



AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

RON NELSON COMMANDER



Independence Day went well! Okay, I know we had to play catch up with burgers and dogs. We had a wonderful turnout, Thank You Thank You! Dale Crow and Bill Jackson carried the ammo (ran the food and grilled with the best hamburgers in town)!

July is behind us, Independence Day, end of the Korean War 6-27-1953.

Let us get on with August, 8-2-1990 Desert Storm, US Coast Guard Birthday 8-4-1740, Gulf of Tonkin Vietnam 8-5-1964, 8-7

Purple Heart Day & V-J Day 8-14-1945!

MEDAL OF HONOR

World War II - U.S. Army

ROBERT H DIETZ

DETAILS:

- RANK: STAFF SERGEANT
- CONFLICT/ERA: WORLD WAR II
- UNIT/COMMAND: COMPANY A, 38TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION, 7th ARMORED DIVISION
- MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. ARMY
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: MARCH 29, 1945
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: KIRCHAIN, GERMANY

He was a squad leader when the task force to which his unit was attached encountered resistance in its advancing on Kirchain, Germany. Between the town's



outlying buildings 300 yards distant and the stalled armored column were a minefield and two bridges defended by German rocket-launching teams and riflemen. From the town itself came heavy small-arms fire. Moving forward with his men to protect engineers while they removed the minefield and the demolition charges attached to the bridges, SSgt. Dietz came under intense fire. On his own initiative he advanced alone, scorning the bullets which struck all around him, until he

was able to kill the bazooka team defending the first bridge. He continued ahead and had killed another bazooka team, bayoneted an enemy soldier armed with a panzerfaust, and shot two Germans when he was knocked to the ground by another



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blast of another panzerfaust. He quickly recovered, killed the man who had fired at him, and then jumped into waist-deep water under the second bridge to disconnect the demolition charges. His work was completed; but as he stood up to signal that the route was clear he was killed by another enemy volley from the left flank. SSgt. Dietz by his intrepidity and valiant effort on his self-imposed mission, singlehandedly opened the road for the capture of Kirchain and left with his comrades an inspiring example of gallantry in the face of formidable odds.

Why? you may be asking. Part of our mission is retaining the memory of the fallen, supporting the families and supporting the warriors of today.

August is picnic time. Volunteers will make it work. Please step up! The picnic is coming up FAST, Sunday August 27th. Planning has started and we can use help and ideas to make it a flawless event. Dale Crow and other key people to contact with your input will be posted in the lobby. Other things like the parking lot and tree trimming are still outstanding. I would like to think we could control the weather, but we can't. Things are getting done. The front doors are painted, much thanks to Phil Saba for arranging a great paint job. (Rhonda with Maximum Edge Tile & Paint 720-254-9094)

Please participate, come to meetings because your input is important!

Well, I better get this to the editor so my second published work will official.

REGINA MONTGOMERY - AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



We have a lot of new things coming but one big one is our dues have gone up. They are now \$42 and are now due. You can mail them to the Legion or put them in the box by the front door. If you want your card left at the Legion rather than mailed back please leave a note.

Also the picnic is a bit later this year but we are now selling raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets. They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 you do not have to be there to win

FRED MUSKOPF PRESIDENT, ALR 161 RIDERS



Can you believe it, another Legion year starting up! What a fantastic year we had last year.

We the Riders wish to thank everyone from the Post for all the support we have received. An example being, The Legacy Ride to benefit the children of fallen veterans and children of veterans with 50% disability scholarship needs. With the help of Post 161 the Riders were able to raise \$2500.00. This was only because of you all. THANK YOU!!!!

As the year gears up, the riders are working on more dinners and maybe some shows, as well as providing some breakfasts.

Speaking of shows, mark your Calendars, December 9, 2023 SHELVIS will be

back for a Christmas Show! This will be a dinner and show event, so be ready to have a great time.

With the Riders being part of the entire Legion, the Riders are here to help all our entities. We have members in the Legion, the Auxiliary and Sons.

At this years Arvada Harvest Festival, Post 161 will have a membership booth, so come on by and say hi, and give us a hand getting more members so we can better serve our four pillars, Americanism, Veterans and Rehabilitation, Children/Youth/Security.

Thank You and GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

KATHY TIERNEY - CLUB MANAGER



CLUB NEWS

I want to Thank everyone for reaching out to me and letting me know that I have their support. That means a lot to me, so Thank You!

Myself, our new Commander; Ron Nelson, along with our all new Board of Goveners, have quite a learning curve in front of us. We want you all to know that while we become familiar with the details of our jobs, we remain focused on helping you, our members, to accomplish our primary goal, which is to support our Veterans and their families. The American Legion motto: Veterans Strengthening America.

