

April Legion Post 1985



GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: 870 1st Street, Firestone, CO 80520

Mailing address: P.O. BOX 661 Firestone, CO 80520

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

[American Legion Post 1985](#)

Post Hours: Open Daily @ noon

- **Post Commander—Cecil Hitzges 720-757-2812**
- **Adjutant—Dawn Marie Cuddy 303-881-3232**
- **Service Officer —Kathy Garcia**
- **Chaplain—Don Krieger**
- **Auxiliary President—Kari Steenberg 612-581-5063**
- **SAL Commander— Kirk Will 970-412-6014**
- **Legion Rider President—Nathan Brounce 303-591-7141**
- **Friendly canteen staff: Carolyn, Kari, Vanity, Bridget, and Stacie (Bar Manager)**



Mondays nights darts 7pm

Local resources

[Home | Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs](#)

[Veterans Service - Weld County](#)

[Veteran Services - Boulder County](#)

Menu

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

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

April 3rd AUX Meat or cheese lasagna, salad bar and dessert \$15

April 10th Legion STEAK NIGHT R.S.V.P \$25.00

April 17th Riders Smothered burritos for \$15

April 24th Spaghetti \$15

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC— We welcome community support, FUNDS GO TO SUPPORTING MANY EVENTS AND OUR VETERANS



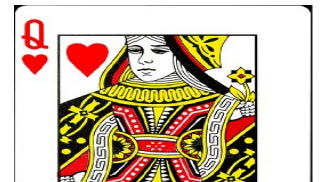
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Monthly Legion meeting drawing \$227

Last month winner would have been Charles Corcoran
You must be present to win

QUEEN OF HEARTS !!!

Every Friday night. Last ticket sold 7:15 Drawing 7:30



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

CHILD WELL-BEING FUNDRAISER BANQUET

An Evening of Celebration

A Night of Giving

5pm Social Hour
6pm Dinner & Dessert
7pm Presentations & Auctions
Please bring auction items

SATURDAY APRIL 11TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
salcommandersquadron1985@gmail.com

QR Code for Hotel:
Request SAL block for discount

American Legion Post 1985
870 First Street, Firestone CO

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Upcoming Meetings

April 2nd Legion, Son's and Aux—7PM

April 9th Legion Riders Meeting 7PM

April 30th EXECUTIVE BOARD 7PM

LEGION NEWS

STEAK NIGHT April 10th

R.S.V.P \$25



STEAK GRILLED TO ORDER

Dinner Date at the Legion
Open to Public
FRIDAY APRIL 10th
6:00pm

- Salad
- Roll
- Potato of your choice
- Veggie
- Dessert

only \$25.00

Call Legion to RSVP
303-833 3878
870 first street
firestone, co 80520



Commander's Corner

Comrades of Post 1985,

Participating in the election for your American Legion Executive Board is more than just a procedural duty—it is your primary opportunity to shape the future of your Post and the support systems available to your fellow veterans. The Executive Board acts as the "Board of Directors" for your local organization, and the individuals you elect will decide how your dues are spent, which programs are prioritized, and how your Post represents itself in the community.

Here is why your vote is critical this year.

1. Direct Control Over Local Impact

The Executive Board handles the "boots on the ground" logistics that affect you every day. Whether you feel the Post had a stellar year or believe there is significant room for improvement, the board is responsible for:

- **The Budget:** They determine how funds are allocated—from building repairs and social events to emergency assistance for veterans in need.
- **Service Officer Oversight:** They ensure the Post has an effective Service Officer to help members navigate VA claims and benefits.

Community Presence: They decide which local youth programs (like Legion Baseball or Boys State) receive sponsorship and support.

2. A Mandate Continuity

If you were happy with how things were handled this past year, perhaps regarding communication, the transparency of financial decisions, or the variety of social events—the election is your formal mechanism to keep it going.

3. Protecting the Legacy of the "Four Pillars"

The American Legion is built on **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth**. The Executive Board is the guardian of these pillars at the local level. By voting, you ensure that the people leading your Post are committed to:

- **Advocacy:** Ensuring your voice is heard at the Department and National levels.
- **Accountability:** Keeping the Post in compliance with the National Constitution and By-Laws.

Longevity: Making sure the Post remains a welcoming and stable environment for the next generation of veterans.

