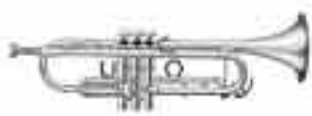


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Jerry Thompson, Dante, Glen Stenson and Vickie Studinski with donated items ready for delivery.

Coats For Veterans

Coats for Veterans was a great success. Over 40 coats were collected, many brand new! A few pairs of pants, and \$80 donated by Brocade was also collected. Hanneck Cleaners donated the cost of cleaning, and Post 1 did the collecting and delivering. All delivered by Glen, Vickie, and Jerry. A huge thank you to the Brocade Communications MAG, Military Advocate Group,

who graciously sponsored the donations bins at their office. Special thanks to Paul Arnold, Christine Goodrum, Susan Phillipy, also Larry McGowan and Jim Harhager.

Legionnaire

Glen Stenson

The Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1 is very fortunate to have Glen Stenson as a member of our organization and acknowledges the work he does for the American Legion, VFW, and "For God and Country."

Glen was born in Holyoke, Colorado, on December 14, 1925, and was the oldest of six siblings in his family. After graduating from Holyoke High School in 1943, he joined the US Navy in March of the same year. Basic training for Glen was in Farragut, Idaho, at the Naval Training Base where he became a Navy corpsman.

After Hospital Corps School, Glen was stationed at the US Naval Hospital in Seattle, from September '43 to November '43, and from there he went to Gonzaga University Medical Dispensary from Dec. '43 to Dec. '44. After the training, he was assigned to the USS Tranquility Hospital Ship, and was Head Corpsman in the Special Diet Kitchen. Treating the wounded through proper diet procedures was a challenge for Glen because of the severity of the wounded on the hospital ship



Glen Stenson

and the dietary limitations placed on the wounded men by the medical staff.

Glen was discharged in April 1946, shortly after the war, at the rank of Pharmacy Mate 2C, and was awarded the Asiatic Theatre Campaign, World War II, and American Campaign ribbons. The USS Tranquility served in the Pacific Theatre and the ship was on duty during the invasion of Okinawa. The ship was part of the rescue operation for the crew of the USS Indianapolis. His most poignant experience was sailing near the coast of Japan and knowing the ship he was on, the USS Tranquility, was to be the lead

medical ship during the planned invasion of Japan.

During breaks from his duties as a Corpsman, he and some of his shipmates cobbled together a 16 piece dance band that played at night after duty hours. Glen recognized that beauty and peacefulness of the music during a very difficult time when he was caring for severely wounded sailors and marines.

Glen's been a member of the American Legion since his discharge from active duty and Post 1 since 1988. He's served as Post Commander, Oratorical Chairman, Baseball Chairman (which he restarted in 1990 as the Post was not involved in boys baseball), Boys State, House Committee, Post Chaplain, and in many other positions.

In addition, Glen has served the 40/8 Voiture No. 97 as Grande Chef de Gare, Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Trane, and Commissaire Intendant for four years, plus other positions.

The following quote is from our dear friend and Legionnaire Glen Stenson:

"I firmly believe that all members should take part in our Legion programs and activities. We should remember that it was the American Legion, in cooperation with the National Education Association, and the two organizations started National Education Week. Each school should have a Legion member representative. The young people love to have a veteran around and are quite inquisitive."

Glen is pleased to have a shipmate, Pete Engelken, as a member of Post 1.

Thanksgiving Day At LCW Post 1

Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1 hosted a Thanksgiving Day meal for veterans and their families. The Post served 83 veterans and guests with a dinner that included five turkeys, two hams, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casseroles, and other great items. The dessert table was laden with apple pies, pumpkin pies, cookies, brownies, and other de-

lightful treats.

The dinner was sponsored by the Legion, plus generous donations of food items from our Legion Family and their friends and neighbors. Turkeys were provided by Legion members and by the 40/8 Turkey Shoot. Commander Jones wants to express a special "thank you" to his daughter-in-law Becky Jones for taking off

work to volunteer her services in the kitchen and to all who helped that day.