I want to remind everyone that this is your club, and we would not be able to support our mission without your participation! If everyone does a little bit to help, together we can accomplish a lot!

You can support us by coming in and having lunch, join us for dinner on our dinner nights (every third Friday) and for breakfast on our breakfast Sundays (the second and the fourth Sundays). In order for us to provide these opportunities for you, we need your help!

Please consider volunteering. We have many volunteer opportunities, and you can find out more about what they are by contacting our Commander, any one of the Board of Governors, myself, or ask one of our bartenders.

Did you know that Volunteering not only helps us with fulfilling our mission, but it is good for your health, both mentally and physically. Get involved, you can commit to a certain function, or to do just do something once a month, or try once a quarter (that's only 4 times for the whole year!) or just commit one time and see what it is all about.

It's good for your mental health. Over recent years, an increasing amount of research into the mental-health benefits of volunteer work has emerged. It's been said that doing good for someone or for something you believe in interrupts tension-producing patterns in the brain and replaces them with a sense of purpose, positive emotion and higher confidence levels, and that people who volunteer feel a greater sense of satisfaction with their lives and consider their health generally better than those who don't.

Are you feeling stuck in a rut? Or maybe you're unsure of what to do with yourself. You can use volunteering as a way to get out of old habits and routines. Taking a break from your day-to-day routines can help you put your life into perspective. You'll make meaningful connections. Volunteering gives you a chance to form new relationships that can have a lasting impact on you. You could meet your new best friend, or have a conversation that sparks a new interest for you.

Volunteering your body helps you have a healthier body. A Corporation for National & Community Service report noted: "Research demonstrates that volunteering leads to better health... those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer."

Volunteering your love makes you feel more love. Admittedly, love is a hard thing to measure. But when researchers at the London School of Economics examined the relationship between volunteering and measures of happiness, they found the more people volunteered, the happier they were. Volunteering builds empathy, strengthens social bonds and makes you smile — all factors that increase the feeling of love

And did you know, that those who feel that they do not have time to commit to volunteering, actually find that when they volunteer they actually become more efficient with their time, and find they seem to have more time!

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy August to all Post 161 members. We have had some hot summer days this past couple of weeks. Please stay hydrated.

We are getting closer to our golf tournament and we are looking for donations so we can use them for our prizes and drawings. We also will accept cash donations to help on our food and golf course charges. Please pop a check or cash in our S.A.L. box at the Legion. Thank you in advance Members - we want to break our record to help the kids in need.

The S.A.L. was able to raise some funds to help purchase new silverware for the Post.

The S.A.L. had three new members and two transfers for the month of July. Welcome new members.

Don't be late for the Post picnic August 27th at the Post.

S.A.L. members, the 2024 dues are upon us already. Dues are still only \$30 a year so get those dues in. S.A.L. members welcome all new officers of Post 161. Let's all work together and enjoy the next year and have fun at the same time.

A shout out to Terry Peterson who has helped the S.A.L. in many ways.

S.A.L. members please drop off or email any addresses or emails that have changed so we can update all of our info on members. Email to broncorobert@gmail.com.

Troops stay safe and hurry home. Happy summer Members.

LUWANDA FORD - AUXILIARY MEMBER

Let's reach out to our fellow members and visitors and show how friendly we are as a Legion family.

It's as simple as going up to someone you don't know and saying, "I don't know you. I am John". Start a short conversation and if they're new or visiting, make them feel welcome.

Having been a member of the Auxiliary for about 20 years and having been away for a while, I find that when I stop in at the Post, there are lots of people I don't know. Few of the faces are familiar now. Those who know me are very friendly. Those who don't don't even speak to me.

Recently I met a fellow wearing a veteran's cap. I asked him if he and his wife ever went to Post 161. He told me they are new members there but they had been in a couple of times and nobody ever spoke to them. My heart was crushed.

My husband, Leonard, and I knew Post 161 as a very friendly place and stopping into visit at other Posts as we traveled, we found Legion members to be very friendly.

Since I have been inviting people in person and on social media to come, visit, and join, it saddens me to think that no one would even greet them if I'm not there. Let's reach out to those we don't know and introduce ourselves, please.

We are always looking to add members to the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL and we're more likely to gain new members if we make visitors feel welcome.

This is a challenge to find someone you don't know each time you go to the Post and introduce yourself to them. You might even make a new friend and recruit a new volunteer for something.

