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2017-2018 Post 1 **Legion Family Officers**

New officers for the Leyden- Sr. Vice Commander - Chris Nepute Chiles-Wickersham Post 1 were in- Jr. Vice Commander – Al Taylor stalled on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. The new officers will serve for the next year and are as follows: **LEGION:**

Commander - Tom Yagley



New Commander Tom Yagley giving his remarks after installation.

Jr. Vice Commander –

Tilde Szelkowski Finance Officer – Jerry Osgood Chaplain – John Holland Sgt-at-Arms – Pablo Palen Executive Board: 3 year term

Bill Erskine, Anthony Jones, **Dave Powers**

Executive Board: 1 year term Ron Ice

AUXILIARY:

President – Teri Mercill Vice President - Rene Bridge Secretary – Donna Thompson Treasurer - Georgia Sweeney Chaplain - Carol McLaughlin Sgt-at-Arms – Kathy Craven

Commander – Dan Szelkowski Sr. Vice – Tom Yagley Jr. Vice - Brad Koenig Jr. Vice - Nick Yagley Finance – Chris Mulqueen Sgt @ arms - Hank Silling



Legion Officers



Unit 1 Auxiliary Officers



SAL Officers

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William Allen "Billy" Thompson, a member of Post 1, served in the Army National Guard from 1969-1975. Billy is a native of Greenville, South Carolina, and played college football at Maryland State College. After playing his last college game, the All Star Game for College Graduates, he became a second round draft pick by the Broncos coach Lou Saban in 1969.

While practicing his first season, two Military Police personnel showed up on the practice field and were ready to take Billy into custody for not registering for the draft. Coach Saban stepped in and negotiated a deal that would allow Billy to complete his first season with the understanding that after the season he would report to the Army for induction.

In late November 1969, Billy reported to Fort Ord for basic training, tired and battered and bruised from a grueling season as a rookie. But did the Army care? No, he was nothing but a lowly recruit in basic training. Billy excelled at Fort Ord and was selected as the Basic Training Outstanding Training Leader for the



Billy Thompson

4th Platoon and thereby the Platoon Leader. One of his most cherished experiences was this selection and all of his accomplishments on the field of baseball and football were thus secondary to the recognition he received from his fellow recruits. He speaks proudly of this accomplishment and the pride instilled in him through the Army basic training program.

In his rookie season, 1969, he led the league in punts and kickoff returns and was the starting cornerback for the Denver Broncos. Thompson was a three-time Pro Bowl selection and was inducted into the Broncos Ring of Fame in 1987. Thompson played his entire 13-year career for the Denver Broncos from 1969-1981. During his career he was selected to the three Pro Bowls in 1977, 1978, and 1981 and was an All-Pro selection in 1977. He is currently third on the Broncos all-time list for games started with 179, tenth in games played with 179, and holds the club record for interception return yards at 784.

Billy is currently the Director of Community Outreach for the Denver Broncos.

When interviewing him, he was silent about his accomplishments on the football field. Like so many other veterans, all of his sports accomplishments are secondary to his accomplishments in the Army National Guard and having the opportunity to serve his country and represent the U.S. Army.

Bicycles For The Second Chance Bicycle Shop

Post 1 is still collecting bikes for the Second Chance Bicycle Shop. The American Legion Post 1 supports the shop and is planning a bike collection day sometime in the near future. We hope to establish a date sometime in late July.

During a recent neighborhood cleanup day, plus a neighborhood garage sale, members of this Post collected bikes for Second Chance. A message was posted on the Nextdoor neighborhood website asking for bikes, and through this posting, 19 bikes were collected for the shop.

The bikes will be repaired by young people performing community service, and given to veterans and their families, and others needing a bike, based on their ability to pay. Each young man or woman working to complete their community service will receive a bike at the completion of their service.

It's a great program and if you know of anyone that wants to donate a used bike, please bring it into the Post and we'll make sure it gets to



Ernie Clark and Will Webb worked together to get the bikes on the truck for the Second Chance Bicycle Shop. The bikes collected by Ernie are appreciated and he sends his thanks to all who participated. Yes, that's Winnie the Wonder Dog sticking her nose in on the photo op.

Ernie Clark, owner and manager of the Second Chance Bicycle Shop,

is grateful for the support given to his organization by the American Legion Post 1.

Attention All Legion Family Members

BICYCLE COLLECTION AT THE POST Saturday, August 26 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

If you have a bicycle just sitting around collecting dust, consider donating it to "Second Chance Bicycle Shop" by just dropping it off at Post 1. This is the shop run by Ernie Clark, who received the 40/8 "Citizen of the Year" award in 2016. He collects bicycles no longer being used, fixes them and gives them to those

Bicycles can be in any shape or size and bicycle parts are also appreciated. If you have any questions, you may call Ernie at 720-270-5731.

