



POST 1980
WOODLAND PARK
COLORADO
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2008 KEY ACTIVITIES

- Boys State
- American Legion Baseball
- Scholarships
- Honor Guard at Various Events
- Veterans Day Celebration
- Community Support
- Veterans Home Support
- Fun Times

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American Legion Post 1980— History 2008: The Year in Review

Our Mountain Post—A Good Year!!

Eric V. Dickson Post 1980 of the American Legion, Woodland Park, Colorado, continued to support its members and the local community throughout 2008. Our membership remained relatively constant for the year with about 75 members and the Post was able to continue and make improvements to most of its community programs. During 2008, the relationship between Post 1980 and VFW Thomas E. Kelly Post 6051 in Woodland Park continued to grow. In Spring 2008, an agreement was reached between the posts to allow Post 1980 to conduct its meetings and other activities at the Grange Hall just north of Woodland Park. This agreement

resulted in Post 1980 assisting the VFW with some of the expenses for Grange Hall, but also brought the local VFW and American Legion Posts closer together for Honor Guards and various community events.

Post 1980 continued to participate in Colorado Boys State, scholarships at Woodland Park High School, sponsor an

American Legion baseball team, provide Honor Guards at various events, and hold member events such as fun shoots, holiday celebrations, and a family cookout.

Remembering our veterans
— installation of U.S. flags at the Lions Park Memorial



American Legion Colorado Boys State

One of the primary projects of Post 1980 is to support American Legion Colorado Boys State, a premier citizenship program for young high school men. Post 1980 makes the selection, pays the Boys State tuition fee and funds a college scholarship for the attendee. (continued on page 10)

Right: Commander Bill Fischer congratulates Treavor Arias upon his selection to attend Boys State in 2008.



Honor Guard and Flag Ceremonies



Above: Honor Guard at the Woodland Park Motorcycle Rally, August 2008. Right: Flag installation at Lions Park.

Post 1980, often with members of VFW Post 6051, formed the Honor Guard for a number of Woodland Park events in 2008. Memorial Day, Independence Day, Woodland Park Motorcycle Rally, and the Woodland Park Christmas Parade — the Legion was there to lead the way and present the Colors. Likewise Post 1980 and VFW Post 6051 joined together to raise the flags at the **Lions' Park at the intersection of CO67 and US24** for Independence Day, the Woodland Park Motorcycle Rally (Protecting the American Dream), 9-11, and Veterans Day.



Honoring Our Veterans

Once again Post 1980 honored the service of our veterans and our active duty military with a ceremony and dinner at the Crystola Inn on Veterans Day 2008. Commander Bill Fisher was the Master of Ceremony, while Senior Vice Robby Cox performed the POW-MIA

ceremony like no one else can do. An Honor Guard presented the colors and veterans from the various services and wars were recognized. A delicious buffet dinner was served and clothes were collected for the State Veterans Home in Florence. It was a great day!
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Veterans Day Celebration





**American Legion Post 1980
Woodland Park, Colorado
Honors Our Veterans and
Active Duty Military Personnel**

Where: Historic Crystola Roadhouse
20918 E. Hwy 24, Crystola
Just east of Woodland Park

When: Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov 11th, 7PM

Who: All Veterans, Active Duty Military, and Their Families

What: Recognition Ceremony and Buffet Dinner
Free for veterans, active duty military, and families
Side dishes are appreciated, but not required
Pay-as-you-go drinks
Door Prizes

Veterans Assistance: Post 1980 will have a collection area for clothes for veterans at the Colorado State Veterans Home in Florence; if you can, any contribution of clean sweaters, sweat pants, long-sleeve button-down shirts (larger sizes), scarves, and gloves would be appreciated

Please RSVP to Bill Fischer, Post 1980 Commander, at commander@post1980.org or at 719-686-0988





American Legion Baseball

Post 1980 continued its tradition of sponsoring



Above: Coach Winstead and several players talk to the Post about American Legion Baseball.

Right: Commander Bill Fischer presents a check for \$380 to cover insurance.

Below: Commander Bill and one of the veterans at the Veterans Home in Florence.