Donations

\$150 - VA

\$150 - CO Veterans Kids Fund

\$100 - Community Rable

\$150 - RCI

\$100 - Silverware

\$50 - Gift Card - Post Drilling

Total Membership

Quota: 674 - 2023: 592 - % of Goal: 87.83%

Post 161 Officers 2023-2024

Legionnaires

Commander - Ron Nelson
Sr. Vice - Roger Divis
Jr. Vice - Dale Crow
Chaplain - Fred Muskopf
Finance Officer - Dave Edwards
Adjutant - Rick Cody
Exec Com Member - Brian Messer
Asst. Sgt-At-Arms - Vacant
Historian - Vacant
Veteran Svc Officer - Vern Benjamin
Past Commander - Ed Shreeve

Board of Governors

Phil Saba
Ray Mayer
Bill Jackson
Brian Messer
Bill Schoeninger
Automatic BOG: Ron Nelson
Automatic BOG: Dave Edwards

Sons of the American Legion

Commander - Roger Divis
1st Vice - Robert Tinsley
2nd Vice - Dale Crow
Finance Officer - Neil Walker
Sgt at Arms - Mike Blimling
Chaplain - Rich Liberato
Adjutant - Don Rodlin
Historian - Jim Clark

American Legion Auxiliary

President- Regina Montgomery
Vice President- Open
Treasurer- Jennette Scott
Secretary- Helen Muskopf
Chaplain- Robin Roposa
Historian- Mary August
Sgt-at-Arms- Charlene Orr

Post 161 Legion Riders

President Fred Muskopf
Vice President Brian Messer
Secretary Helen Muskopf
Finance Officer Mike Bobb
Sgt at Arms Roger Divis
Chaplain Jan Bobb
Road Captain Al Muniz
Road Lt Michael Westen

DAILY DRAWING

06/16	Chris Watson	\$252.75
06/17	Russell Hedden	\$265.25
06/18	Theodore Anderson	\$276.00
06/19	Larry Bangert	\$288.00
06/20	Michael Weston	\$297.00
06/21	Sharon Wharton	\$308.75
06/22	Clifford Frye	\$317.75
06/23	Terry Hoy	\$326.50
06/24	Roger Bachofer	\$344.50
06/25	Robert Schemof	\$354.00
06/26	Janice Adams	\$366.50
06/27	Paul Kozik	\$376.00
06/28	James Lutz	\$387.00
06/29	Sandra Trout	\$398.00
06/30	Helen Muskopf	406.00*
07/01	Larry Ackerman	\$12.50
07/02	Albert Drumright	\$20.00
07/03	Nancy Denny	\$30.00
07/04	Richard Welburn	\$40.75
07/05	Robert Runge	\$49.75
07/09	Richard Sabol	\$60.00
07/07	Daroll Piph	\$69.25
07/08	Alan Taylor Sr	\$82.00
07/09	Kenneth Clements	\$94.25
07/10	Tim Keefover	\$103.25
07/11	Richard Philbrick	\$113.25
07/12	James Warren	\$125.25
07/13	Richard King	\$142.50
07/14	Cynthia Reed	\$150.50
07/15	Bonnie Rork	\$159.75
07/16	Cliff Rivenes	\$169.75
07/17	Robert Ferguson	\$180.75

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 161 GOLF TOURNAMENT!

September 17 - 8 am



BEST FOOD IN TOWN!



August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Retired Peace Officers 12 pm	2  Lunch served every weekday	3 Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am	4 COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY 1790 	5  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
6 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  Lounge open 12 pm	7 Purple Heart Day  Scouts 6:00pm	8 BOG 6:30 pm	9 Sub Vets 7:00 pm  Lunch served every weekday	10 Membership Meeting 7:00 pm Friendship Lunch 11:00 am	11 Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	12  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
13-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 9am	14  Scouts 6:00pm	15 Marine Corps League 6:30 pm	16  Lunch served every weekday	17 Coopers Troopers 11 am	18  DINNER 5-7 PM	19  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
20 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm	21 BLOOD DRIVE 11 am - 3:30 pm   Scouts 6:00pm	22 Legion Riders 6pm	23  Lunch served every weekday	24  Summer Fun!	25  VISIT THE POST!	26  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
27  POST PICNIC!	28  Scouts 6:00pm	29  REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!	30  Lunch served every weekday	31 	PLAY SHAKE-A-DAY! 	

LUNCH SPECIALS!

DIFFERENT SPECIAL EVERY WEEKDAY. REGULAR MENU ALSO AVAILABLE EVERY WEEKDAY



DINNER!

Friday, August 18


SERVED FROM 5 P.M. TILL 7 P.M.