Commander's Corner

by Commander Tom Yagley



What does one say other than thank you for the support and electing me as your LCW Post 1 Commander. The next is the obvious and deservedly so; congratulations to our now Past Commander Anthony Jones for two years of impressive leadership. The bar is set high, I am looking forward to working with the Legion Family as we advance and grow our organization. Our Legion Agenda will continue to emphasize and strengthen our support of Veterans and our Troops.

We will continue with the excellent Veteran support provided by Project Sanctuary.

May Election results are listed elsewhere in this edition. I am pleased to share my committee chairman appointments for this year:

Service Officer – Dick Hassell; Post Chaplain – John Holland; Historian – Will Webb; Sue Wagner will continue as our outstanding Bar Manager. Americanism– Clotilde Szelkowski; Boys State and Oratorical – Will Webb; Child & Welfare – Will Webb.

House and Planning – Chris Nepute will temporarily chair this position. I will continue to pursue within LCW1 an appointment for House Chair for this Legion year.

Following the Installation June 13 I have used the expression, "here we go." Translation, let's have a most productive and a fun year.

God Bless everyone at LCW1, all the American Legions, God Bless our troops everywhere, remember our MIAs, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

Thank you.



Post 1 Commander Tom Yagley with his son Nick Yagley, SAL Jr. Vice Commander.

ATTENTION! All American Legion Baseball Fans

by Ron Ice

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of our Eaglecrest LCW Post 1 Raptors!

The season is off to a good start, with even more exciting games to come during July.

Please be sure to check the schedule on the Post bulletin board or the message board in the bar area.

For those who would like to attend a game without the hassle of driving, we are considering using the 40/8 van for transportation to an upcoming "HOME" game. If interested, please leave your name and phone number with me, the bar-

tender, or the front office.

Also, thanks in advance for your cash donations to the Baseball Fund jars located on the shelves behind the bar. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated and will help our youth baseball team. The service branch donating the most money to this fundraiser will receive recognition and their name plate will be added to the existing plaque, which is next to the bar. The Army received the recognition for the past two years.

No matter who gets recognized let's all support our youth baseball program. Go Raptors!

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Commander, Tom Yagley; Senior Vice Commander, Chris Nepute; Junior Vice Commanders, Al Taylor and Tilde Szelkowski; Adjutant, Patrick Burch; Finance Officer, Jerry Osgood; Chaplain, John Holland; Sergeant-At-Arms, Pablo Palen.

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Jr. Vice, House Committee Update

by Tom Yagley, Chairman

Closing remarks. This last Legion year was interesting and very productive. With the support from the Commander and all the Legion family we accomplished everything scheduled, plus numerous "we can do that."

"Comedy night was a success" is an understatement. Organized by Kipp Klupacs, this was a great fundraiser for Colorado Bike MS. Hats off with applause to those who braved the lights — our very own Barb Aaker, Bill Wells, Heather Mulqueen, and funny guy Kipp. Huge thank you to the kitchen crew Spencer, Rick, Nick, Chris N, also Vickie, Ashley and Ellen. And of course, the lighting and sound master designer, Chris Mulqueen.

News From The Galley:

Lunch crowd continues to increase, everyone enjoying a great meal is great P.R. The weekly selections can adapt to patron desires, recently the Philly Cheese Steak was added and enthusiasti-

cally received.

The lunch menu now includes additional healthy choices such as various salads and pasta.

Mike is considering adding leaner meats to include on the menu choices. He would appreciate your ideas, look for a suggestion box by the kitchen.

Mike's passion is obvious — serving the Veterans by providing an enjoyable quality meal. He truly appreciates everyone's enthusiasm and support.

Our Bar beer selection has also

improved recently. The new chilled trunk lines with the addition of two craft beers, the would be Cicerone's TM truly appreciates. We will continue with the ever-popular Happy Hour. Alas we need to keep up with the times including increasing expenses. Beginning July 1 the Happy Hour beer and well drinks will increase 25 cents.

Please continue to support all our Legion Family events, Hamburger Nights, etc. There will new, fresh faces in the kitchen. Stop by, say hello, and enjoy the meals.

Adjutant News

by Patrick Burch

Hello to all Post 1 family members! We just had the installation of our new officers and we are set to go forward into the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017. Our new Post Commander is Tom Yagley. Commander Yagley takes over from our previous two term Commander Tony Jones. I want to personally thank Commander Jones for his excellent leadership over the last two years. We have one new officer, Junior Vice Commander Clotilde Szelkowski. All the other officers are serving again in the same capacity as last year. I wish all of you a fun-filled summer. We have numerous fun activities planned so, watch the message board for details.

