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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

### RON NELSON COMMANDER



Hello 161

Happy New Year

You must know because of the publishing deadlines I must be a psychic on this letter. Today is the 14th day of Christmas, otherwise Christmas has not happened yet. From what I can see Santa and his helpers did a wonderful job. Ladies Aux. Christmas breakfast with Santa went off without a hitch.

Thank You Ladies!!

Thank You Santa!!

Toys4Tots went very well!

Thanks everyone.

Without a doubt I'm sure my scale is lying. There is no way I eat that much!!

Shelvis was in the house, and she rocked the place. Again, the Riders came through with a great event. Thank You Riders!!

I guess we start over on Queen of hearts, some lady won on the 9th. of December 1100.00 and change. Congratulations Cookie!!

The Space Force Birthday was out of this world, one of those parties that your mamma told you not to attend.

I'm hoping we had a Great Party on New Year's Eve; I can assure you I didn't see the balloons drop. Ever since I turned 28, I can't stay up late!

**Dues:** Its better for members to pay their dues directly to the post, in person or by mail. The reason is we get our portion sooner!!

Thank You

Remember Legion dues are going up \$5.00 after the new year so pay and save!

**Jan 1, 2024, members, and visitors inside our building with a service animal must have proper documentation.** Please provide a copy to the commander that he can keep on file or have documentation on the animal.

Coming in January we remember on the 17th Persian Gulf War Began (1991), 27th. Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973) and the 31st. Panama Campaign Ended (1990)!



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## **MEDAL OF HONOR**

### **(AFGHANISTAN - US ARMY)**

### **SALVATORE AUGUSTINE GIUNTA**

#### **DETAILS**

- RANK: SPECIALIST (HIGHEST RANK: STAFF SERGEANT)
- CONFLICT/ERA: WAR ON TERRORISM (AFGHANISTAN)
- UNIT/COMMAND: COMPANY B, 2D BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 503D INFANTRY REGIMENT, 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM
- MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. ARMY
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2007
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: KORENGAL VALLEY, AFGHANISTAN

#### **CITATION**

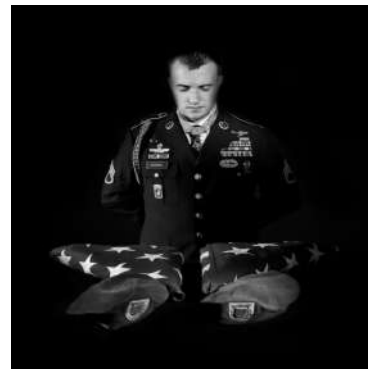
Specialist Salvatore A. Giunta distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action with an armed enemy in the Korengal Valley, Afghanistan, on October 25, 2007. While conducting a patrol as team leader with Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry Regiment, Specialist Giunta and his team were navigating through harsh terrain when they were ambushed by a well-armed and well-coordinated insurgent force. While under heavy enemy fire, Specialist Giunta immediately sprinted towards cover and engaged the enemy. Seeing that his squad leader had fallen and believing that he had been injured, Specialist Giunta exposed himself to withering enemy fire and raced towards his squad leader, helped him to cover, and administered medical aid. While administering first aid, enemy fire struck Specialist Giunta's body armor and his secondary weapon. Without regard to the ongoing fire, Specialist Giunta engaged the enemy before prepping and throwing grenades, using the explosions for cover in order to conceal his position. Attempting to reach additional wounded fellow soldiers who were separated from the squad, Specialist Giunta and his team encountered a barrage of enemy fire that forced them to the ground. The team continued forward and upon reaching the wounded soldiers, Specialist Giunta realized that another soldier was still separated from the element. Specialist Giunta then advanced forward on his own initiative. As he crested the top of a hill, he observed two insurgents carrying away an American soldier. He immediately engaged the enemy, killing one and wounding the other. Upon reaching the wounded soldier, he began to provide medical aid, as his squad caught up and provided security. Specialist Giunta's unwavering courage, selflessness, and decisive leadership while under extreme enemy fire were integral to his platoon's ability to defeat an enemy ambush and recover a fellow American soldier from the enemy. Specialist Salvatore A. Giunta's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry Regiment, and the United States Army.

