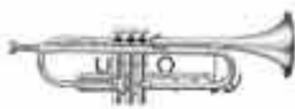


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Two Little Words

The two little words — THANK YOU — seem so inadequate to express gratitude to all who supported Military Appreciation Day on August 1. Despite the heat of the day, our wonderful members stepped up and made it all happen in the most wonderful way.

There are so many who have worked on this project, it is not possible to name each individually, but all involved and who attended know of your efforts. The co-chairs

who have been dedicated from the very beginning, namely Tom Yagley, David Powers, Karen Taylor, Lori and Chris Nepute, and Al Taylor, want to express their thanks to all.

That response by our membership truly is the heart of the American Legion family. As we know, our strength lies within all members at the Post level, each contributing their time, talents and gifts to further aid our veterans, their

families, our active-duty troops and our community.

We did not have an absolute count, but know that we had approximately 210 guests, with a number of them either joining or expressing interest in doing so. It serves as a good reminder to all of us to continue to be watchful for new faces entering the Post and extend a warm welcome in follow-up. Sometimes we get so lost in our own activities and conversations, that we lose sight of that one person who comes in, looking for a smile or welcome.

Our committee members in a meeting following MAD volunteered unanimously to plan a second annual day and we are tentatively looking at July 30, 2016. We look forward to your support in whatever way you may be able to participate in making it a bigger and better day to honor those who are serving or have served our great country.

If any of you have suggestions for larger corporate donor sponsorships to help finance this day, please contact Karen Taylor, 303-680-6078, before Oct. 1, as most corporations are finalizing their new year budgets before the last quarter of the year.

So, whether you donated cookies, posted colors in such a fine way and then worked security, worked with the kids (a mighty task), helped with adult activities and transportation, cooked or took care of beverages, gave out prizes, set-up and took down equipment, made possible the sound and announcements, took care of us in the office and accounting (Mike F — hats off to you) or simply provided moral and financial support to all who did — YOU ARE THE GREATEST!!!!



LABOR DAY PROGRAM

Voiture 97 of the 40/8 and LCW Post #1 will co-host Labor Day activities, **Monday, September 7** starting at 11 a.m. featuring hamburgers and hot dogs, followed by the John Philip Sousa Band at 1 p.m. The Band will be playing the concert inside the hall.

Come early; enjoy great music and good food.

Legion Riders Fish Fry

Friday, October 16th, 2015

5-7pm before Karaoke

Commander's Corner

by Commander Elwood "Woody" Glaser

Welcome LCW Post 1 Legion family to initiating the Post's 2015-2016 year. This year we are celebrating the new season with a Potluck Dinner to kick off the September Annual Meeting for the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, the Riders, and 40/8. This will run from 5:30-6:45 p.m. on September 8.



Here are just a few highlights of the last and new Post season:

1. The installation of a voting member for the Auxiliary, Sons, Riders and 40/8 on the House Committee.
 2. Americanism successfully sent five boys to Boys State. Charlie Schmidt was voted to the office of Senior Senator and went on to Boys Nation. Joe Utke was invited to return to Boys State next year as a counselor, which he accepted. Charlie Schmidt was also a finalist in the State Legion Oratorical Competition. We currently have new appointees to this year's Americanism Committees and wish for continued success.
 3. Thanks to Paul Dixon for doing all the coordination for new thermostats, alarm system repair, front room IT installation, and establishing the format for Post room rentals and even all the ground work for replacing the Post roof.
 4. Thanks also to Frank McCurdy for finalizing the cell tower contract. This only required his persistence over the last two years with the help of Larry Carroll, Department Judge Advocate.
 5. Congratulations to the entire Military Appreciation Day Committee (MAD) spearheaded by Karen Taylor and Lori Nepute for the first event on August 1. The day certainly provided new energy to the entire Post Family.
- One has the sincerest hope that this year, we, as LCW Post 1, put a true effort to support American Veterans with action.

Jr. Vice Commander

by Tom Yagley

by Tom Yagley

What happened? One day a naïve Legion member, a hamburger night hack, a MADC collaborator, then surprise — elections happened, and now a Junior Vice. Thank you for your support, I am looking forward to a productive Legion Year with our fellow Officers.