40/8 Greetings

by Tom Yagley, Chef de Gare

May and June were replete with 40/8 activities and accomplishments. Al, Jimmy, Tony, Richard, and Tom attended the Central States Promenade du Texas. We enjoyed Texan hospitality, touring Texas State Capital in Austin, and Camp Mabry Museum including Texas Merci Boxcar.

Colorado and Voiture 97 will host Central States 2019. With new responsibilities titles are presented, and I'm the VP of Central States. Believe this includes a new alarm clock.

The Grande du Colorado Promenade in May was held at LCW1. Various Voitures were present. Business included nominations and elections. V97 is well represented in

Colorado, nominations and elections included Grande Aumonier – Anthony Jones, Grande Conducteur – Jim Atkins, Grande Chef de Gare – Tom Yagley.

Mother's Day Breakfast was enjoyed by many. Huge thank you to all who prepared, presented, and did the cleanup. During our V97 Promenade five new Voyageurs were initiated, we are extremely pleased to include in V97: Mike Winget, Deborah Davis, Sue Wagner, Spencer Mumma. John Liveris.

V97 nominations and elections June 17: Chef de Train – Jim Atkins; Commissaire intendant – Vickie Studinski; Conducteur – Al Taylor, our new Correspondant – Anthony Jones; and with unequivocal enthusiasm our new Chef de Gare – Randy Ackerman.

Appointments include: Aumonier – Dan Schamberger, Garde de la porte – Jerry Thompson, Lampiste – Norm Anderberg. Voyageurs Dave Powers and Glen Stenson your service to the 40/8 has be exceptional, thank you. Of course we continue to utilize their expertices

Hope everyone enjoys a fun summer and returns rested and ready. August 12 is our Annual visit to Colorado Veterans Home at Fitzsimons where we will grill and serve hamburgers and hot dogs to the Veterans, families, and the outstanding staff. We always can use a few extra hands. Next Promenade September 16.

For God and Country.

Memories Flourish At The Wall

Clotilde Szelkowski remembers John Souther as an "all-around wonderful person" who could be a funloving prankster with a serious side.

Souther's memory is what motivated Szelkowski to make the trip from Colorado to Washington, D.C., for Memorial Day commemorations at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

"The ultimate sacrifice my brothers and sisters paid is what brings me out today," said Szelkowski, a member of Post 1 in Denver. "I don't remember when (Souther) was killed. I don't want to remember. I just know he's on the Wall, and he is probably the No. 1 reason. But the others are the No. 1.1 reason. None of them are any more important than the others."

Szelkowski, who served as a Navy corpsman, visited Souther's name on the Wall. "I try to remember when we were kids because that's



Coltilde Szeklowski of Post 1 in Denver salutes Gold Star mother Georgie Carter Krell, after discovering that Krell was the mother of Medal of Honor recipient Bruce Carter after the Memorial Day observance at the Wall in Washington, D.C.

when I knew him. Otherwise I totally break down."

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the Wall. During the Memorial Day Observance at the Wall ceremony on Monday, American Legion National Vice Commander Paul Esponiza laid a wreath on behalf of the nation's largest veterans organization.

Photos by Lucas Carter/The American Legion

A detail of pins on the vest of Coltilde Szelkowski of Post 1 in Denver after the Memorial Day observance at the Wall in Washington, D.C., on Monday, May 29.

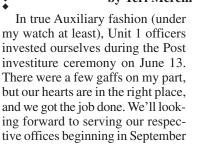
Do You Take Photos Of Events Happening At Post #1?

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.

President's Report

by Teri Mercill



Even though there are no Auxiliary meetings in July or August, Unit 1 Auxiliary will have some upcoming events. Look for information regarding a community-wide Post Flea Market/Garage Sale on Saturday, July 29. This event will be spearheaded by Heather Mulqueen. Karen Taylor will organize an Oktoberfest celebration at the Post sometime in September. Information will be posted.

Unit 1 had a banner year; where we raised close to \$12,000 for local and national veteran and Auxiliary organizations. In 2017-2018, we'll be working hard to exceed this num-

Flea Market/Garage Sale Saturday, July 29 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Unit 1 will be coordinating a Legion-wide, neighborhoodwide Flea Market/Garage Sale. The date will be Saturday, July 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you are interested in helping or having a table, check at the Post for more details. Call the office 303-757-1919 or email adjutant@lcwpost1.org.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Let Us Help You Celebrate

On the second Monday of every month, we celebrate the birthdays for all of our Legion family members. We especially want to include YOU if it is your birthday month.