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## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- **ACCREDITED TO:** CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
- **AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY:** NO
- **PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS:** NOVEMBER 16, 2010  
THE WHITE HOUSE BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA
- **BORN:** JANUARY 21, 1985, CLINTON, CLINTON COUNTY, IA, UNITED STATES
- **LOCATION OF MEDAL:** 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS, VINCENZA, ITALY



God Bless our Troops!!

6 Months on the job!

I hope I've done well.

Looking Back: Volunteers are key. I know if I tried to list all of them, I would surely leave someone out.

Employees: They shuffle the paper, clean the floors, and cook the food - can't be overlooked; they are my people! They make me look good.

BOG, Finance officer, Adjutant, Chaplain, Sir. /Jr. Vice and all past and present leadership  
Thank You for giving me a chance.

Be Not Afraid.

That's All

## ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



**Happy New Year to all Post 161 members from the S.A.L.**

We hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a good time with family and friends.

**S.A.L. members**, if you haven't paid your dues please do. Dues are \$30 a year. New members thank you for joining our Post.

Members please volunteer when and where you can for the Post.

**A shout out to "Little Kathy."** She has been working long hours to make changes to make our Post much stronger and safer. When you see Kathy, let her know we are enjoying the new Post outlook overall.

**The S.A.L. is still looking for volunteers**, young and old to help on our fundraisers. Please call Rich at 303-426-6960 and get your name and phone number added to our list. The S.A.L. tries to raise funds for our children and veterans in need. Thank you in advance.

This year let's all work together so we all benefit together.

Troops stay safe and hurry home.

## Departed William Mills Transfers

**Wayne Balliett - Army, Vietnam**  
**David Saunders - USCG. Gulf War**

### Donations

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

### Total Membership

**Quota: 600 - 2023: 509 - % of Goal 84.83%**

## DAILY DRAWING

Nov 21	Richard Billings	783.50
Nov 22	Gary O'neill	793.75
Nov 23	Ronald Carlson	804.00
Nov 24	Edward Tierney	809.00
Nov 25	Kenneth Graybil	10.25
Nov 26	Ignacio Frequez	19.50
Nov 27	Ronald Meyers	32.25
Nov 28	Cheryl Prangley	43.50
Nov 29	Melnovin Brewer Sr5	3.75
Dec 01	Dale Tinkle	64.75
Dec 02	Jerry Adams	71.00
Dec 03	Paul Legler	76.75
Dec 04	Jerry Wyatt	87.75
Dec 05	Joel Ramsey	96.75
Dec 06	Bradley Christianson	100.25
Dec 07	Bill Rumold	118.00
Dec 08	Richard Lincoln	128.50
Dec 09	Jesse Espiza	139.50
Dec 10	Jeffrey Blenovins	152.75

## 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

## We Want Photos!

**Our Members  
love photos of  
Post events and  
good times.  
Please email your  
photos to alp161-  
newsletter@outlook.com**



**DON'T FORGET  
TO SIGN IN  
EVERY DAY**



# FRED MUSKOPF PRESIDENT, ALR 161 RIDERS

## Rider News

Christmas has come, and the Riders hope that everyone had a great day! The New Year is upon us. Where has the year gone?

**The Riders have had a busy year**, two Shelvis shows, served about 50 folks at the Thanksgiving post dinner, we have donated to RCI and Toys for Tots plus Krystal's Hope and many others to the tune of over \$8000.00.

**We had several rides and are planning to have more this coming year.** We hope to join up with some of our other Posts to enjoy the riding season.

Being a Rider we get to work with all the entities at one time. We wear the patch on the back of our vest BECAUSE OF THE ONE ON THE FRONT.

**The Legacy fund** that we and the Post supported so well last year is going away after this year, after the July deadline this fund will be self supporting. That means that all the funds that were generated will continue to produce enough interest to keep going. We have ended the year on a high note, and we RIDERS wish to thank Post 161 for all the kindness and support. With out this wonderful Post nothing could have been accomplished.

