



American Legion Post 1985
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MARCH NEWSLETTER

"The World's Largest Veteran's Organization"

"Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain, and most fools do. But it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving." - Dale Carnegie

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		1 Poker 12p - 4p	2	3 General Meeting 7pm HB Lou Frederick Bob Ulmer	4 Poker/12p-4p Spaghetti Dinner & Music by Colorado Country! HB Nick Martinez Don Roose	5 HB Alexandria McCain
6 NASCAR! VFW District 3 Meeting 12p-4p	7 Darts 6pm Monday Nite Dinner	8 Poker 12p-4p FAT Tuesday	9	10 HB Matt Daum	11 Poker 12p-4p Dinner/6pm Karaoke	12 Bonfils Blood Drive! Cribbage Tourney
13 NASCAR! Spring Ahead! HB Ray Managan	14 Darts 6pm Monday Nite Dinner	15 Poker 12p-4p	16 HB Yvette Roberts	17 St. Patrick's Day S.A.L. Dinner	18 Poker 12p-4p	19 Chili Cook Off! Noon
20 NASCAR! Newsletter Deadline	21 Darts 6pm Monday Nite Dinner HB Robert Sears	22 Poker 12p-4p	23	24 40 & 8 Dinner HB Gene Keim & Butch Syms	25 Poker 12p- 4p Dinner/6pm Music by Colorado Country!	26 VFW Breakfast 8a-12p
27 NASCAR!	28 Darts 6pm Monday Nite Dinner HB Jason Lewis	29 Poker 12p-4p	30	31 Executive Board Meeting 7pm HB Sarah Kidd		

● Indicates hall rented for an event

Sam DiPaolo

Post 1985 Happenings

SPECIAL THANKS!

- ▶ Thanks to Tim Sons for the great Post 1985 website! If you haven't seen it, be sure to check it out!
www.americanlegion1985.org
- ▶ Thanks to Sherwin-Williams of Firestone for the donation of paint for the upstairs!
- ▶ Thanks to Purifoy Chevrolet and Saddleback Golf Course for their donation towards the packages for our troops!
- ▶ Special thanks to Nancy Taylor for taking on the newsletter for the past year!

IN MARCH

Spaghetti Dinner and Music by GeneO!
March 4th, Friday
Your Auxiliary will be preparing a great spaghetti dinner and **all** will enjoy music by our very own Gene Olson, Colorado Country!

Fat Tuesday!
March 8th, Tuesday
Beer and Beads! What could be better! Stop by for a little Mardi Gras cheer!

Bonfils Blood Drive!
March 12th, Saturday
The blood-mobile will be on site from 9:00am - 1:00 pm! Blood donation is one of the easiest ways to volunteer. One whole blood donation can save and enhance the lives of up to three patients! Give the gift of life! **WALK UPS WELCOME!**

Cribbage Tournament!
March 12th, Saturday
Games will start at noon and run til ?? Don't know how to play cribbage? Don't worry, we'll teach ya! C'mon in, it's fun!

St. Paddy's day dinner!
March 17th, Thursday
Our S.A.L. will be cooking up a traditional Irish feast of corned beef and cabbage! Stop in for dinner and green beer!

Chili CookOff!
March 19th, Saturday
Bring in your green chili or red chili or both! Entry fee is \$5.00 per crock and entries close at noon so make sure you have your chili at the Post. Shuffleboard, Darts, and Raffles! If you would like to bring food items that go along with chili, please do so, and we can all share! All proceeds benefit "the good of the Post!" Clip & complete the entry form (left) and bring it in with your chili. As an added bonus, the Auxiliary will be holding a bake sale too! YUM!

Music with Colorado Country!
March 25th, Friday
Stop in for dinner and stay awhile for music with GeneO!
7:30p-10:30p

MORE IN MARCH

VFW Breakfast!
March 26th, Saturday
Mark your calendars for the last Saturday of each month! No matter what you're doing, start your day off right with a great breakfast!
8:00am - 12:00pm

Upcoming Events!

