



**American Legion Post 1985**  
**P.O. Box 661**  
**Firestone, CO 80520**

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**Post 1985 Happenings**



**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

*"The World's Largest Veteran's Organization"*

**AMERICANISM, Make sure you have a part in it!**

**2010**

**DECEMBER**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1 VFW Meeting	2 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL meetings	3 Poker noon to 4pm Darts Legion Dinner	4 HB Nancy Jones
5 Denver @ Kansas City SAL Tailgate Party	6 Auxiliary Dinner Darts	7 Poker 4pm to 8pm	8	9 House committee meeting 7pm	10 Poker Noon to 4pm Darts Auxiliary Dinner	11 Back Hall rented
12 Denver @ Arizona SAL Tailgate Party	13 Auxiliary Dinner Darts	14 Poker 4pm to 8pm Back Hall rented	15	16	17 Post Christmas Party 7pm  Poker noon to 4pm	18 Santa at the Library 11am
19 VA Hospital Visits 9 am Denver @ Oakland HB Ken McCriah	20 Auxiliary Dinner Darts	21 Poker 4pm to 8pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Post Closes 8pm Poker ?	25 Christmas Day Post Closed HB Jim Stone
26 Denver vs Houston SAL Tailgate	27 Auxiliary Dinner Darts	28 Poker 4pm to 8pm	29	30 E Board Meeting 7pm	31 Post New Years Eve Party 7 pm Poker ?	

Santa Cops could use holiday wrapping paper to wrap the children's gifts! Thanks to all who can donate some. Just drop it off at the post!

The halls are decked...



Help us ring out the old and bring in the new for a New Years Eve celebration at Post 1985 on Friday, December 31st, beginning at 7:00 P.M. There will be pot luck so bring a favorite treat to share. Appetizers and other snacks as well as covered dishes go well for party revelers. We are open to entertainment ideas so if you have something to share, please contact Andy or JoAnn and give us your input. It will be greatly appreciated.

**1941 Christmas 1961**

Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, I was five years old. I was playing by the kitchen door, my daddy was cutting wood at a neighbor's house. It was 18 days before Christmas and Momma was decorating The little Christmas tree in our front window. The little artificial tree looked so beautiful when she turned on the lights. I stood and looked at it in awe. My daddy came running in, " Turn on the radio, Turn on the radio, We have just been bombed by the Japanese! " I was too young to understand, but I knew something bad had happened.

The Coast Guard Cutter, Taney arrived in Hawaii as a newly commissioned ship in 1936 to patrol the Hawaiian and other Pacific Islands . On the day of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the Taney was moored at Pier 6 in Honolulu Harbor near an enemy targeted electric power plant. Within minutes of the First Japanese bomb blasts , the Taney's guns were blazing in defense of the city and repeatedly thwarted attacks on the power plant.

Now just twenty years later, I stood on the deck of the U.S.C.G.C Taney as a crew member, a very proud member of the crew. Frank F Fasi, mayor of the city and county of Honolulu proclaimed Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> as Coast Guard Cutter Taney day in the city and county of Honolulu and expressed deep gratitude for her role in protecting our nation. That night the city of Honolulu put on a luau for the crew of the Taney. What a wonderful affair it was. A pig in the ground, music and hula girls all Around and tomorrow we would be homeward bound. I would be home for Christmas.

I arrived in my little hometown of Delmar, Ia on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, on week before Christmas. What a wonderful, warm feeling washed over me as I knocked on the door and it opened. There stood my Momma and Daddy and my little sister, 16 years old.

After hugs and kisses, I opened my seabag full of gifts from Hawaii. After giving out the gifts, I saw it, the little artificial tree my mother had been decorating every Christmas since I was born. It was there, under the tree, my teddy bear that my grandmother made for me in 1937. I choked up a little when I picked him up. Grandma was gone now, but Teddy lived. He was almost as old as me.

My mother was a saver and I thank her for that. I still have the first toy I can remember, a small cast iron dump truck. I think it's a 1938 Reo. In saving things, it is like a part of your childhood and the happy times that go with it. Happy memories of days gone by, I hope everyone who reads this has as a wonderful Christmas as I did, so long ago.

*Another Tale-Another Time*  
 John Boysen  
 Tin Can Sailor

**American Legion Post 1985 will host it's annual Christmas Party on December 17th, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Bring a covered dish for everyone to share if you want and a \$10 gift (optional) for a gift exchange after dinner. ( Ladies bring a gift for a woman and Gentleman bring a gift for a man.) Please join us for some Christmas Cheer and camaraderie at Post 1985.**





### Legion Notes

Andy Brueggeman- Commander

Hello Post 1985,  
The joyful holidays are upon us and the New Year will be here way before we know it. I hope everyone has a joyful and wondrous Holiday this year.

2010 brought us many changes which leads me to believe that 2011 will be the year that we all have been waiting for. We have so many good things going for us and an awesome group of members in the Legion, SAL and the Auxiliary. I do not know of any Post that cares the way that we do. We are all so passionate about what we do. This is truly a great thing to have. I look so forward to the next year. Remember what the Holiday season is about and give thanks to all that have blessed you.

