

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 1985

April 2024



## GENERAL INFORMATION

870 1st Street, Firestone, CO

Mailing address P.O. BOX 661

Phone: 303-833-3878 ,  
www.americanlegion1985.org

Post Hours: Open Daily @ noon

- **Post Commander—Ric Payne 720-891-6068**
- **Adjutant—Brandy Sage-wright-Payne— 720 519 5070**
- **Service Officer and Van Coordinator—Ric Payne 720-891-6068**
- **Chaplain—Bob Williams 303-416-0726**
- **Auxiliary President—JoAnn Kidd 303-667-8745**
- **SAL Commander— Kirk Will 970-412-6014**
- **Legion Rider President— Nathan Brouce 303-591-7141**
- **Friendly canteen staff: Krystal, Nicole, Carolyn, Dixie, Jess and Kari**

**Need a place for your special event?**

**Stop by and pick up information on rates and availability**

**Please stop by legion and pick up hall rental information sheet and contract. No more phone reservations are accepted**

## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

### Menu

(All dinners served from 6 - 8 PM or until sold out)

April 5th Auxiliary Fired Tacos, Rice & beans

April 12th Legion Steak Night R.S.V.P  
\$20.00

April 19th Riders Smothered Burrito/rice and beans \$15.00

April 26th Son's Canceled- No dinner

*PLEASE COME SUPPORT OUR DINNERS FUNDS GO TO*



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Monthly Legion meeting drawing  
Over \$345.00

Last month winner would have been  
Brandy Sagewright-Payne  
You must be present to win



## Mah Jongg Tournament

Fundraiser for the benefit of  
Local Veterans  
High School Scholarships

**SATURDAY - April 27, 2024**

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

|          |                            |
|----------|----------------------------|
| 9-9:20am | Check-in                   |
| 9:15am   | Welcome and Rules Overview |
| 9:30am   | Tournament Play - Rounds   |
| ~11:45am | 1-2 Lunch                  |
| 12:45pm  | Tournament Play - Rounds   |
| ~3:15pm  | 3-4 Awards                 |

Play will be with the 2024 National Mah Jongg League rules and card. Each round is 4 games - total of 16 games  
Please share this with your friends - players of all levels are welcome to participate!

\$45 Early Registration Donation (until 4/15/24)  
\$50 Registration Donation (after 4/15/24)  
SORRY, NO WALK-INS DAY OF TOURNAMENT - NO REFUNDS

**LOCATION:**  
American Legion Post 1985 870  
1st St, Firestone, CO 80520

Questions? - Email sally.janich@gmail.com or call 303-995-5034

*Mah Jongg* Tournament Registration Form

\$45 until April 15, 2024

\$50 if received after April 15th

Make Check Payable to "American Legion Post 1985" and mail to:

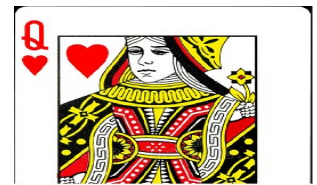
American Legion Mahjongg  
Tournament PO Box 661  
Firestone, CO 80520

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring my set and be East  
 I will be East but cannot bring a set

(Please, no vintage or solid black set

**QUEEN OF HEARTS !!!**  
Every Friday night. Last ticket  
sold 7:15 Drawing 7:30



Congratulations

Cheryl Rainey



Are you smarter than a 5th grader? How well do you know history, music, pop culture? Ready to team up with your fellow legion family members for some trivia fun? Please sign up at the canteen if you are interested in a monthly trivia game - more details to come if we get the interest.

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Upcoming Meetings

April 4th Legion, Son's & Auxiliary General Meeting 7pm

April 11th Legion Riders Meeting 7pm

April 25th EXECUTIVE BOARD 7PM



Dart tournament season Jan-Aug. Mondays 7pm



AMERICAN LEGION POST 1985

Merchandise for sale

- Our own post Challenge coin
- Post Coffee Cups in 2 sizes
- American Flags
- Other items available



Our neighbor down the road is seeking assistance from us.

They currently have a need for some basic food items:

Rice, beans, and cereal.

Please drop your donations at Post

Thank you.