Commander Jones stated: "Without the help, contributions, and organization by Post 1 members, and others, Thanksgiving Day would not have been the success that it was. We should all be proud and thankful of the efforts of those that contributed."

Happy
New Year!
From LCW Post 1



The Pearl Harbor Survivor ceremony was postponed to January 7, 2017, but the table was set up representing the five branches of service in memoriam.



Post 1 Color Guard and the "Five Hats Ceremony" on Veterans Day. More photos from Veterans Day on Page 2.

Visit Our Website LCWPost1.org for information on upcoming events and activities.

Commander's Corner

by Commander Tony Jones Sr.



Hello everyone and Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a safe and great Christmas and New Year's holiday with family and friends. As most of you know, The American Legion's 100th anniversary, 1919-2019 — 100 Years, is fast approaching. We should take a moment to honor The American Legion's first "century," our past and present veterans, and our legacy. The Post 1 legacy started with the charter in 1931. I'm sure that we have veterans within our Post who have made important contributions, or sacrifices. In times of tragedy, triumph and troop support, our Post has stepped up and proudly served, helped others, and left a mark that will not be forgotten.

"THIS LEGACY IS WHAT WE CELEBRATE"

The 100th anniversary of The American Legion is not only an opportunity to look back at what our Post has achieved, it is also the time to chart a course for the second century. How will our Post extend a vision and values for future generations? This is a great opportunity to convey our Post legacy/history by talking with members sharing their unique stories on how they have helped veterans and others in our community over the years. And please share your story with me, your Post Commander, or Will Webb our Historian! Thank you. God Bless. I'll be seeing you around the Post.

LET'S GET STARTED NOW!

House Committee Update

by Tom Yagley, Chairman

Here we go, the New Year activities at Post 1, energetic as ever. Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby is January 17, starting 5 p.m. Anyone who would like to help organize would be appreciated. Please contact me.

Legion Poker night is back on. Fourth Tuesday of the month. January 24, February 28. Please see Barb or Vickie for details. Chili Cook Off Saturday January 28. Brought to you by Auxiliary and SAL. Put this one on your calendar, it is a great time.

Super Bowl Sunday, February 5. Your Team's Colors, Potluck, and always an enthusiastic day. Four Chaplains Ceremony February 5. Please see the message boards and Tilde for details on this event.

Cannot do justice to a 2016 year in review. So, mention the obvious — thank you to our excellent bartenders, the office staff who keeps it all together for us, and all who continue to support the Legion Family events and programs to help support our Troops, Veterans and our Charities.

We truly appreciate everyone's support here at Legion Post 1.

Thank you, Tom.

I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.

— Thomas Jefferson

40/8 Greetings

by Tom Yagley, Chef de Gare

Turkey Shoot was a success, fun time had by all, target exceeded. Numerous individuals helped with set up and the fun and games; thank you to Drew, Mr. Fig, our humble announcer, also Barb, Rich, Pablo and Vickie. Over \$1,200 raised and Turkeys were delivered to the Fisher House. There were a few extra turkeys for Post 1 Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. Thank you all who donated and participated.

We are looking forward to a productive New Year complete with opportunities.

40/8 is hosting Pearl Harbor Survivor program rescheduled for January 7, 10 a.m. with a Five Hats Ceremony by our Color Guard. See announcement boards for details. As always, continue to support Legion Family dinners and events. These provide means of supporting our Troops, Veterans, and our Charitable Organizations.

And as always, Happy Birthday Brandt!

Do You Take Photos Of Events Happening At Post #1?

Photos are always needed for publishing in *The Reveille*. If you take some good photos and want to share, please think about **emailing** copies to the office, adjutant@lcwpost1.org. Include the event name, date, a description and names of those in the photo.

Visit The Post At LCWPost1.org

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Veterans Day At The Post



Commander Tony Jones addressing the crowd.



