

May 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)

May 1st AUX Roast beef, loaded mashed potatoes, salad bar and grandma's fruit cocktail and ice cream bar \$15

May 8th Legion STEAK NIGHT R.S.V.P \$25.00

May 15th Riders Smothered burritos for \$15

May 22nd SAL Ham and Beans soup, cornbread and desert \$15

May 29th Cooks Choice

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

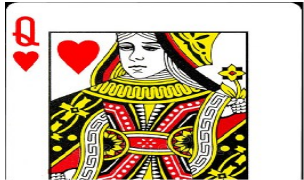


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Monthly Legion meeting drawing \$227
Last month winner would have been Charles Corcoran
You must be present to win

QUEEN OF HEARTS !!!

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




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AMERICAN LEGION POST 1985 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

MAY 25TH 2026

870 1ST STREET

FIRESTONE CO

2:00 PM

PLEASE BE ON TIME OR EARLY PARKING LIMITED
DUE TO GRADUATION PARTY IN THE BACK HALL
PLEASE PARK ALONG THE STREET OR ACROSS
THE STREET AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER
LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW THE SERVICE

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Upcoming Meetings

May 7th Legion,—7PM

May 14th Legion Riders Meeting 7PM

May 17th Junior's meeting 1PM

May 21st Sons Meeting 7PM

May 28th EXECUTIVE BOARD 7PM

LEGION NEWS

STEAK NIGHT May 8th

R.S.V.P \$25



STEAK GRILLED TO ORDER

Bring the family
Open to Public
FRIDAY May 8th
6:00pm

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



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

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Commander's Corner

Honoring the Past, Building the Future: The Pride of Leading Our Post

Serving as your American Legion Commander has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Leadership is rarely about a single person; it is about the pulse of the membership and the shared commitment we have to our veterans and our community. Looking back at what we have accomplished together, I am filled with immense pride for our Post and the direction we are heading.

Service Beyond Our Walls

One of our most significant milestones has been the creation of our food pantry, which is now open seven days a week. In a time when so many are struggling with rising costs, ensuring that no veteran or neighbor goes hungry is the ultimate expression of our motto, "Service Not Self." This was a massive undertaking, and seeing it thrive every day of the week is a testament to our collective heart.

Restoring Our Home

A Post is more than just a meeting hall—it is a sanctuary for those who served. We've worked hard to make our "home" a place we can all be proud of. From the practical updates, like replacing the ceiling tiles in the back hall, to the aesthetic ones, we are finally bringing our decor into the 20th century (even though we are living in the 21st century).

Beyond the fresh look, we've taken great care to honor our history. We've dusted off our historical items and restored our past commander pictures to make them more presentable. These aren't just photos or relics; they are the legacy of this Post, and they deserve to shine.

Sustainability and Growth

Leadership often means making tough calls behind the scenes. We have been diligent in finding ways to raise money while simultaneously cutting unnecessary costs. By tightening our belt without sacrificing our mission, we ensure that this Post remains financially healthy for the next generation of veterans.

A Community-Driven Mission

None of this would be possible without you. I want to extend my deepest appreciation to everyone who has contributed their time, labor, and ideas. You run this Post with your votes every single month. It is your ideas, debated and voted upon, that turn into the progress we see today.

Let's keep these traditions going. By maintaining our standards and our spirit, we are providing future members with the memories and the foundation they will need to understand what it took to get where we are today—and where we will be tomorrow.

Thank you for all you have done.

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!! We are opened Noon - 7:00pm

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

Daily Trivia – Join friends or try on your own

Loyalty card – Noon – 3 everyday!

Happy Hour Mon - Thursday

Need your Talent

Please leave your name at bar if you are interested in talent show. We need a minimum of 10 contestants. Dancers Magic, Comedians - All welcome!

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.