Served from 11 a.m - 2:30 p.m.
 Friday Dinner: 4 pm - 7 pm

AUGUST LUNCH SPECIALS

Regular menu is available
 in addition to Daily Specials

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 TACOS	2 PORK CHOP W/ POTATOES & VEGETABLES	3 LASAGNA	4 FISH
7 BAR BASKETS	8 SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS	9 CHICKEN CHEESE QUESADILLA	10 ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTERS	11 FISH
14 SHRIMP BASKET	15 CHIMICHANGA	16 TO BE ANNOUNCED	17 PHILLY SANDWICH	18 FISH
21 POOR BOY SANDWICH	22 TACOS	23 LASAGNA	24 ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTERS	25 FISH
28 BBQ CHICKEN SANDWICH	29 ENCHILADAS	30 STEAK SANDWICH	31 ROAST HAM W/ POTATOES & VEGETABLES	

LUNCH SPECIALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - REGULAR MENU AVAILABLE EVERY DAY



POST PICNIC! August 27, 11am

Pot Luck. 50/50 and Prize Raffle tickets on sale now. Plenty of great prizes this year including a grill, tabletop smoker and patio furniture!



Legion Rider 161 President Fred Muskopf presenting a \$2,500 check for the Pony Express Legacy Ride

BREAKFAST AUGUST 13

8-11 am





PICNIC!

August 27

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

50/50 and Prize Raffle tickets on sale now.
Plenty of great prizes this year including a grill, tabletop smoker and patio furniture!

Pot luck. Volunteers are needed to set up and put away. Lounge will be closed until cleanup is finished.



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN!

American Legion Post 161
18th Annual



SAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 16, Lake Arbor Golf Course - 4 person scramble



Cash Prizes



Prize Drawings



Delicious Lunch
Menu to be Announced

Now accepting teams, individual players, hole sponsors, and donations of items we can use for our raffle, silent auction and goody bags! Proceeds from the tournament will benefit **Ginnys Kids, Colorado Veterans Kids Fund, and Child Welfare Foundation**. For details please contact **Robert** broncorobert@gmail.com/ 720-810-4933 or **Joker** info@nshannon.com/ 303-519-8968.

Find us on Facebook! - facebook.com/SAL161golf





IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE COMMANDER

Members of Post 161

7-23-23

Important request

If any member of our post verbally arranged or verbally contracted before July 1, 2023, for the use of our hall it's important to talk with our new club manager! Sooner the better! We just want to communicate and make sure we have all of our ducks in a row. Please call Kathy Tierney 303-424-0324

Thanks, Ron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our monthly Dinner will be on Friday August 18. Special will be announced.. Also ribeye steaks and crispy chicken salads. Served from 5 - 7 pm.

Breakfast will be on August 13 from 8 till 11 am.

Post Picnic is on August 27 will be a potluck. Post menu to be determined.

Blood Drive is August 21 from 11 am until 3:30.

Bob Runge is sponsoring a project to provide electric wheelchairs to veterans and first responders in need. For details call 303-345-5277.

The S.A.L. is planning our Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser for September 16. We are asking for donations of items, gift cards, etc. that we can use for our raffles and auctions to raise money for our three children's charities. If you have a donation, please call Robert at 720-810-4933 or Joker at 303-519-8968

There is a Swap Meet at the VFW - 2nd Saturday of the month, May-October. The hours are 8am-1pm.



**SAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 16**



Sock Hop!

August 18 6-10 p.m.

Music by Gil Perea Party snacks
Prizes and trophies



Purple Heart Day

Originally known as the **Badge of Military Merit** and established by **George Washington** on August 7, 1782, the **Purple Heart** is the oldest medal still being given to U.S. military personnel. It is awarded to men and women of all branches of service who are wounded in action against an enemy of the United States and is awarded posthumously to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

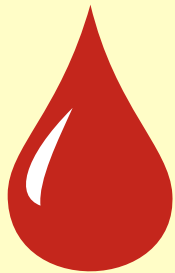
Story and Collage by Helen Muskopf



LEGACY RUN / PONY EXPRESS AMERICAN LEGION RIDER HAPPENINGS

IT TAKES A FAMILY TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. AT WILMOR-RICHTER AMERICAN LEGION POST 161, ARVADA, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS. LOOK AT ALL OF THE FUN WE ARE HAVING AND MORE TO COME. PARTICIPATION & TEAMWORK IS THE KEY TO EVERYTHING WE DO. WE WISH TO THANK THE ENTIRE POST 161 FAMILY FOR THE HELP THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED. THE POST 161 RIDERS & THE ENTIRE POST DONATED \$2500.00 THIS YEAR. LET'S MAKE IT BETTER NEXT YEAR. COLLECTING HAS ALREADY STARTED...





BLOOD DRIVE

**EVERY OTHER MONTH
(EVEN NUMBERED MONTHS)**

**Blood Drive for the
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month 3rd Monday
11 a.m - 3:30 p.m**

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