



AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

ARLENE YOUNG CLUB MANAGER



A Little This & That

Welcome to February

Lunch is Monday - Friday from 11 - 2:30

Stop by and say Hello!!!! The Daily lunch Specials are posted on the bulletin board in the lounge. The next season will be here before we know it.

We will be playing Bar Bingo Sunday starting at 1:00 It's a potluck, bring your favorite foods to share.

We are having Friday Night Dinners from 5-7. We will be serving in the Lounge & Dining Room for your enjoyment. The third Friday of the month, please come enjoy some good food and friends at the Legion. If you are still concerned about Covid you can call us, place an order and we will make a Takeout container for you to pick up. We are looking forward to the days ahead and hope everyone can enjoy them.

To make this a success we need your support that means coming to dinner or placing an order to Take Out. You can make suggestion at any time, just let us know.

Your support of all the activities is greatly appreciated.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



The Legion Riders were founded by Bill (Polka) Kaledas and Chuck (Tramp) Dare of Post 396 Garden City Michigan in 1993. The Riders were formed for Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion that have a love of motorcycle riding at a Post level.

The Legion Riders support the Community, State and National programs. Riders raise funds for local Childrens Hospitals, Schools, Veterans Home, severely wounded

Service Members and all Veterans.

The Legion Riders established the Legacy Scholarship Fund for the Children of of Service Members killed in Action. As of 2022 the Legacy Scholarship fund has raise \$4,053,793 and awarded 433 scholarships!

Currently there are over 110.00 American Legion Riders in over 2000 Chapters.



JOKER - SAL FINANCE OFFICER



As we get ready to say goodbye to the cold dark winter and hello to the bright warm spring, the S.A.L. is already making plans for a fun and productive 2023.

The S.A.L. serves breakfast on the 4th Sunday of every other month, alternating with the Legion Riders and you will see some of us at every breakfast since we all help one another. If you haven't come to a Post 161 breakfast you are missing out. We serve fresh scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hot biscuits and country gravy, hot green chile, hash browns, freshly made waffles with your choice of toppings, toast, fruit and pastries. We also offer coffee, tea and orange juice. Sometimes we have specialty dishes as well. All you can eat buffet from 9am until 11 am every second and fourth Sunday. The bar is open during breakfast for Bloody Mary's, Mimosas or your favorite Sunday morning beverage. Come and join us!

The S.A.L., Legionnaires and Auxiliary are sponsoring a Fat Tuesday party on February 21 from 5pm - 8 pm. It will be a pot luck, so please bring your favorite Cajun dish to share. There will be music, trivia, Mardi Gras beads, games and plenty of fun.

We are in the beginning stages of planning for our annual S.A.L. Golf Tournament in September. Our Tournament benefits three local children's charities; Ginny's Kids, Child Welfare Foundation and Colorado Veterans Kids Fund. Last year we donated more than \$4,500 from the proceeds. There is still time plenty of time to plan, and we are always looking for volunteers to help with the cooking, photography, games and fun. Please consider volunteering a Saturday morning to help us have another successful tournament. Of course, we also need golfers, prize donations for our raffles and silent auctions. We will have regular updates on the golf tournament throughout the summer.

The Sons of the American Legion membership is open to men and boys of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and are or were eligible for American Legion membership. If you or a family member is interested in joining the S.A.L. please email broncorobert@gmail.com

Remember our Troops and pray for their safety, both at home and abroad.



Our roses are looking forward to summer!

LUNCH SPECIALS

EVERY WEEKDAY!

