



AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

RON NELSON COMMANDER



Hello 161

As Dino would sing, **Baby it's cold outside!** Winter in Colorado! It's the 16th of January so I'm guessing the rest of the month went well.

US Air Force officer Madison Marsh crowned Miss America 2024. Marsh, representing the state of Colorado, is also a Harvard University graduate student studying public policy.

Coming in February:

On the 1st National Freedom Day, 2nd Groundhog Day (if he's not frozen), 3rd Four Chaplains' day, Presidents Lincoln & Washington's Birthdays & Iwo Jima Flag Raising 79th anniversary on the 23rd.

The menu for February's Queen of hearts is almost complete and will be posted soon. God Love our Volunteers!!

You know we up here in front offices are doing our best to carry out the legacy, established protocols, business operations and most of all the Mission of the American Legion. Thank You for this opportunity to serve! BUT if we do something that may not suit your fancy or does not fit your recollection of the way things were done in the past, please come to us and we will fix it or explain the policy!

There are many policies that have been continued from past management and leadership and yes, some things have changed. Organizational Change Happens!! Oh, Ya, we can goof it up, but I will tell you it does not happen very often. Many kind words on a regular basis assure me things are going smoothly.

Elections are in May. Nominations start now! A quote from our By-Laws: "EVERY MEMBER OF THIS POST IN GOOD STANDING SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD OFFICE IN THIS POST" Please do not dictate from afar. Get back involved with YOUR POST. Come to your meetings with a clear mind to put forth good thoughts and ideas. Volunteers are key.

Thank You

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2024

American Legion Dues for 2024: \$50

Auxiliary Dues for 2024: \$42

SAL Dues for 2024: \$30



Now with out further ado:

Medal of Honor Citation, (1 of 3516) As of today 65, are still with us!

Korean War - U.S. Marine Corps

WILLIAM EARL BARBER

DETAILS

- RANK: CAPTAIN (HIGHEST RANK: COLONEL)
- CONFLICT/ERA: KOREAN WAR
- UNIT/COMMAND: COMPANY F, 2D BATTALION, 7TH MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION (REIN)
- MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. MARINE CORPS
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 2, 1950
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: CHOSIN RESERVOIR, KOREA

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as commanding officer of Company F, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea from 28 November to 2 December 1950. Assigned to defend a three-mile mountain pass along the division's main supply line and commanding the only route of approach in the march from Yudam-ni to Hagaru-ri, Captain Barber took position with his battle-weary troops, and, before nightfall, had dug in and set up a defense along the frozen, snow-covered hillside. When a force of estimated regimental strength savagely attacked during the night, inflicting heavy casualties and finally surrounding his position following a bitterly fought seven-hour conflict, Captain Barber, after repulsing the enemy, gave assurance that he could hold if supplied by airdrops and requested permission to stand fast when orders were received by radio to fight his way back to a relieving force after two reinforcing units had been driven back under fierce resistance in their attempts to reach the isolated troops. Aware that leaving the position would sever contact with the 8,000 marines trapped at Yudam-ni and jeopardize their chances of joining the 3,000 more awaiting their arrival in Hagaru-ri for the continued drive to the sea, he chose to risk loss of his command rather than sacrifice more men if the enemy seized control and forced a renewed battle to regain the position, or abandon his many wounded who were unable to walk. Although severely wounded in the leg in the early morning of the 29th, Captain Barber continued to maintain personal control, often moving up and down the lines on a stretcher to direct the defense and consistently encouraging and inspiring his men to supreme efforts despite the staggering opposition. Waging desperate battle throughout five days and six nights of repeated onslaughts launched by the fanatical aggressors, he and his heroic command accounted for approximately 1,000 enemy dead in this epic stand in bitter sub zero weather, and when the company was relieved, only 82 of his original 220 men were able to walk away from the position so valiantly defended against insuperable odds. His profound faith and courage, great personal valor, and unwavering fortitude were decisive factors in the successful withdrawal of the division from the deathtrap in the Chosin Reservoir sector and reflect the highest credit upon Captain Barber, his intrepid officers and men, and the United States Naval Service.

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- ACCREDITED TO: WEST LIBERTY, MORGAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY
- AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: NO
- PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: AUGUST 20, 1952. THE WHITE HOUSE, PRESENTED BY PRES. HARRY S. TRUMAN
- BORN: NOVEMBER 30, 1919, DEHART, MORGAN COUNTY, KY, UNITED STATES
- DIED: APRIL 19, 2002, IRVINE, CA, UNITED STATES
- BURIED: ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (MH) (66-6904), ARLINGTON, VA, UNITED STATES

Be Not Afraid.

That's All



ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy February to all Post 161 members. We should be getting warmer weather as we get closer to our spring of 2024 - Wow, these years just keep going faster by the minute.

The S.A.L would like to welcome two new members last month. Always look at your calendar in the newsletter to see if you can volunteer or attend the many activities the Post has to offer. Call Rich of the S.A.L. to volunteer for one of our events at at 303-426-6960. We ask for 4 hours a month to help our veterans and kids that are in need. Can't help or out of state? We have a form for donation if you would like to help in this way.

