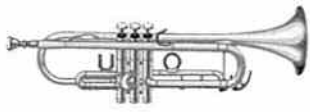


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We Still Have Winners At Post #1!

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Lisa Weyand
Mike Paulino, Jr
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Paul Fenske
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William Blankenship
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V Joe Ridgeway
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Jerrold Stevens
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Samuel Sherman
Chloe Bouthillier
Peter Morales
Virginia Anderberg
Robert Sumner
Ryan Kelly
Betty Kottenstette
Mary Dorsey

It's easy to win,
but you have to play!



In Memory Of Post Adjutant Joe Sweeney

Joe Sweeney passed away April 9, 2011.

Joe Sweeney was an Army veteran from 1957-1963. He held all the offices in the 40&8, including Chef De Gare, served as adjutant for two terms, and served on the following committees: House, Memorial, and the Executive Board. He was a life member of the VFW. He is survived by his wife Georgia who is a member of Unit 1. Joe was always willing to help anyone who needed assistance. The members of Post #1 will miss him deeply.



A Call To Colors

by Trudi Plimpton,
Sgt-At-Arms

Want to join the Color Guard? Come one, come all, to a meeting on Tuesday, June 21, at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium. An informational meeting to grow our ranks will give you options in your service on our Color Guard. Not exclusively for Veterans, we welcome all family members (Auxiliary, SAL, and Legion) to participate in this activity that not only honors the Colors that we hold dear in our hearts, but promotes our good name of The American Legion in the community. We need more members as we are becoming increasingly well-known and the requests for services to honor our Flag are growing. Come be a part of this worthwhile way to serve your community and give honor to those who have gone before. No physical requirements except a great big heart! We have a place for YOU!

Post #1 Pride

by Post #1 Commander
Glen Stenson

Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham American Legion Post #1 was one of the largest Legion Posts in the nation with 11,000 members in 1951. The Post home was located on Broadway at the present site of the State Judicial Building. The building housed a large gymnasium, bowling alley, restaurant, and meeting rooms that were widely used by the City of Denver.

In 1942 the Post sponsored the National AAU Basketball Championships. Later, in 1952, a second place finish for The American Legion baseball team was achieved. For many years the Post sponsored the annual "Salute to America" Fourth of July celebration at Denver University Stadium. At one time, 15 boys were sent to Boys State. The Post and the 40&8 supported the

Voiture 97's Drum and Bugle Corps, which won the state title 13 times and second place nationally several times.

These programs would not have

been possible without strong participation. Sure, today, our Post numbers about 1,200, but there is still sufficient membership to enhance our programs. Your call to the Adjutant, with an offer to help in the area of your interest, is eagerly anticipated.

Election Results

Elections are over... And the winners are:

Commander – Glen Stenson

Senior Vice Commander – Ron Olson

Junior Vice Commanders – Ron Bishop, John Stadler

Sgt-at-Arms – Trudi Plimpton

Executive Board Members –

John Hargleroad, Donald Goldy, Kevin "Tank" Barnes

Congratulations to all our new Officers and a great big "thank you" to our outgoing crew.

We also approved our Constitution and Bylaw changes. What a relief to have this year over and a new one to start fresh with a new look at the programs we consider so vital to our endeavors to help our fellow veterans and our Legion family.

Thank you to all who voted. We hear you only if you make a noise, and what better noise than a vote.

Father's Day At Post #1

Sunday, June 19, 2011

Auxiliary Brunch 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dads Eat Free!

Commander's Corner

by Commander Glen Stenson



Thank you to the Post members for voting in the Post Election, Tuesday, May 10, 2011. I look forward to serving as your Commander for the coming year and serving with the new team of elected officers.

The American Legion Post #1 belongs equally to each of the nearly 1,200 members. Each member of the Legion should be respected — no individual should expect preferential treatment. Rank does not exist in The American Legion. Your officers are no different, except when they carry out their official duties. Post #1 has members of different war eras, but we are all veterans and need to communicate with one another.

Our Post Lounge is an adjunct to the official functions of The American Legion. It is a place for members to enjoy coming and socializing. The Post is a private club, which operates for the benefit of its members and their guests.

It is my desire to have our Post grow in stature and return to being the leader in The American Legion, Department of Colorado, through new programs and increased participation in our present activities. It is important for our Legion Post to increase its volunteerism at the VA Hospital.

The American Legion will be starting a new year prior to the next issue of *The Reveille*. Early membership renewals will be appreciated. There will be a new Adjutant replacing recently deceased Joe Sweeney, who gave over and above in the hours he served. We thank Trudi Plimpton for filling in as Adjutant on an interim basis and wish her well in her commitment toward her college degree.