I would like recognize a few activities, ones I am familiar with and express just how fortunate we are — we have a multitude of Post 1 activities and fantastic volunteers.

Legion Hamburger Nights are going well. This year I recruited a new Post 1 member and of course Will Webb is now a kitchen mainstay. Now for the shameless solicitation, additional volunteers would be very helpful. Please let me know if you have any interest. Stop by Legion HB Night, Aug. 26 and chat, contact me via Bar Mail Call, or at tjaw42@comcast.net. (If Ray can run burgers...!)

Military Appreciation Day — what can anyone say other than a Tremendous Congratulations to Karen Taylor and all the committees. Sounds like 2016 is a go!

Legion Breakfast Aug. 9 — Our guests enjoyed and appreciated the excellent effort by Donna Thompson, Will Webb, Chris Nepute, Donna Read, Randy Thompson, Tony Jones, and our relentless Al Taylor — colleague extraordinaire.

Also a quick appreciation to Glen, Dave, Chef Ray, Mike, Karen, Jerry, Lori, Woody, Georgia, Tony, Jeff, Sue, Ken, Jim, Brandt, Paul(s), Barkeeps, and all in SAL, 40/8, Auxiliary, Color Guard, and Riders.

Thank you one and all, it is my good fortune these three years meeting, and the privilege of working with everyone at LCW 1.

"Still Serving America."

God Bless our Veterans. God Bless America.

Adjutant News

by Patrick Burch

Greetings! I hope you all had a good summer. The Post is now ready to get back to regular schedule, starting this month with a General Membership Meeting. Two items that I would like to bring your attention to are:

1. The Post loses money being open during the day on Monday. We would like everyone to give some thought to not opening the bar until 15:00 (3 p.m.) on Mondays. We will put this to a vote during the General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, September 8, 2015.
2. Building Maintenance Procedures: I am the Building Maintenance Manager. All requests for repairs, replacements or new equipment should be made through me. There are work order request forms on the closet door in the entry hallway. Please use these or contact me directly to make us aware of your concern. I realize this seems somewhat cumbersome but, the Post is managed by written procedures and this is the way we need to handle these issues. Hope you have an enjoyable fall. GO BRONCOS!

40/8 Greetings

by Ray Moreno, Chef de Gare

Well, only three more weeks left before we say goodbye to summer on September 7, Labor Day. The Post is planning a Labor Day Celebration with a Sousa Band Concert at 1 p.m. Prior to the concert, hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at 11 a.m.

We will have our Legion and Auxiliary General Membership Meeting on September 8 with a potluck starting at 6 p.m. So fix up your favorite potluck dish to share before our General Meeting.

Let's not forget September 11,

Patriot Day, which falls on Friday of that week. We are going to have another Steak Dinner on September 18. We hope that you will stay for Karaoke afterward.

The Legion Riders are planning a Friday Fish Fry on October 16, so let's give them a good crowd.

I am so sorry I missed the 40/8 Annual Fitzsimons Cookout but sometimes we all have personal things that need our attention first.

One more thing and I then will shut up: don't forget to get your membership dues paid for next year.

The American Legion Riders

Well, we had a good Poker Run. We had a good ride and only had to deal with a little rain.

On August 15, the riders met at the Post at 6 a.m. and headed to Cripple Creek for the Veterans Rally. They met up with other riders in Woodland Park, and rode as a group into Cripple Creek. It was a good day for a ride.

The other big news is that the Riders have a Facebook page: American Legion Riders Post 1

Denver Colorado.

The Riders are looking at other fundraising events in the next couple months. Please come out to support us. The first item that has been confirmed is a Fish Fry on October 16 from 5-7 p.m. Then stay and enjoy Karaoke afterward.

Our meetings are on the second Saturday of every month, starting at 10 a.m. We will go for a ride after our meeting as long as the weather is good. Once the weather changes we will jump into vehicles and go for a ride that way.

From The Finance Officer

I hope everybody has had a wonderful summer so far this year. As we start the new fiscal year, I was wanting to give the L.C.W Post 1 membership an update on the financial health of the Post. It was a good year financially, due to a lot of things that nobody has control over, but worked out to our benefit. Pull tabs and room rentals were the primary revenue drivers this year, and would be examples of these benefits. The trick now is to be able to carry forward the results we had this past year into our new year.