S.A.L. members - Dues are \$30.00 for the 2024 year and if you paid only \$12 that is why the membership cards were not mailed. Get that 18 dollars to the S.A.L. at the Post and cards will be mailed out ASAP. Don't lose your membership years.

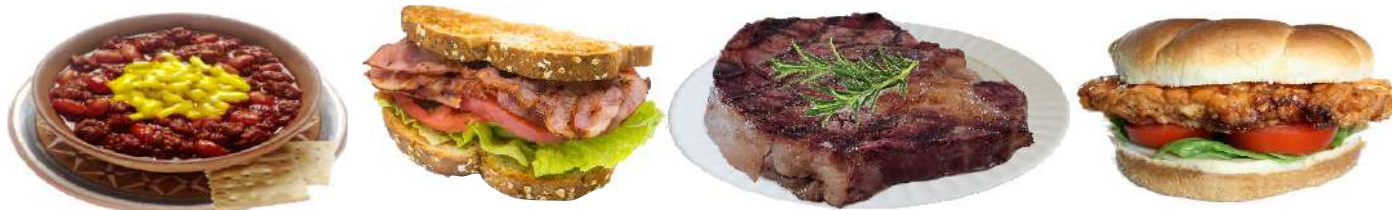
Did everybody get a shout out to "Little Kathy?" If not it's time to do so. She is still working hard to get all of us taken care of at the Post.

The S.A.L. would like to thank all members who have helped the S.A.L. in all of our events. Keep helping us so we can hit our goals for 2024.

Update on Terry Peterson - She is still ornery and can still push buttons. She says, "Hi" to everybody.

Let's make February a great month for our Post. Work together and help.

Troops stay safe and hurry home.



KATHY TIERNEY - CLUB MANAGER



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 Governors, 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 some thing 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!

Departed Roger Woskowicz Transfers

Peter Armstrong - Air Force, Vietnam
Michael Lewis - Army, Vietnam
Harold Coffman USMC Vietnam

New Members David Saunders

Robert Adler
Donations

\$150 - VA
\$100 - Community Table
\$250 - RCI

Total Membership

Quota: 600 - 2024: 525 - % of Goal 87.5%

DAILY DRAWING

Dec 10	Jeffrey Blevins	\$152.75
Dec 11	John Evans	\$161.25
Dec 12	Erin Wolf	\$170.25
Dec 13	Jason Edwards	\$180.75
Dec 14	Krist Devenney	\$187.25
Dec 15	Gary Turnbo	\$194.50
Dec 16	Anthony Battistta	\$204.75
Dec 17	Keith Sewolt	\$212.00
Dec 18	Terry Briggs	\$218.50
Dec 19	Thomas Gallagher	\$227.50
Dec 20	Karen Cramer	\$236.75
Dec 21	Reno Unger	\$244.25
Dec 22	Christi Billinger	\$254.75
Dec 23	Donna Chapman	\$265.00
Dec 24	Gerald Unrein	\$269.25
Dec 25	Christmas	
Dec 26	Claudette Mertens	\$279.00
Dec 27	William Hatch	\$284.75
Dec 28	David Hanson	\$294.75
Dec 29	Paul Hughes	\$305.25
Dec 30	Catherine Andrews	\$312.75
Dec 31	Margaret Jones	\$323.25
Jan 01	Robert Hathaway	\$333.50
Jan 02	Steve Klamann	\$345.00
Jan 03	Larry Ackerman	\$353.25
Jan 04	Lazalde Alvaro	\$365.25
Jan 05	Michael Davidson	\$374.25
Jan 06	Eva Shreeve	\$382.50
Jan 07	Ralph Schreckengost	\$394.50
Jan 08	Kelly Everding	\$411.00
Jan 09	Carl Woods	\$419.00
Jan 10	Cody Eddy	\$425.00
Jan 11	Richard Taylor	\$434.75
Jan 12	Robert Henry	\$442.25
Jan 13	Gene Barnette Jr	\$450.50
Jan 14	Bradley Blickenstaff	\$457.00
Jan 15	Darren Olson	\$463.75
Jan 16	Robert Bohner	\$475.75
Jan 17	Archie Calvaresi	\$485.75
Jan 18	Leonard Konechne	\$495.00

Post 161 Officers 2023-2024

Legionnaires

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

Board of Governors

Phil Saba
Ray Mayer
Bill Jackson
Brian Messer
Roger Divis
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	Sgt at Arms Roger Divis
Vice President Brian Messer	Chaplain Jan Bobb
Secretary Helen Muskopf	Road Captain Al Muniz
Finance Officer Mike Bobb	Road Lt Michael Westen



February 2024

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

 <p>PRESIDENTS DAY FEBRUARY 19</p>				1	2	3
				Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am		 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm	Scouts 6:00pm 	Retired Peace Officers 12 pm BOG 6:00 pm		Friendship Lunch 11:00 am Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 9am	LINCOLN BIRTHDAY Scouts 6:00pm 	 MARDI GRAS -FAT TUESDAY PARTY 5-7 PM	Sub Vets 7:00 pm VALENTINES DAY 	Coopers Troopers 11 am	DINNER 5-7 pm 	 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm	BLOOD DRIVE 11 am - 3:30 pm Scouts 6:00pm 	Marine Corps League 6:30 pm	Purple Heart Vets	WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY	 VISIT THE POST!	 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
25	26	27	28	29	MARDI GRAS FEB 13	
8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 9am	Scouts 6:00pm 	Legion Riders 6pm	 REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!	 Lunch served every weekday		

DINNER!