Transfers
Mike Gilles

Donations
\$150 - VA
\$150 - CO Veterans Kids Fund
\$100 - Community Rable
\$150 - RCI
Mari Gras Party - \$50

Total Membership
Quota: 674 - 2023: 468 - % of Goal: 69.44%



**VISIT THE POST
EVERY DAY AND
SIGN IN TO WIN!**

DAILY DRAWING

12/18	Paul Hughs	\$799.00
12/19	Gene Eichorn	\$810.00
12/20	Dale Dinsmore	\$820.75
12/21	Ruth Flaherty	\$829.50
12/22	CLOSED	\$829.50
12/23	Jim Gerk	\$838.25
12/24	Max Goodwin	\$844.75
12/25	Closed	
12/26	William Vorce	\$852.50
12/27	George Krowska	\$862.50
12/28	Sherry Cowart	\$873.00
12/29	Michelle Cody	\$879.50
12/30	Darryl Brennan	\$891.50
12/31	Louis Tanko	\$903.25
1/1	Alden Gillings	\$910.50
1/2/	Carol Napoletano	\$916.50
1/3	Elizabeth Stewart	\$924.50
1/4	David Butler	\$934.50
1/5	Sherry Thrash	\$944.50
1/6	Theresa Trinder	\$954.00
1/7	Kenneth Kobold	\$967.25
1/8	James Calbreth	\$977.25
1/9	Timothy Hansen	\$989.75
1/10	Lila Froid	\$999.75
1/11	Kathy Tierney	\$1008.75*
1/12	Dorothy August	\$10.25
1/13	Nicholas Dodich	\$22.50
1/14	Peter Sewolt	\$34.25
1/15	Robert Coleman	\$41.25
1/16	Lauren Merrill	\$53.00

*WINNER

Post 161 Officers 2022-2023

<p>Legionnaires</p> <p>Commander - Ed Shreeve Sr. Vice - Greg Fuller Finance Officer - Dave Edwards Adjutant - Rick Cody Exec Com Member - Bill Pollack Exec Com Member - Brian Messer Asst. Sgt-At-Arms - Vacant Historian - Vacant Veteran Svc Officer - Vacant Past Commander - Bill Pollack</p> <p>American Legion Auxiliary</p> <p>President- Regina Montgomery Vice President- Char Orr Treasurer- Janice Marie King Secretary- Jeannette Scott Chaplain- Robin Ayers Historian- Mary August Sgt-at-Arms- Robin Reposa</p>	<p>Board of Governors</p> <p>Bill Schoeninger Tom Moermond Don Smith Roger Divis Phil Saba Automatic BOG: Ed Shreeve Automatic BOG: Dave Edwards</p> <p>Sons of the American Legion</p> <p>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</p>
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BREAKFAST

February 12 and February 26

8-11 am

FAT TUESDAY!

February 21, 5 pm - 8 pm

Pot Luck - bring your favorite Cajun dish

Music!

Trivia!

Mardi Gras beads!

Games!



We Need YOU!



Our Post needs volunteers, and as members we can all participate in our many fundraising activities in order to keep the Post strong and healthy so that we can continue to contribute to our community and military families.

Volunteering is fun and it feels great to help our Post! Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time for any of the following:

- **Sunday Breakfasts, Rocky Flats Breakfast (cooks, dishwashers, servers etc.)**
- **Post Picnic**
- **Honor Guard (training will be provided)**
- **Special Events**

If you would like to volunteer for any of our Post activities, please call Arlene at (303) 424-0324, send an email to alp161-newsletter@outlook.com or talk with any of our bartenders. **Thank you for helping to keep our Post healthy and strong!**

February 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		1	2	3	4
			Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am	 Four Chaplains Day	 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
5 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm	6  Scouts 6:00pm	7 Retired Peace Officers 12 pm BOG 6:30 pm	8 Sub Vets 7:00 pm  Lunch served every weekday	9 Membership Meeting 7:00 pm Friendship Lunch 11:00 am	10 Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
11  Valentine Dinner 5 pm QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM	12 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 9am	13  Scouts 6:00pm	14 	15  Lunch served every weekday	16 Coopers Troopers 11 am
17  Dinner 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM	18  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM	19 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  Coast Guard Reserve Birthday BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm	20  BLOOD DRIVE 11 am - 3:30 pm  Scouts 6:00pm	21 Marine Corps League 6:30 pm FAT TUESDAY Party & Potluck 5 pm	22 Colorado E-9ers 11 am Lunch served every weekday
23  REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!	24  VISIT THE POST!	25  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM	26 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 9am	27  Scouts 6:00pm	28 Legion Riders 6pm
					

BEST LUNCH IN TOWN!



