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## The AL Riders Corner



by Mike Stone

Lots of fun and exciting things have been happening this summer. This will be focused on the American Legion Riders Legacy Run. Every year, the ALR's from around the country gather to ride to benefit the Legacy Scholarship Fund. We ride to raise money for this very worthwhile event.

This year I am proud to report Colorado ALR's raised over 25k to donate to the Fund. A check will be presented at the National Convention this month. This is one of the single largest donations made to the National Commander at the convention. I am pleased to tell you that the LCW Post 1 ALR donated \$700 and the LCW Post 1 American Legion donated \$1,000. Many thanks go out to the Post 1 American Legion

Riders and to Post 1 itself for these very generous donations.

I made the District 5 and 6 leg of the run from Ft. Collins to Colorado Springs on August 6. We stopped at several posts along the way collecting money for the Fund. As a result, I was made an Honorary Pony Express Messenger. I am proud of the Post 1 Riders and of Post 1 itself for their generosity.

On another note, we are selling tickets to win a freezer full of around 200 pounds of meat and the freezer it comes in. Tickets are \$10 each, the drawing will be September 17, and you don't have to be present to win. The proceeds will benefit the Vets 4 Vets Motorcycle group in their efforts to help veterans in need and of which the ALR is a part.

Be safe and keep the shiny side up.



## From The House And Planning Committee

by Melissa Watkins,  
Chairman

Our Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, and Color Guard families continue to develop fun and exciting events. We welcome you to join us anytime the post is open.

Monday Night Football will start soon! The Sons are planning snacks and raffles and the bar staff will be having drink specials during the games.

We continue to offer lunch during the week. Please call the office or bar to check the menu.

We gather to enjoy Hamburger Night every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Spaghetti Night every last Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. We also have Karaoke Night on the last Friday on the month starting at 7 p.m.

Please think of us and call the office the next time you want to hold an event or have a meeting. We continue to rent our facilities to bring in revenue.

As a reminder, no outside food is to be brought into the Post while meals are being sold from the kitchen,

to include Lunch, Hamburger Nights, Spaghetti Nights, Regular, and Special Dining Events when food is made available for purchase to the General Membership. Any outside food must be approved. No bar food or popcorn is to be consumed during kitchen food sales. If there are questions, please contact the House & Planning Chair or the Commander.

If you haven't already stopped by for your door access card, please do so that you can come and go during business hours.

## Finance News

by Melissa Watkins

As your new Finance Officer, I have assembled my Finance Committee with Junior Vices Frank Sommoza and Mick Montoya, and Michael Gropper, former Post chef but still an active member. We are still recovering financially from the COVID hiatus but are also looking at new ways to save money and bring new membership to the Post so that we can increase revenue and keep our Post relevant. We have re-

vitalized our website and begun utilizing Mailchimp email service to keep you up-to-date on current events.

We continue to help our Active Duty and Veterans with recent contributions to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund and events for the 244th Military Battalion.

We will start back with Legionnaire General Membership meetings in September on Tuesday the 13th at 7 p.m.

*It's time to think about renewing for the 2023 calendar year!*

**MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2023**

Legion — \$50  
Auxiliary — \$35  
S.A.L. — \$25  
AL Riders — \$40

## Scenes From The Luau



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

## Commander's Corner

by Commander Tom Yagley



Hello and here we are. September our Legion and ALA General Membership meetings resume, second Tuesday at 7 p.m. Members and friends of LCW Post 1 are returning and enjoying the Post and our Legion Family events. Post activities are experiencing additional traffic. Truly appreciated.

Post 1, with the excellent support and direction by Scott Shaff, an IAVA Veteran and Legion Member, planned and implemented a July 9th Block Party supporting Veteran awareness. South side of the parking lot was closed for the various vendors and activities. Vendors, for example Humana, Houses for Veterans, and MindSpa provided product information especially intended for Veterans and Families. A huge thank you Scott for a very successful event. Scott worked with vendors; a few presented donations to LCW Post 1 to support our Legion Pillars. Thank you, members, for your trust and commitment to these special Post 1 events.

Speaking of commitment, everyone misses Full Battle Rattle Deli and Chef Michael's great lunches. Recent changing times included the closing of programs that provided younger Veterans for Mike's Culinary Arts apprentice curriculum. Mike's commitment to Post 1 continues as a dedicated member volunteering for events and committees. Numerous members have asked me to convey to Mike, "thank you and you are missed."

Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer to Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11. The flag should be flown at half-staff as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center. This year September 11th is second Sunday which is our first Breakfast of the new year, serving from 10 a.m. to Noon. We will have a Patriot Day program where we honor First Responders. Please standby for details.

Thank you everyone. Veterans Serving Veterans.

God Bless the United States of America.

*"Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."* — Theodore Roosevelt

Kenny Burge our great friend, we are forever grateful for your LCW Post 1 accomplishments and friendship.

## Sr. Vice Commander

by Michael A. Stone, LCW Post 1

Greetings to all my fellow American Legion family members. I hope this finds you all in good health and feeling happy. For the last several weeks, I have been formulating a plan to hopefully increase membership as a whole and more participation in particular. I still would like more ideas from the rest of the families as to what you think are the issues with declining membership and participation. I will officially roll out this plan in October.

The biggest issue faced is how to

get the younger members of our active military and veterans to participate. There seems to be the general consensus among younger veterans that all we are is a bar that a bunch of old geezers sit at telling war stories nobody wants to hear. They ask what do we have to give them and their families? This is a good question. Any thoughts you have to answer this and other questions, are what I am seeking.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve LCW Post 1.

## July 9th Block Party • Veteran Awareness



## SAL Squadron 1 News

by Nick Yagley, S.A.L.

**Squadron 1 Commander**

We are officially in our 2023 Membership year, renewing now helps balance the workload. More importantly, The Sons of The American Legion as a national program are celebrating our 90th Anniversary. I would like to highlight some of the key points from the S.A.L. article in the August edition of *The American Legion magazine*: In the 2020-2021 membership year the Sons logged 1,706,138 volunteer hours, including 400,000 hours volunteering at VA health-care facilities. Those hours, plus donations, amounted

to more than \$54 million in support to the Legion, its programs, and values. Through the "Flying Flags for Heroes" service project, 1.3 million flags were placed at graves across the country.

Squadron 1 helped contribute to those impressive numbers, but we are always looking for additional help or ideas on future projects. So, stop by LCW 1 and talk to us about ways you can contribute. I want to end with a quote from our National Commander Michael Fox, that all S.A.L. members should consider when renewing/joining the S.A.L., "Not only is it an honor — it's a privilege."

## Adjutant News

by Patrick Burch

Greetings to all. Here we go again with another Legion year. There are (hopefully) several projects occurring at the Post that you will notice, and they might cause some minor inconvenience while they are being done. I will do my best to minimize the negative effects to regular Post operation. The good news is, we are still here and with everyone's cooperation and support we look forward to another successful year at Post 1!



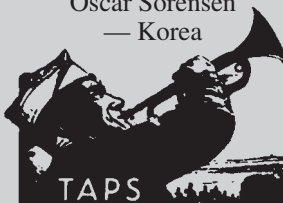
## 75th Birthday Day Party

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Holland/Burch 75th birthday party at The American Legion LCW Post 1 on Saturday July 2, 2022. The outstanding turnout made it a wonderful event. All the cards and presents were much appreciated but all who came made it even more special. Thanks again to all who came. We will do it again in 75 years. Our heartfelt thanks and the best to all, John Holland & Patrick H. Burch.

## Taps

LEGIONNAIRES

Kenneth K. Burge — Gulf War  
Sean Kelly — Vietnam  
George D. Moller — Korea  
Oscar Sorensen — Korea



## LCW Post 1 Color Guard

Invites you to the Post on Saturday, September 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a hamburger/hot dog cookout. We would like to show our appreciation for all the support the Color Guard has received from Post 1 members. Donations received have enabled us to purchase an electronic bugler to use at events when appropriate. We have also been able to upgrade the rifles with new straps. This is in addition to the socks/underwear purchases we make for various Veterans' facilities every year. Donations are always greatly appreciated!

**The 40&8 membership cards are available for \$25.**

Email [debdavis4546@gmail.com](mailto:debdavis4546@gmail.com) to request yours and make arrangements for payment.

Hank Silling would like to thank all the wonderful Legion family members who made his birthday so special, especially Carlos and the SAL for making the band possible. Onward to #94!

## Thank You From The Luau!



A very big thank you to the loyal and generous members of the American Legion Family who attended the Luau on Saturday, August 13, 2022.