AUXILIARY

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

April 5th

Fried Tacos, Rice & Beans

Auxiliary News  
New! New! New!

I want to thank everyone who helped with the St Patrick's Scholarship Fundraiser dinner and supported the dinner. Huge success 86 dinners were served

APRIL 2, 2024 – MEET AND EAT!!

A light lunch of soup and sandwich will be offered before the regular meetings on April 2nd from 5 PM to 6:30 PM. Come in early and chat with members and friends over a delicious lunch. Donations benefit our veterans' funds.

See you there!

April 2st Nomination of Auxiliary Officers for 2025  
Friday Night Dinner

April 3rd 6:00pm



Fried Tacos, rice & beans \$15:00

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

Slightly Used—bring to the post and  
Fundraiser

Membership! Membership!  
Membership! 2024

Auxiliary membership dues are \$40.00

Thank you  
JoAnn Kidd  
303-667-8745  
jokidd1959@gmail.com



LIVE MUSIC!

Saturday April 20th 6PM – 10PM  
American Legion Post 1985  
870 1st Street, Firestone CO 80520  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**The Responders Oldies Band** We are seasoned musicians/entertainers. We play the "oldies" with a bit of a twist. From Elvis and Chuck Berry, to The Beatles and Dave Clark 5, we play Rock n' Roll the way it was meant to be played.

**Public welcome.** Minors MUST be accompanied by an adult 21 or older.

**50/50 Drawings** – 50% of the pot goes to the winner and 50% of pot goes to our Entertainment fund.

Come Dance or just hang out and listen to the music. Meet some of your local veterans.

All donations collected go to our post and helps our veterans and families in need.

# LEGION NEWS

## STEAK NIGHT April 12th

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**\*\*\*R.S.V.P \$20.00**

We will be holding final nominations for all officer positions at our next general meeting, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. I would encourage anyone interested in running for any position to come in and be here at that time. This is your Legion and you have a voice in it you just have to come and exercise your rights. We are especially looking for a new post Adjutant and Service Officer, a New Chaplain as well but as I said, all officer positions are open for nominations.

- Commander

Good day everyone! As we approach Spring we're coming to the end of the Membership Year 2024. I want to thank you all for your support which I can't do enough, truly. We are a member-led organization that not only works to make our community a better place for future generations, but we are a community where Veterans can have the sense of belonging that many of us remember from our time in the service. I'm sure I'm not alone in remembering the struggles faced while serving, as well as the ones we faced after. It's organizations like ours that work to ensure that no one is forgotten. No one is alone. I am so grateful that we have one another to lean on. Let's continue to make our membership mean something. Thank you all. -Adjutant

### From Behind the scenes at Post 1985:

Big deserving salute to the following individuals, businesses and families that keep our American Legion running, save us money, or make our post a more enjoyable place for all of us.

Carlos Martinez – Installed the much-needed shelves in janitorial closet.

Michael Janich – Answered call at 0630am to check possible gas leak at legion. All clear after inspection.

Randy Martinez – Obtained and installed lounge window coverings. Looks great!

Rick Markley – Awesome help to legionaries at steak night.

### LEGION RIDER NEWS

*Friday Night Dinner April 19th Smothered Burrito/rice & beans \$15*

We are collecting donation items for our auction in June. Please donate anything you think will help.

*We ride for those who can't*



Since this month we celebrate the beginning of the American Revolutionary war that began on April 19, 1775, let us look at some of the facts of this war. For example, what was the sentiment of the settlers during that time? Did you know that much of the population during that time did not want democracy, they were backing the British. Because of British loyalty the war lasted longer than it could have it actually ended in 1778. In fact, in 1776 shortly before the signing of the declaration of independence a group of men even had a secret plan to assassinate George Washington. Several prominent men were involved to include the governor of New York and George Washington's personal bodyguard. Thankfully that plan was discovered early. Also, during this war which lasted from 1775 till 1783 there were more deaths from disease than gunshots. Due to the constant contact with people from across the seas and different regions, and lack of knowledge about how diseases spread. There are no actual numbers, but it is believed that for every soldier killed on the field two more died of disease. Due to the constant contact with people from across the seas and different regions, and lack of knowledge about how diseases spread. There are no actual numbers, but it is believed that for every soldier killed on the field two more died of disease Now Speaking of the Declaration of Independence, did you know there were 200 original copies printed? Only one was signed by all fifty-six members of the second continental congress, which is the one that is still in the National Archives. The remaining 199 were only signed by John Hancock and Charles Thomson. There are only twenty-six of those documents around today that they know of. Now who knows, one of us may get lucky and walk into the right garage sale or thrift store and find an old piece of paper with only two signatures on it.

