



December—2016

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
American Legion Post 1985

DECEMBER—JANUARY AT A GLANCE !!

What's Happening at Post #1985

Dec. 1st—General Meetings—7 PM
 Dec. 2nd—Auxil. Fish & Chips
 Dec. 3—Santa @ the Library
 Dec. 7—Pearl Harbor Day
 Dec. 9th—Legion Steak-6 pm/
 Karaoke Christmas Party 7 pm
 Dec. 10—Army/Navy Game
 Dec. 14th—Riders Meeting
 Dec. 16th—Riders Dinner—6 PM
 Dec.—21 First Day of Winter
 Dec. 23—SAL Dinner—6 PM
Dec. 25—Merry Christmas—
 Post Closed
**** BRONCO SCHEDULE****
 Dec. 4—@ Jaguars -11 AM
 Dec. 11—@ Titans -11 AM
 Dec. 18 VS Patriots—2:25 PM
 Dec. 25 @ Chiefs—6:30 PM

Jan. 1st—Happy New Year!!
 Jan. 5th—General Meetings—7 PM
 Jan. 6th—Aux. Dinner - 6 PM
 Jan. 13th—Legion Dinner—6 PM; Karaoke—7 PM
 Jan. 20th—Riders Dinner-6 PM
 Jan. 27th—SAL Dinner 6 PM

**** BRONCO SCHEDULE****
 Jan. 1 -VS Raiders—2:25 PM



Land of the Free because of the Brave!!

We need your helping hand. Please volunteer at the Post for Legion activities or at other community events. Everyone is welcome and we need your help!!

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 1985 IS A DESIGNATED FLAG DROP SITE for worn, used, tattered, frayed or other flags that require a proper retirement.

- **General Information**
- **Post Hours:** Open Daily, Sunday through Saturday from 12 noon to ?? : Exceptions—Thanksgiving and Christmas— Phone 303-833-3878— **On the Web: <http://AmericanLelon1985.org>**
- **Post Commander—**Dave Stout-
- **Service Officer—**Bill Deivert—303-833-3464
- **Chaplain & Spiritual Guidance—**Todd Fischer—303-434-1880
- **Friendly Lounge Staff—**Krystal (Manager), Kathy, Carolyn and Michelle. Stop in and say hi anytime.
- **Hall rental available by reservation—**Plan your next event with us!! Call 303-833-3878
- **All General meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. Please plan to attend. Your Input is important to us. Next meetings—November 3rd- 7 PM—District 4 officer visitation. Find out what is going on in our District.**

- ★ Dec. 6, 1865—13th Amendment to the US Constitution ratified abolishing slavery,
- ★ Dec. 7, 1941—Pearl Harbor Day (Japan attacks US Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii)
- Dec. 10, 1898—Treaty of Paris signed between American & Spain
- Dec. 15, 1791—Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments) became effective
- Dec. 16, 1773—Boston Tea Party; Dec. 16, 1944—Battle of the Bulge
- Dec. 26—Boxing Day (Gift giving of clothing, food and other provisions to the needy)
- Dec. 29, 1980 -Wounded Knee Massacre at Wounded Knee Creek, South Dakota
- Dec. 30, 1903—Great Chicago Fire





NOTES FROM OUR COMMANDER

Dec 9th, to celebrate the holidays, we will be serving Smoked Prime Rib for dinner. Come early, this will surely sell out fast.

Don't forget the Army Navy game!! Join us for snacks and enjoy the game. There will be prizes and the raffle drawing for the Rockies Bat and Ball.

UPDATE on the Building up-

grades:

We have switched Phone, internet and TV to Comcast. We now have a much faster and hopefully more reliable wifi system not to mention a considerable savings in monthly fee.

We also replaced the steel doors in the meeting hall. The old ones were rusting out.

On behalf of the Officers and

our great Canteen Staff, we would like to thank every one for their patronage and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Do you have your Sam DiPaolo commemorative coin? No?Contact our Legionnaires for information.



AUXILIARY NEWS AND NOTES—

Many things are planned for this month and the Auxiliary will be busy with up-coming events.

Dec1st, we fill bags for the Santa @ the Library on Dec. 3. Dec. 2, our dinner will consist of fish and chips with cole slaw and dessert for \$9. Dec. 3 from 11-1pm, treat bags are handed out to area youngsters at the Carbon Valley Library. We will also provide a luncheon for the Sons of the American Revolution at 1 pm at

The post. On December 9th, following the Legionnaire Prime Rib dinner, we plan to enjoy the annual Post Christmas Party with a "Silly Santa" gift exchange. Bring a \$10-\$15 gift for a lady for a gift exchange. (Guys, bring a gift for a guy) Test your imaginations. WHAT might you like to get for a gift? Something fun, unique, but useful is always a great choice. Plan on joining in on the Karaoke Christmas Caroling session, too.

