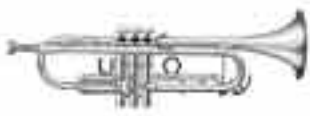


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The American Legion Riders

Legion Riders are slowing down for the year. Dell, Gary and Mikki participated in a flag line at Emily's Run in remembrance of the tragedy in Bailey, Colo., at the end of September.

We also honored a fallen Legion Rider from Post 32. We joined in a ride up to the service with Riders from Posts 38 and 2008 from Colorado Springs area. It is a reminder to us that no matter what Post we belong to we are one Family.

Lastly we would like to thank the Legion Family from Post 1 and Post 87 for coming out to support our Fish Fry. It was a huge success. In making our plans for next year we hope that you will come out to support us. Remember to follow us on Facebook. We are listed under American Legion Riders Post 1, Denver, CO.

And remember our Veterans on Veteran's Day and during the Holidays. We Thank You for your Service and the sacrifices that you and your families made.

Meals At The Post!

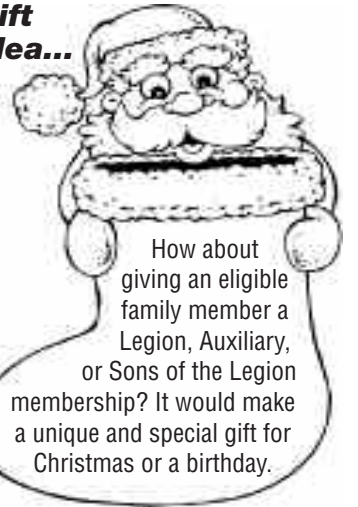
In addition to the weekly Wednesday Hamburger Night, there is breakfast on the second Sunday of the month, and spaghetti night on the last Thursday of the month (except Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve). These meals are prepared by Legion Family Volunteers and all proceeds go to the various Legion Family group's programs.

Don't forget lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday through Friday. Bring a friend or neighbor to lunch — introduce them to The American Legion.

CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS!



Gift Idea...



How about giving an eligible family member a Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the Legion membership? It would make a unique and special gift for Christmas or a birthday.

2016

New Year's Eve Celebration

Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Music by
Innovations Show Band
Playing from 8 p.m.-Midnight

Check the
Post Message Board
for more details.

Participation And Contributions Needed For:

- Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post — See Ron Bishop
- Christmas Day Dinner at the Post — See Sue Wagner
- New Year's Eve Party — See Sue Wagner

Watch for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

Membership

Membership dues will likely increase to cover increased tariff from National & Department HQ. Pay early, prior to Dec, to lock-in the current price. Renew prior to Nov 1st and you'll also receive an invitation to our **Early Bird membership event!**



Commander's Corner

by Commander Tony Jones Sr.



I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued support this year. I have made it very clear that my agenda is to get back to supporting our fellow veterans, and at the same time let's have some fun while helping each other. We, the members of the Legion, 40&8, Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders, have the power to accomplish some really good things and we need to support each other. After all, our goals are the same...HELPING VETERANS! If anyone has a suggestion or an issue, my door is always open. I encourage each and every member to get involved and attend the meetings. You do have a voice here. That being said, I do need someone with Public Relations experience, so if this is you or someone you know, please contact me directly at 720-388-9101.

I also want to inform everyone that since there is virtually no business during the early daytime hours on Mondays, starting on November 2, MONDAYS ONLY, the bar will not open until 3 p.m. This is the only change in the hours of operation.

The good news is the Post will host a pre-Veterans Day barbeque on Saturday, November 7. The Sousa Band will be performing and there will be free hamburgers and hot dogs following the performance. We are asking that members bring a side dish to share.

There will be a Thanksgiving Day meal at the Post. My family and I have volunteered to cook and help serve. Hope to see you there.

In closing let's have a safe and fun holiday season. I will be seeing you around the Post. Thank you and God Bless.

Sr. Vice Commander Message

by Chris Nepute

By now, most of our membership is aware there have been a couple of changes to the Post's leadership team. On September 28, the Post Executive Board confirmed Anthony "Tony" Jones as our new Commander. Tony wasted no time in appointing me to the Senior Vice position, along with Tony Chilelli as the new bar manager and Ron Bishop as a House Committee member. With the E-Board's approval, it was official.

I accepted these responsibilities with the understanding that it means serving Post 1, our Legionnaires, and our entire Legion family, to the best of my ability. As we plan the year's events, we need your input, ideas, and yes... your help. We can do much; I'm looking forward to doing this as a team that involves the entire Legion family.