The construction of the new roof for the building is scheduled to begin in late summer or early fall. I would like to personally thank everybody that has donated to the roof fund; and donations are still being accepted until the roof is finished.

Baseball Director

I would also like to give an update to the Post 1 membership concerning the American Legion base-

ball teams that are sponsored by Post 1. This year the Post was only able to sponsor one team which was the Eaglecrest B League team. They had a very successful year by winning their Division and advancing in the State Tournament.

Some of the coaches and players were able to make Legion Hamburger Night on July 29 for a meet and greet. Fun was had by all.

Kudos to the L.C.W. Post 1 Color Guard who were able to present the colors for the American legion C-League championship game on July 19, which was held at Eaglecrest High School. Thanks again go to the best damn Color Guard in the state.

I would like to thank all the people who donated to the baseball program through the Inter-military fundraiser that was held at Post 1. The Army has repeated as the biggest givers (by far) for baseball and will be engraved as the second

champion in two tries.

P.S. Please keep Legionnaire Ron Ice in your thoughts and prayers for the next six weeks. He is starting chemo and radiation for his throat condition.

POST 1 ROOM RENTALS

LCW Post 1 has rooms to rent for events such as wedding showers, wedding receptions, baby showers, birthday or anniversary parties, and funeral receptions. There are special rates for members and catering is also available. Contact the office weekday mornings for more information, at 303-757-1919.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

- Scott McPhail
- Pat Barbee-Hassell
- Paul Jewell
- Trudi Plimpton
- Brian Moran
- Mike Pond
- James O'Dell
- Robert Warmouth
- Bob Smith
- John Nicolai
- Tony Allen
- Robert Stribling
- Mark Soloway
- Henri LaBrash
- Theresa Monahan
- William Arnold
- Michael Gordon

OCTOBER

- Georgia Sweeney
- Ann Clement
- Jerry Gray
- Elizabeth Kern
- Donna Thompson
- Virginia Anderberg
- Helen Smith
- Ted Fondy
- Derek Henry
- Zoe Harrington
- Byron Daniels
- Kari Haugen
- Charles Sharrock
- Brian Press
- Jim Nichols
- John Hargleroad
- Carol Cordova
- Anthony Jones
- Billy Thompson



Attention All Members

It has been brought to our attention that for many of us, should something happen, we have no way of notifying a friend or many times relatives of your difficulty. Please take a moment and fill out the attached request and return to The Post as soon as possible. Thank you.

Your Name: _____

Friend to Notify: _____

Phone#: _____

Relationship: _____

Friend _____

Relative _____

Other _____

This will make your Legion more valuable to you and your fellow members. Again, Thank You.

VA Activities And Needs

by Glen Stenson

The VA Hospital has a number of upcoming activities. POW/MIA Service is scheduled for September 14, in the Chapel at 3 p.m. A Memorial Service is set for Sunday, November 8, 3 p.m.

The following donations are needed: new men's/women's underwear, socks, and donations of clothing such as suits that are suitable for work or job application interviews, personal care items such as toiletries. Cash donations are appreciated for the coffee program, canteen books, and bus tickets. Thank you for your help and support.

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President's Report



by Sue Wagner

As we head into the end of summer it's time we get back in the swing of regularly scheduled monthly Auxiliary meetings. My hope is meeting attendance/volunteerism will pick-up as it did at the beginning of the 2014-2015 period. I am very humbled by the numerous accomplishments achieved last year and believe we can continue to build and learn from our successes. Your hard work paid off in a big way as we continue to provide much needed service to our veterans and their families.

Unit 1, Auxiliary 2015-2016 calendar is full of events to plan and I'm personally (and sincerely) reaching out to every Unit One member and asking for your continued help with the following:

- Growing Membership
- Department President (Diane Erickson) Initiatives
- Increasing Convention Attendance

- Unit 1 and Department Children and Youth Activities
- Girls State Volunteerism and Recruitment
- LCW General Membership Meeting and Potluck (Sept. 8)
- Spaghetti Nights
- Hamburger Nights
- Craft Fair Planning and Implementation
- Mardi Gras Planning and Implementation
- Steak Nights (New)
- End of Year Reporting (ongoing)

This is by no means a complete list but a good place for us to start. Please reach out to any of the Auxiliary Officers if you're interested in helping with any of the above.