Don't forget our Friday - RED BOGO
We thank those brave Americans serving our nation while on deployment

American Legion Auxiliary News

Friday, May 1, 2026 Auxiliary Dinner

Roast Beef, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Salad Bar,
and Grandma's Fruit Cocktail Cake & Ice Cream bar

Dinner 6 – 8 pm or until sold out

Karaoke 7 – 11 pm -- Wear **Your Red!**

No General Meeting for the Auxiliary in May Our next General Auxiliary Meeting is June 4, 2026

Celebration of Life for Sheryl Turner

Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 2:00 pm in Post Hall

Thank you to all who helped set up and carry out our
Annual Easter Egg Hunt for disabled and special needs children.
It was a tremendous success because of all your hard work and
dedication.



MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!

JoAnn will have membership cards available at the Post,
Friday evening, May 1, 2026.

Please contact JoAnn Kidd with any membership questions.

Kari M Steenberg – President
612-581-5063
ksteeberg@live.com

JoAnn Kidd – Membership Chairman
303-667-8745

AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 1985

Auxiliary 00

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

MAY 1ST @ 6P

\$15



DINNER:
ROAST BEEF,
LOADED MASHED
POTATOES &
SALAD BAR

DESSERT:
GRANDMA'S FRUIT
COCKTAIL CAKE &
ICE CREAM BAR

7:15p 50/50 Raffle

7:30p Queen of Hearts

8p-11p Karaoke

American Legion Post 1985

870 1st St, Firestone, CO 80520



SAL Friday Night Dinner:

May 22nd—Ham and beans soup, cornbread and dessert

SAL Commander's News:

Thanks to everyone that helped make the Child Well Being Banquet on April 11th a huge success!. Members from SAL Squadron 1985, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1985, American Legion Post 1985, American Legion 1985 Riders and the American Legion Auxiliary Juniors gave us the ability to put on a great event. We had an amazing dinner, great auction items, and donated a great deal of money to the Child Well-Being Foundation. We appreciate all of you!

As of April 16th, we've officially moved our monthly meeting to the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. The ability to have more meeting space and our own meeting night has been great! All members are welcome to attend.

Our May dinner will be on Friday the 22nd. We will be having ham and beans, cornbread and dessert. All members are encouraged to come down and assist, or just have dinner with us.

We are also informing our members that SAL 1985 membership dues will be increased for the 2026/2027 member year. Annual dues will now be \$35.00 starting in July. Due to rising costs and higher needs to support the Post, we need to raise dues to \$35.00 annually. We have not raised dues since 2019, so it was time to adjust. This is a nominal annual increase and we felt the impact to our members would be less. This change was voted on by membership at our Monthly meeting in January and not raised without member input, discussions and a vote. Please do not pay before we give the ok to do so, as we do not get new cards until late June or early July. The process to pay will be the same. Let us know if you have questions.

Thanks again to all of our members. Please reach out if you have questions.

Thanks

Kirk A. Will
Commander - Squadron 1985

SAL FRIDAY

DINNER



Enjoy the warm, comforting, home-cooked classic
Ham & beans soup, cornbread, & dessert

6 PM MAY 22ND

Karaoke, 50/50 Raffle, Queen of Hearts

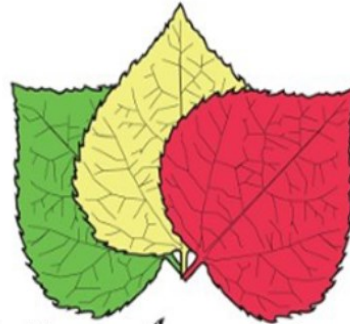


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LEGION RIDER NEWS

Riders meeting May 14th 7PM

Friday Night Dinner May 15th Smothered burritos or quesadillas \$15

Saturday May 16th 10am meeting for Run for the Wall fuel stop

We are still looking for donations for our auction on June 6th. Any donations will be greatly appreciated

We ride for those who can't



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Saturday American Legion Post 1985
 May 2nd 870 First Street
 2:00pm Firestone, CO 80520
 303-833-3878



Mother's Day

MOTHERS ARE FANTASTIC IN EVERY WAY.
 THIS MOTHER'S DAY, COME IN
 AND LET HER ENJOY HER FREE DRINK ON US.
 A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFUL MOMS
 WE'RE CELEBRATING.