Sadly, word was received that Past Post Commander Fred Greene passed away May 5, 2011. He was living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

We salute outgoing commander Al Taylor for his steady leadership this past year. His guidance of the largest American Legion Post in Colorado is deeply appreciated.

As we look ahead, each of our Post family, the SAL, Women's Auxiliary, and 40&8, has an important role to play in the success of Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham American Legion Post #1.

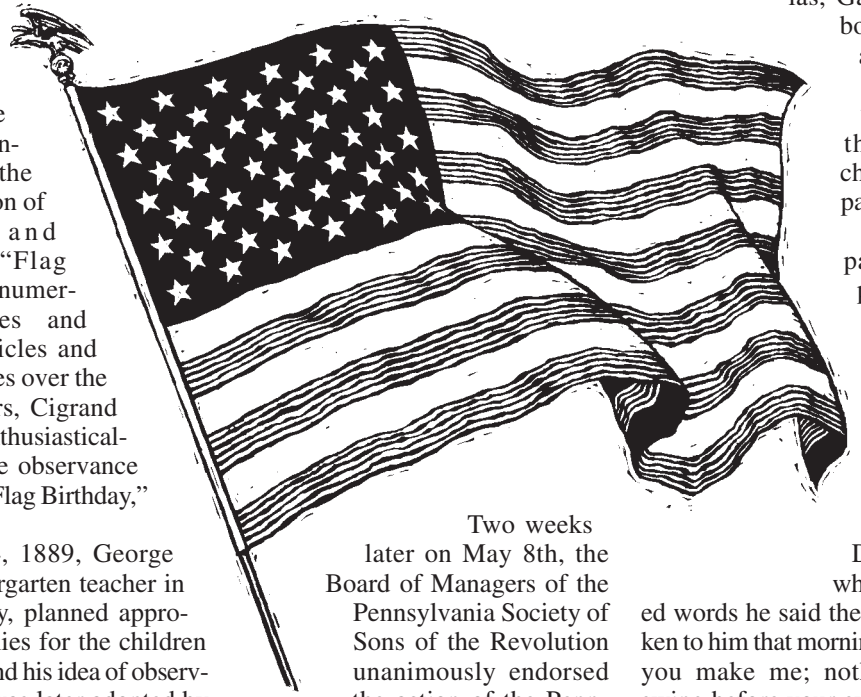
The History Of Flag Day

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as "Flag Birthday." In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as "Flag Birthday," or "Flag Day."

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the

Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as "Flag Day," and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.



Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small Flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known

as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day — the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 — was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

SMILES AND FROWNS

SMILES

- To Karen and Al Taylor for their service
- To those past officers who gave their time
- To those who volunteer in the kitchen
- To our excellent Color Guard
- To those who introduce themselves to visitors in our Post.

FROWNS

- At those who consider themselves to be above volunteering
- At those who use loud offensive language
- At those who do not wish to accept new ideas
- At those who do not welcome visitors
- At those who do not know or care for what The American Legion stands.

Check out the calendar on the back page for all the upcoming Post #1 events and activities!

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We are never too old to learn. Did you know this?

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, Captain

Ellicombe decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock.

In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission

of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals was born. The words are:

Day is done.....Gone the sun
.....From the lakes.....From the hills.....From the skies.

All is well, Safely rest.....God is nigh.....Fading light.....Dims the sight.....And a star.....Gems the sky.....Gleaming bright,
From afar, Drawing nigh, Falls the night.

Thanks and praise.....For our days..... Neath the sun..... Neath the stars..... Neath the sky.... As we go.....This we know.....God is nigh.

I, too, have felt the chills while listening to "Taps" but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either, so I thought I'd pass it along. I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Remember those lost or harmed while serving their country. Thank those who have served, or are currently serving in our armed forces.

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President's Report



by Donna J. Thompson

Quilt Block Contest — Incoming Department President Rhonda Larkowski is asking each unit to make a completed quilt block and get it to her. During the April 12 Unit meeting, I announced a contest to design a quilt block. This quilt block should have a patriotic theme or something that Unit 1 is known for. Submit your entries to me or Diane Erickson. The winner will have their 2011-2012 membership dues paid (or equivalent in cash for permanent members). These quilt blocks will be made into a quilt that will be raffled off during the year. All profits will go to Rhonda's project.

Officer Candidates for 2011-2012 — During the April 12 Unit meeting the following people were nominated for office: President, Donna Thompson; Vice President, Barbara Aaker; Secretary, Georgia Sweeney; Treasurer, Cheryl Hollandaer; Chaplain, Carol McLaughlin; Sergeant-at-Arms, Gloria Martin; and Executive Committee Members-at-Large, Dee Carsten, Cyndi Fordyce, and Margaret Stenson. I know these candidates will do their best for the Unit and Department activities for veterans and their families as well as for God and country.

