



## **June Legion Post 1985**



#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Mailing address: 870 1st Street, P.O. BOX 661 Firestone, CO

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American Legion Post 1985

Post Hours: Open Daily @ noon

- Post Commander—Bob Williams 303-416-0726
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- Service Officer and Van Coordinator—Cecil Hitzges
- Chaplain—Chris Woody 970-498-9916
- Auxiliary President— JoAnn Kidd 303-667-8745
- SAL Commander— Kirk Will 970-412-6014
- Legion Rider President— Nathan Brounce 303-591-7141
- Friendly canteen staff: Nicole, Carolyn, Kari, Vanity, and Stacie (Bar Manager)

### American Legion Post 1985 Newsletter.

Attention: We have decided to STOP mailing and printing the Newsletter out effective January 2025. If you wish to get a Newsletter please sign up on our website at Contact Us, or you can print it off while you are on the website. If you would like a hard copy please stop by the post or give the post a call and we will print one for you.

Menu

### FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

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

June 6th AUX Penne Pasta, salad bar & dessert\$15.00

June 13th Legion STEAK NIGHT R.S.V.P \$20.00

June 20th Riders Smothered Burritos or quesadilla and dessert for \$15

dessert for \$10

June 27th SAL Chicken Enchilada Casserole, side and

dessert \$15

PLEASE COME SUPPORT OUR DINNERS FUNDS GO TO SUPPORTING MANY EVENTS AND OUR VETERANS



Monthly Legion
meeting drawing
\$103
Last month winner would
have been
Robert Beach
You must be present to
win



LUAU PLANNERS - Meetings -Please join us!

June 11th - 7:00PM - Wed

June 14th- Noon - Sat

June 25-7:00PM - Wed

### QUEEN OF HEARTS!!!

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



### Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with our Friday Night Dinners as well as our events. (You DO NOT need to be a member of the Post to volunteer)

We are also trying to get our Post Volunteer "Brigade" back together. We are allowing a maximum of 30 volunteers to join. You will receive a Key Card for Entry as well as not having to sign into our guest book. See one of our Friendly bartenders to sign up.

# THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

**Upcoming Meetings** 

June 5th Legion, Son's and Aux—7PM

June 12th Legion Riders Meeting 7PM

June 22th Jr Aux meeting
June 26th EXECUTIVE BOARD
7PM



Mondays nights darts7pm



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 1985 Merchandise for sale

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

### Local resources

<u>Home | Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs</u>

<u>Veterans Service – Weld County</u>

<u>Veteran Services - Boulder</u> <u>County</u>

### LEGION NEWS STEAK NIGHT June 13th \*\*\*R.S.V.P \$20.00\*\*\*

Love your steak night at the Legion? We love to see you there too!

If you want to make sure Chef Dave gets your order, kindly sign up with Sally (steak night casher) for the upcoming month. Reservations will be taken then. After that, please see the bartender to make a reservation. In order to eliminate food waste and to ensure everyone gets their order correctly. We must have - Your name, number of people in your party, type of potato and your call back number. Hope to see you there!!

Sally Janich

Finance Officer

Volunteers are needed for Prep Chef, Kitchen, Runners, Servers, Setup and Cleanup.