"The leaders we elect may sail the ship, but we are their guiding compass." > — *American Legion Auxiliary*

Cecil Hitzges, Commander
American Legion, Post 1985

Membership

Please consider signing up at [The American Legion a U.S. Veterans Association](#) The resources on the site are good for anyone, you can correct your own profile, renew online, download your own membership card, etc.

If you have not paid your 2026 dues, you are no longer in good standing, and your membership is considered expired. It's not too late though. You must have your 2026 membership card or your receipt for access to the Post without an active member needing to sign you in as a guest.

It's best to renew by mailing or dropping off your dues at the post with one of our wonderful bartenders. Please leave your name, phone number and membership ID number. Or go online to [mylegion.org](#) to create an account and pay. If you do pay online, you will need to drop off, text or send a copy of your receipt to me so I can get your card processed, signed and ready for pick up at the Legion. It has been taking 45plus days for transmittals to process. Please be patient and make sure to keep your receipts.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Your Adjutant, Dawn-Marie
American Legion Post 1985
303-881-3232

On Going Events

Legion Pantry is open!! - Please see Sally, Cecil, or Bartender for assistance. No questions asked. We are opened Noon - 8:00pm

Shake-a-day – Try your luck for only \$1.00

Daily Trivia – Join friends or try on your own

Loyalty card – Noon – 3 everyday!

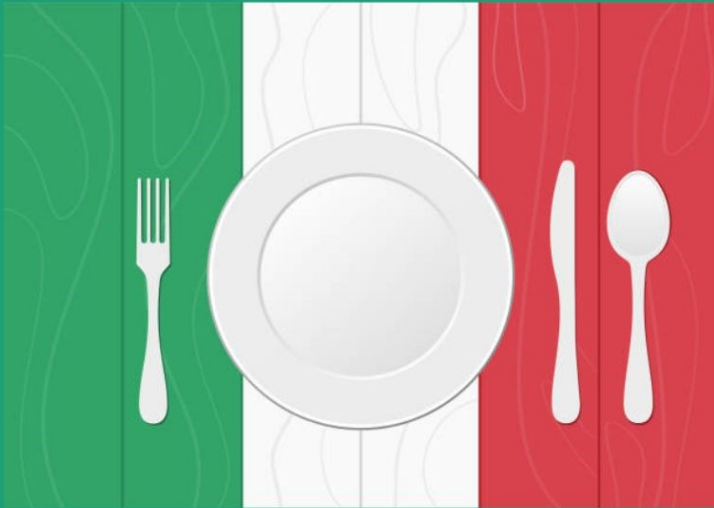
See your Sally or you Bartender for Freedom Ball Tickets

Upcoming events:

Please leave your name at bar if you are interested in talent show. We need a minimum of 10 contestants

Karaoke Fans – Mark your calendars for April 7th

Afternoon Karaoke with Mike



Friday Fun
Family
Spaghetti
Dinner
at Legion
April 24th
6:00pm
\$15.00

A little comforting,
& absolutely delicious

Order from bar a glass of vino
& enjoy a little relaxation, a
little celebration of being together
with your legion family



American
Legion
870 1st Street
Firestone, CO

You Are Cordially Invited To

THE FREEDOM BALL

★ Hosted by The American Legion Post 1985 ★

Saturday, April 25th, 2026

★ ABOUT THE BALL ★

Please join us, along with your loved ones and friends, for an unforgettable night of celebration - enjoying hors d'oeuvres while listening to the soothing sounds of a String Trio, a delectable dinner, dancing with DJ Mike & the Highway Robbery Band, along with a heartfelt fundraising raffle in honor of and support for our Veterans Assistance Fund.

★ **EVENT TIME: 5:00pm - 11:00pm** ★

Event Location: The Moose Lodge 1548 - Longmont
2210 Pratt Street, Longmont, CO 80501

Tickets can be purchased online thru Eventbrite

Or at the American Legion Post 1985 by contacting: Sally J. (303)995-7285
Melody H. (303)946-0004 Denise T. (303)918-9375
Jenna M. (510)755-5866 Denise E. (720)635-6281



★ ENTREE CHOICES ★

- ★ Prime Rib ★ Chicken Cordon Bleu
- ★ Spinach & Cheese Ravioli in a Red Sauce

★ TICKETS ★

\$35 per person
until 3/1/26

\$40 per person
until 4/5/26

Last day to purchase
Tickets is 4/5/26



SCAN ME

Military Uniforms, Semi Formal, Formal Dress.