Served
every day
11 am - 2:30 pm

DINNER!

Friday February 17

SPECIAL:
TO BE
ANNOUNCED



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

Served from 11 a.m - 2:30 p.m.
Every Weekday

FEBRUARY LUNCH SPECIALS

Regular menu is available
in addition to Daily Specials

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

	1 TACOS	2 CHEESE ENCHILADAS	3 ROCKY MTN OYSTERS OR FISH & CHIPS
6 ROAST BEEF SANDWICH	7 TACOS	8 STUFFED PEPPERS	9 GRILLED CHEESE & TOMATO SANDWICH
13 PASTA CARBONARA	14 SHRIMP SCAMPI	15 MEAT LOAF	16 PHILLY CHEESE STEAK SANDWICH
20 CHICKEN & CHEESE ENCHILADAS	21 TACOS	22 MEATBALL SANDWICH	23 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
27 PHILLY CHEESE STEAK SANDWICH	28 SPAGHETTI WITH SAUSAGE		

DINNER!

Friday, February 17
5 pm - 7 pm

Special to be announced.
Also Ribeye Steaks
and Crispy Chicken Salads.



SOUP & CHILE!

Served by the Post 161
Legion Riders 5pm - 6:45
February 9 (before meeting)

\$5 DON'T MISS IT!



United States Cavalry

Armies of the world have been using horses and other animals, including camels and elephants, for centuries for transporting troops and equipment and for mounted combat. The English word "cavalry" comes from the French word *cavalerie*, derived from "cheval" (caballo in Spanish) meaning "horse."

Before the development of modern vehicles, a dragoon referred to a regiment of infantry who traveled on horseback but dismounted to engage in combat on foot. The name "dragoon" comes from "dragon," which was the nickname for an early French wheel-lock pistol. The large barrel of the firearm was often engraved to resemble the head of a dragon so that the muzzle flash made it look as though the dragon was breathing fire.



"Glorieta Pass - Action at Apache Canyon"

were required to march for long distances, it became possible to wear heavier body armor and carry heavy weapons. Heavily armed mounted soldiers, such as the European knights were common until the development of firearms and artillery. Heavy armor and weapons proved to be much less effective against musket fire and cannon shot, and also tired the horses and slowed them down considerably.

By the mid 17th Century, most cavalry in Europe no longer used metal armor. This resulted in the "light cavalry" which remained effective in combat until the early 20th Century when motorized vehicles began to replace horses as a means of transportation for troops and weapons.

The 18th and 19th Centuries were the golden age of cavalry in Europe and the United States. A surprise attack by a light cavalry brigade tended to be swift, sudden, and devastating to an unsuspecting enemy, utilizing the "shock and awe" strategy which is still used in warfare, although in modern times with vehicles and aircraft rather than horses.

On the other hand, a poorly planned cavalry attack, or an attack on an enemy that is well prepared for it could also result in disaster and utter defeat, as General Custer learned the hard way at the Battle of Little Bighorn(?) The term "Death or Glory" was often used to describe the high risk and potential outcome of a light cavalry charge. Contrary to legend, control of the horses tended to be equally important as speed, and attacks at a full gallop were rare.

The last horseback cavalry charge by the U.S. Army was on January 16, 1942, by the Phillipine Scouts of the 26th Cavalry Regiment against Japanese troops on the Bataan Peninsula. Although the 26th was heavily outnumbered and outgunned, the surprise attack was successful in driving off the Japanese. Sadly, due to a lack of supplies, the horses later had to be sacrificed and used for food for the troops.

Today, the 1st Cavalry Division is the only active division in the United States Army that has a cavalry designation, and still carries out cavalry-style missions using armored vehicles and aircraft.