Sunday May 10th 2026
 American Legion Post
 1985

Junior Auxiliary May 2026

The poppy symbolizes remembrance, sacrifice, and honor for those who served & died in military service. National Poppy Day is May 22nd with Memorial Day on Monday May 25th.

In May, the Juniors are going to paint rocks with poppies and messages of gratitude and the promise to never forget those who served. Then they're going to bring that message to everyday spaces around our community. Keep an eye out—you may find one in your neighborhood!

Everyone is welcome to come paint rocks. The more we can get painted, the more visible our message will be around town. We'll provide the paint supplies and rocks—or bring your own rock if you want one of these little poppy gems in your yard!



JUNIOR'S MEETING
Sunday 5.17.26
1:00P

Everyone Welcome!

Join us for a meaningful and creative experience as we learn about the importance of poppies and our veterans. Discover the story behind the poppy as a symbol of remembrance, then turn that inspiration into a hands-on craft project.

Volunteer/Community Service Hours Available

Light refreshments & snacks provided

Contact Toni Will via Text
(970) 412-5726

American Legion Post 1985
870 First Street
Firestone, CO 80520

Strict no outside beverages policy



Follow us to see photos of the fun stuff we do!

Instagram: Juniors_Post_1985

Facebook: Juniors Group of the American Legion Post 1985

Thank you for supporting the Juniors!

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?

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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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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
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\$100 GIFT CARD AWARDED ON JULY 31ST, 2026
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American Legion
Post 1985, Firestone, CO

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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"
10. SELECT "ENROLL"
11. TAKE A SCREEN SHOT
12. SELECT "TOP RIGHT" PERSON
13. VIEW PROFILE AND VERIFY TELEPHONE
14. RECEIVE TICKET FOR CHANCE FOR PRIZE

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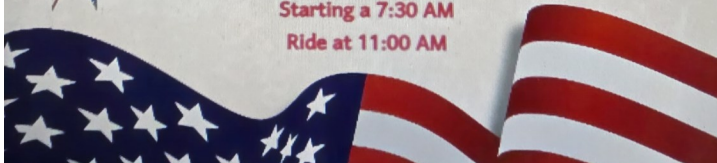
All you can eat buffet for \$12.99

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



Fiesta Karaoke



Tuesday May 5th 2:30-6:00
Cinco de Mayo
With Mike Evans

Yummy Tacos \$3.00
Jose Margarita \$4.00
Electric Blue Margarita \$5.00

GRAB YOUR AMIGOS

&

JOIN US FOR TACOS AND TUNES!

Veteran of the Month

For over a year, Post 1985 has proudly honored a 'Veteran of the Month,' an initiative that has deepened our appreciation for the diverse ways our veterans have served. This month, we shift our focus to honor our current cadre of Legion officers. We recognize the immense dedication they have shown over the past season, often contributing their own resources, time, and unique skills behind the scenes to ensure the continued success of Post 1985.

Legion Officers

Commander – Cecil Hitzegs, Service Officer – Kathy Garcia
Historian - Anne Hickman, Adjutant – Dawn Marie Cuddy
Chaplin – Don Krieger, Sgt at-Arms – Chris Dalfonso
Jr. Vice – Brandon Frasier, Finance Officer – Sally Janich
Sr. Vice – Keith Havlin
Committee Members - Jim Vinson and Paul Wetzel

Upgrading of Building

New Ceiling tiles – Purchase and installation
New Hall Service Flags – Updated look in back hall
New parking lot lines – Commander solo project
New Furniture – Update to lounge
Updated Picture Frames – Cleaning of shelf, obtained NEW matching frames.
HVAC – Replacement, funding and continue investigation – Jim, Sally, Paul, and Chris Woody