Color Guard members on Veterans Day at Post 1: Al Duran, Jennifer Napoleon, Jim Atkins, Rich Bridge, Ken Dorman, Neil Wolkodoff and Chris Mulqueen.



Members of the Colorado Emerald Society Pipe and Drum Band.



Don Oldfield and Lynn Wing

Adjutant News

by Patrick Burch

Happy New Year!

I hope all have a healthy, happy and successful 2017. The American Legion LCW Post 1 is in good position for a very successful new year. We installed a new "Pickle Machine" and it should be operating smoothly by the time you read this. We continue to have good success with functions that we host and cater, such as, birthday parties, weddings and wedding receptions, graduations and other special events. Please recommend our facility to your acquaintances; we can, and will, make every effort to accommodate their needs. Again, best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!



December birthdays were celebrated by Lori Nepute, Michael Winget, Nick Yagley, Margaret Stenson and Glen Stenson.

President's Report

by Teri Mercill



So far, so good. They haven't fired me yet. As I muddle through the first few months of my presidency, I'm continuously supported by Unit 1's Auxiliary members and its Past Presidents. God Bless every one of them!

The Auxiliary's Craft Fair (held the Saturday after Thanksgiving) was a resounding success! It was the most successful Craft Fair we've had in the past 10 years, raising over \$2,000. This money goes a long way to support our Emergency Fund, the 244th, and veterans and their families with temporary struggles throughout the year.

Unit 1, with the help of our Legion family, was able to provide

funding for a 244th Christmas Party. On December 11 over 400 family members of the 244th Engineer Battalion stationed at Buckley were fed. LueAnne Robbins is our FRG Liaison for this Unit. In addition, our Christmas Basket Project adopted a 244th family with eight children, presenting them with a \$500 Walmart gift card.

Upcoming events for the Auxiliary are the Chili Cook Off on January 28, the Auxiliary and Sons are co-sponsoring the event this year; and, on February 25, the Auxiliary will again host a Cajun Dinner and silent auction to celebrate Mardi Gras. Look for flyers regarding each of these events.

Best wishes from Auxiliary Unit 1 for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Check out the calendar on the back page for all the upcoming Post 1 events and activities!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Acosta
Alisha Baustian
Ron Bishop
Renee Bridge
Nathan Bryant
Juan Cabello
Bob Carlson
Ken Dzikowicz
Reid Fournier
John Gargano
Robert James
Art Learch
Dawn Leland
Robert Mason
Darrell Merten
Heather Mulqueen
Spencer Mumma
Jessie Purington
Suzy Stasko
Dan Szelkowski
Stan Tharp

Mikayla Todd
Benedict Urbish

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Paul Bucher
Raymond Frost
Jim Johnson
Gilbert Johnson
Vickie Jones
Thomas Lane
William Lowe
Chris Lucero
Sean Lynch
John Mathis
Tom McClinton
Frank McCurdy
Bob Miller
Dominick Minelli
Janice Napoleon
Mike Pritchard
Cy Regan
Sam Searcy
Bradley Travillian



Winner of the \$10 gift was Margaret Stenson.

244th Christmas Party

by LueAnne Robbins, FRG Unit 1 Representative

Before I report on the Christmas Party for the soldiers and families in the 244th Engineer Battalion U.S. Army Reserves, I want to share some history for newer members of the Post 1 family. The troops had just gotten home from Iraq, the Auxiliary wanted to honor them at a Hamburger Night. Most were cleaning and storing their equipment but two men were able to come and one asked "if you can adopt us?" The Auxiliary adopted the HHC. Reservists cannot legally ask for help and do not have the



support that those soldiers at an Army Base receive.

Our Auxiliary President at the time, Cyndi Clavier, as well as some Auxiliary members became members of the Family Readiness Group of the 244th. Ron Bishop was Commander and felt that the Legion could not "let the ladies get ahead of the Post" and the Post adopted them too. Over the years we have worked to produce two mandatory parties per year, established a Food Bank, and helped soldiers in a pinch.