**CHAPLAIN BOB WILLIAMS**



## We raised the funds and raised the roof.

Thank you to all who helped us reach our goal to complete the installation of the new roof.

Dart Players – always come through with donations.

Tommy Paul – donations from 50/50 band events.

Auxiliary – your floor refund check is appreciated.

Riders – your 50/50 contribution helped us get closer.

SONS – your last check pushes us over our goal!!

Thank you to all members and guests

There has been a pretty good turnout for the 2 bayonets I donated to raise money for the roof but we were able to raise the roof money before the drawing so we have another plan.

The parking lot was supposed to be resealed and the cracks filled 2 years ago but we didn't have the funds so we put it off for a year. Then along came the roof problem and that took over everything we had and more so in the interest of transparency we are going to switch the bayonet raffle funds to help get the parking lot redone. Tickets for the bayonet raffle are only \$2.00 each, 6 for \$10.00 and we will have 2 winners on steak night April 9, 2024. You don't have to be present to win but you'll be missing out on a great steak so get some tickets and reserve your steak now.

The women's Auxiliary is taking the lead on helping us remodel and improve the women's restroom. There will be new paint and those ugly partitions will disappear in favor of real ones and we are going to try and give the first toilet a little more room, new vanity and sink also. If anyone has ideas for the men's room please let us know as we would like to fix it up as well

Would you like to advertise your business in the American Legion Post 1985 Newsletter?

**YOUR AD HERE**

Business Card 3.5" x 2" \$15 x Month / \$120 Annual  
¼ Page 3.75" x 4.75" \$30 x Month / \$300 Annual  
½ Page 7.5" x 4.75" \$50 x Month / \$500 Annual  
Full Page 7.5" x 10.5" \$85 x Month / \$850 Annual

Sizes are estimates only.

Portion of these funds will be used for to pay for printing and mailing.

The Post Newsletter can be found at [www.americanlegion1985.org/newsletter](http://www.americanlegion1985.org/newsletter)

If you would like to receive and electronic copy please send your email address to [tommy.daw@argen.com](mailto:tommy.daw@argen.com) or call 303-746-0164.



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WE WILL  
NEVER  
FORGET

April 2024

| Sun | Mon                              | Tue                              | Wed                               | Thu                                 | Fri   | Sat   |
|-----|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
|     | 1                                | 2                                | 3                                 | 4 General Meeting<br>7pm            | 5 Auxiliary<br>Fired Tacos,<br>rice & beans | 6   |
| 7   | 8 Monday<br>Night Darts<br>7 PM  | 9 Bike &<br>Car Night<br>5-9 PM  | 10 Texas<br>Hold 'M<br>Poker-7 PM | 11 Legion<br>Rider Meet-<br>ing 7pm | 12 LEGION<br>\$20.00 STEAK<br>NIGHT RSVP    | 13 Cornhole<br>Tournament<br>5:30PM               |
|     | 15 Monday<br>Night Darts<br>7 PM | 16 Bike &<br>Car Night<br>5-9 PM | 17 Texas<br>Hold 'M<br>Poker-7 PM | 18                                  | 19 RIDERS<br>SMOTHERED<br>BURRITOS          | 20 Live music.<br>The Respon-<br>ders Oldies Band |
| 21  | 22 Monday<br>Night Darts<br>7 PM | 23 Bike &<br>Car Night<br>5-9 PM | 24 Texas<br>Hold 'M<br>Poker-7 PM | 25 E Board<br>Meeting 7<br>PM       | 26  | 27 Mah jong<br>tournament<br>9am-4pm              |
| 28  | 29 Monday<br>Night Darts<br>7 PM | 30 Bike &<br>Car Night<br>5-9 PM |                                   |                                     |   |   |