We look forward to Sharing a great evening of food and community together.

American Legion Auxiliary News

Friday, April 3, 2026 Auxiliary Dinner

Choice of Meat or Cheese Lasagna, Salad Bar, & Desert

Dinner 6 – 8 pm or until sold out

Karaoke 7 – 11 pm

Wear **Your Red!**

General Meeting Thursday, April 2, 2026 7:00 pm

Donna's Lite Supper 5:30 to 6:30

Beef & Gravy on Toast

All Donations goes to the VA FUND

Officer Nominations

Final Nominations for Officers will be held
at this month's General Meeting

MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!

2026 Membership cards are here and JoAnn will have them available at the Post, Friday evening, April 3, 2026, and Thursday evening, April 2, 2026.

Please contact JoAnn Kidd with any membership questions.

Finally, I want to send out a personal thank you to all our Unit members for their incredible help with our various projects and events over this past year. From our Easter Egg Hunt, the 4th of July Breakfast, to our Annual Car Show Fundraisers, to our monthly dinners, I could not be prouder of all the hard work you have done in supporting our Legion and community.

It has been an honor to be your President and I look forward to watching Unit 1985 continue to grow and thrive in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Kari M Steenberg

Kari M Steenberg – President

612-581-5063

ksteenberglive.com

JoAnn Kidd – Membership Chairman

303-667-8745

AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 1985

Auxiliary

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

APRIL 3RD @ 6P

\$15



7:15p 50/50

**Raffle & Queen
of Hearts**

8p-11p Karaoke

American Legion Porst 1985

**870 1st St, Firestone,
CO 80520**

**CHOICE OF
MEAT OR CHEESE LASAGNA,
GARLIC BREAD,
SALAD BAR & DESSERT**

LEGION RIDER NEWS

Riders meeting April 9th 7PM

Friday Night Dinner April 17th Smothered burritos or quesadillas \$15

April 19th will be the escort for Laurie Nelson, starting at 12PM with bike inspections prior to leaving the post

We ride for those who can't

SAL Friday Night Dinner:

SAL Friday Night Dinner - No Dinner in April due to hosting the Child Well Being Banquet and Fundraiser on April 11th.

SAL Commander's News:

Sons of the American Legion - Squadron 1985 is hosting the Annual Detachment of Colorado Child Well-Being Fundraiser and Banquet on Saturday April 11th. All are welcome to attend. We are still looking for fundraiser auction items. All proceeds will go to the Child Well Being Fund, which is the largest charity that SAL 1985 supports on an annual basis. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information. Please consider attending and donating to this worthy cause!!

REMINDER: SAL April Meeting, and all meetings from now on, have moved to the Third Thursday of the Month. Our first meeting with this new schedule will be April 16th, 7:00 pm in the back hall. The change was necessary since space in the small meeting rooms has been extremely limited with all the members attending. The back hall gives us more space to spread out and accommodate more members.

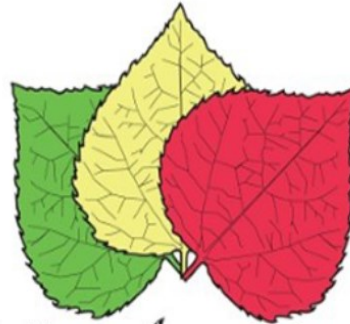
Thanks again to all of the members that keep assisting with all of the past events. We wouldn't be able to do it without you!!