IN APRIL

S.A.L. Child Welfare Foundation Dinner
April 2nd, Saturday
Not all American children grow up inside the comfortable definition of normal childhood development. For thousands, each day is a challenge marked by pain, prayer and perseverance. Many of these youngsters require specialized care. To overcome their obstacles, they need help from you and the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Please join your S.A.L. for a delicious smoked ham dinner with proceeds going to benefit the many American children who need our help. The cost of the dinner is by donation. Social Hour 5 pm, Dinner at 6pm. Also planned will be a silent auction, karaoke & awards.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt!
April 17th, Sunday
Our great Tri-town tradition for all the kids, grandkids, family & friends! Swing by for the fun! The Easter Egg Hunt will be in Miners Park (behind the Post) and will begin at 2:00pm. Set up, coloring the real eggs and filling the plastic eggs will be on April 16th. For more info call Joann Kidd at 303-667-8745

Last Saturday in April!
April 30th, Saturday
You know what that means! **VFW Breakfast!**
C'mon by 8:00am - 12:00pm

IN MAY

Car Show and Sock Hop!
May 14th, Saturday
All is in the works for a Car Show and the 6th annual Sock Hop to benefit the Scholarship Program with the world famous "Martinez and Company" scheduled to rock the house! A silent auction and raffles will run all day, as well as an all day food venue. Times and details are not yet complete for these events, but **save the date** for a fun filled day at Post 1985!
More to come!
Cindy Daum, Scholarship Chair
Donna Lane, Scholarship Co-Chair

Chili Cookoff Entry Form \$5.00/crock

Chili Cook Off

Name: _____

Red Chili _____ Green Chili _____

ANY NASCAR FANS OUT THERE?! ☺
Come watch the race at Post 1985!

Auxiliary Membership Update!
We're at 77%!
32 members to go for 100%
Total Members (includes new) - 136
Total renewed - 104
Renew today!

DID YOU KNOW?!

Lunch is now being served **DAILY** at Post 1985!

- Mondays - Cheeseburger w/chips
- Tuesdays - 2 Tacos w/salsa
- Wednesdays - 2 Hot dogs w/chips
- Thursdays - 2 Sloppy joes w/chips
- Fridays - Patrons choice!

Only \$3.00!



Welcome new members!

- Kim Strickard
- Dominic Navarro
- Charlene Russell
- Alexandria McClain
- Patricia Roser
- Rebecca Dimock

Membership Renewal!

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

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Or see your membership representatives!

Legion – Bill A'Hearn
Auxiliary – Cindy Daum
S.A.L. – Steven R. Kidd

HAPPY



DAY!



Chaplains Corner

John Boysen - Chaplain

►Sincere condolences to Don Roose on the loss of his wife, Diane. "May she rest in peace."

►Sincere condolences to the family of Dave Blazon. "May he rest in peace."

►Sincere condolences to Claudia Olson on the loss of her husband, Ron. "May he rest in peace, until we meet again."

►Continued thoughts and prayers to our comrade Jim Burback.

►Sincere speedy recovery to Melinda Brueggeman.

►Sincere thoughts and prayers to all comrades and loved ones in distress.

What we leave behind in our lives may help someone else find the way.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!



Legion Notes

Andy Brueggeman- Commander

Hello Post 1985, Looks like 2011 is just going to keep rolling on by as fast as ever. March is upon us which brings us March Madness. A couple great weeks of basketball to be watched at the Post on the big screen. Look for some great specials and awesome conversation during the games. We also have St. Patrick's day coming up. The S.A.L. will be cooking up some great food and I know Trisha is brewing some great beer for the Holiday. Bring out your Irish and join us at the Post. I would like to take this time to thank everyone as we make this Post better by the month. We have had so many changes in the past few months but I know in my heart that they are for the good of the Legion. I would love to see all of you Legionnaire's attend the March 3rd General meeting. We do have alot to discuss and need your voice. On a final note, I'd like to personally thank Nancy Taylor for stepping up to do the newsletter. We really appreciated it! Have a Great March, I will see you the at the Legion.



Auxiliary Notes

JoAnn Kidd - President

High light from mid year: Lynn Wild, North West Division Vice President emphasized that everything we do should be about veterans and children, & to maintain our membership so ladies for those of you that have not paid your 2011 dues PLEASE GET THEM SENT IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Hope everyone had a great Valentines Day we had a lot of fun at the Post we had good food & spin the wheel for Valentine's gifts. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Scholarship Breakfast and then the memorial lunch for my Uncle Dave. I don't know where we would be if we couldn't rely on each other in a time of need. Thank you.



Adjutant Notes

Bill A'Hearn – Adjutant (interim)

We're doing pretty well on membership and we've met all of our department goals so far this year. Our goal is 149 and we're at 136. Nice job everyone! I'd like to especially thank Barb Day for keeping all the books and records straight and in order, you did an excellent job Barb!



S.A.L. Notes

Gary Ulmer –Commander

Hello everyone!
We would like to thank Leroy Blazon & Bobby and Matt Daum for help and supplies with the upstairs storage room. We'd also like to thank Steven R, Mark Wood, Rick Moat and Paul (town board member) for their help with the Sunday S.A.L. breakfast as well as all who attended for their support! Appreciate it!
We have one S.A.L. dinner planned for this month. March 17th (Thursday) ST. PADDY'S DAY! We'll be making a great corned beef and cabbage dinner for only \$5. And, please mark your calendars for our S.A.L. Child Welfare Foundation Dinner Fundraiser in April!
Squadron 1985 thanks all for your support!