You donned your Hawaiian clothing and came for a delicious lunch, entered the "best dressed contest", participated in the silent auction, and purchased tickets to try and win the baskets.

Alan Jaffe and Marilyn "Silver" Vroman won the "Best Dressed Hawaiian" contest.

Because of your participation and generosity, Unit One will send \$1,213 to Department Headquarters to help defray the costs of hosting the hospitality suite at the Creative Arts Festival that will be held in Denver in 2024.

Again, the officers and members of LCW Unit One say Thank You for your contributions.

— Donna Thompson, Immediate Past Unit One President

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We can't say **THANK YOU** enough... to all the **Post 1 family members** who donate items for the **244th pantry!** The ongoing donations are so greatly appreciated and always needed.

**Second Annual Unit One Bake-Off And Bake Sale Sunday, October 9, 2022**

by Donna Thompson, Bake-Off Chairman

Once again it is time for our family members to dust off their cookbooks, mixers, and ovens, and bake an item for the bake-off. All profits will go to help fund the 2024 Creative Arts Festival, hosted by American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Colorado.

The rules are simple: complete the entry form, either a written form from the bar or an email version; pay the \$10 entry fee; bake your item, and bring to the front room of Post One on Sunday, October 9, between 9:30 and 10 a.m.

The categories are cakes, pies, cookies (includes brownies), and breads. There will be a first-place winner in each category plus one grand prize. Prizes will be announced closer to the contest.

You may purchase a bag of beans for \$10 and you can either vote for your entry(s) or other contestants.

Meanwhile, enjoy the breakfast served by the Legion Riders in the dining room. I heard that there will be French Toast.

**National Auxiliary President Visit**

During her visit to Colorado, on July 19th Auxiliary National President, Kathy Daudistel, came to Post 1 for a taco dinner prepared by Unit 1 members. She talked to the crowd about project focus: Caring for Those Who Care for Others, and Certificates of Appreciation for Caregivers. Unit 1 raised over \$900 for her project and before the evening was over, she was presented with a check. Thank you to the members of Post 206 for moving their regular meeting night so this event could happen at Post 1!



National President Kathy Daudistel talking about her project.



Unit 1 President Tina Lilly, National President Kathy Daudistel, and Unit 1 Historian Deb Davis.



Past Department and Past Unit 1 President Donna Thompson, Unit 1 President Tina Lilly, and National President Kathy Daudistel.



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**Help Wanted For The Second Annual Bake-Off And Bake Sale**

**Wanted:** Bakers and tasters to test the baked goods.  
**When:** Sunday, October 9, 2022. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**Why:** To determine the best baker, win prizes, raise money for the Creative Arts Festival, and have some fun.  
**Where:** The front room (auditorium) of LCW Post One  
**Who:** Any member of the Legion Family may try their hand at baking an item or put their taste buds to work by judging the baked goods entered into the contest.  
**How can you participate:** To compete for a prize: Complete entry form and pay entry fee of \$10 before Wednesday, October 5, 2022, and then bring to the front room between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
**To judge:** Purchase a bag of 100 beans for \$10 and then taste and vote by putting bean or beans in your own entry or someone else's entry.