I am thankful for the position that all of you have chosen me for and promise to do whatever I can for the good of the post. Have an awesome 2011

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303-917-1257

Andy Brueggeman



### Auxiliary Notes

JoAnn Kidd - President

#### Happy Holidays

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

I would like to thanks everyone who helped with Santa Cops. Auctioneer Chuck and Nancy Wood , Mark and Danielle Wood, Teresa, Chris, Lydia, Ireen, Nancy, Mary and My Mom, "Dorothy". Music was great. Thank you Steve Kidd, Max Martinez and the rest of the band members. We raised \$6100.00 to help the Santa Cop program.

Our Christmas Party will be December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Santa at the library will be December 18<sup>th</sup>. Be at the library by 10:30 am. We will be putting Santa's bag together Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Post. We need all our little elves to help with this.

VA Hospital Visit will be Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. be at the Post at 9am. We will be leaving Firestone at 9:30 am.

We are at 41% on membership. Please, Please, get your dues in. We are down from last year.

Thank you,

Auxiliary President  
JoAnn Kidd  
Phone: 303-667-8745  
Email: jokidd@q.com

Also if you would like to receive this news letter and other post functions via email please let us know. Contact Andy, Gary or my self please



### S.A.L. Notes

Gary Ulmer -Commander

#### Tailgate Parties Come on Down

December 5<sup>th</sup> Denver @ Kansas City  
Food - Wings

December 12<sup>th</sup> Denver @ Arizona  
Food- Ribs

December 19<sup>th</sup> Denver @ Oakland  
Food- Burgers and Dogs

December 26<sup>th</sup> Denver vs Houston  
Food- Brats



Thank you, Gary Ulmer



### Legion Riders Notes

Jerry Hedke - President  
Happy Holiday to one and all



**Our 1<sup>st</sup> shipment of four boxes has been sent to a unit in Iraq. Thanks to everyone who donated. We are in need of more donations for another shipment. Please continue to bring items to the post. If you need a detailed list of what is needed by the troops, please ask the bartender at the post or email me and I will send you one!**

**Thank you!!  
Nancy Taylor...  
ryansproudmom@yahoo.com**



#### "Post Happenings" Reminders via email!

If you are interested in receiving weekly emails of upcoming Post 1985 events, please submit your email address to

**CanteenGirl1985@hotmail.com**

Please put "Post Happenings" in the subject line, and your first and last name in the body of the email.

If you have any questions contact Karen Hicks at 303-828-3417

Privacy: Your provided email address will be used solely for the purpose of "Post Happenings" reminder announcements and will not be shared with anyone.

**NEWSLETTER** - Are you moving? Know someone who has? Do you spend the winter at a different address? Please be sure to inform us to ensure our records are accurate and we can make sure you get your newsletter! Thank you!

**Please contact our Chaplain's and the Post if you know of someone who is ill or has lost a family member.**

Legion Chaplain- John Boysen  
303-833-2575

Aux. Chaplain- Dorothy Ulmer  
303-833-3379

S.A.L. Chaplain - Herb Turner  
303-833-7310

#### Your Service Officer is always here for you!

If you need any help please call me.  
Tony Cervantes  
303-800-6078

#### New Canteen Hours

Open Mon-Thurs  
4:00pm - ?  
Fri-Sun 12-?  
Phone 303-833-3878

**Legion** - Commander, Andrew J. Brueggeman ■ Sr. Vice Cmdr, Rob Chamley ■ Jr. Vice Cmdr, Kip Taylor ■ Adjutant, Barb Day ■ Finance Officer, Bill A'Hearn ■ Chaplain, John Boysen ■ Sgt-at-Arms, Nick Martinez ■ Historian, ■ Service Officer, Tony Cervantes

**S.A.L.** - Commander, Gary Ulmer ■ Sr. Vice Cmdr, Gary Cope ■ Jr. Vice Cmdr, Jason Lewis ■ Adjutant, Steven R. Kidd ■ Chaplain, Steven R. Kidd ■ Historian, Jason Lewis ■ Sgt-at-Arms, Larry Dowdell and Joel Long

**Riders** - President, Jerry Hedke ■ V.P., Tim Comett ■ Secretary, Elise Cornett ■ Treasurer, Crystal Hedke ■ Chaplain, Bill Thompson ■ Sgt-at-Arms, Larry Cleapor ■ Asst. Sgt-at-Arms, Crystal Hedke ■ Committee Man, Roger Wingerberg ■ Historian, Barb Day ■ Road Captain, Tony Abbott

#### Welcome New Members!

**Please make sure to take time to get to know the new members:**

#### Membership Renewal!

Renew at any time by mailing your dues in to the Post.

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Or see your membership representatives!

**Legion** - Barb Day  
**Auxiliary** - Cindy Daum  
**S.A.L.** - Steve Kidd

#### Chaplains Corner

John Boysen - Chaplain

Our Deepest Condolences to Bob and Carol Hanft on the passing of their son, Rodger. "May he rest in Peace."

Sincere Condolences to the families of Toribio (Tony) Fajardo . " May he rest in Peace".

Sincere Condolences to Kay Colard on the loss of her sister. " May she rest in Peace."

Sincere thoughts and prayers to all comrades and loved ones in distress. Blessed is the person who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry in the night.

The Chaplain wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.