



Secret Santa Delivers Smiles to Post Christmas Party



Raffle Winners
Robert McCoy, Just Like Dad's
Joanne IronShell, Building Fund



LEGION CHAPLAIN
Mary Johnson

It's a New Year and I hope it follows wonderful holidays that everyone was able to enjoy with loved ones. Let's not forget Martin Luther King's Birthday (January 19th).

I hope that the New Year brings peace, prosperity, and joy to everyone. Please remember our deployed active-duty military, our veterans, and all those POW/MIAs still lost to us. For the new year, I offer the following:

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11



COMMANDER'S REPORT
Russ Scott

We had a pretty good

year. We lost some friends and gained some. Hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season and that the new year brings you lots of happiness and joy.

We always seem to stay busy and as I look back on 2025 we supported some great causes. The holiday parties all went well and thanks go out to all the volunteers that made it happen. We thank especially **Ranya Kelly** for all she does for the Post and her support of veterans. She is amazing!!

The **DD214ers Pool Team** finished as the wild card team this session. We are now the Division Champions and are headed for the city playoffs. Hoping that we shoot well and have a lot of fun along the way.

If you haven't paid your dues for the upcoming year you need to do so. Your purple cards will stop working on January 1st and you will need the cream colored cards to gain entry to the post.

I am looking for feedback on my position as commander. What are things I could do better or could do to improve the post. You can email me at **commander-post1781k@gmail.com**.

I'll continue the meaning of the Legion Preamble next month.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Kay Scott

December was ever so

busy with helping the post celebrate the holidays! Here are the highlights for the month with pictures on the left:

1. **Wreaths Across America** on December 13th at Ft. Logan National Cemetery was attended by **Kay Scott, Georgina Franiok, Leslie Moore, and Kathleen O'Riley.**

2. **Secret Santa Christmas Party** was at the post on December 13th. Thanks to **Kathleen O'Riley, Dee Yurko, Mark Ward, Shari Davis, and Kim Gebinine.** Great food and fun! Thanks also to **Patty Bautista** for creating the special beverages from the bar, and thank you to all that donated food and helped with the event!

3. **Sony Playstation** donated by **Lisa and Dave Mull.** All proceeds went to the Angel Tree. The raffle was December 19th and won by **Lorenzo and Martha Kunze,** pictured in front of the Angel Tree with **Beth Hall.**

4. **Lakewood Villa.** Monday, December 22nd, we delivered bags filled with lap robes, pillows, and toiletry items to six veterans living at the care facility next door to our Post. Thank you to **Glenna Phelps-Aurich, Judy Myers, and Shari Davis** for your help with this project.

5. **RMR VA Hospital** December 14th. Thanks **Kathleen O'Riley, Chris Harvey, Kay Scott.** We helped spread Holiday Cheer to inpatients. (Kathleen is far left with **Chris Harvey** standing on her left).

Ranya Kelly's RCI Christmas Party for 55 military families from Ft. Carson was held at the post Saturday, December 20th. (See pictures on pages 4—6, most of which were taken by **Kathleen O'Riley**) Thank you **Georgina Franiok, Crystal Jones, Shari Davis, Ranya Kelly, Kathleen O'Riley, and Nikki Donnell** for helping to make this event happen! Thank you to **Beth Hall, Judy Myers, and Dee Yurko** for all your hard work with this year's **Angel Tree** to give every family extra money for the Holiday.

BUSINESS REPORT *Bob Heer*

A big thank you to new member **John Lobdell** for donating several bags of ice melt to the post. I'm confident it will be needed soon, as we are officially into winter.

I want to thank our members for their cooperation in not parking SUVs and other high-profile vehicles on Simms Street. Many compliments have been received from members saying they feel much safer when exiting either the North or South parking lots now that they can see on-coming traffic.

Our annual insurance premiums have been paid at an additional cost of \$4,000 over what we paid a year ago. Ironically, we have not had a claim since the major hail storm in 2017.

Hope everyone has a wonderful new year.

SAL REPORT *Brad Hall*

There it is.....another trip around the Sun is complete. Hopefully everyone had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Nothing much to report on since we have been taking it easy around the Holidays.

Don't forget to get your dues paid as your access to the post is shut off after January 1 without a current card. Please update your information when renewing your membership. Like most of the world now, just about all of our communication is done via email.

Have a good New Year and don't forget our veterans.

RIDERS REPORT *Steve Peterson*

Another year gone and hopefully a better one to follow. Time to discard the negative and adopt the positive.

The Riders are always excited to plan out our riding season. With that comes our responsibility to make sure our machines are prepared and heads on straight to maximize fun and safety. We ask you prepare too so you can reap the benefits of a good and happy life.

Last year the challenges for some of us have been extreme, but with help from friends and family we can rise above sorrow and find joy.

RCI's Christmas Party was a great success. Some who came are compromised with health, time, and financial problems. In spite of hardships the kids had a great time.

Many at Ft. Carson were also gifted. Those who weren't able to attend the party at Post 178 had the goods delivered to their homes.

Ranya has the flu and could use your prayers. Also, pray for this country as it is going through hard times as well.

Ranger Jon Kipp visited Post 178 on November 16 accompanied by

his parents, **Lori and Randy Kipp.** Before sitting down to dinner he was presented with a ceiling tile created by artist **Chuck Elsen** depicting his unit's emblem. Jon signed the tile with a "thanks" to Chuck.

Ranger Jon also extended his thanks to Post 178 for all of the thoughts, prayers, beef jerky, and care packages received during his 22-year Army career.



Ranya Kelly and Volunteers Host Christmas Party For Military Families



Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Ranya and Costco for their contributions to beautifying our backyard last summer with plants and flowers.