Jr. Vice Commander

by Tom Yagley

The opportunity of providing the following was delegated to this Junior Vice — We need to increase the Hamburger and Spaghetti Night prices. An increase of \$1 per meal was discussed and approved in the General Membership Meeting on October 13, 2015. Effective beginning November 4 the price for these meals will be \$6. Hey, it's still a great deal! Please continue to join your friends as your Legion organizations prepare the Wednesday Hamburgers and Monthly Spaghetti Nights. We enjoy serving you and raising money for the charities we all support.

Military Appreciation Day 2016 — Planning has commenced! Committees to be initiated; kickoff after the first of the year. I am sure we can build on the exceptional effort and success of this year's MAD which was chaired and energized by Karen Taylor. Thank you Karen and everyone.

Also a huge thank you to Ray Moreno, Chef de Gare 40&8 Voiture 97, 2013-2015. His dedication and direction is and always will be appreciated.

"Inflation is when you pay \$15 for the \$10 haircut you used to get for \$5 when you had hair."

— Sam Ewing



Adjutant News

by Patrick Burch

Hello to all American Legion Family Members! I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful fall we are having. There are numerous changes and activities coming up at the Post. First of all please join me in wishing our new Commander Anthony Jones and our new Senior Vice Commander Chris Nepute much success in their new positions.

There will be a pre-Veterans Day celebration at the Post on Saturday, November 7 and we have plans for participation in the Veterans Day Parade on November 8, 2015. There will also be holiday celebrations of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Watch the TV monitor in the bar for further details on these upcoming events.

Support The Post #1 Color Guard By Buying A Ticket For The Current Gun Raffle

The prize is a Henry Golden Boy "Military Service" Tribute Edition rifle.

Tickets are \$10 each.

Drawing will be held on 11-11-2015 @ 1600hrs.

For more information check the flyers at the Post.



We are never too old to learn. Did you know this?

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, Captain Ellicombe decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock.

In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

40/8 Greetings

by Ray Moreno
Former Chef De Gare

I would like to thank all the Legion members who helped my family give my daughter Mickey a beautiful and happy celebration on her journey forward. It was kind for all the Legion families to step up and help set up and provide food, and for the encouraging, kind words to my daughter Jewell and to my wife Carol. It has been a very hectic time for all my family. Knowing that the Legion was there to help with support was a great relief for my family and friends. You won't believe how many compliments I got from friends that there were so many good cooks in the Legion family. My family is slowly going through my daughter's belongings and when they are able to catch their breath they will send thank you cards.

I am leaving this Post and good friends to recover my sanity and overcome my grief for both my mother and daughter who I lost this year. I am moving to Canon City to be closer to my wife and daughter who live in Colorado Springs.

Hopefully I can use the solitude to help me with my anger issues and depression.

Enough about me and my family, there are plenty of things that the Legion and the organizations have planned for the holidays. November events scheduled include the 40/8 Turkey Shoot on November 21; Auxiliary Holiday Fair will be Saturday, November 28. There are activities planned in honor of Veterans Day. On Saturday, November 7, the Sousa Band will be playing at the Post, starting at 1 p.m. and there will be hamburgers and hot dogs following the performance. We are planning to be part of the Veterans Day parade in Denver on Sunday, November 8. Wednesday, November 11 is Auxiliary Hamburger Night.

In regards to the 40/8, we are grateful to Tom Yagley for stepping up and being our new Chef de Gare and to all the rest of the 40/8 members who are filling the other positions. Remember I am only moving to Canon City and this is still my first post. I will remain a member I just won't be there that often.

The Story Of Taps

The following morning, heart-broken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals was born.

The words are:

Day is done Gone the sun From the lakes From the

hills From the skies..... All is well, Safely rest God is nigh

Fading light Dims the sight And a star Gems the sky Gleaming bright, From afar, Drawing nigh, Falls the night.

Thanks and praise.....For our days..... Neath the sun..... Neath the stars..... Neath the sky... As we go.....This we know.....God is nigh.

I, too, have felt the chills while listening to "Taps" but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either, so I thought I'd pass it along. I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Remember those lost or harmed while serving their country. Thank those who have served, or are currently serving in our armed forces.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2016 DUES?

IF SO, JOIN YOUR FELLOW LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS FOR THE

"EARLY BIRD" PARTY ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 FROM 4-6 P.M.



Share in the food, drinks, and fellowship. Get to know members of your organization. If your dues are paid by Wednesday, November 11, you are considered an "Early Bird" and are invited to participate.

So get those checks in, or go online and pay your dues today!

