

# January—2015

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### How can we help?

- For veterans that are in need of assistance for ANYTHING, contact our Service Officer, Bill Dievert-303-833-3464
- Spiritual guidance—Chaplain, Todd Fischer—303-434-1880
- ALL dues are now due for 2015.

We are open daily at noon— Meet our friendly Bar Manager, Krystal- and the rest.

Hall rental available by reservation.

### Time for change?

Happy New Year to all and a good year in 2015.

With the Christmas Season behind us, it is time to focus on 2015 and what we would like to accomplish this year. We all have many ideas for improving our Post and building our membership. As a member, it is our responsibility to bring these to our monthly meetings and a “plan of attack” as well.

We have entertained the idea of a bi-monthly newsletter and would like everyone’s input on this matter. It is not every month that events are planned or brought to the forefront for consideration. What would be your

thoughts? Monthly calendars will be at the front desk for information on the upcoming events. In order for the newsletter to be successful, we need member input in a timely manner. Anything you can provide to us would be so welcome. E-mail me at dlaney2342@msn.com or call 303-833-4172. I, myself, do not know everything that is happening and unless you let me know, I cannot forward to the membership via the newsletter. I need your help, please.

The newsletter and calendar will also be available on our website: American Legion #1985.org.

The mid-year conference is January 23—25, 2015 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs, CO. Check with unit officers for itinerary.

Be sure to get your dues to us ASAP if you have not already done so. We need these for our membership updates.

Thank a Veteran for their service and offer your hand in friendship to new people. They will appreciate it!!!

Thanks to all of you and “Time for Change!”

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### American Legion Host Site

On Saturday, December 20th, the American Legion was the host site for the Tri-Town Lions Club boxing and distribution day. Members from the Lions Club, American Legion, VFW and Carbon Valley Rotary met at the post at 8 AM and put together

Christmas Boxes for Carbon Valley residents. The boxes were then distributed to those that had signed up at an earlier date from noon to 2 PM. It is through this type of “being on the same page” that keeps our communities bonding and continuing to

help those in need. It was a very busy day and extra food was distributed to our local food banks, Tri-Town Lions Club, Carbon Valley Help Center and others.

Volunteers are ALWAYS welcome and appreciated!

## American Legion

On Saturday, December 13th, the Legionnaires hosted an Army/Navy football party, complete with food, drink, drawings and some great time of sharing. This was a new undertaking for the Legion and hopefully, it will become a yearly tradition. Thank you Todd, for the idea and your hard work in bringing this together. Please keep in mind these are what get

members together for a bit of fun.

Mid-year conference this year will be held at the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs on January 24, 2015 from 9 AM to 4 PM. This is the time to inform the American Legion Family of up-coming events and shared thoughts for “keeping it all together” and presenting fund raisers to

help our troops and veterans. For more information, contact your unit officers.

Legion—Rob Chamley, Commander

Auxiliary—Donna Lane, President, JoAnn Kidd, Treasurer

S.A.L.—Joel Long, Squadron Commander



**July 4th float , 2014. We grouped together as a post for our communities. We didn't place but many honored us as we passed by and that meant so much!!!**



**Donna Lane, Santa (aka Tom Rizzi), JoAnn Kidd, and Charlene Russell have a candid moment. Thank you, Tom, for being a great Santa for us all these years!**

The Auxiliary co-hosted the annual “Santa at the Library” again on Saturday, December 6. The day was such fun with so many little ones and seeing many return for so many years. We have watched as families have grown and this has become a tradition for many.

## Auxiliary

As we begin 2015, we have many projects in store. A craft fair, farmers market and a flea market are on the early agenda. The time and dates are not yet set but we will let you know as they occur.

Welcome to our new members . We look forward to your ideas, new or old.



**Santa (AKA Tom Rizzi) gets 5 siblings wish lists.**

## Sons of the American Legion

In November, the Sons had originally donated 3 complete Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes to families needing some assistance. Thanks to a couple of ladies from the Auxiliary, we were able to give 4 families a Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you JoAnn and Donna for your

assistance. The S.A.L. will resume their role as providing the Valentine’s Day dinner on February 13th at 6 PM. Steak & Jumbo Shrimp, baked potato, mixed veggies, dinner salad, roll and butter and dessert . Price is \$15 for singles, \$25 for couples. Please join us

for a relaxing and fun evening. On a final note, we would like to say “Welcome” to our new squadron members.

Let’s make 2015 another great year for our Post.

Commander—Joel Long



**Taken the day of the “miles of smiles” honoring our veterans.**

## American Legion Riders

The Riders continue to do their monthly Friday Night and Monday Night dinners as a way to help raise funds for the “Run for the Wall”. We thank you for your continued support.

The January meeting will be on Wednesday, the 14th. We will host the FND on the 16th—Chicken Fried Steak and MND on the 19th.-Burgers and Fries.

Run For The Wall XXV11—May 13-

22, 2015.

Run For The Wall recognizes the sacrifices and contributions made by all veterans who have served our nation. Veterans of recent conflicts and those currently on active duty are especially welcome to join us as we ride for those who cannot. Become one of our Riders.

Contact info: Mel Kerr or Brandy Stewart at 303-349-5129.

“ WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO CAN’T”



## Membership

***Are your dues current for 2015?*** We cannot stress enough the importance of meeting Department goals and one of these is our membership renewals. It is important so that we have a voice in local issues as well as national. Please contact your Commander or President ASAP. Dues may be paid

any day and given to one of our ladies in the lounge or any officer.

We are always seeking new members and volunteers to assist with our Post activities. A volunteer sheet will be posted for sign up at the post. Your name, phone #, e-mail and availability for volunteer times will be listed we will

Contact you as needed.

*I would appreciate any news of members, photos (even and especially ones taken with your phones) that I can include in our newsletters. Simply e-mail me : dlaney 2342@msn.com*

*Thank for all you do!*

**ARE YOU AN ACTIVE (PARTICIPATING) MEMBER OR IN NAME ONLY? CAN YOU HELP FOR EVEN ONE HOUR ?**

## Chaplain's Corner

### FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream.. He dreamed he was walking along a beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to the Lord and one to him. When

the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints and noticed many times, only one set appeared, usually at the very lowest and saddest times of his life. He questioned the Lord about this, saying “Lord, you once said that if I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the

way. I have noticed that during the most troublesome times, there was only one set of footprints. I do not understand why, when I needed you most, you left me!” The Lord replied, “My son, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During you time of trial and suffering,

Where you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”



Chaplain, Todd Fischer



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*Birthstone—Garnet*

*Flower—Carnation*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 No FND	3
4	5-MND & Darts- Poker	6-Poker @ noon	7	8-General Meeting -7 PM	9-Poker @ noon :Aux. Fish Fry-6	10
11-Broncos VS Colts— 2:40 -Potluck	12-MND & Darts- Poker	13-Poker @ noon Toastmasters—7 PM	14-AL Riders Meet- ing-7 PM	15	16-Poker - @ noon - Riders FND	17
18	19-MND & Darts-Martin Luther King	20-Poker @ noon	21	22	23-Poker @ noon, Mid year conf— Colo Spngs	24-Mid year conf—
25-Mid year conf—Colo Spngs	26-MND & Darts- Poker	27-Poker @ noon Toastmsterers —7 PM	28	29-E- Board 7 PM	30-Poker @ noon - SAL-FND-	31

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