American Legion Baseball by supporting a Woodland Park Post 1980 team once again in 2008. Coach Chris Winstead, coach at Woodland Park High School, worked with Commander Bill Fischer to obtain Post funding to pay the **insurance (\$380) for the "B" team (typically next year's varsity at WPHS)**, which then allowed for an American Legion **"C" team also. The "B" team finished 16-14 and made the playoffs for the 5th consecutive season; the team**

advanced into the second round before losing to Sand Creek 9-7. **The "C" team finished with a 500 record.**

In February 2009 Woodland Park was selected to host the **"B" Tournament in late July 2009**, so there should be another great year of American Legion Baseball in Woodland Park. Woodland Park hosted this tournament in 2006, and the Post 1980 team went on to be the state champions.



Clothes to the Veterans Home

Post 1980 decided to support the Veterans Home in Florence with a clothes drive as a result of an appeal from District for warm-clothing support. Items were collected at the Veterans Day celebration and were taken to the Home in mid-**November; Bob Mericle's Suburban was filled to the roof.** The smiles when we arrived were very rewarding. Over 90 veterans live at the home.





Pig Roast and Auction



Once again in 2008, Post 1980 continued the tradition of its biggest fund-raiser—a Pig Roast, and this year with the addition of an auction. Planning began early in the year, but work began in earnest in April with several weekends of hauling wood pallets (for the fire). Lots of wood required for a night of creating the coals, and then 24 hours of cooking the pig — it was a “whole post” effort. Several Post

members visited the businesses in our local communities to get items for door prizes and the auction. It was amazing the great items donated by businesses in Woodland Park and Cripple Creek — our many thanks to them! The Roast was being held on Sunday, May 18th, at the Crystola Inn (our many thanks for supporting this effort), so the pit was dug on Friday morning and the fire was started Friday afternoon. Two-person shifts worked around the clock Friday evening and night building-up the coals. Saturday morning the pigs were picked up and brought to the site where they were prepared for “insertion” into the hot coals. Fire watch

continued on Saturday through Sunday noonish, when the pigs were removed from the pit and prepared for the eating celebration. There was a very good turnout for the roast and the auction — a good time was had by all, and the post did pretty well at making money to support our community activities. We did learn that the “silent auction” works better than the “live auction” so we will likely go that route in the future. Bob Mericle headed the Pig Roast Committee for 2008. David Turley donated \$100 towards the cost of the pigs.

Always a great post event, the Pig Roast brings both comradery and funds to Post 1980.

Pig Roast Committee:
Robby Cox, Bob Mericle, Rod Herk, Bob Fugatt, Andy Tyler, Nick Sooy, Bill Fischer. Flyers-Paul James. Fire permit-Bruce Cummings. Auction-Jen Manriquez and Debbie Fugatt.

Right: Loading and hauling the wood for the fires, a little advertising in Woodland Park, hard workers (yeah, sure), the pit, and the silent auction. The entire event was a great team effort. Thanks to all!

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Cruise Above the Clouds



Above: David Turley receives a check for Post 1980 from the “Above the Clouds Cruisers.”

The Woodland Park “Above the Clouds Cruisers,” a non-profit organization that raises money for various Teller County organizations, once again held his “Cruise Above the Clouds” rally in Woodland Park and Cripple Creek — and Post 1980, for the eighth year, staffed the Poker Run stop in Victor. Kirby Laughlin coordinated between the “Cruisers” and the Post; seven members staffed the poker run stop. A beautiful day, beautiful cars, support to a good cause, and a little extra money to support Post 1980’s community activities. Nick and Annette Sooy hosted a BBQ at their home after the event.



