the person to see with any questions.

Members need to do a better job of not parking in places that are designated for other people and uses. Please observe signs and markings on the pavement. Do not ignore them. The loading space on the south side of the building in the center of the handicapped area is a prime example. Warm weather will bring many motorcycles to our Post so please observe their reserved parking area along Simms Street.

It is imperative that members are considerate of others and park only in proper parking spaces.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Kay Scott

Spring seems to be upon us and just like you I am most happy for the warmer weather! April is the month of the Military Child! At our monthly meeting, April 1st, we will discuss how we can assist the children at Ft. Carson. Look for a purple-colored container to deposit your much appreciated donations.

The **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** was a great success. A total of 130 meals were served and many comments were received for a great dinner. This was due to **Shari Davis** who did the ordering and preparation of the Auxiliary function and made it a success. Also thanks to her assistant **Mark Ward**. Many thanks to all of the great volunteers on Sunday and Monday. You are all greatly appreciated.

(Submitted by Dee Yurko).



Thank you St. Patrick's Day volunteers.

Auxiliary Girls State Slated for June 9–15

Parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors of girls between their Junior and Senior year of high school, I want to tell you about The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State.

The program is a great opportunity for girls to learn all about how government works. It will be held this year in Sterling, CO at Northeastern Junior College, Monday June 9th through the morning of Sunday June 15th.

I had the opportunity to be the Nurse at Girls State last year and I had a wonderful time helping to keep the girls healthy and safe. I also got in on

elections of officers and the process of bringing bills to consider and possibly pass.

Girls State is patriotic, non-partisan, and encourages participation in civic responsibility. I am so excited to be attending again this year with my daughter Rebekah who will be one of the counselors.

I hope you will encourage the girls you know to apply. Every girl is sponsored, so there is no cost to attend! Please see the flyer on page 4 of this newsletter and call me if you have any questions!

— Kay Scott

BUSINESS REPORT
Bob Heer

This past month we up-graded our point-of-sale system and changed our credit card processing vendor. Our old system had been in use in excess of eight years and was regularly shutting down, usually at our busiest times. Our new credit card processing fee, which we pass on to the customer, is now 2.6%. That is significantly lower than the 3.999% charged under the old system.

A big thank you to **Bill Beard** for removing and installing a new toilet in one of our bathrooms. For those of you who don't know, Bill also cleans our bathrooms and lounge on Monday and Fridays.

Dita Alexander has taken on the responsibility for keeping our Facebook page current. Thanks Dita.

SAL REPORT
Brad Hall

Hello Nice Weather! Say that now and we will have the snowiest April on record.

Just a couple reminders. Please get your dues in for 2025. We're in the second quarter of the year and we have many members who have not paid yet. Remember, if you are a Rider you still must pay your SAL, Legion, or Auxiliary dues to be current as a Rider.

The website is up and running for the **17th Annual SAL Golf Tournament**, so get joined up while we have openings.

On March 1st, we lost one of our long-time SAL members. **Tom Davies** was a character and like many of us people loved him, hated him, or hated to love him. For those of us who knew him for a couple decades, he was a true friend. Ride on Tom!

RIDERS REPORT
Steve Petersen

It's been quite a somber month. As you all probably know, we lost one of our very good Riders and great friend, "**Chicago**" **Tom Davies**. He has a lot of friends dear to him. You could always count on Tom for a good laugh. He was the road lieutenant for the Riders at Post 178 and a Son of The American Legion.

Tom's passing gives us all opportunity reflect. We don't always appreciate all that we have until it's gone. Cherish the time we have with our friends and make the most of it. There is no time for grudges, or hatred, or disappointment. Embrace our mutual humanity and love your neighbor.

Tom left a big hole in the Legion Riders at our Post. We will miss him and honor him as a child of God.

Happy Birthdays

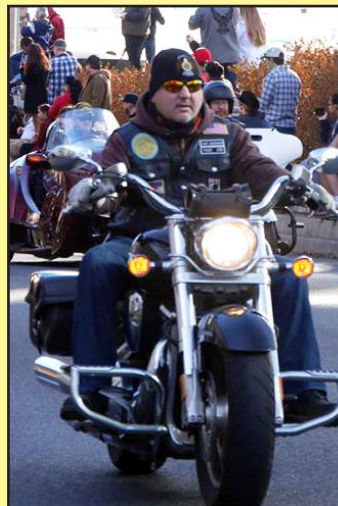


Dita Alexander, 56
on March 16



Dee Yurko, 89
on March 27

Memories of "Chicago" Tom



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THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

JUNE 9-15, 2025, NORTHEASTERN JR COLLEGE, STERLING

The American Legion Auxiliary Colorado Girls State program is a unique and exciting government-in-action learning program that encourages high school juniors to become empowered and knowledgeable leaders.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- ★ Develops pride and understanding of American government, freedoms, and traditions.
- ★ Inspires young women of all backgrounds and interests to engage with our system of government.
- ★ Stimulates passion for the democratic processes within our republic and the brave individuals who fight for our freedoms.
- ★ Fosters confidence, growth, and life-long friendships.

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 Girls
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For information, visit us at
[www.ALAColorado.org/
Girls-State](http://www.ALAColorado.org/Girls-State) or contact our
registrar at:
register.alacgs@gmail.com



ALA CO Girls State
Delegate Application

SAL

17th Annual



Tournament

Friday, June 13, 2025

Applewood Golf Course

\$90 per Player / \$360 per Foursome

Proceeds go to SAL Charities

Entry Deadline June 6 (NO EXCEPTIONS)

- 18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Range Balls
- 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, 1655 Simms Street, Lakewood

**Tournament
Sponsorship
Opportunities**

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

Sponsors' Deadline June 1

3 Ways to Register

Scan QR Code

Online at
tinyurl.com/yx7y3tra

Complete the Form
on the Reverse Side