This year's Christmas Party was the largest ever! Over 400 people were fed.

There is a core FRG group of three women; four others helped with this party. Ten soldiers were assigned or volunteered to help unload the cars loaded with food, craft and game supplies, gifts, and the essentials for throwing a party. They also set up the buffet tables and unpacked many bags of gifts.

Our Post 1 American Legion Family could not have given this party without the help of other groups and individuals! Texas Roadhouse gave a great deal on the food; Cherry Hills Community Church gave us wrapped gifts for girls; an individual, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated \$800; and a Mom and Daughter (also anonymous) donated bags of toys.



"Sunshine Boyz" (a non partisan group in Littleton that keeps an eye on City Hall) donated food for the food bank, men's clothing, gift cards and cash; "Girls Running" gave 400 cans of food for the food bank; 38th District Democrats gave a car packed with food for the food bank. Buckley Leadership Development Center waived the \$200 rental fee, and the man who would have been given the money, stayed and helped.

Working together we were able to serve those who have been serving us. Not an elegant party but a generous and fun party! Every child got gifts.



The Food Bank has been a Blessing to the troops, they cannot say enough how grateful they are for the help. Sunshine Boyz has had three food drives and a school supplies drive for the 244th this year! We have a "shopping time" at drill and easily help 100 soldiers each time. The reason they need help is some lost jobs while deployed, and rents are skyrocketing. Every soldier needing groceries got them. We were "cleaned out" at the Saturday December drill and again on Sunday at the Party. The families were most appreciative of all the help.

Your Membership Is Important!

If you haven't already done so, it is time to pay your 2017 membership dues. Your membership in this Veterans organization is very important. We need you in order to help The American Legion remain strong in its support of active duty military families, Veterans and their families, and children and youth. So please pay your dues before the end of January.

