



Post's 2026—'27 Officers Sworn In



Acknowledgements for Post 178's Garden Project

Garden Design and Planting Contributions

Selected and planted by **Sheri Mitchell, Kathy Schwab,** and **Charles Washington** with assistance from **Brian Moss** and **Wayne McClimans**.

Sponsors and Supporters

Thanks to **Bob Heer, Post 178 Veterans, Sons, Auxiliary,** and **Riders** for their monetary donations.

We also like to thank **Lowe's (10555 West Colfax)** and their managers **Oscar Navarrette, Eunice Ayala,** and **Will Coffey** for their contributions in making tis happen.

Request for Patronage

Please show our Post's appreciation by shopping at the above mentioned Lowe's branch. — **Chuck Washington**



LEGION CHAPLAIN*Tim Karlson*

Hi everyone, my name is Tim Karlson and I am the new Chaplain here at Post 178. First off, I'd like to say that it is an Honor and a Privilege to be here as Chaplain, especially during this year's wonderful celebration of our great Country's 250th anniversary. And 2nd, I think it's appropriate to let everyone know a little bit about me, so: I'm a Lakewood Colorado native who graduated from Wheatridge HS. My mom's side of our family came to Colorado in the late 1800's to the San Luis Valley and she grew up in Center. My Grandfather was in WWI and my father was in WWII and he was also a member here at the 178 in the 1960's, where he (and my mother) were avid Square Dancers.

I served in the Army for 4 years, with 2 deployments overseas and many TDY assignments. I was on Flight Status and specialized on Huey Helicopters. I am a widower (of 30+ years marriage) and I have 2 boys and 2 grandkids. I am a cancer survivor, along with many other orthopedic problems from accidents. Without my faith in the Lord, I don't think I would be here today. This is why I believe the position of Post Chaplain is so important to me.

Thanks everyone and I look forward to serving all of you this year and beyond!

A prayer for all of us to say this month:

Lord, thank you for our great country and watch over us as we celebrate our 250th anniversary this 4th of July. Protect our troops as this world is always in turmoil and give all of us strength and good health. We trust for you to care for us and our nation now and for all the years to come. May this country celebrate many more 4th of Julys. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT*Russ Scott*

We had a busy June. It seemed non-stop for me. The **Flag Day** celebration went well along with **Father's Day** and the **SAL Golf Tournament**. We need volunteers for Saturday morning breakfasts and 5th Friday dinners. Thank you to everyone who volunteers and make things happen.

It has been brought to my attention that there are people who, when things don't go their way, get angry with the workers who are doing their best as volunteers. This needs to stop!!! If anyone has a problem with the volunteers, they should take it to the people who are in charge. But, remember that if you are having a problem, nobody forces you to play a game, a machine, or any other activity. It's your choice!!!

We will have a general membership meeting on July 7th at 6:00 p.m.

BUSINESS REPORT*Bob Heer*

I want to thank **Max Thompson** for his very generous donation of \$5,000.00 to the Post in support of our numerous veteran programs. Max asked that this donation be divided between the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, the Riders, and Lounge. Thank you Max for your generosity!



Our **4th of July Member Picnic** will run between 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The grill will only be staffed from noon until 2:00 p.m. The Post will provide burgers, brats, dogs, and beer. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish in a disposable container. Non-member guests are welcome but will be charged \$10. Volunteers are needed to check membership cards. If you can give 30 minutes of your day please sign-up by the pickle cage.

A big "thank you" to **David of JMW Roofing** (303-935-6179) for cleaning our gutters.

Our bartender, **Dita Alexander**, has designed 250th anniversary shirts and hats which are available in the lounge. Dita's design is at the left. Stop by and get yours before they're gone.

We will be hosting **Life Line Screening** at the Post on August 19. To schedule an appointment call: 800-324-9458 and use code: HABC001.

AUXILIARY REPORT
Kay Scott

We welcomed June with **Officer Installation** on the 2nd for Legion and Auxiliary Officers and a great time was had by all. **District 5 George Apodaca** and his wife **Cat** officiated the occasion and we so appreciated their help starting our new year.

