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Commander's Corner

by Commander Jeff Pitchford

Here we are again with the Commanders bimonthly report on the state of Post 1 and general information for members. With upcoming elections in May this will be my last big article as Post 1 Commander. It has been a couple of years and a great honor to serve with some hard working individuals. I want to thank all members who worked to make Post 1 the best. After all "We are Post 1."

To that end I want to thank Tom Yagley for his time to weigh in on those moments decisions must be made. I could not have done the job without the aid of our Adjutant Patrick Burch. "Thank you Patrick." We all know that Georgia Sweeney is the person behind all work which is done, and I want to give Georgia a special thanks and a verbal hug for all she does. One WWII member and a person who has given me direction is Glen Stenson. Thank you, Glen. I look forward to many glasses of beer and remember those who came before us who allow us to be great today.

We cannot forget the Four Pillars which guide all that encompasses The American Legion. Our culture is forming roadblocks in working the Legion Four Pillars, but above all we must follow each one for the continued operation and growth of The American Legion. I believe Post 1 will be better going forward if everybody works together for a better tomorrow. We must realize titles do not get the work done. We all must strive for programs and functions which produce revenue and increase membership. Our WWII members are few and will be gone within the next decade.

Currently we are working on Memorial Day and the 4th of July events. With the help of our Chef Michael Gropper we can roll out monumental holidays during the summer of 2022.

Once again, thank you all. God Bless the American Legion and God Bless America.

Monthly Birthday Celebration Is Back!

On the second Tuesday of the month, Chef Mike and his Culinary Boot Camp for Veterans trainees are going to bake a sheet cake to celebrate any member who has a birthday that month. Come in for lunch and have a piece of cake for dessert. If you can't make it for lunch, hopefully there will be cake left for the evening.

St. Patrick's Day Fun At Post 1



Post 1 bartenders Linda, Sherry and Matt.

Wick Irish Dancers



Post 1 Color Guard presented the colors at the Colorado Rockies game on Sunday, April 10. Left to right: Derek Henry, Ken Dorman, Richard Bridge, Jennifer Napoleon, Greg Nelson, Sue Wagner, and Chris Mulqueen.



Bicycle Collection Day at LCW Post 1 Saturday, May 7 - 9 a.m. to Noon

Ernie Clark with Second Chance Bikes will be in the parking lot collecting bicycles, bicycle parts, bike locks and new helmets. Bikes are fixed up, tuned up, then given to those in need. Thank you, Ernie!

LCW Post 1 Color Guard Car And Motorcycle Show Saturday, June 18, 2022 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.



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Easter Breakfast At Post 1



Members and guests enjoying breakfast.



Members of Color Guard setting up for serving.

**Visit Our Website: LCWPost1.org for information on upcoming events and activities,
And Our Facebook Page: American Legion LCW Post 1 - Denver CO.**

Post #1 Candidate Information

Tom Yagley For Commander

I am respectfully asking for your vote and support for the Office of Post Commander American Legion Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post One.

These last two years, as Sr. Vice, responsibilities were various and extensive. The American Legion Post 1 Officers with the office and Legion Family addressed very trying, often difficult times.

I believe as your Post Commander, with your support, we will continue to provide the focus for our shared goals, the enthusiasm to support our Legion Pillars, and the Legion Family camaraderie necessary to achieve a successful new Legion year.

As of today, four Legion members, first-timers, have signed-up for Officer positions. Please show your support and Vote! I would appreciate your Vote May 10th.

We are Post 1.

Michael Stone For Senior Vice Commander

Hello Legionnaires. My name is Michael A. Stone and I am running for Senior Vice-Commander here at LCW Post 1. I have been your Junior Vice-Commander for the past two years. I feel that I am ready to step up and take the next leadership position. I have experience being Senior Vice and Commander at another post in Aurora. I am also the President of The American Legion Riders here at Post 1. I feel my previous leadership experience and my current leadership positions make me an excellent candidate For Senior Vice-Commander. I thank you for your time and support and would humbly ask for your vote.

Caroline Rubio For Junior Vice Commander

My name is Caroline L. Rubio, and I am a candidate for the Jr. Vice Commander. I am a proud veteran and have been a member of The American Legion Post 1 since 2019. I served for close to seven years in the U.S. Army, made Sergeant in four years, and was discharged honorably for injuries acquired during my service. During that time, I was stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado; Camp Stanley, South Korea; Camp As Sayliah, Qatar; and Fort Irwin, California.

I am currently a student at CU Denver seeking my bachelor's degree in International Studies with a focus in Business, Communications, and Media, complimented by a minor in Sociology, and a certificate in Global and Intercultural Communications. I am projected to graduate next year; in May 2023.

I chose to run for Jr. Vice Commander because I value and honor the ability to support everyone who has served, including family members who have elected to be part of this amazing community. My positive experiences through this Post have been a foundation for my success. I have benefitted from the support of many here and I would be honored to give back.

