

American Legion Post 1985

2023 in Review

2023 was a busy and productive year at the Post, filled with fundraising activities, Legion events, and building renovations. Sally Janish worked diligently with Home Depot to secure donated time and materials to upgrade our Legion. With the help of Home Depot and many Legion members, we were able to install new flooring and paint throughout the Post. It looks great! Thanks to the efforts of helpful Post members, we were also able to complete several minor upgrades to the bathrooms. Additionally, our Post earned recognition for reaching 113% of our membership goal.

This past year, we also restarted our Color Guard. They had the honor of presenting the flag at three events and are looking forward to participating in even more events in 2024. The Sons of the American Legion also held a flag retirement ceremony with a great turnout, during which more than 2,300 flags were respectfully retired. We also held our annual Military Ball, which was a great time for everyone who attended.

The Post hosted many fundraisers and events to raise money and collect items to support veterans and community members in need. These fundraising events included the annual car show, chili cook-off, Derby "Showhorse" Dash, motorcycle rides, Run for the Wall events, Fourth of July breakfast, Friday night dinners, and many others.

With the funds and donations raised, we were able to support the following organizations and causes: Table of Hope, Healing Warriors, Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center, Carbon Valley Christmas Blessings, Veteran and Auxiliary Assisted Celebrations of Life, cancer fund assistance, and travel support. We also sponsored the Frederick High School Legion Baseball Team.

The Post was able to provide immediate assistance to veterans by covering expenses such as rent, utilities, medications, car repairs, fuel, grocery gift cards, Christmas presents, and school-related expenses. In total, we assisted 13 veterans and many additional community members. None of this would have been possible without the generosity and dedication of our Post members—thank you!

Last but not least, we honored our fellow comrades, Stephen Ray and Gary Richardson, with the draping of the charter.