Kirk A. Will
SAL 1985 Commander





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Veteran of the Month

Beginning in March 2026, our Veteran of the Month program is moving in an exciting new direction. We will be conducting video interviews of our Veterans to help us preserve and celebrate their legacy. These video interviews will be video by one of our fellow veterans who is also a professional videographer. We are looking for veterans who would like to volunteer and be part of this effort. Our mission is to honor our veterans and preserve their legacy so future generations never forget their service. Please see Sally

JUNIOR AUXILIARY

Junior Auxiliary April Newsletter

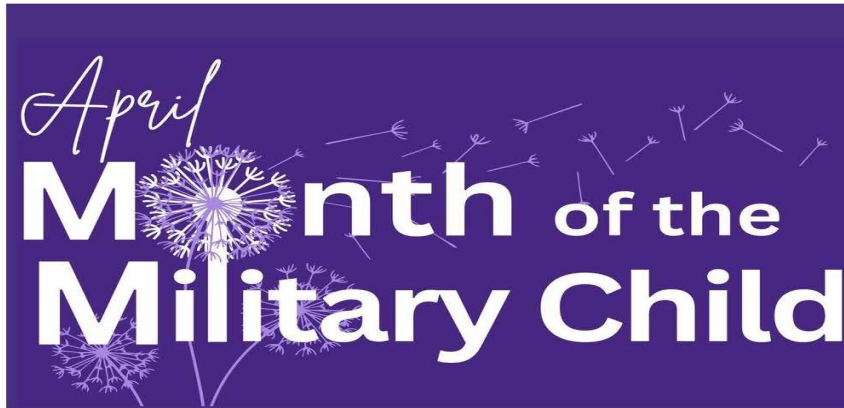
Thank you everyone for supporting our Breakfast with a Veteran event!

The Juniors teamed up the Firestone Charter Academy National Junior Honor Society to host this event. With the help of many donations and volunteers, we **raised \$2,000 for Empower Pups by Heros Puppy for Life.**

This a veteran owned, local non-profit organization that trains service dogs at a discounted rate.

This truly is a great cause that the Juniors are proud to support!

Upcoming events:



April 11th : Child Wellbeing Banquet hosted at Post 1985

SAL Units from around the state coming to our post give raise money for the American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation. They provide grant money to support nonprofit programs that promote the physical, mental and emotional well-being of children.

- Juniors from around the state will meet, craft, and socialize with the Department Junior Chairman
- Juniors will present the military child table at the ceremony
- Local youth Civil Air Patrol unit present color guard at ceremony
- Older Juniors may help with the auction, serve dinner, etc. to support this charity event.

April 19th :

1pm Park & Trail cleanup

Juniors Meeting to follow

- Volunteers needed to help clean up!
- Juniors do this 4 times per year
- We clean-up 2 parks, a portion of the Firestone Trail, and the area around the Post.
- Community service hours for youth

Follow us to see photos!

Instagram: Juniors_Post_1985

Facebook: Juniors Group of the American Legion Post 1985



- ❖ We now have over 20 dues-paying Junior members who are active at our post! When you see a kid helping, please tell them thank you for volunteering! Juniors are not future leaders – they ARE leaders!

Please consider supporting our supporters by utilizing their services, or kindly refer them to your family and friends. They are actively supporting our cause by advertising in our newsletter

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

YOUR ADD HERE

Business Card 3.5" x 2" \$15 x Month / \$120 Annual
1/4 Page 3.75" x 4.75" \$30 x Month / \$300 Annual
1/2 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.

Newsletter can be found at
www.americanlegionpost1985.org/newsletter
If you would like to receive an electronic copy please send your email address to
Tommy.daw@cajuntiger.com or call 303-746-0164



Post 1985 Volunteer Brigade

Post 1985 Volunteer Brigade For our Supporters and Volunteers who would like to join our Post Volunteer Brigade. Please fill out an application and drop in the Legion mailbox next to the cooler. The cost is \$25 per year and willingly to help the legion . See Cecil, Sally or Dawn Marie

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[Fort Collins Caregiving Services | Homewatch CareGivers of Northern Colorado - Colorado Caregivers](#)

Post 1985 Serving our community

Our Pantry has hit a milestone!
Over 100 visits

We continue to loan to our community
walkers, wheelchairs and other medical
equipment at no cost

Your contributions play a meaningful role
in fostering a sense of community

THANK YOU TO ALL

Support our Veterans
King Soopers
Community Rewards

\$100 GIFT CARD AWARDED ON JULY 31ST, 2026
★ SIGN UP-VERIFY TODAY! ★

Doesn't affect personal incentives.
American Legion
Post 1985, Firestone, CO

HOW TO:

1. DOWNLOAD KING SOOPERS APP
2. OPEN KING SOOPERS APP
3. SELECT "THREE LINES" TOP LEFT
4. SELECT "REWARDS" MIDDLE
5. SELECT "COMMUNITY REWARDS"
6. SELECT "CHANGE ORGANIZATION"
7. TYPE IN "SAM DI"
8. PRESS "SEARCH" LOWER RIGHT
9. SELECT "SAM DI PAOLO AMERICAN LEGION POST 1985"
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13. VIEW PROFILE AND VERIFY TELEPHONE
14. RECEIVE TICKET FOR CHANCE FOR PRIZE

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Connect with Veterans and family members
for breakfast, camaraderie, and conversation

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9751 Grant St
Thornton, CO 80229

All you can eat buffet for \$12.99

Breakfast every Saturday at 8:30 AM

Come seat, greet, and then eat!

No dues, No Registration, No one sits alone

Line up outside perimeter

Starting a 7:30 AM

Ride at 11:00 AM



TACO TUESDAY & TUNES
APRIL 7TH
2:30PM - 6:00PM
Karaoke with Mike

JOIN US AS WE BELT OUT TOE-TAPPING
TUNES THAT WILL LIGHT UP THE ROOM
& LEAVE THE CROWD CHEERING
FOR MORE!!



Sam Di Paolo American Legion Post 1985

Salutes April 2026

Veteran of the month

Kirk Will Sr.



Service – United States Air Force 44 th MSS Squadron

Special training:

Minuteman Missile Security Training, Trained in

M-16/148 Grenade Launcher/50

Calibur Machine Gun

Please join us congratulate Mr. Will Sr.



Mike Evans

Thank you for your Hard Work!!!

Stacie is ready to pour us a few cold ones!

Mike, your donation of materials and skill is appreciated by the Legion. The overall structure improvement and beautiful top will be enjoyed by many of our members. If you see Mike, kindly take a moment to thank him.

Legionnaires, Riders and Brigade work together

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE
MUCH NEEDED HOME IMPROVEMENTS

GREAT TIME WORK!



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.

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Drew & Bob – Setting up cameras for legion.

Chris Woody – Goodies for our food pantry.

Anne Hickman – Always keep us on point to get the newsletter done, every month!

Brandon Fraser, Chris Dal Fonso & Dawn Marie Cuddy – Replaced broken disposal.

Kathy Garcia – Service Officer for Post – Service always with a Smile!

Mike Evans – Donations to Pantry – Beautiful upgrade to Hall Bar

Riders - Donation \$1,500.00 towards HVAC.

SALs – Donation \$500.00 towards HVAC.

Auxiliary – Donation \$500.00 towards HVAC.

Joann and Lou – Because of your encouragement, I felt inspired to address the town and apply for the \$1,000 grant. We should be receiving in April!!!

THANK YOU ALL



We appreciate all that you do.

Canteen NEWS

To our valued members, we appreciate your continued use of cash for your bar purchases. For your convenience we now offer credit card processing as an alternative method to pay. A 4% convenience fee will be added to all credit card transactions.

NEW USE YOUR LEGION LOYALTY CARD Noon-3:00pm

Join us for trivia

Don't forget our Friday - RED BOGO

We thank those brave Americans serving our nation while on deployment

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Texas Hold 'M Poker-7 PM	2 General Meeting 7pm/ Aux meeting Light supper 5-6:30 Meeting 7PM	3 Auxiliary Meat or cheese lasagna Karaoke	4
5	6 Monday Night Darts 7 PM	7 Bike Night 6-9 PM Karaoke with Mike and Taco Tuesday 2:30-6	8 Texas Hold 'M Poker-7 PM	9 Riders Meeting 7PM	10 LEGION STEAK NIGHT (RSVP)	11 Child Well Being Banquet & Fundraiser 5PM
12	13 Monday Night Darts 7 PM	14 Bike Night 6-9 PM	15 Texas Hold 'M Poker-7 PM	16 Sons meeting 7PM	17 RIDERS Smothered Burritos Game night	18
19 Laurie Nelson escort 12pm Junior Park & Trail cleanup 1PM Meeting to follow	20 Monday Night Darts 7 PM	21 Bike Night 6-9 PM	22 Texas Hold 'M Poker-7 PM	23	24 Spaghetti dinner 6PM	25 Freedom Ball 5pm
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