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We Care About You

Attention All Post #1 Members

Your feedback is always important to us! Some Post members have shared a particular concern and we would like to help. Should something happen, many of us, including our Post, have no way of notifying a friend, family member, or relative of your difficulty. Please take a moment and fill out the attached request and return it to the Post as soon as possible. Thank you!

Name _____
 Person to Notify _____
 Phone # _____
 Relationship: _____
 Friend ___ Relative ___ Other _____

President's Report

by Sue Wagner



Now that we are back in full swing, Unit 1's selfless volunteerism continues to increase with new and existing members providing fresh ideas and support for Auxiliary activities. Keeping our mission in mind we continue to focus on opportunities which provide much needed service and support for our veterans.

With that said we have a long list of activities planned. Singling out a few: our annual Holiday Craft Fair, November 28, 2015; Mardi Gras event, February 6, 2016; continue growing membership; and supporting Girls State. If you are interested in helping out with any of these activities please contact me or Ann Ritacco.

Additionally, upcoming Legion family events include: Thanksgiving (led by Ron Bishop), Christmas

Auxiliary Membership

Auxiliary members please promote our organization. In order to do this talk to your friends, including members of your church, other organizations you belong to, teachers, etc. Department has given us a goal to grow our Unit, District and Department. These goals are as follows: one new senior member by each member, two members for Unit Officers, three members for District Officers and four new members for each Department Officer. There is also an opportunity to win \$500. This will be divided between you and the person that you recruit. So make sure your name is on the front of the application to be put in for this drawing. Let's get out there in our community and bring in those members. In doing so this will help us keep our organization around past the year 2030.

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

(led by Joanne Carpenter), and New Year's Eve (led by Paul Gremse). New Year's Eve planning is still in progress so please pay attention to the electronic board for more information as it becomes available.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sherry Cook
Bryce Hedin
Carol McLaughlin
Cyndi Emery
Harold Graper
Normand Paradis
John Thornbloom
Lawrence Varner
Gerry Emrick
Dennis Fraker
Gene Gillette
Chase Franklin
Chris Mulqueen
Ron Olson
Kevin Truitt
Kathi Nicolai
Donald Wold
Nancy Meier
Robert Ochsner
Fran Wade
Mike Jarboe
Clinton Allen
Rockey Hagan
Gene Vignerot

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Osgood
John Martinez
Al Duran
Lori Nepute
Ron Gutru
William Henry
Celeste Gamache
John Gilbert
David Popple
Glen Stenson
Margaret Stenson
Jim Bisch
Michael Winget
Terry Mannlein
Gary Jantz
Scarlett Pastore
Greg Nelson
Jennifer Napoleon
Gary Grant
Kristin Jordal
Bonnie Hahn
Frank Rome
Connie Sue Payne
Jean Bauer
Nick Yagley

Auxiliary Members it is time to renew your membership for 2016.



Membership dues are \$25.

Please mail your dues to the Post or drop it off. Please put on the envelope Aux Dues.

If you have any questions please contact Ann Ritacco @ 303-523-5202 or quiltbearco@hotmail.com

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #1 Holiday Craft Fair

November 28, 2015
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



American Legion Post #1
5400 E. Yale Ave. (East of I-25)

Jingle Your Way To The Craft Fair!

Voiture 97 40/8

Annual Turkey Shoot

Saturday, November 21, 2015
2 p.m.

Air Rifle Shooting with Russ Attema
Turkey Raffles and 50/50 Drawings











Food will be available

The public is welcome to this Veterans event



Proceeds to benefit the Fisher House

CALENDAR OF EVENTS • November-December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Attend The Church Of Your Choice	2 Bar Opens at 3 p.m. Art Class 7-9 p.m.	3  ELECTION DAY Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	4 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. SAL 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. Karaoke 7-11 p.m.	7 Pre-Veterans Day Celebration At The Post 1 p.m.
8 Attend The Church Of Your Choice Auxiliary Breakfast 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	9 Bar Opens at 3 p.m.  NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS Celebration • 6 p.m. Cake & \$10 Drawing Art Class • 7-9 p.m.	10 Marine Corps Day Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LEGION & AUXILIARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS 7 p.m.	11  Veterans Day Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Auxiliary 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. Texas Hold'em 6 p.m.	14 Legion Riders Meeting 10 a.m. "Early Bird" Party 4-6 p.m.
15 Attend The Church Of Your Choice	16 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. Legion Hamburger Night 5-7 p.m.	19 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:30 p.m.	20 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Karaoke 7-11 p.m.	21 40/8 Promenade 1:30 p.m. 40/8 Turkey Shoot 2 p.m.
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