



**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**  
American Legion Post 1985

**MARCH—2016—APRIL— 2016— AT A GLANCE !!**

- **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:// AmericanLe- glon1985.org](http://AmericanLegion1985.org)**
- **Post Commander—Rob Chamley**
- **Service Officer—Bill Dievert—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— March 3—2016**

**What's Happening at Post #1985**

*Mar. 3 - General Meetings—7 PM with District 4 Officers in attendance/pre-meeting lunch @ 6 PM*

*Mar 4—Auxiliary Fish Fry 6 PM*

*Mar 11—Legion Fish & Chips —6 PM Karaoke @ 7 PM*

*Mar 17—Auxiliary St. Patrick's Dinner and Party 5—8 PM*

*Mar 18—Legion Riders Dinner—6 PM*

*Mar 20—Palm Sunday and Auxiliary "Special Kids" Easter Egg Hunt—2 PM*

*Mar 25—Good Friday and SAL Dinner 6 PM*

*Mar 27—Easter Sunday*



*April 4-General Meetings—7 PM*

*April 5—Auxiliary Fish Fry—6 PM*

*April 11- Legion Steak Night 6 PM and Karaoke-7 PM*

*April 15-TAX DAY and \*membership renewals for 2016 due. (\*This is a date established by National- Please help us meet our goals of 100% )*

*April 18- Legion Riders Dinner-6 PM*

*April 25- - SAL Dinner*



Land of the Free because of the Brave!!

**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 1985 IS A DESIGNATED FLAG DROP SITE for worn, used, tattered, frayed or other flags that require a proper retirement. (SAL flag retirement ceremony will be Saturday, May 7, 2016 @ 6 PM.)**

**\*\*\*\*\*RECRUIT-RECRUIT-RECRUIT!!!!\*\*\*\*\***

We all have family, friends, neighbors, and maybe just a casual acquaintance, that we make contact with frequently. Most are connected in some way to a branch of the military, whether is be a great-grand parent, grand parent, parent or sibling. Have you ever asked them if they have or would like to consider becoming a member of our organization? We have brochures at the post and also applications that you may take with you to let others know of our mission. Invite them to join us for some small talk and maybe a cup of coffee or whatever. ***As with the Auxiliary, our mission is about service, not self.*** How do we work with our communities? How can we help our Veterans? Be informed. Be open. Offer a friendly handshake. **TAKE TIME TO LISTEN!!** Everyone has a story to tell.





### NOTES FROM OUR COMMANDER

Just a quick couple of notes. We have made a change to our monthly General Membership meeting. We now have every member donate a dollar to the meeting pot. After every meeting we will draw a

name from the membership list and if your present you win the pot. So it's another reason to attend the meetings and learn what your post is doing for the good of the veterans. Also we are now selling challenge

coins for \$10.00. Please contact a Legionnaire officer for details



### AUXILIARY NEWS AND NOTES—PRESIDENT, DONNA LANE

It's that time of the year again to nominate officers for the 2016-2017 year. Nominations will be accepted at the April monthly meeting. If you know of a member that would like to be an officer, please make a nomination. Floor nominations are also accepted at the May meeting at which time voting and elections will be held. The Auxiliary will host their annual St. Patrick's Dinner and Party on the 17th. We will be coloring eggs for the Palm Sunday Easter Egg hunt and filling the plastic eggs Friday, March 18th at 7 PM. There will be a visitation from our District 4 Officers at the meeting for this month so plan to attend and find out what is going on in our district. A light lunch will precede the meeting @ 6 PM. A reminder to get those dues in by April 15th, please. We have military bracelets for sale-\$5 each. Buy one or a dozen. Proceeds benefit our charities and veteran programs.

### SAL UPDATES :

### SQUADRON COMMANDER, JOEL LONG

The SAL hosted its annual Valentine Dinner to benefit the Child and Welfare Foundation on Feb. 12, 2016. I would like to Thank all of the S.A.L members, along with Donna Lane and Bill Dievert, for their help. The night was a great success this year and next year should be even better. We will have more fundraising events in the upcoming months, so keep your calendars open. Steak and Shrimp was the fare and Karaoke entertainment provided by Tom and Annette made for a very fun evening. 50/50's and a silent auction added to the fun and a good evening was had by all. We will have more fundraising events in the upcoming months, so keep your calendars open. Any and all cooperation is greatly appreciated. (All of the little blue pigs at the bar, proceeds go to the child welfare foundation), so please help out.

*AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 1985-*

The Riders have several upcoming events. Please contact President Mel Kerr for information or call the Legion Post 303-833-3878, to find out what's happening.

The SAL is now planning with the Auxiliary for a Chili Cook Off on Sunday, March 13 from 1-3 PM and culminates with the awarding of the best chili. There will be a \$10 entry fee that will go toward the prize monies. Green, Red, and White Chili are the categories and 1st place will be awarded in each. Proceeds benefit the CWFF and FHS Scholarship programs. Entry forms at the post.

March 18—Auxiliary District 4 Fundraiser for Hearts & Horses for Heroes-Panera Bread, 425 Ken Pratt Blvd. Longmont CO 4 PM—8 PM (Panera will donate 15% of the total sales back to ALA District 4)

Veteran Stand Down Days—

April 1, 2016—Island Grove 4-H Bldg. 501 14th Ave. Greeley, Co 9 am—1 pm;

April 29, 2016—Armory Colorado National Guard, 4050 County Road 22, Firestone, CO. 9 am to 1 pm.

Memorial Day Weekend 2016 event for Korean War Veterans- Northern Colorado Veterans Plaza, with guest speaker, James McGibney, Honorary Counsel of the Republic of Korea. A dinner, dance, and service ceremony will round out the full weekend. Memorial Observance and luncheon at noon on Memorial Day at Post 1985.

July 4—Fourth at Firestone Celebration kick off breakfast at American Legion Post 1985—7 to 9:30.

August 27th—Auxiliary Scholarship Fund Raiser—Car Show and dance

September—Labor Day

October—Halloween

November—Veterans Day, Thanksgiving (Don't forget to vote!!)

December—Christmas; Post Christmas Party; New Years' Eve Party

We will keep you posted on events as they occur. This is just a few of the events planned for the upcoming year.

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

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VETERANS HELPING VETERANS



# March 2016



Your Birthstone—Aquamarine, Bloodstone, Jade

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	<u>3-General Meetings—7 PM/Visitation</u>	4-Auxiliary Fish Fry—6 PM	5
6	7-MND—6 PM DARTS-7 PM	8-POKER @-NOON	9	10	11-Legion Fish & Chips 6PM with Karao-	12
13—SAL, AUX-  SAL & CHILI FF-1	14-MND—6 PM DARTS-7 PM	15-POKER@-NOON	16	<u>17-Auxiliary St. Patrick's Dinner and</u> 	18-Legion Riders Dinner-6 PM	19
20-Palm Sunday—Auxiliary Easter Egg 	21-MND—6 PM DARTS-7 PM	22-POKER-@NOON	23	24	25-Good Friday—Dinner by SAL 6 PM	26
<u>27-Easter Sunday</u> 	28-MND—6 PM DARTS-7 PM	29-POKER-@NOON	30	31		