And Lots of Other Activities Throughout the Year

- Memorial Day activities. In conjunction with VFW Post 6051 distribution of grave flags throughout Teller County; Honor Guard at Woodland Park Cemetery.
- Independence Day flag-raising at Memorial Park in Woodland Park; installation of flags at Lions Park.
- Awards ceremony at Woodland Park High School, 21 May. Adjutant Andy Tyler presented Boys State certificate (attended 2007) and \$250 scholarship to Steven Fitzgerald, and \$250 scholarship to Micah David Sexton.
- Color Guard for the Woodland Park Christmas Parade, 6 December.
- Help to the Pikes Peak Rotary Club and Salvation Army for Holiday Bell-ringing at the Wal-Mart in Woodland Park.
- Major improvements to the Post 1980 website through the efforts of our Webmaster, Dave Turley
- Nick Sooy arranged for the donation of a mobile BBQ cooker/trailer; lots of cleaning and work to be done on it with efforts led by Rod Herk; cost of tires donated by Mark Manriquez.
- Updates at various meeting:
 - Information on the changes in the trailer park area next to Wal-Mart.
 - Visits by District 7 officers.
 - Updates by Teller County Service Officer, Mike Bartol.
- Woodland Park Motorcycle Rally. Honor Guard, posting of colors, and booth at rally; installed flags at Lions Park.
- Garage sale cancelled as it conflicted with preparation for other activities.
- **Nick’s Super Bowl party.**
- Snowmobile trip to Grand Lake.
- Oratorical — no student entries from Woodland Park High School (Dave T. tried).
- Gaming License Training at Grange Hall on 6 December (arranged by Nick S.); 34 people, including 5 from Post 1980; Lee Vulcan later voted to be the Post Gaming Chairman.
- Little movement on a potential Post 1980 home, although some background work completed by Nick Sooy.

Post 1980 Good Times—Fun Shoots

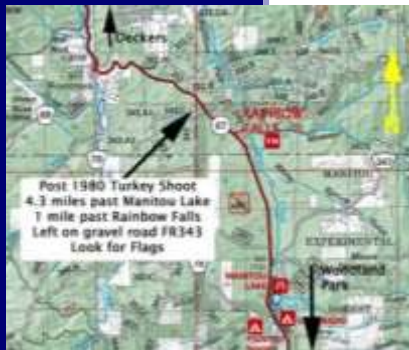


Above: Taking aim!!!

In the furtherance of Post comradery and some very good times several “Fun/Turkey Shoots” were held on 19 April 19 July, and 25 October in the Pike National Forest north of Woodland Park. Always a great time for hanging-out, shooting some targets and skeet, and having a nice breakfast before the shoot or cooking a few brats, etc during the event. Nick Sooy did much of our organizing in 2008, and we thank him for the good times.



Above: First place
— a turkey!



Above: A great place for fun and games.



Post 1980 Good Times—Family Weekend

In the support of our Post members and good times, Post 1980 members held a Family Weekend picnic and campout the weekend of 27-28 September at the Lost Dutchman Campground in Divide. Wow, what a great weekend it was, with lots of hanging-out, listening to a little music, spinning a few tales, and sharing good food and good times. Our thanks to Nick Sooy for organizing this fine event. Remember, it was a little cold that night also!



Above: The Honorable Mr. Bob getting warm after telling one of his many great stories.



Below: A little music added to a great weekend.



Post 1980 Good Times—Christmas



Above: Commander Bill and Sr. Vice Robby, along with Yvonne and Mrs. Bill.

Post 1980 always holds a nice Christmas gathering in the middle of December and this year was no different. Or was it?? The members decided that it would be nice to hold the party at Grange Hall, thus giving us privacy and letting us really do our own thing. First-of-all, there was two days of cleaning and decorating (headed by Debbie Fugatt and Yvonne Wilson). Grange Hall really needed a major cleaning and several of our members kicked in with a major cleaning. Afterwards the Hall was decorated with a tree, various Christmas decorations, a Santa Bear, tablecloths, and table decorations. The place looked great the night of the party. Lots of good food, brotherhood, and even a little music (Christmas Carols were sung by all). What a great evening!



Above: Annette sharing the Christmas spirit(s).



Post 1980 Good Times—AF Football



Above: A little food and beverage before the game made for



Nick did a great job as Service Officer (and he is very good at organizing events) and on 4 October brought a group of us together for the AF-Navy game at the USAFA. Tail-gating, flyovers, AF-Navy football — what could be better!!!



