

AMERICAN LEGION POST #1985

NOVEMBER—2014



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Special points of interest:

November 4—VOTE

- November 8, 2014-Santa Cops 15th Annual fund raiser—3:00 P.M. with auction, food, fun and entertainment-\$5 or gift for a child
- November 11—Veteran’s Day luncheon at 2:00 P.M.
- American Education Week
- November 27—Thanksgiving Day—Post will be closed
- Membership Dues

We are open daily—
Sunday through Saturday at 12 PM

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Hello to all members—It has been a while since we published our last newsletter, but we are going to try to get this back in circulation and keep members informed of Post #1985 happenings. I am new at this and will try my best to make it timely. I will be seeking any type of information that is Veteran related to keep our Vets updated and informed on current events, health information, etc. I welcome any and all input.

We have a lot of things on our agendas for this year and would appreciate any help you can provide, whether it be volunteering for fund raisers, helping in post maintenance, volunteers to help vets get to appointments, obtain affordable housing or helping a veterans family through some tough times.

We all know that a TEAM can only

be as good as it’s players and since there is no “I” in TEAM, it takes a lot of bodies to be successful. WE can do so much when we all pull together. Our past has proven that in many ways.

We have new leaders that are willing to take on this task. Post Commander, Mike McMillan ; SAL Squadron Commander, Joel Long; and Auxiliary President, Donna Lane . We also have the Legion Riders on board as well. We are a Legion Family and want to see good things happen. As a TEAM, it will happen.

As a TEAM player,

Are your dues current? Do you attend the monthly meeting and offer input? Do you participate in fund raisers? Volunteer to help when needed?

On September 14th, Post #1985 saluted Honor Flight Veterans as they went by on I25 on their way to visit memorials in Washington, D.C. This is so emotional for many and certainly a way to show our appreciation for their sacrifices to our great Nation. The next Honor Flight will be on May 9th, 2015. Please join our communities and salute these brave men and women who gave their all.

The next time you meet a veteran, shake their hand and thank them for their service. It means a lot!



VETERANS DAY

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice was declared between the Allied Nations and Germany in World War 1, then known as “the Great War.” Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th be-

came a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of WW11 and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. The day’s observation includes public gatherings and parades.

On November 11, 1921, an unknown American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. That tradition continues today with the placing of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Post #1985—
Hours—Open
daily, Sunday
through Satur-
day at 12 noon.

Meet our
friendly staff—
Krystal, Kathy,
Michele and
Shauna.

Hall rental
available—
reservations—
303-833-3878

**What's in a
name?**

**A window-
cleaning firm
advertises itself
as "Transparent
Wall
Maintenance
Engineers"**

Services—

Service Officer—
William Deivert—
303-833-3464

Chaplain—
Todd Fischer—
303-434-1880

COMMANDERS CORNER—MIKE MCMILLAN



A post is only as good as it's mem-
bers and their continued support.
We encourage you to please pay
your 2015 dues as soon as possible.
These were due by October 20th
but we continue to accept these as
they come in. We would like these
at 100% by December 31, 2014.

There will be a Veterans Day
luncheon on November 11th at the
Post. Please come in and share the
camaraderie of fellow veterans at 2
PM.

This also marks the beginning of
American Education Week. Seek
out ways to support our youth pro-
grams through organizations and

schools.

Thanks to Tim, Bill, and Joel in
setting up the new gazebo on the
back patio. A very nice addition to
the post.

We will be a host site once again,
for the Bonfils Blood Drives. The
holiday season brings an ever big-
ger need for blood donations and
this is a great time to give back and
help out the blood banks. Donors
are always needed and thanked for
their kindness. Schedule to be
posted next month.

We will be hosting an Army VS
Navy football party on December

13th at 1 PM. Drink specials, free
food and drawings will make for a
great day. Gather up that gear and
show your support for your favor-
ite. This is 115th clash for these
two military branches so it should
prove to be exciting.

Next meeting—November 6—7PM

E-Board meets November 26-7 PM

Legion/Auxiliary Dinner—
November 21—6

Mike McMillan-720-651-4995

AUXILIARY NEWS—PRESIDENT, DONNA LANE



Hi to all, We will be busy working
on new and some old projects in the
upcoming months. We will keep
you posted as they occur so bear
with us.

Our current membership is at 51%
so please get your dues in as soon
as possible. Our goal is 61 % by
Veterans Day and 100% by year
end.

We have been busy with our fund
raisers and other events to date.

4th of July Breakfast was VERY
busy as we served 250+ and did run
out of food. Next year will be even
better. The annual scholarship fund
raiser was a great day. 30 car show
entrants, a live auction and an old-
ies dance helped to raise \$1500.
The 15th annual (believe that?)
Santa Cops Fund Raiser is Novem-
ber 8th. A live auction begins at 3
PM followed by live music into the
evening. We will be serving food
as well. Cost is \$5 and/or a gift for

a child. On December 6th, we will
sponsor the Santa at the Library at
Carbon Valley Library, 11 AM—1
PM. Treat bag stuffing on 12/5 at
6:30 at the post.

Remember—Auxiliary Monthly
meeting—November 6 at 7 PM.