Frank Somoza For Junior Vice Commander

My name is Frank Somoza and I am currently running for a position as Junior Vice Commander. I have been a member of Post 1 for the last three years. I served eight years in the United States Navy from 1986-1994. I'm a Persian Gulf War Veteran serving during operation Desert

Shield and Desert Storm.

For the last 21 years I have been an employee at the University of Colorado — School of Medicine — Department of Orthopedics. My position as Research Services Senior Professional — Clinical Services involves doing research in total hip and knee replacements for the Adult Reconstruction division.

Throughout my years working at the university, I have served on multiple boards (currently on three different boards) and have done volunteer work throughout the campuses. And for the last year I have served Post 1 as a member of the Executive Board.

As we slowly come out of this pandemic that has crippled our nation for the last two years, I feel the need more than ever is there to continue support for our Veterans in any way possible (some of those who were hit the hardest both financially and physically). With my continuing volunteer work along with my dedication, contributions, ideas and experience provided to other Post members, the Executive Board and leadership, plus being a proud Veteran who supports our military/veterans, I feel this makes me a good candidate for a position as Junior Vice Commander.

Melissa Watkins For Finance Officer

My name is Melissa Watkins. I am currently the Chaplain for the LCW Post 1 Legion Riders, and I am running for LCW Post 1 Finance Officer. I have been an American Legion member since 2014 and am Paid Up for Life. I have recently joined the Auxiliary as my late husband and father were both military.

I retired from the USAF in 2012 as a Major (O-4) after 20 years of honorable service with a Top Secret/SCI clearance. I served as a Fighter Squadron Adjutant and Section Commander on G-series orders, Command Post Controller, Protocol Officer, and Intelligence/Security Officer.

I have two college age children: Mary 18yo and William 19yo. Both are members of the Auxiliary and Sons respectively. We are a Gold Star surviving family as their father's aircraft crashed in Iraq in 2003.

We have moved to the Denver area so that my children could attend college.

When I joined NC Goldsboro Post 11 (@400 members with a brick building, canteen, kitchen, ballroom, etc.) in 2014, I served as the Post Finance Officer, Adjutant and Membership Chairman until I moved summer of 2021, bringing the post back from bankruptcy to maintaining \$30,000 in the bank. We also achieved 100% membership for the last four years. I was also a member of the Legion Riders for the last four years, serving as their Treasurer and Secretary. Additionally, I filled in for the Sons as treasurer for the last three years.

I am trustworthy and loyal and thrifty especially when it comes to other people's money. I consider it

a privilege to honor the sacrifices of my fellow military brothers and sister. I promise to do everything in my power to ensure the surviving and thriving of our post and its programs.

A Message From Post 1 Finance Officer, Dave Powers

Fellow members, I wish to make three points. **FIRST:** America has never experienced an economy such as we have today. There is nothing good about it. Our several LCW1 Committees are working very diligently to manage LCW1 expense increases. Some increased expenses are out of their control; however, they are trying to offset them internally.

ANY ideas You might have to assist with expense control and/or increased membership (no exclusions for either), please bring them to my attention. **SECOND:** LCW1 is currently in NO financial jeopardy! **THIRD:** Prior commitments

prohibit me from running for Finance Officer again this year. However, after several conversations with our new member, Melissa Watkins — she is running for Finance Officer. It is with genuine enthusiasm and confidence I recommend each of you vote for her to fill that position. She has excellent prior experience at her previous Post as Post — Auxiliary — and Riders Finance Officer.

Adjutant News

by Patrick Burch

Spring greetings to all! Tuesday 10 May 2022 is LCW Post 1 election day. If you are eligible, please vote. You will need your current membership card to present to the election judges. It is a simple process that shouldn't take more than 5 or 10 minutes of your time.

Sr. Vice Commander

Tom Yagley, Sr. Vice Commander, Americanism, National Security, Membership, VA&R Chairman

And another Legion Year is closing in June. Our Elections are May 10, followed by June 14 Installation. You know the routine, participate where possible, vote in May, and attend the Installation.

Memorial Day we honor those who have gone before us by respectfully placing Flags at Crown Hill. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in May. Several hands are appreciated. June 14 is Flag Day, also check the boards/flyers for activities. The American Legion Post 1 Color Guard Flag Day Ceremony at Veterans Park is always impressive.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade was once again held downtown, and again this year Post 1 Color Guard were the Parade leads. After the parade, was our renowned Post 1 St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Huge thank you to Chef Mike and crew — Spencer, Mike Stone. On the floor, AV, decorations — Chris, Nick, Georgia, Silver, and Melissa. Legion family donations included Veterans Culinary Arts Program \$180. Also, for the Wick Dancers \$285. Thank you everyone for your generosity. We all can help make a difference and support our Legion Pillars.