Canteen

Loyalty card – Increase attendance of afternoon members
Daily Trivia – Patrons enjoy free Trivia anytime
Credit Card Option – Member convenience
Video gaming – Offered Sunday evening

Fundraising

Jersey Raffles – Bronco's merchandise
Quilt Raffles – Fundraising for building -Vickie Alexander
Sing a-long – Tommy Paul Daw
King Soopers App – Quarterly money for Legion
Check from Town of Firestone – Request from Sally Janich

Community Minded

Vetsgiving – Over 154 meals served to community at NO COST to legion.
911 – Coffee, snacks and lunch for 1st responders and veterans
Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans – Recognition of our Vietnam Veterans evening.
Community Pantry – Over 100 visitors from Legion and community families
Fundraising for Orphanage – Assisting Ken Armstrong
Talent Show – Fun gathering
Eagle Scout – New Flag disposal box for post
Legion Yard Sales – Spring – Summer – One stop location to sell items.
Junk Day – One day of “Free” disposal of unwanted items.
Yoga – Free Yogas Sessions offered.
Sunday Coffee & Donuts with Commander – Voice your concerns

Other Legionnaires whose contributions have enhanced the appearance and operation of our building.

Chris Woody – Repair, donations and preparing food for various fundraisers.
Michael Janich – Repair of building, donation of various prizes and new Popcorn machine
Don Krieger – Donation of barricades for Legion functions

Thank you for your service to Post 1985

From behind the scenes at Post 1985:

Big shout out to JoAnn Kidd for taking her own personal time to clean the upstairs attic. I feel much safer going upstairs now.

Thank you too her brother Bob for helping with basic repairs around the Legion as well

Thank you to the gaming manager teams of Angie, Sally, Kari and Stacie. They keep everything going in front of behind the scenes. If you see them, please thank them. They're doing a fantastic job.

Thank you, those, who keep supporting the pantry and for all of our Legion members who come in and those who bring their friends and neighbors yes, we are here to serve all of our tri- town, community veterans and others

Thank you to Rick for fixing the flagpole, couldn't have done it without your help, sir

And big thank you to all of the freedom military ball committee through the planning, the budgeting decorating cleanup, and all the hard work you put in and also thank you to everyone who gave the New location and theme a chance Thank you to Chris Tammy Lane Adam and all the other kitchen folk and from the moose as well. Great meal. Thank you to the cute 4-H kids that went out of the way to host this event and make every guest feel special. Thank you to Commander Cecil for keeping the speech sweet and short We also had a fantastic turnout of donations for fundraisers, especially thank you to John and Doris. You really made the evening special. And everyone else who helped a lot of people to name, but you made the evening a monumental success

A grateful heart,

Sally Janich
THANK YOU ALL



We appreciate all that you do.

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Auxiliary Roast beef Karaoke	2 Kentucky derby party 2PM
3	4 Monday Night Darts 7 PM	5 Bike Night 6-9 PM Karaoke with Mike and Taco Tuesday 2:30- 6	6 Texas Hold 'M Poker-7 PM	7 General Meeting 7pm	8 LEGION STEAK NIGHT (RSVP)	9
10	11 Monday Night Darts 7 PM	12 Bike Night 6-9 PM	13 Texas Hold 'M Poker-7 PM	14 Riders Meeting 7PM	15 RIDERS Smothered Burritos Game night	16 Riders meeting for the Run for the Wall 10am
17 Junior's meeting 1PM	18 Monday Night Darts 7 PM	19 Bike Night 6-9 PM	20 Texas Hold 'M Poker-7 PM	21 SAL Meeting 7PM	22 SAL Ham and Beans soup	23
24 Celebra- tion of Life for Sheryl Turner 2pm	25 Monday Night Darts 7 PM Memorial Day service 2PM	26 Bike Night 6-9 PM	27 Texas Hold 'M Poker-7 PM	28 E Board Meeting 7 PM	29 Cooks choice	30
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