Above: Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it Superman? Yep, it is a plane in the fly-over!!



Colorado Boys State (continuation from page 1)

David Turley once again served as the Boys State Chairman and coordinated with Woodland Park High School (WPHS) Counselor Mark Martin to select an outstanding young man between his junior and senior years to attend Colorado Boys State. Treavor Arias was one of several candidates interviewed for Boys State and was clearly an outstanding choice for Post 1980. Treavor attended Colorado Boys State at CSU-Pueblo June 8-14, 2008. Upon his graduation from WPHS and his enrollment at an institution of continuing education, Post 1980 will award Treavor a \$250 scholarship. Post 1980 will continue this Boys State tradition in 2009.



Article from the Pikes Peak Courier View, May 7, 2008




An Executive Committee meeting at the Crystola.



9-11 Memorial at Lions Park in Woodland Park at CO67-US24 intersection.

Honoring Our Veterans (continuation from page 2)

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VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

The American Legion Eric V. Dickson Post 1980, Woodland Park, will hold a Veterans Day celebration and free dinner buffet for veterans, active duty military and their families at the historic Crystola Roadhouse (20918 E. Hwy. 24, Crystola, just east of Woodland Park) on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. The event will kick off promptly at 7 p.m. with a ceremony to recognize those veterans and current military members who have served or are serving to protect our nation and our freedoms. Presentation of the colors and a POW/MIA ceremony will precede the free buffet which will be open until 8:30 p.m. Drinks will be on a pay-as-you-go basis. All military veterans and active duty personnel are invited to attend. Side dishes are encouraged, but not required. There will be a drawing for door prizes. Post 1980 is also providing assistance to the Colorado State Veterans Home in Florence through a clothes drive, and there will be a collection area for clothes for the veterans at the Home. Those attending the dinner should RSVP to the Post 1980 Commander, Bill Fischer at commander@post1980.org or by calling Bill at 686-0988.

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Nov. 11 (2008)
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Pig Roast and Auction (continuation from page 4)


PIG ROAST AND AUCTION
 At the Crystola Roadhouse
 Sunday, May 18th
 11:30am-1:30PM (Silent Auction)
 12:00PM Noon (Pig Roast)
 2:00PM (Live Auction)
 4:00PM (Band)

COST: \$7.00 for the Roast
 Age 6-12 \$4.00 - 5 & under FREE

Open to the Public -- Come One-Come All
 Proceeds Go To Post 1980 Community Activities
Items for Auction Include:
 Heavy Golden Boy Rifle, Honda ATV, Antlers Hilton Dinner/Lodging Package
 Monarch Ski/Lodging Package, Services/Goods at Local Establishments,
 And Many Other Items
 More Info at: <http://post1980.org>



More Photos from Post 1980 Good Times and Events





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Woodland Park, CO 80866

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Meetings at Grange Hall
4th Tuesday each month, 7PM

This 2008 History was compiled by David Turley, Post 1980 Historian, and approved by the Post on 4/28/2009.

Post 1980 Officers
(as of 12-31-2008)

Commander: Bill Fischer

Senior Vice Commander: Robby Cox
Don Schneider (first half of 2008)

Junior Vice Commander: Mark Manriquez
Nick Sooy (first half of 2008)

Adjutant: Andy Tyler

Finance Officer: Kirby Laughlin

Historian (and Webmaster): David Turley

Chaplain: Bob Mericle

Service Officer: Lee Vulcan
Nick Sooy (until late October 2008)
Marty McKenna (first half of 2008)

Sergeant-at-Arms: Rod Herk



Some Post 1980 Business

By-Laws and Constitution.
During 2007, a Post 1980 Committee reviewed and updated the Post by-laws and constitution. These documents were presented to the Post membership and were approved and signed in January 2008, and can be viewed on the post website.

Officers. In accordance with the by-laws and constitution new or continuing officers were nominated, elected, and installed in April-June 2008 (see listing above). The Post 1980 members give their sincere thanks to these officers who served this Post in these critical roles in 2007 and 2008.

Photos: Post 1980 Officer Installation, June 2008.