The smokers' patio TV surrendered to age and the cold. One Legion member immediately offered funds

to purchase a new TV. After critical investigation, Nick purchased the best deal TV, stand, and speakers. All courtesy of Jeff Gilligan, thank you Jeff.

Boys State is week of June 5. Boys State is the Nation's premier program to develop tomorrow's leaders. All Graduates agree it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. If you have a son, grandson, or a neighbor who is a high school junior, please share information with the young man as soon as possible. See: colegionboysstate.org. Please see me or Mike Stone as soon as possible.

The Post 1 American Legion Riders are actively engaged in the community. They have helped Veterans and families in a relatively short time. We all thank you, ALR for your \$1,000 donation to the Boys State Program. We Are Post 1. This spring includes loss of Legion Family loved ones; the families are in our prayers.

See ad in this *Reveille* — May 7 Post 1 annual Bike Drive for Second Chance Bicycles. One of Brandt Erickson's many passions. Our friend, you are truly missed.

God Bless you and your loved ones. God Bless our Troops and our Veterans.

And God Bless the United States of America.

Visit our website LCWPost1.org for information on upcoming events and activities.



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SAL Squadron 1 News

by Nick Yagley, Commander

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. Not sure if it is related, but there was a noticeable uptick in participation for events at the Post in April. However, I need to go back to March 13 to Thank Chris, Mark, Spencer, Donna, Cheryl, and Silver for helping at S.A.L. Breakfast.

S.A.L. Derby Day is May 7 at 2 p.m. Come be a Jockey for our Dice Horse Racing, Good Food and Fun. Culminating with watching "The

Greatest Two Minutes in Sports" at 4:57 p.m. Also, put on your calendar the Color Guard Car Show on June 18. S.A.L. will be there sling-burgers and hot dogs. Be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to the date.

Lastly, the S.A.L. elections will be held on May 21. There is a sign-up sheet for the different positions on the bulletin board. If you have any questions about what each position entails, please talk to one of our current officers.



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From The Auxiliary

LCW American Legion Unit 1 Auxiliary Memorial Scholarship

The Auxiliary has restarted their Memorial Scholarship program. One scholarship in the amount of \$150 will be awarded for the Fall and Spring semester beginning Spring 2022. Both are gifts scholarships and not loans.

To qualify for this scholarship the applicant must be an honorably discharged veteran, be considered a non-traditional student returning to the classroom or beginning education at a later point in life or seeking education for completion of certification for current or future job. This scholarship also is open to a spouse of a qualifying veteran.

The award will be paid directly to the school.

The Auxiliary plans to take the proceeds from two Hamburger Nights to add to the current monies for this scholarship.

Everyone in the LCW Family is encouraged to donate to the fund and help get the word out about this great opportunity.

101 Ways To Appreciate Our Volunteers

As a service organization we must remember that our volunteers are our greatest asset. We need to appreciate our members at every level of their service. A member that makes their annual membership donation, a member that also bakes a cake, or volunteers at an event, maybe coordinates poppies. Each member is involved in the way that

they can. Appreciate that.

One way is to keep all members informed. Not just the ones that come to a meeting. Send your meeting minutes to all members. Send meeting reminders to ALL members. This lets them know that you think about them and appreciate their annual donation. Even if they live in another state, they are members of your unit. Utilize your unit's newsletter if you have one. Try and get everyone's email to **keep them in the loop.**

If a member has no idea what is happening at their unit, do you think they will participate? Not everyone can attend a meeting, life is busy, but they may be available to come to a dinner or event or even help or maybe they forgot when the meeting is. You never know unless they know what is going on. **Send Reminders to ALL members.**

Many units have a Facebook page for their unit communication. This is a fabulous tool. Do you post your meeting dates, times, and location? Why not? If it is a public site this may be an opportunity to entice onlookers to check out your unit. Encourage others to visit your meeting. As a non-profit, meetings are open to the public, invite them. Keep in mind if you have guests, you take a minute to include them, and explain what you are talking about. Always making guests and members feel welcome and appreciated is a key to keeping them involved.

Always remember a Thank you and a Smile go a long way.

The AL Riders Corner

ALR Post 1 Has Had A Great Year!

In response to the question "What do the Riders do?" in the past 18 months your ALR crew has achieved many accomplishments:

- Contributed \$1000 to our host family from 2020, the McMahaons (their toddler daughter, Hadley, is suffering from a terminal form of brain cancer, Glioblastoma multiforme).
- Participated in the 2021 Annual Summer Party for 193rd Police Battalion.
- Donated \$1000 to LCW Post 1 for Boys State.
- Donated \$1000 to a member of the 244th Engineering Battalion for medical bills (three of our riders donated an additional \$3000

out of their own pockets).