Friday Night Fish Fry—November
7th—6 PM

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SQUADRON COMMANDER—JOEL LONG



We are hoping to increase our
membership and always seeking
new members. If you know of
anyone that would like to become a
part of our organization or that
would like more information on our
mission, please contact me.

We have decided to continue with
our bi-annual flag retirement cere-
mony. These are done in correla-
tion of the Honor Flights in May
and September. We will give you

dates as they are available.

We want to have a fund raiser for
Colorado Boys Club. This club is
to help young people in their quest
for education and support that these
kids need to keep growing and
learning long after the school bell
rings. If anyone has an idea of a
fund raiser that could be imple-
mented, please contact Joel Long at
joelc186@hotmail.com or call me at
720-341-1697 and let's talk .

Next meeting—
November 6 at 7 PM-
Friday Night Dinner—
November 28th-6 PM

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



The American Legion Riders are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children’s hospitals, schools, veterans homes, severely wounded service-members and scholarships.

In Garden City, Michigan, in 1993, Chuck “Tramp” Dare and Bill “Polka” Kaledas, commander of American Legion Post #396, shared an idea to start a motorcycle enthusiasts association within the organization. The two long time riders wanted an environment where Legion family members could come together to share a common love for motorcycles.

Currently, 106,000 American Legion Riders meet in over a thousand chapters in every domestic department and in at least three foreign countries.

On a local level, the Post 1985 Chapter does monthly dinners at the post and has rides to support the Balfour Memorial Fund and the Ride to the Wall.

For more information , contact Mel Kerr or Brandy Stewart at 303-349-5129

Next Riders Meeting—November 12th—7 PM

Friday Night Dinner—November 14th-6 PM-Lasagna

Monday, November 17—Burgers and Fries



POST HAPPENINGS

The year has been a very busy one here at Post #1985. We observed Memorial Day with our traditional service of remembrance, followed by a nice luncheon and gathering of friends and families. Then came our 4th at Firestone Celebration. The Legion Family entered a very well done float and although we didn’t win a prize, we received salutes and applause from all those observing the parade. That, in itself, was a great reward. We

hosted the breakfast to kick off the day and served over 250 “guests”. In August, our Auxiliary Scholarship Committee hosted the annual car show, auction and oldies dance with music by Martinez & Company. With September came Labor Day and a flag retirement ceremony by the SAL, followed by a luncheon at 6:30 PM.

The Monday Night and Friday Night Dinners are back and we are

still playing darts on Monday nights. The first Friday of every month, the Auxiliary has a fish fry for \$8.00 and the response has been very good. The Legionnaires, SAL, and Legion Riders also do something special on alternating Fridays.

When you are out and about, stop in for a relaxing afternoon or evening. If you have not visited for a while, please do so soon. We miss you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Bash on October 31st. The evening includes a steak or salmon dinner for \$12 (pre sales-reserve by the 29th). Tickets are available at the bar. The evening will be full with a costume contest, pumpkin carving contest (entries due by the 29th), and Karaoke.

November 8th is the Santa Cops Fundraiser/Toy Drive. Cover is \$5 or a gift for a child. There will be an auction at 3 PM followed by live music to dance to in the eve-

ning. Food, fun, and charity. All proceeds go to our local Police Departments to purchase gifts for Christmas. **November 11th, Veterans Day**, we will be hosting a luncheon at 2 PM . Visit with our veterans and hear their recollections of their military service. It is quite humbling. So many gave so much for our freedoms. During this week, we will also be observing American Education Week. On Thanksgiving Day, the post will be closed. Our annual **Santa at the**

Library will be on December 6 from 11 AM to 1 PM. We need “Santa Helpers” . Let us know if you can help. **December 13th the Post will host it’s first Army VS Navy football party.** Game starts at 13:00 with drink specials, free food and drawings at half time. Throw on that jersey, hat,, t-shirt or “whatever” in support of your branch of choice.

RANDOM TRIVIA

— **Baskin Robbins once made ketchup ice cream. This was the only vegetable flavored ice cream produced.**

Coming Next Month—The monthly readers quiz contest

ARMY/NAVY Football Party

Christmas Party

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November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2-Broncos @ Patriots -2 PM-Pot Luck-	3 -MND-6 PM- Darts-7 PM	4-Election Day-Be sure to VOTE!!	5	6- General Meet- ing-7:00 PM	7-Auxiliary Fish Fry- 6:00 PM	8-Santa Cops Auction/Toy Drive-
9-Broncos @ Raiders -2 PM-Pot Luck	10-MND-6 PM- Darts-7 PM	11-Veterans Day Luncheon-2 PM	12-Legion Riders- 7:00 PM	13	14-Legion Riders- 6:00 PM	15
16-Broncos @ Rams- 11 AM-Pot Luck	17-MND-6 PM - Darts-7 PM	18	19	20	21-Legion dinner- 6:00 PM	22
23-Broncos VS Dolphins-2:30- Potluck	24-MND-6 PM- Darts-7 PM	25	26	27- Thanksgiving-Post closed	28-S.A.L.-Chicken Fry Stk- 6:00 PM	29
30- Broncos @ Chiefs-6:30-Potluck						