Joint Installation of Officers will be held at 7 p.m. on June 7 in the front room. This is an open invitation for all Auxiliary members to come and lend your support to the incoming officers.

Committee Appointments for 2011-2012 — The incoming Unit Officers are always looking for willing volunteers to man the different Unit committees. The best way to learn about how the Auxiliary functions is to volunteer to serve as either a Committee Chairman or member. If you are interested in serving on a committee contact Barb Aaker or myself.

Flag Day, June 14 — There will be a ceremony at Veterans Park around 11:15-11:30 a.m. Rick Crandall will be the guest speaker. This is an open invitation for all available Auxiliary members to attend this patriotic program.

Department Convention will be held June 24-26 in Colorado Springs at the DoubleTree Hotel, 1775 East Cheyenne Mountain Blvd. (Exit 138 I-25 and Circle Drive). National President Carlene Ashworth will provide the keynote address during the joint opening on Saturday, June 25.

Unit Member of the Year — Grace Ilene Long has been nominated as our candidate for Unit Member of the Year. The winner will be announced at the Past Presidents Parley during the annual PPP luncheon on Saturday, June 25th. The best of luck to you Ilene.

Thank You — I am extending a big "thank you" for all the support and assistance you have extended to me as Unit President, Unit officers, and our special fund raising events. Thank you for your continued patronage at our breakfasts and hamburger nights. A special "thank you" to Diane Erickson for volunteering to be our Unit Vice President, and to Ginny Anderberg for helping in gathering volunteers to assist with breakfasts and hamburger nights.

Thank You

A big thank you to the LCW Legion Family members who contributed time, emotional support, yummy desserts and salads to the luncheons and receptions following the funerals of Joe Sweeney, Winnie Kelly, and Ellie Allen's mother.

Although this last month was a sad time with three funerals, I know that everyone's prayers, cards, and other words of support were a comfort to the families.

Again, thank you.

Donna Thompson, President
Unit One

Attention Artists

Art classes are starting soon at Post #1. We need to find out how many people are interested. No matter what level you are, come join this fun and informal class. No fee is involved. We will start with drawing and then move on to other media. To start with, all you need to buy is a sketch pad and a set of drawing pencils. The classes are guaranteed to make you a better artist. Instructor Jim Bartusch will help you to develop your creativity. Jim is a Post #1 member and has 30 years experience as an illustrator. Sign up by leaving your name and phone number with Ellie Allen, our adjutant. More details to follow after we know the class size.

I Am Your Flag

I have never transgressed upon foreign soil,
except to defend the dignity of man.

I have never flown over concentration camps,
except when they were free.

I have never flown over a grave,
except in humble thankfulness.

I have left my shores with you men eager for battle
and returned saddened by death.

I have fallen in battle — been grabbed up
by eager hands and carried on.

I have gone into battle with young boys
and returned with battle-hardened men.

I have draped the caskets of a million fallen warriors,
been folded gently and handed to a weeping mother.

I have been carried in victory,
but never in defeat.

I have looked down upon kings
and all the great men of my time.

I have been burned, cursed and spat upon.

Yes, you may be disgraced;
but I have lived in so much Glory
that I can never be disgraced.

I belong to no one and yet,
I belong to everyone.

For I am a symbol of your heritage of freedom.
And so I shall be as long as there is an American.

James R. Howerton



Combat Veterans Cowboy Up

**Saturday, August 13, 2011
4-11 p.m.**

**Fundraiser for Combat Vets
Dinner/Raffles/Entertainment**

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5 SAL BREAKFAST 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	6	7 JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 7 P.M.	8 SAL Hamburger Nite 5-7 p.m.	9 Steak Night 5-7 p.m. COMMITTEE MEETINGS PLANNING • 6 P.M. HOUSE • 7 P.M.	10	11 Entertainment Lori 7:30 p.m.
12 LEGION BREAKFAST 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	13	 14 FLAG DAY Veterans Park 11:30 a.m. POST MEETING 7 P.M. AUXILIARY MEETING 7 P.M.	15 Legion Hamburger Nite 5-7 p.m.	16 E-BOARD MEETING 7 P.M.	17 Entertainment Frank Ross 7-11 p.m.	18 40/8 Promenade 9 a.m.
19 <i>Father's Day</i> AUXILIARY BREAKFAST 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Dads Eat Free	20	21	22 Auxiliary Hamburger Nite 5-7 p.m.	23	24 Department Convention	25 Department Convention
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