No need to be bashful!!

As we enjoy Christmas with family and friends, remember our troops in your prayers.

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! See you all in 2017.....



SAL NEWS AND NOTES—SQUADRON COMMANDER, JOEL LONG

The Sal delivered five "Turkey Dinners" this year to needy families in our communities. What a great feeling knowing that we were able to give these folks a bit of sunshine in an otherwise rainy day. May everyone enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year! A time to share with family and friends and remember our troops in your prayers. So many so far away from home in distant and unfamiliar lands and settings need to know you support their sacrifice for our great country. It can be lonely but knowing they have extended families that truly care make the time seem more bearable. Keep in mind, the SAL Child and Welfare fundraiser will be here at Post 1985 in April. This is an exciting time for the SAL. This is a state fund raiser that was started right here at Post #1985 so it is like a homecoming for us. A dinner of Prime Rib and the trimmings along with live music will round out the evening. Cost will be \$25 per person with proceeds going to the Child and Welfare Foundation.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 1985-

The Riders meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 PM. Dinners are provided at 6 PM the 3rd Friday of each month, followed by the Monday night dinner and darts @ 6 PM.

“We ride for those who can’t”.

We will keep you posted on events as they occur. These are just a few of the events planned for the remainder of 2016.

***** Want your newsletter and in color? Visit our website: American Legion #1985.org. *****

HELP WANTED-PLEASE!!

Newspaper editor for our newsletter. No experience necessary but would be helpful. This is a voluntary position and open to anyone. Interested parties should contact Commander Dave Stout, Finance Officer Tim Sons or Auxiliary Treasurer Donna Lane.



Santa @ the Library 2015-

Pictured: Donna Lane, Santa AKA Tom Rizzi, JoAnn Kidd and Charlene Russell

Always a fun day and seeing the smiling faces on the little ones - The event this year-12/3/2016

Do you know of a family in need that could use a little help? Contact Dave Stout, Bill Deivert, Joel Long, Donna Lane .

THE POST CHRISTMAS PARTY is scheduled for December 9th following the Legionnaires Prime Rib dinner. There will be Karaoke for some fun sing-a-longs and a Crazy Santa gift exchange. (No gag gifts please). Ladies gifts for a lady, gents gifts for a gent from \$10 to \$15. This is a fun evening for all. Please plan to attend.

Remember to keep our veterans and deployed troops in your prayers at this time as the holidays are a difficult time for many so far away and without family. We can still get those “gift” boxes out if you have addresses. Contact Donna Lane with your “candidate”. No one should be left behind!!

December is here and another year is about to end. With New Year’s Eve comes recollections of past holidays spent with loved ones and friends. Do you have a favorite memory?? Oops!, Too many ornaments on the tree, as all the hard work tumbles down! Too much bubbly? “Uncle” Santa arrives? Forgot to remove giblets from the turkey before cooking? Bring it to the post on Dec. 30 for a fun evening. What was special about Christmas Eve or Day? What was the funniest thing that ever happened? Share those memories with us!! Everyone loves to hear about our past and look forward to the next happy moment.

Do you know of a Veteran that is new in our area or maybe one that has lived here for years and is not aware of our Post? Contact them, invite them to visit as a guest (and maybe become members), and find out what we do for our veterans and their families. So many do not know where to turn or who to go to for help or are too proud to ask for it and we are here to offer that support. We have many programs



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ALL GAVE SOME—SOME GAVE ALL

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Birthstone— Turquoise or Blue Topaz	Flower— Narcissus or Holly	Sign— Sagittarius/ Capricorn	* filling treat bags for Santa @ the Library following the meetings	1-General meetings—7 PM*	2-Aux.-Fish & Chips	3-Santa @ the Library 11- 1,SAR—1 PM
4-Broncos @ Jaguars-11 am	5-MND 6 pm Darts @ 7	6-Poker @ noon	7-Pearl Harbor Day-Japanese attack US Base (1941)	8-U S & Britain de- clare war on Japan(1941)	9-Leg. Prime Rib w/ Karaoke / Christmas	10
11-Broncos @ Titans-11 am	12-MND 6 pm Darts @ 7	13-Poker @ noon	14-Riders meeting—7 pm	15	16-Riders din- ner 6 pm	17
18-Broncos vs. Patriots-2:30 pm	19-MND 6 pm Darts @ 7	20-Poker @ noon	21-First Day of Winter	22	23-SAL din- ner—6 pm	24-Christmas Eve—Post closed tomor- row
25-Post Closed- MERRY CHRIST- MAS-Broncos @ Chiefs -6:30 pm	26-MND 6 pm Darts @ 7	27-Poker @ noon	28	29-E-board meets	30-Open-TBD -Share the Memory night	31-New Year's Eve-Stay safe!