### From the Commander Airborne Beer

Every service has their legends on how things happened, here is a legend and the life of who made the legend reality about the Beer Run from the Siege of Bastogne and the Airborne Beer from WWII. In Belgium During the Siege of Bastogne in 1944 a 19-year-old machine gunner with the 501st Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division from New York City named Vince Speranza went to visit a wounded friend in the field hospital set up in the burned-out town of Bastogne. Vince's friend told Vince that he wanted a drink. The only place Vince found was a tavern with a working beer tap, the only container that Vince had was his helmet, so he filled the helmet up with the beer that came from the tap and made it back to his friend, then other patients wanted some so he made more trips to and from the tavern. During one of his trips from the tavern Vince was caught by the Regimental surgeon who reprimanded him. During Vince's time in Europe during WWII Vince Speranza spent 144 days in combat everywhere from Bastogne, Battle of the Bulge, He helped liberate a concentration camp, then finally he made it to the Eagles Nest where he appropriated a couple books from Hitler's private library. Vince was in the 101st Airborne from 1943 to 1946 when he left the service with the rank of Private First Class. Vince did not return to Europe for many years after the war. In 2019 Vince Speranza was one of two veterans who participated in the 75th anniversary to commemorate Operation Market Garden by parachuting into Belgium. During this tour of Belgium he was given a beer named Airborne Beer and it was served in a ceramic mug shaped like a helmet, and he was also told the legend about how the beer and mug came to be, little did the Belgians know they were talking to the legend until the moment he told them. I had a chance to meet Vince Speranza once during an Airborne Convention in Washington DC. One of the nicest people you would ever meet. Sadly, Vince Speranza died on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at the age of 98 You can still see him on You tube just type in Vince Speranza and you will see everything from interviews to Vince singing Blood on The Risers He is a fascinating individual, he not only has a beer named after him but also a limited edition watch made in his honor.



**Bob Williams** 

Post Commander



### Membership

Please consider signing up at <u>The American Legion a U.S. Veterans Association</u> 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 2025 membership dues you are now considered expired. Please get it paid ASAP and you will get your new door access card as well.

If you have paid your 2025 dues your card should be at the Legion ready for pick up. Ask your bartenders to please look. We do ask you do NOT try and get your card on a Friday Night during 1730-2000 or during an event. If your card is not there, please let me know and I can look into why.

Also, if anyone turned in a DD-214 when they join, if you want it back, send an email to adjalpost1985@gmail.com or text with your name and phone number. I will look to see if I have yours. If they are not picked up by mid June 2025 they will be shredded. We no longer need to keep them on file.



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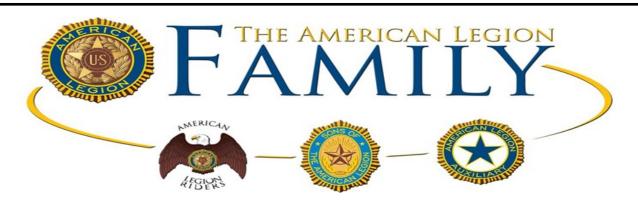
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Show us what you got!

Jun 13th after Steak Night - be a part of the Trivia Royal Battle

### **Canteen News**

Due to the continued rise in operating costs and the cost of alcohol we will be raising our beverage prices starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. We have worked hard to keep costs down for the past 5 years, but rising material prices mean we need to adjust our rates. We value your business and loyalty.

The Legion will start to feature a Veteran of the month. We will learn about their service and how they affect our local community.

### **Congratulations to Tony Jancosek**

### **Veteran of the Month June 2025**



Tony was born in Columbus, Ohio. He was raised in Columbus and Boulder. Tony's grandfather & father Served! These examples led him to believe that the military would be a good stepping - stone in his life. He would learn discipline & structure. Tony enjoys fishing, hiking, and traveling the country/world with his wife. Tony and Kat are newlyweds. Congratulations!

Service - Army

Served - 4 years

Served - Fort Dix & Fort Carson

CURRENT

**Current occupation - Aircraft Mechanic** 

Current active Member of Post 1985 Legionnaire

#### LIFE LESONS

Most momentous experience while serving – Military convoys, loading and transporting heavy combat engineer equipment. Facilitating all on and

off-road repairs.

How have you applied your military experiences to your civilian life – Follow strict protocols and regulations, but also having to think creatively, adapt and overcome

obstacles.

What would you tell a young person interested in the military today – Choose a path in the military that will guide you in a direction that will help you in civilian life.



### 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.

Chris Woody provided delicious desserts for steak night.

Kat Lane always chipped in to help when needed. You are a gem!!

Bartenders Stacie and Carolyn worked extra shifts.

Dave Stout shared his grill expert skills with the Legion.

John Hitzegs donated \$30.00 to Luau fund.

All our fantastic Jr. Auxiliary members - we appreciate you at Steak night too!!

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL Legion members who keep our kitchen clean.