Friday, February 16
SERVED FROM 5 P.M. TILL 7 P.M.



BREAKFAST

FEB 11 & FEB 25
8-11 am





The 2023 SAL Golf Tournament raised a record amount of money to donate to local childrens charities. Homer received the check for Ginny's Kids at the SAL breakfast on January 28.

IMPORTANT!

American Legion Dues for 2024: \$50
Auxiliary Dues for 2024: \$42
SAL Dues for 2024: \$30

If you paid a different amount than these by mail and you have not received your 2024 membership card, this is the reason. To receive your 2024 membership card you must pay your full amount of dues to Post 161. If you sent a different amount to our State Headquarters, please write a check for the difference and mail it or drop it off at Post 161.

Drink Special!

PICKLE SHOTS

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\$4

All day every day!

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER

Regarding incoming donations of items - By Robert Tinsley, S.A.L. 1st Vice Commander

To all members of our great Post 161 Arvada: We have some awesome vendors that donate items to our Post. These items change daily and we never know what will be donated from day to day. I have a great crew of four volunteers who donate their time, vehicles and fuel to make this happen. Some days we get one loaf of bread and other days we get twelve loaves.



We would like to thank our vendors for these generous donations year round. My volunteers have no control over what items or how many items are donated. Please enjoy the items that do come in and if any member is concerned about any donations to our Post, please call Robert at 720-810-4933. Thank you and enjoy what comes into our Post.

FROM THE EDITOR

Regarding email delivery of our monthly newsletter



I've learned a lot about bulk email over the last few months and there are numerous reasons that a message might not appear in your inbox. Different email providers reject different messages in an effort to try and protect their users from spam. If you don't receive your newsletter notification, there are several ways we can take care of it, so please let me know by emailing me at newsletter@alp161arvada.org

Thanks for being patient with me while I finish working through this transition. Our mailing list is over 700 now and that is too many to send with a free email account the way we used to. I'll still make sure you get it every month.

AND just as a reminder, you can always read or download any issue of the Post newsletter at <http://www.alp161arvada.org/newsletters.html>

See YOU at the Post!

SUNDAY FUN AT THE POST!

Fun Begins
at 1:00 pm!



POT LUCK!



FAT TUESDAY!

February 13, 5 pm - 8 pm



Pot Luck - bring your favorite Cajun dish
Music!
Trivia!
Mardi Gras beads!
Games!

Sunday, February 11

Kansas City vs San Francisco

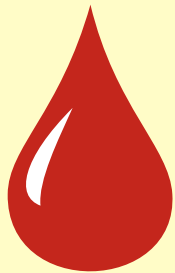
FOOTBALL!

WATCH PARTY BEGINNING AT 4 PM



**POT LUCK
BRING YOUR
FAVORITE
FOOTBALL
SNACKS!**





BLOOD DRIVE

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

**Blood Drive for the
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Blood Drive - every other
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11 a.m - 3:30 p.m**

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FEBRUARY DINNERS

FEBRUARY 3 LEGION RIDERS

Pulled Pork Sandwich + Side \$8.00

FEB 8 MEETING NIGHT LEGION RIDERS

Vegetable Soup - All you can eat \$6.00

FEBRUARY 10 AUXILIARY

Sloppy Joes + Sides \$8.00

FEB 17 COMMANDER AND CREW

Commander Burgers! \$8.00!

FEBRUARY 24 RAY AND JUDY

Legion Burgers \$8.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our monthly Dinner will be on Friday February 16. Special will be announced.. Also ribeye steaks and crispy chicken salads. Served from 5 - 7 pm.

Breakfast will be on February 11 and February 25 from 8 till 11 am.

Fat Tuesday is February. Join us for our Mardi Gras Party from 5 - 8pm. It's a New Orleans style potluck so bring your favorite Cajun dishes.

Join us to watch the Big Game (I'm not allowed to call it by its name for copyright purposes) on February 11 at 4:30

There will be an activity meeting: 4th Sunday of each month at noon. All members are welcome.

LUNCH AT POST 161!!



A fast food combination meal is about the same price as a meal and a soft drink at Post 161, But the Post 161 meal is prepared hot and fresh to order and served on a plate rather than in a paper bag. Also, when you eat lunch at the Post, your dollars support the American Legion. And with our extensive lunch menu and Daily Specials, we have what you're hungry for. Come in for lunch every weekday from 11 until 2:30.