Many people are already on our birthday lists as listed in *The* Reveille, but it is not automatically recorded with your membership. There is a notebook by the sign-in book to list your name and month only of your birthday (no day or year requested), so please be sure you are included and come so we can share a piece of birthday cake and a chance for the \$10 cash drawing among the birthday month's participants. See you there on July 10 at 6 p.m.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Elbert E. Akers Norman R. Anderberg Caroline Bartley Fernando Bernal Edward J Bernzott Elmore Bland Patrick H. Burch Elizabeth Castro William A. Childs Cyndi K. Clavier Joseph M. Connors Michael C. Craig Shirley A. Cunniff Larry Fahey Paul C. Gremse Antonio Guzman Joseph M. Hajek Jerry L. Herring Patricia A. Herring Raymond E. High Cheryl Hollander Jean Jaffe Arthur M. Klinowski

Susan J. McConaughy Teresa A. Mercill Ralph Millie Levi Mondragon James H. Nadorff Marilyn E. O'Brien Richard A. Oliver Karlheinz

John G. Knoer

Cindy L. Larsen

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Lonnie G. Robertson Lawrene J. Sabo Kenneth R. Schoentag

John H. Schumacher Judy Sheppard Nancy Steinert Mark Steinhoff Allen C. Stone Maureen A. Sullivan Andrew J. Terlep Paris Thomas Steven D. Vonada Susan L. Wagner Wilton W. Webb Laura Wetendorf Edwin J. Wichert Christopher Wilcox Egbert M.

Womack Jr.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Leonard Adamson Ross A. Alexander Genevieve Andrew Billy P. Angelopulos Emily Atencio Rebecca L. Bermel Leo Bonfadini Richard C. Bridge Shirley G. Burns Alfred J. Busnardo Ronald E. Carman Marna L. Chambers Robert Collins Joseph A. Davies **David Davis** James M. Davis William H. Davis James T. Dean Patrick L. Delapp Kenneth W. Dorman David A. Dwyer James D. Edelen Danford W. Eldridge Brandt A. Erickson Otis C. Etter Robert N. Finch Joanne M. Fleck Harry C. Folk Sharon Folk Peter M. Ghiorso

Karen Grant Robert M. Hall Mary Lou Haller Richard Handmaker Richard Hassell Charles M. Johnson Robert D. Kelce Paul E. Kemp Renee Klamut Walter Kostra Dean W. Larson Duane S. Larson Pamela J. Lightfoot William A. Low Ronald Lutz Michael W. Mallett Herbie Martin G. R. Matteson Deb McBride James C. Meyer Jimmy Miller Daniel L. Minehane Robert W. Mott William N. Patterson Janet F. Patterson Michael H. Paukstis Sanford D. Peck Doris J. Petersen George T. Petr Jr. Megan G. Pierce Dan Ripplinger Kathi L. Sandberg Carolyn J.

Scheuerell Cynthia Shull Arnold Singer Paul R. Smith **Andrew Sommers** Allan W. Taylor Thomas M. Terlep Deborah A.

Thompson Gregory A. Tosiou Lloyd R. Toumbs Jr. Tammy S. Travillian Karen R. Unger Jacqueline L. Wagner Glenn E. Walls Thomas G. Walsh Jack W. Ward Rolf L. Weilbach Ronald R. Weimer Donna Wenk Stephen J. White Richard E. Williams Haas F. Yanaga Robert E. Zwiezen

Memorial Day Flags At Crown Hill



Cub Scout Troop and Post 1 family members who put flags on Veterans' graves Memorial Day weekend.



Take Pride In Your Membership.

With a current membership of 2.5-million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans' affairs, Americanism, and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.

NOTICE...

There will be **NO SUNDAY BREAKFAST** in July or August.

Volunteers need some time off! Please join us again in September.

6th Annual Color Guard Car And Motorcycle Show

At Post 1 • Saturday, July 15 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(Parking at 9 a.m.)



Entry Fee: Vehicle \$20 • Motorcycle \$15

Have your picture taken with a live bald eagle for \$20. Receive photo that day.

There will be raffles, prizes, trophies, music and beverages. If you would like to sponsor a trophy for \$25, contact Ken Dorman.

It's A Fun Day! Come Out And Support The Post 1 Color Guard!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS • July-August 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Attend The Church Of Your Choice	Bar Opens at 3 p.m. Art Class 7-9 p.m.	Independence Day SAL Cookout 1 p.m.	Lunch Served 11 a.m1:30 p.m. 40/8 Hamburger Night 5-7 p.m.	Lunch Served 11 a.m1:30 p.m.	Lunch Served 11 a.m1:30 p.m. Karaoke 7-11 p.m.	District 6 PPP Meeting 10:30 a.m.
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