Stacie and Sally met with the Weld County Health inspector on Friday.

We passed with NO deficiencies!! Thanks for your vigilance!

Veterans helping veterans in our community – Thank you to Bob Williams, Chris, and Mark Dalfonso & Cecil Hitzges. Set up door ramp for fellow Post 1985 Legionnaire.

Sally Janich Finance Officer

### AUXILIARY

General Meeting June 6th, 7:00 PM
Donna's Lite Super, for all members, 5pm until 6:45pm,
Sloppy Joe's and fires, all Donations go to the VA fund
Friday Night Dinner
June 6th 6PM
Penne Pasta, salad bar & dessert

50/50, Queen of Hearts, Karaoke After Dinner

Thank you, Jerry Solomon for the dedication she puts in to the flowers at the American Legion she always makes it so beautiful for the Memorial Day Service

Celebration of Life for Ray Lantta

June 1,2025 1pm

Auxiliary the Family needs our help with covered dishes and serving Please call if you can help 303 667 8745



American Legion1985 Family 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary June 28th
Auxiliary will Be having a Bake Sale and
Dessert Plate
Please, Please Bring Baked items or desserts to share

Thank you for all your support, JoAnn Kidd 303 667 8745 Jokidd1959@gmail.com Monthly Auxiliary Meeting Drawing Last month's winner would have been Brittany Lewis

### Congratulations to the 2025/2026 Auxiliary Officers

Taking office on July 1st 2025 Following Department of Colorado's Convention

President- Kari Steenberg 1st vice- JoAnn Kidd 2nd vice-Lou Matthews

Secretary- Renee Dalfonso Treasure- Kathy Burger Chaplain- Donna Lane

Historian- Melody Hindahl Sgt at Arms- Sharon Gonzalez

E-Board

Angie Mansfield Denise Erickson Denise Tshida

Junior Aux President Hayden Will

Membership Chair Jr Aux Chair

JoAnn Kidd Toni Will

### Congratulations to this year's Scholarship Winners

Frederick High School \$1000.00 Kate Greiner, \$500.00 Gavin Ishmel, \$500.00 Grady, Rundquest, Mead High School \$500.00 Desisser Pelletier A huge thank you to Toni and Sunny for making the Flyers Save the date July 4th Auxiliary Breakfast 8:00 am September 13th Scholarship Fundraiser Car Show & Craft Fair

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT
JoAnn Kidd
303 667 8745
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Scholarship Fundraiser

Saturday September 13th , 2025



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870 1st Street, Firestone, CO



### SAL NEWS

### **SAL Friday Night Dinner:**

Friday June 27th - Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Sides and Dessert

### SAL Commander's News:

- Thanks again to all of our members that have helped with our dinners and events. We wouldn't be able to do it without you! Our June dinner will be on June 27th starting at 6:00 pm. See the flyer in the Newsletter for specifics
- SAL Squadron 1985 had our Election of Officers in May for 2026. See your SAL Officers for the upcoming year below:
  - Commander Kirk Will
  - Senior Vice Joel Long
  - Junior Vice Matt Hickman, Mike Evans (Entertainment Officer), Kurk Erickson, Rex Sutherland
  - Adjutant/Secretary/Treasurer Steve Kidd
  - Sgt. at Arms Gavin Will, Larry Dowdell
  - Chaplain Drew Peterson
  - Historian John Hitzges
- The 57th Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Colorado will be in Fort Collins starting on Friday June 20th. Information is provided below and all are welcome to attend. Please reach out to SAL Commander Kirk Will and he can provide you with more specific information and agendas if you would like to attend.
  - Date/Time: Friday, June 20, 2025, 9:00 am thru Saturday June 21, 2025 6:00 pm
  - Location: Hilton Hotel, 425 W. Prospect Rd Fort Collins, Colorado 80526
- We have a lot of Legion Family events coming up this summer. We will be posting them in the Newsletter every month. All SAL members are encouraged to attend any of the Post 1985 events. These events are a lot of fun and they are contributing funds to great causes. We look forward to seeing you there!