I attended the **Colorado American Legion Auxiliary Girls State** at NJC in Sterling for the third year as their Nurse. I had a wonderful time again learning more about how government works (or doesn't) along with other great Auxiliary volunteers serving as counselors, and highly energetic 17-year-olds from all across Colorado, ready to be high school Seniors.



Flag Day June 14th in our backyard was well attended, and our Juniors, **Daisi and Ruby Vanderpool** assisted with the ceremony reciting "What the American Flag Represents," and the "Literal Meaning of the Flag." Thank you Daisi and Ruby!

The **Department of Colorado Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary Convention** was held in Alamosa this last weekend at Post 113. Congratulations to our own **Chris Harvey** for being elected as the Northwestern Division Vice President! A Huge thank you to **Judy Myers** (with the help of "**CJ James**") for creating and submitting a centerpiece named "Bee Keepers of our Veterans," and also to **Shannon Sanchez** for a wonderful Historian's photo/scrapbook. Thank you three for your time and talents!

I spent my time at Convention with the Department Juniors! We helped open the convention by participating in the **Military Child Table Setting Ceremony**, delivered socks to the **La Puente Homeless Shelter**, picked up trash at a nearby park, made 250th birthday cards for the Vets and other residents at the **Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake** in Alamosa. We gave them new donated socks, played Bingo with them, learned/relearned how to fold the Flag, swam in the hotel pool, and watched *Toy Story 5* at the local theatre. Whew! What a month!

On July 8th, before Burger Night, we will conduct a pantry shelves renovation. I look forward to seeing you all at our 250th birthday party at the Post on July 3rd and 4th!



Judy and CJ's Bee Keepers of our Vets Centerpiece for the Convention.

SAL REPORT
Brad Hall

Another year and another golf tournament is in the books. Once again, it was a big crowd and thanks to the participants, sponsors, and volunteers, it was a huge success.

I would like to thank everyone who participated and would really like to thank the volunteers. **Dave McBrien, Beth Hall, Julie Bloomer, Shaina Jackson, Steve Peterson, Jenna, Shawn Bloomer** and of course **Wayne McClimans**, who is always working away and helping everyone at the Post.

It's time to renew your memberships for 2027. For those of you who have already submitted your dues, the reason we have not sent your cards yet is because Department of Colorado has not yet sent us the new membership cards. Please continue to pay your dues and we will be mailing cards when we get them.

We will not be having a SAL meeting in July or August.

Thank a Veteran when you see one.



Kay Scott with 2 of the 3 Girls State delegates (Fiona and Nisha) sponsored by the Post 178 Auxiliary.

Junior Shooters Rifle 2025— '26 Report



This season went quite well; we lost a couple of athletes but gained one. The season ended with 7. Our Annual Awards Banquet was held at the American Legion Post 178 on April 29th. Awards were given for Team Leader, Joe Kerper; Most Improved, James and Ryder; Best Performance, Ryder; and Athlete of the Year, Anika, for her second year in a row.

Highlights were a Gold Medal to Baruch for his performance at Junior Olympics, and Ryder a silver for his performance in 3P 22. Ryder also attended the Nationals at Talladega.

Cidney, a 5-year athlete in the program, returned to report she has graduated and is heading to the U.S. Navy.

Several athletes attended Winter Air Gun in December, all shooting well.

We started our summer program May 13th, and will be shooting outdoors at CRC in league, in matches for wind reading practice, and indoors at AR&PC alternating air and 22.

All of our current coaches are active competitors, so the Juniors will be competing against the coaches outdoors. Looking forward to a great summer of shooting.

—Ron Porter, Jr. Coach



SAL Golf Tournament

Winning Team (l. to r.)

*Brandon Schawe, Stan Schawe,
Cody Schawe, Shawn Bloomer.*



American Legion Post 178 – Lakewood

America's 250th Celebration

July 3rd, 2026



FRIDAY, JULY 3RD

Big Band & Dinner

- All American Big Band
- Brisket with sides for \$16
- Dinner 5–7 PM, Music 6–9 PM
- No cover charge for music



AUXILIARY RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

ITEMS ON DISPLAY &
TICKETS FOR SALE

7/3 4-8
7/4 11-2:30

WINNERS TO BE
DRAWN AT 3PM JULY
4TH.

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