**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!

<p><b>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b></p> <p>Arthur R. Alarcon Mark A. Bathurst Jozef J. Bemelen James H. Benedict Don Bergee Jeff Bishop Bob E. Blattner Allen M. Bodden Jason W. Bolton Joseph W. Bowen James M. Buchanan Henry A. Buschmann II Jose Calderon Robert L. Campoy Uliana E. De Shannon David R. Dennis Michael J. Desmond Kelli Ann Duncan Wallace B. Dunn Jr. Diane D. Fischer William S. Ford William A. Gallegos John P. Gressard III William H. Hardy III William F. Harris John Harry Austin A. Hart Patty Hasty Chad J. Heisel Larry Herald David S. Hill Robert E. Irwin Donald M. Johnson Mark K. Johnson Ronald Kaneko Charles A. Kirkeby David Kleberger Melvin S. Klein Gerald J. Laber Henri L. Labrash</p>	<p>Dr Joseph N. Langley Thomas J. Larsen John S. Lutz Paul Martsolf II Scott J. McPhail Thomas Maes Dennis W. Mallon Robert D. Melvin Ronald Mendoza Clinton A. Mills Jack Mohr Jr. Alexander B. Moir Theresa Ann Monahan Brian W. Moran Scott J. Newman John W. Nicolai Michael C. O'Brien James L. O'Dell David R. Pace Richard D. Palmer John B. Peper Ronnie R. Pickens Michael L. Pond David W. Powell Colleen Reed Jan Rivera Caroline L. Rubio Sue L. Schroer Dale J. Seier Michael A. Shuler Robert E. Shuman James C. Smith Russell P. Smith Mark Soloway Robert W. Stribling Levi Thompson James P. Tuffield Michael G. Venrick Robert L. Warmouth James J. Wilkins Rosemary A. Williams Roger L. Williamson</p>	<p>Lynn R. Wing Thomas A. Yanchik</p> <p><b>OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS</b></p> <p>Virginia Anderberg Anna Andurlakis Gary J. Beller Nancy L. Belme Elizabeth M. Bleakley Bonnie D. Bryant Robert Burrell Dee Carsten Kahlia Carter John E. Cary Jr William D. Chamberlin Terri L. Clinton Ronald Cloutier Barbara J. Colby Steve Coriell Larry. A. Cornell Albert A. Crawford Robert E. Edmiston Jennifer A. Elliott Kevin F. Fehringer Sara Fisk William N. Flynn Ronald J. Gerstung Douglas Harris Kari Sue Haugen Robert G. Helm Derek R. Henry Kimberlynn M. Hunt Elizabeth A. Kern Kenneth B. Keuhlen Donald P. Loniewski Keith W. McGechie Marjorie Lynn Meder Maryanne Munz Robert O'Brien Thomas L. Paolillo Jane Patterson Sondra Poole</p>	<p>Patty Pugh Todd A. Riggle Gerald A. Schneider Samuel J. Shook Brickton W. Spellman Peter J. Stahlhammer Sherry J. Stoltz Capt. Reed A. Sundine Alan Topping Angelo E. Viselli Kathleen E. Voss David L. Bernard Thomas J. Brace David J. Bufalo Charles W. Carter Ann Morrison Clement Terri Clinton Deborah A. Davis Frank S. Digrappa Kevin Frashure Michael A. Gropper Robert Hamill Wallace G. Hunt Maria L. Jones Robert L. Jones Anthony L. Jones Sr. Daniel Kish Richard J. Mcleod Allan Mercer Ronald E. Merrifield Gordon B. Morgan Donald L. Petersen Ronald S. Ramadan George A. Santos Delbert D. Stricker Georgia Sweeney James J. Syring Billy Thompson Donna J. Thompson Robert J. Thompson Todd Van Sant Alexis N. Wing</p>
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS • September-October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  September Birthday Celebration	<b>7</b> SAL Hamburger Night 5-7 p.m.	<b>SEPT. 1</b> <b>2</b>	AL Riders Meeting 7 p.m.	<b>3</b>
<b>11</b> PATRIOT DAY RECOGNITION  Legion BREAKFAST 10 a.m.-Noon	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> LEGION & AUXILIARY MEETINGS 7 p.m.	<b>14</b> Auxiliary Burger Night 5-7 p.m.	<b>8</b> PLANNING & HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> VFW Auxiliary Meeting 10 a.m. Color Guard Cookout 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
<b>18</b> AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> AL Post 206 Meeting 7 p.m.	<b>21</b> Legion Burger Night 5-7 p.m.	<b>15</b> EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6 p.m.	<b>16</b> POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY	<b>17</b> 40/8 Meeting 10 a.m. SAL Meeting Noon
<b>25</b> GOLD STAR MOTHER'S & FAMILY'S DAY	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> AL Riders Burger Night 5-7 p.m.	<b>22</b> Auxiliary Spaghetti Night 5-7 p.m.	<b>23</b> Karaoke 7 p.m.	<b>OCT. 1</b>
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<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> NATIONAL DAY OF THE DEPLOYED Legion Burger Night 5-7 p.m.	<b>27</b> AL Riders Spaghetti Night 5-7 p.m.	<b>28</b> Karaoke & Halloween Party 7 p.m.	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> District 6 Lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. District 6 Fall Conference 1 p.m.	<b>31</b>  Halloween	<p align="center"><b>We Care About You</b> Attention All Post #1 Members</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Person to Notify _____</p> <p>Phone # _____</p> <p>Relationship: Friend ___ Relative ___ Other _____</p>				