Post 1985 Memorial Wall



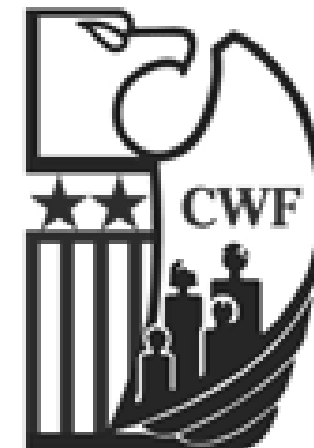
The Post 1985 Memorial Wall is a great way to honor and remember all those in our lives both past and present. Honor someone special with a personalized engraved brick just for them. Bricks are proudly and permanently displayed. Cost is \$40. Order forms are available at the Post or contact Nick Martinez 303-833-2275

History of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

In 1952, Department Commander Dr. Garland D. Murphy, Jr. of Arkansas, came to The American Legion with an offer to provide a valuable contribution if we could figure out some way his gift could be used solely for children. After much study and discussion, the idea of a foundation was adopted. Later that year, the National Executive Committee appointed a special committee to determine the feasibility of establishing such a proposed foundation. Eventually, on October 15, 1953, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of the Foundation and entered into a trust agreement with Dr. Murphy. Legal work was completed, and on July 9, 1954, the Foundation was duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana. At that time, Dr. Murphy assigned to the Foundation deeds to fractional mineral rights on nearly 10,000 acres of land in the oil-rich Williston Basin in Montana and North Dakota. In 1955, it gave its first three grants totaling \$22,500 to three organizations. The Delinquency Control Institute, the National Association for Retarded Children, and the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness were the first three beneficiaries. To date, over \$9 million has been awarded to organizations to assist the children of this country from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was developed as a repository of funds from individuals who wished to contribute to the betterment of children in this country. Their foremost philanthropic priority is to provide other nonprofit organizations with the means to educate the public about the special needs of children across this nation.

For more information about this worthy foundation visit <http://www.cwf-inc.org/>



Legion - Commander, Andy Brueggeman ■ Sr. Vice Comdr, Rob Chamley ■ Jr. Vice Comdr, Kip Taylor ■ Adjutant (interim), Bill A'Hearn ■ Finance Officer (interim), Bill A'Hearn ■ Chaplain, John Boysen ■ Sgt-at-Arms, Nick Martinez ■ Historian, open ■ Service Officer, Tony Cervantes
Auxiliary - President, JoAnn Kidd ■ 1st V.P., Jackie London ■ 2nd V.P., Carole Wasinger ■ Secretary, Cindy Daum ■ Treasurer, Donna Lane ■ Chaplain, Dorothy Ulmer ■ Sgt-at-Arms, Francis Green & Yvonne Keim ■ Historian, Cheryl Sears
S.A.L. - Commander Gary Ulmer ■ Sr. Vice Comdr, Gary Cope ■ Jr. Vice Comdr, Jason Kidd ■ Adjutant, Steven R. Kidd ■ Chaplain, Steven R. Kidd ■ Historian, Bob Ulmer ■ Sgt-at-Arms, Larry Dowdell



Reminders by email

If you would like to receive emails of upcoming Post 1985 events, please submit your email address to

americanlegionpost1985@yahoo.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 Trisha Roser 303-833-3878

Privacy: The email address you provide will be used solely for the purpose of receiving "Post Happenings" reminder announcements and will not be shared.

NEWSLETTER

If you have any photos to share in the newsletter, please email to: Daily61@aol.com And please don't forget! If you are moving, know someone who has or know someone who isn't getting their Post 1985 bulletin, be sure to inform us to ensure our records are accurate and we can ensure all members are receiving their newsletter! Thank you!

Important contact information!

Chaplains: If you know of someone who is ill or has lost a family member contact

Legion Chaplain- John Boysen 303-833-2575

Aux. Chaplain- Dorothy Ulmer 303-833-3379

S.A.L. Chaplain – Steven R. Kidd 303-564-8587

Service Officer: If you need military service information contact

Tony Cervantes
303-800-6078

Canteen Hours

Open every day 12:00 high noon
Phone 303-833-3878
Canteen Manager – Trisha Roser

And your friendly bartenders
JoAnn Kidd
Mary Montes
and welcome Shelly Crispin