**MAY YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**



Shelvis & The Roustabouts rocked the house on December 9. - Photos by Regina Montgomery



**BEST FOOD IN TOWN!**

# January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Lunch served every weekday	1 <b>Happy New Year!</b>	2 Retired Peace Officers 12 pm	3  <b>VISIT THE POST!</b>	4 Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am	5  Lunch served every weekday	6  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM</b>
7 <b>POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM</b>   <b>BINGO! 1 pm</b> Lounge open 12 pm	8  Scouts 6:00pm	9 <b>BOG 6:00 pm</b>	10 Sub Vets 7:00 pm	11 Friendship Lunch 11:00 am <b>Membership Meeting 7:00 pm</b>	12 <b>Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.</b>	13  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM</b>
14 <b>8-11am BREAKFAST!</b>   <b>BINGO! 1 pm</b> Lounge open 9am	15  Scouts 6:00pm	16 Marine Corps League 6:30 pm	17 Purple Heart Vets	18 Coopers Troopers 11 am	19 <b>DINNER 5-7 pm</b> 	20  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM</b>
21 <b>POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM</b>   <b>BINGO! 1 pm</b> Lounge open 12 pm	22  Scouts 6:00pm	23 Legion Riders 6pm	24 	25 <b>BEST FOOD IN TOWN</b> 	26  <b>VISIT THE POST!</b>	27  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM</b>
28 <b>8-11am BREAKFAST!</b>   <b>BINGO! 1 pm</b> Lounge open 9am	29  Scouts 6:00pm	30 	31  <b>REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!</b>			

## DINNER!

**Friday, January 19**  
 SERVED FROM 5 P.M. TILL 7 P.M.



## BREAKFAST

**JAN 14 & JAN 28**  
 8-11 am



# **SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY 2024**

Beginning Jan 1, 2024, members, and visitors inside our building with a service animal must have proper documentation. Please provide a copy to the commander that he can keep on file.



**Any guest of a member of the Post must be signed in and accompanied by the Post member. When the member leaves, their guest must also leave with them.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to all the monthly, annual, and one-time donors who made cash donations to our Post this last year. We appreciate each and every one of you!

Our monthly Dinner will be on Friday January 19. Special will be announced.. Also ribeye steaks and crispy chicken salads. Served from 5 - 7 pm.

Breakfast will be on January 14 and January 28 from 8 till 11 am.

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

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Happy New Year from Post 161!

# **SUNDAY FUN AT THE POST!**

**Fun Begins  
at 1:00 pm!**



**POT LUCK!**





### Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

Founded in 1932, the SAL is a subsidiary of the American Legion and allows for more membership eligibility. The SAL consists of both veterans and the sons of veterans. Membership is open to men and boys of all ages who are either veterans or whose parents or grandparents are veterans of the US military. The SAL squadron for Post 161 is very active in the Arvada community and its main mission is to raise money for local charities, with a focus on veterans and children's nonprofit organizations. One main fundraising program is Sunday buffet breakfasts held on the 4th Sunday of every other month offering a variety of traditional and specialty breakfast items. Breakfasts are open to the public

and nobody leaves hungry. The largest fundraising event of the year is the Sons of the American Legion Charity Golf Tournament which is held at Lake Arbor every September. The tournament is open to the public and raises several thousand dollars every year for local children's charities. SAL squadron 161 holds meetings each month on the 2nd Thursday at 6pm.

# 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. In a hurry? Call

ahead and place your order. 303-424-0324



# JANUARY QUEEN OF ♥ DINNERS

**JAN. 6TH POST 161 LEGION RIDERS**  
 French Dip, Chips and Dessert \$8.00

**JAN. 13TH AUXILIARY**

Philly Cheese Steak Sloppy Joes & dessert \$8.00

**JAN. 20TH COMMANDER AND CREW**

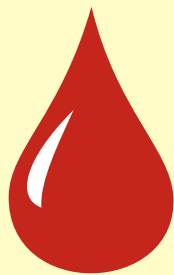
Commander Burgers! \$103.99 (inflation) Ok we'll take a loss; \$8.00!

**JAN. 27TH CINDY R. AND WILLIE S.**

Polish Dinner - Menu TBA







# 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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