Legion = \$50

Auxiliary = \$25

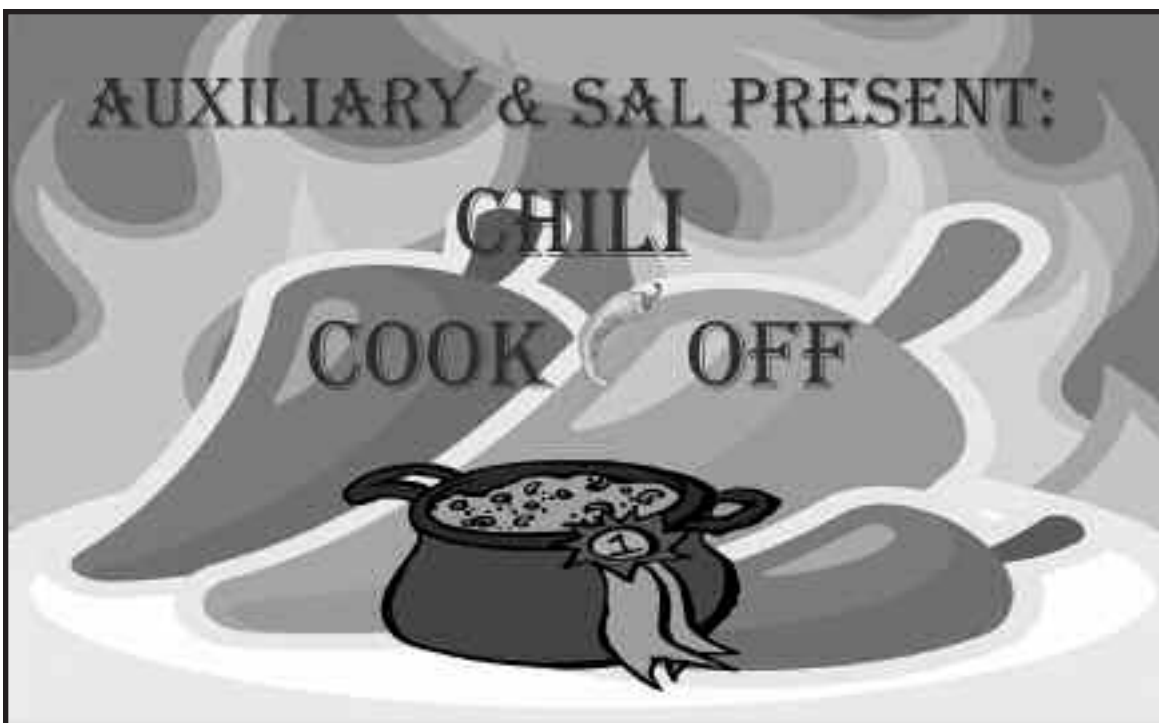
Sons of the Legion (SAL) = \$20

As of December 21, membership paid for 2017 stands as follows: Legion total 781, goal is 1,023; Auxiliary total 140, goal is 278; Sons total 57.

244th Clothing Fund

A gentleman from Littleton, who wishes to remain anonymous, came up with a wonderful way to help soldiers who have outdoor jobs and don't have proper clothing.

Since there is a \$25 limit on gifts for soldiers, and Carhartt boots and insulated pants are more expensive than that, his idea was to donate and designate \$500 to the America Legion Auxiliary Unit 1 and have the Auxiliary administer the funds because we can give what we want and not break Army rules. The soldiers are now aware the funds are there, and to see Georgia for help.



WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION POST 1
WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2017
COMPETITION STARTS AT 12 NOON

One of the hottest events of the year! Whether you want to cook and compete... or just want to eat, you are bound to have a whole lotta fun!

COST: \$10 PER ENTRY (GREEN, RED, OR OTHER)
\$5 TO TASTE ALL ENTRIES (INCLUDING YOUR OWN)
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SAL CHARITIES

Register by January 25th to compete

Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place for each Chili type



Mardi Gras

Saturday, February 25, 2016
Save the Date!







Mardi Gras at Post One
Fun, Food, Silent Auction, Music

Cajun food cooked by our very own Louisiana born Auxiliary Member served from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
 \$10 Dinner tickets may be purchased at the bar.

Sponsored by the Auxiliary, Unit One, to benefit the
AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND
 Silent Auction from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm



CALENDAR OF EVENTS • January-February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Attend The Church Of Your Choice New Year's Day Post Open As Usual	2 Post Open at 11 a.m. Art Class 7-9 p.m.	3 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	4 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Auxiliary Hamburger Night 5-7 p.m. SAL MEETING 7 p.m.	5 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	6 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. No Karaoke Private Party	7 Pearl Harbor Survivors Ceremony 10 a.m.	
8 Attend The Church Of Your Choice 40/8 Breakfast 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	9 Bar Opens at 3 p.m.  JANUARY BIRTHDAYS Celebration • 6 p.m. Cake & \$10 Drawing Art Class • 7-9 p.m.	10 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LEGION & AUXILIARY MEETINGS 7 p.m.	11 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Legion Hamburger Night 5-7 p.m.	12 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. PLANNING & HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS 6:30 p.m.	13 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	14	
15 Attend The Church Of Your Choice	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Bar Opens at 3 p.m. Art Class • 7-9 p.m. Omega Parliamentarians 7-9 p.m.	17 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	18 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 40/8 Hamburger Night 5-7 p.m.	19 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:30 p.m.	20 Mid-Year Conference Crowne Plaza DIA Hotel Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Karaoke 7-11 p.m.	21 Mid-Year Conference Crowne Plaza DIA Hotel 40/8 Promenade 10 a.m.	
22 Attend The Church Of Your Choice	23 Bar Opens at 3 p.m. Art Class 7-9 p.m.	24 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Poker Night 6 p.m. See Barb or Vicki for details	25 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. SAL Hamburger Night 5-7 p.m.	26 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. SAL Spaghetti Night 5-7 p.m.	27 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	28  Auxiliary/SAL Chili Cook Off 12-3 p.m.	
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