- Planned a successful, last minute mid-year convention for the Department of Colorado Legion Riders.
- Added four new members!
- Strong supporters of monthly Karaoke and Burger Nights for all Legion families.
- Participated in the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by offering prayers at Veterans Park, riding to the Post, and contributing to the dedication of the "Never Forgotten" garden in front of Post 1.

We also bid adieu to our former Sgt-At-Arms, Brandon Turner, (Air Force veteran) who moved out of state.

So, the next time you see a bunch of folks dressed in leathers, remind yourself that we are an integral part of the Legion family and willing to help the Post any way we can!

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Post 1 Sponsored Oratorical Contest Winners



Post 1 sponsored winner, Rachel Densmore with her parents, Department Historian Deb Davis, and Post 1 Commander Jeff Pitchford.



Department Commander Chip Kossov with the four semi-finalist winners.

Memorial Day Remembrance

by Glen Stenson

Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor our war dead and the veterans that have passed away. Most people have other days of the year to memorialize loved ones.

I had a special memorial this past year. The Best Defense Foundation invited 63 WWII Veterans to go to Pearl Harbor for the 80th Anniversary. I was one of the 63; my wife, Margaret, also went on this trip.

We spent five days in Hawaii enjoying lunch and a tour of the USS Missouri, visiting schools, the Schofield & Marine bases, and band concerts. The highlights for me were when our motor launch stopped over the USS Arizona and we dropped flowers, and the Pearl Harbor Memorial Program on December 7, 2021. It was at these times I was able to say goodbye to three young men from my hometown of Holyoke, Colorado. It was an emotional time for me.

There was a Park Program and Parade following the Pearl Harbor

Program. Our last event was a visit to the National Cemetery for a memorial service. I was chosen to place a wreath in honor of the Gary Sinise Foundation. We 63 veterans

were all presented folded flags that flew over the USS Arizona December 7, 2021.

Pearl Harbor 80 years ago was a Memorial Day to me.

You are cordially invited



Please join us for a Veterans Appreciation Event!

This is a community event, snacks and refreshments will be provided.

All current post members and anyone considering becoming a member are welcome to join!

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

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. We apologize if your birthday is not listed. Please contact the office with your name and month only of your birthday (no day or year requested), to be sure you are included. Happy Birthday!

MAY BIRTHDAYS













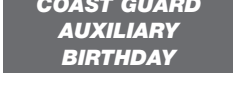


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS • May-June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 1  SILVER STAR BANNER DAY	2	3  Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May Birthday Celebration	4 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. VFW1 Auxiliary Hamburger Night 5-7 p.m.	5  MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	6 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	7 2nd Chance Bicycle Collection 9 a.m.-Noon AL Riders Meeting 10 a.m. S.A.L. Derby Day 2 p.m.
8  AL RIDERS BREAKFAST 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	9	10 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Legion Officer Election Noon-7 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting/ Election 7 p.m.	11 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. AL Riders Burger Night 5-7 p.m.	12 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. PLANNING & HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6 p.m. BSA Troop 79 7 p.m.	13  CHILDREN OF FALLEN PATRIOTS DAY Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	14 Forgotten Heroes Medal Presentation 11 a.m. VFW 1 Auxiliary Meeting 10:30 a.m.
15  PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY	16	17 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Legion Post 206 Meeting 7 p.m.	18 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 40/8 Burger Night 5-7 p.m.	19 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6 p.m.	20 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	21  ARMED FORCES DAY Legion Department Training 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 40/8 Promenade 10 a.m. S.A.L. Meeting Noon
22	23	24 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	25 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. S.A.L. Hamburger Night 5-7 p.m.	26 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. AL Riders Spaghetti Night 5-7 p.m. BSA Troop 79 7 p.m.	27 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Karaoke 7 p.m.	28 Place Flags At Crown Hill Cemetery 8 a.m. Chef Mike's Monthly Saturday Dinner 5-7 p.m.
29	30  Memorial Day	31 Retrieve Flags From Crown Hill Cemetery Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	JUNE 1 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Auxiliary Burger Night 5-7 p.m.	2	3 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	4
5	6  D-DAY ANNIVERSARY	7  Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June Birthday Celebration	8 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Legion Burger Night 5-7 p.m.	9 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. PLANNING & HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6 p.m. BSA Troop 79 7 p.m.	10 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	11 VFW 1 Auxiliary Meeting 10:30 a.m.
12	13	14  FLAG DAY • ARMY BIRTHDAY Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. LEGION & AUXILIARY OFFICER INSTALLATION 7 p.m.	15 Reveille deadline Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. AL Riders Burger Night 5-7 p.m.	16 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6 p.m.	17 Lunch Served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	18 Color Guard Annual Car Show 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 40/8 Promenade 10 a.m. S.A.L. Meeting 12 p.m.
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