Keep up the good work and thanks again for all of your support!

Kirk A. Will



Please join us on 8 June, 2025, at 12:00 PM for the installation of our newly elected officers.

Officers from the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion (SAL), and Junior Auxiliary will be sworn in during the ceremony.







Questions? Contact Jessica Olson jessicaolson0609@gmail.com



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- 9. SELECT "SAM DI PAOLO AMERICAN POST 1985" TOP LINE
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- 13. VIEW PROFILE AND VERIFY TELEPHONE
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Registration: 9 - 11am
Kick Stands Up at 11am
Every Rider must sign a waiver

\$25/RIDER \$10/PASSENGER



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### LEGION RIDER NEWS

Friday Night Dinner May 16th Smothered Burritos \$15 14 June—Run for the Wall auction and ride. Registration starts at 9am.

We ride for those who can't

### JUNIOR AUXILIARY

The juniors were able to deliver 365 pounds of food to Carbon Valley Helping Hands. Thank you for your support!

4 juniors and 2 mentors had the opportunity to visit the Hearts and Horses Therapeutic Riding Center in Loveland. This was by invitation from the ALA Department President in support of their mission to help veterans heal.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Junior's first Friday night dinner and country dance! We had fun doing it!

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1. Park & Trail clean up June 9th 10am. Everyone is welcome to help.
- 2. <u>Junior's June red/white/blue tie-dye meeting</u> to show your patriotism June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2-4pm.
- 3. <u>Flag My Yard Event</u>: Order as many flags as you want. The juniors will place the flags in your yard overnight in the days ahead of 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It's also a great surprise for a friend, neighbor, or for yourself to show your American Pride! See flyer for more information. Orders due by June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lets proudly display our American flag!







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Sam Di Paolo Remember Everyone Deployed Friday

(RED FRIDAY)

Sam Di Paolo Remember Everyone Deployed Friday (RED FRIDAY)

Thank you for joining your legion family to honor all of our current service members who are currently away from home defending our nation.

We have changed R.E.D. Fridays to Buy One Get One (BOGO), if you are wearing a RED shirt. You must buy your first drink and you will get a ticket for your second one of equal or lesser value on select drinks, for free.

May all those servicing return home soon. Thank you

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### Post 1985 Volunteer Brigade

For our Supporters and Volunteers who would like to join our Post Volunteer Brigade.

We are opening membership again for the 2025-2026 year on July 1st, 2025

If you are interested in becoming one of our Volunteers and are unable to join one of the our families, please sign up to be a Brigade Member.

The cost is \$25 per year with 40 hours of Service helping the Post during our events.

This will qualify you for our Volunteer of the Year Award.

You will also get a Security Card and a Membership Card showing you are a Volunteer.

We will also be holding some meetings throughout the year which will get you "Double the Hours" for your time.

Paul T. Daw Jr. Vice Commander American Legion Post 1985

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- Lunch & Beverages provided
- Tournament gift bag and the chance to win additional prizes!

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- Sunday, June 08, 2025
- Registration starts at 7:00 AM
- Shotgun start at 8:00 AM
- Registration Fee: \$125
- Sign individually, or with a foursome

Call Now to Sign Up!
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American Legion
John Harold Buckley
Post 32
315 S. Bowen Street
Longmont, CO 80501

## **Friday Night Entertainment**

June 6th- Karaoke - K&S - Ken

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Trivia Night- Sally

June 20th - Game Night

June 27th - Karaoke - Cool Cat Mike







## June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 General Meeting 7pm/ Aux meeting Light supper 5-6:30 Meeting	6 AUXILIARY PENNE PASTA Karaoke—7-11	7
8 UFC Gamers Tournament 7 PM Installation of officers 12	9 Monday Night Darts 7 PM Junior Park and trail clean up 10am	10 Bike & Car Night 5-9 PM	11 Texas Hold 'M Poker-7 PM	12 Riders Meeting 7PM	13 LEGION STEAK NIGHT (RSVP) Trivia Royal Battle —7-11	14 RUN FOR THE WALL & RIDE. 9AM
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