Before the invention of the stirrup, riding a horse was a bit awkward, as the rider needed to balance in the saddle to keep from falling off. The addition of stirrups for saddles made it much easier for a rider to maintain stability on the horse and also allowed for leverage in the use of weapons such as swords and lances. Although horses were domesticated around 4500 BC, the development of stirrups is believed to have taken place in India and China in approximately 200 BC. Before the invention of gunpowder, the stirrup was considered the single most important development in modern warfare.

Following the invention of the stirrup, mounted combat became common practice in all the major world militaries. Since the mounted soldiers no longer

were required to march for long distances, it became possible to wear heavier body armor and carry heavy weapons. Heavily armed mounted soldiers, such as the European knights were common until the development of firearms and artillery. Heavy armor and weapons proved to be much less effective against musket fire and cannon shot, and also tired the horses and slowed them down considerably.



**1st United States Cavalry - The Rough Riders
Battle of San Juan Hill 1898**



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and Vegetables, Roll,
Butter and Dessert. **\$13**

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 6
SIGN UP SHEET IN LOBBY



Beverage not included

Sons of the American Legion

The **Sons of the American Legion** was founded in 1932 with the purpose of honoring the service and sacrifice of U.S. military veterans and Legionnaires. Unlike the Auxiliary, the SAL is not a separate entity, rather it is a subsidiary of the American Legion and allows for more membership eligibility.

The SAL consists of both veterans and the sons of veterans. SAL membership is open to men and boys of all ages who are either veterans or whose parents or grandparents are veterans of the U.S. military. SAL Squadron 161 is very active in our Arvada community and our main mission is to raise money for local charities, with a focus on veterans and children's nonprofit organizations.

One way the SAL raises money is by preparing Sunday buffet breakfasts. Post 161 serves breakfast on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month offering a variety of traditional and specialty breakfast items. Breakfasts are open to the public and nobody leaves hungry.

Our largest moneymaking event of the year is our annual Sons of the American Legion **Charity Golf Tournament** which is held at Lake Arbor every September. The Tournament is also open to the public and we are able to raise several thousand dollars every year for local children's charities. Money raised comes from players, prize raffles and auctions. It's a fun day of golf and games followed by a luncheon at the Post.

SAL Squadron 161 holds our meeting each month on the 2nd Thursday. If you are interested in learning more about SAL membership or attending one of our meetings, please send an email to alp161-newsletter@outlook.com

Flag Drop Off



Article by Harlan Shively

The reason for this article is the fact the two Post members that arrange for the disposal of the flags are both in their 80's and we need to set some ground rules. American Legion Post 161 accepts worn and unusable flags for disposal. Individual flags can be put in the mailbox in the Post lobby. Flags picked up somewhere else and delivered in bulk are accepted also.

Now for the RULES and RESTRICTIONS!

We ONLY accept AMERICAN red, white and blue flags for proper disposal! Any state, POW, military

branch and Police flags can be put in your trash at home. We cannot dispose other flags with the proper American flag disposal ceremony.

ALSO VERY IMPORTANT!! PLEASE do not have the flags in plastic bags or garbage bags. These bags cannot be burned so this requires us to have to take them out of bags and put into boxes which can be burned. PLEASE remove any ropes, wood or plastic staffs or anything else attached to the flags. The grommets in the flags are ok.

We usually have 10 to 20 boxes of flags to transport for disposal. If half of these boxes are flags we had to transfer from garbage bags, you can see the extra work required. We do this to insure proper disposal of American flags and as a convenience to our members and the public. We appreciate your cooperation and thoughtfulness as we continue to serve.

BREAKFAST

February 12 and February 26

8-11 am



IN THE LOUNGE AT 1:00

**BINGO &
POTLUCK
EVERY SUNDAY!**



PIZZA!

Served hot and fresh
at all times in the Lounge



**3 KINDS TO
CHOOSE FROM**