I am looking forward to a very successful and remarkable 2015-2016 year. Our veterans and their families depend on our selfless volunteerism. See you for the General Members' and Auxiliary meetings on September 8.

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

News From The 244th Family Readiness Group

by Lue Anne Robbins

Twelve years ago, LCW Unit 1 and Post 1 adopted the troops of the HHC 244th Heavy Engineering Battalion. Most members of the Post 1 family know that many of our adopted troops in are currently in a hot and dusty place. The families left behind have been hit hard financially by loss of the soldier's civilian income and many times the spouse has had to quit working in order to care for family.

Your correspondent lives in Littleton and belongs to Sunshine Boys, a non-partisan group that keeps an eye on City Council. Two members of Sunshine told me that "we don't always want to be 'aginners' (against) so we do community projects, ask Sunshine to have a food drive for the soldiers families." So, because the need is greater than Post 1 can support at this time, I did.

I had to get approval from Rear Detachment, and follow Army Regs but Sunshine hosted a food drive Saturday, August 1. They donated the food to LCW ALA Unit 1, which has stocked the shelves in the food bank at the Martinez Reserve Center. This 'round-about way is be-

cause reservists, by law, cannot ask for help. FRG, Auxiliary and Sunshine saw the need and volunteered.

For now, the shelves are filled with non-perishable items, including canned and dried goods, spices, hygiene items and school supplies. Some gluten free and organic items were included. Most was inventoried before Laura Wetendorf, a member of Unit 1 and chair of the Family Readiness Group for the HHC, came to take her van full of these goodies to the 244th.

Two Sergeants from an intelligence unit saw her working and wanted to know more about the Food Bank; who was eligible, etc., and left with some school supplies.

Sunday morning, they called Laura to say they made an announcement about the food bank at formation and one soldier was in great need. They got the key and took him "shopping." Monday we learned of a deployed soldier's wife and three kids who needed help. Arrangements were made for them to receive much needed items.

The boost from Sunshine Boys is tremendous, but the need will be ongoing and any help from the Post and Unit 1 will be greatly appreciat-

ed. A black box labeled Mary Grodetski Food Bank is located in the Post 1 lobby for collection of donations. Army rules are NON-PERISHABLES ONLY, NO EXPIRED items, and if gift cards are given, no more than \$25 per card.



Color Guard Update

by Ken Dorman

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who donated candy, or money for candy, for the summer parades in which the Color Guard participated.

Also, a special thank you to the Color Guard Support Team for all their hard work and a thank you to Penny Henry for making all the candy carry bags.

Special thanks to everyone who participated in and helped with the 4th Annual Car Show. It's a lot of work, but it is always a fun day at the Post. Thank you Color Guard Team!



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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS • September-October 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|--|
|  <p>The Kitchen Is Open For Lunch Tuesday Through Friday 11 a.m. To 1:30 p.m.</p> | | 1 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | 2 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 40/8 Hamburger Night 5-7 p.m. SAL MEETING 7 p.m. | 3 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | 4 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Karaoke 7-11 p.m. | 5 |
| | 6 Attend The Church Of Your Choice | 7  LABOR DAY Free Hamburgers & Hot Dogs at Post #1 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sousa Band • 1 p.m. | 8 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Potluck • 5:30 p.m. followed by LEGION & AUXILIARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS 7 p.m. | 9 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. SAL Hamburger Night 5-7 p.m. | 10 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. PLANNING & HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS 6:30 p.m. | 11  Patriot Day Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Texas Hold'em 6 p.m. |
| 13 Attend The Church Of Your Choice 40/8 Breakfast 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | 14  SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS Celebration • 6 p.m. Cake & \$10 Drawing Art Class • 7-9 p.m. | 15 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | 16 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Auxiliary Hamburger Night 5-7 p.m. | 17 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:30 p.m. | 18 POW/MIA Recognition Day Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Legion Steak Night 5-7 p.m. Karaoke 7-11 p.m. | 19 40/8 Promenade 10 a.m. |
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