



AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

RON NELSON COMMANDER



Good day 161,

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY - THANKS TO OUR FOUNDERS AND OUR TROOPS FROM DAY ONE! - GOD BLESS AMERICA

For those of you who may not know me, I am Ron Nelson, your new Post Commander. We are Post ALP 161 and have had a great reputation in Colorado and at national level.

A motto I live by: Improvise, adapt, and overcome!!! (a Marine thing)

Folks, I have some goals. And I believe I have a great team to help me meet these goals. As many of you know, we are starting July with a nearly complete makeover: New commander, new executive board, new BOG, a new club manager, and a new custodian/maintenance person.

Safety and well being! This is a must we will adhere to. We need to take responsibility for ourselves and get a ride home if you find that you had too much to drink. No one at the post is your nanny, so it's on you! You have so many options; Lift, Uber, or call on a friend!

Volunteerism and Communication is next on my list!!! Over the 29 years I've been a member of 161, I've seen many great volunteers come and go and we have many still in place. Sad but true, we can't last forever. Yes, we pass away, we age out and simply can't do it anymore.

#1 Goal is to make sure we are living up to the Mission Statement of the American Legion!

#2: Activities with high demand for volunteers:

- Return of our Honor Guard!
- Recognizing significant traditions and events of our military!
- Celebrate every military branch birthday! (On the day of)
- Grow our membership! (Young members to grow with us)
- Get on top of the necessary maintenance of our building and the outdoor portion of our property! (Parking lot, tree trimming and roof cleaning)
- Breakfast every Sunday!
- Return of Wednesday dinners and a meal of some kind before our post meeting on the 2nd Thursday.



- More kitchen hours: We have an underused kitchen!
- Entertainment for our members in our club such as small bands, karaoke, and comedians to name a few.
- Entertainment and parties for us, the members, in our hall such as Shelvis a few months ago! (Thanks Riders)
- We have some changes coming soon to our parking lot so please be patient!

This is just the beginning folks, so please kick in and get involved!

If you have anything you want to bring forward to better our Post or club do so! Come to a meeting or put it in writing and sign it. I have never met anyone named anonymous! I will keep what needs to be confidential, confidential!

THANK YOU LADIES AUXILIARY, SONS, RIDERS & BINGO CREW

Without your support we don't exist!!!

PLEASE DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!!

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ARLENE YOUNG CLUB MANAGER



A Little This & That

Welcome to JULY

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 (summer) will be here before we know it.

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

We are having Friday Night Dinners from 5-7. We will be serving in the Lounge and Dining Room for your enjoyment on the third Friday of the month. Please come enjoy some good food and friends at the Legion. To make this a success we need your support, which means coming to dinner or placing an order to Take Out. You can make suggestions at any time.

Just to let you know I am retiring. It has been a good fourteen years, but all good things must end.

REGINA MONTGOMERY - AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



I want to thank all the great volunteers that helped make the Fathers Day breakfast a success. We can always use volunteers without we can not do so many fun activities. If you would like to help with something please let me know.

Just a reminder it's time to pay dues again. This year they are \$42 you can mail them to the legion or put them in the box by the door.

I look forward to another great year. See you at the post

FRED MUSKOPF PRESIDENT, ALR 161 RIDERS



With the start of the Rider Year, it is time to let you folks know what we have been doing. Our year coincides with the Legion year, well almost! Our Riding year starts JUNE 1 and runs until MAY 31.

This last year has been pretty good, thanks to our great members. Just so you know that we are not JUST pretty faces, with just 14 members we have managed to ride a total of 9,561.5 miles. That is in a big part due to our Ride Captain Al Muniz who did the ride for the WALL to Washington DC. Our money donated was \$7,371.43 and this money has gone to many veterans causes. And our volunteer hours were 1,057.1 hours. Now somehow I do not believe some hours were reported. Now we (Riders) could not have done this without the great

members of post 161! Already at this date we have written over 366 miles and donated 26 plus hours for the new year.

Our job as American Legion Riders is to be of service to the POST and its members. That being said, if one of the members needs help you should go to that member entity and start the ball rolling there. As Riders we are all part of the various entities and will help when we can.

Besides the various services that come along with being a member of our great Post, there are there may be other services that we can provide.

In closing, the Riders want to THANK Commander ED SHREEVE and Club Manager Arlene Young for all their hard work and the help they have given us.

GOD BLESS THE USA!

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy July to all our members of post 161. We finally saw the sun come out after our wet June we had. The S.A.L. hopes everybody gets caught up on the yard work. S.A.L. members please call Rich at 303-4 6960 and turn in your name and cell number to be put on our volunteer list. We always need volunteers to help us raise funds to help our kids and Veterans, so please call Rich and sign up for a fun day or evening at the post.

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.

Please call Robert at 720-810-4933 or Joker at 303-519-8968 if you have any early donations for the tournament. We plan on breaking another record this year so please join us to complete this goal for our kids.

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

The S.A.L. would like to welcome our two new members from June. Always look around and if you see a new face at our post give him or her a cheerful welcome and hello. The S.A.L. wants to thank Christine Meyer and Brian Messer once again for the great work on the new special events electronic TV monitor in the lounge. It has given great information to all our members of the Post. Hope all members have a great upcoming summer. Troops stay safe and hurry home

Departed Members

Frank Donovan
 Bill Weir
 Kenneth Kirwin

New Members

Samantha Sterling - Navy, Active

Donations

\$150 - VA
 \$100 - Community Rable
 \$150 - RCI

Total Membership

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

Post 161 Officers 2022-2023

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 - Bill Pollack

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



DAILY DRAWING

5/10	Ryan Bass	\$151.75
5/11	Georgina Franiok	\$161.00
5/12	Dennis McKelvey	\$175.00
5/13	Lynn Heyworth	\$186.50
5/14	Robin Ayers	\$197.75
5/15	John Dougherty	\$206.75
5/16	Fred Muskopf	\$215.75
5/17	Herman Walker	\$228.25
5/18	Lyle Thompson	\$240.75
5/19	Kenneth Firwin	\$253.25
5/20	Mary Cessar	\$264.75
5/21	Anna Pinelli	\$271.75
5/22	Joseph Romero	\$282.25
5/23	George Stone Jr	\$291.00
5/24	Lyle Jackson	\$302.00
5/25	Ron Nelson	\$314.25*
5/26	Danny Jaramillo	\$9.25
5/27	Steven Grill	\$10.50
5/28	Sharon Stone	\$13.75
5/29	Ron Chappell	\$15.75
5/30	Pame Stone	\$54.50
5/31	Mary Drobnick	\$65.25
6/1	Phillip Wilson	\$77.75
6/2	Barbara Whittenburg	\$87.00
6/3	Janis Adams	\$94.50
6/4	Terry Liekhus	\$108.25
6/5	Kenneth Atkins	\$121.50
6/6	Micheal Westin	\$131.25
6/7	Robin Erickson	\$141.25
6/8	Bruce McCreary	\$156.75
6/9	Bill Beckham	\$168.75
6/10	Michael Scanlan	\$178.50
6/11	Helen Pace	\$189.25
6/12	James Jensen	\$198.50
6/13	Irene Close	\$208.25
6/14	Russel Hayden	\$229.00
6/15	Barbara Minarsky	\$239.50

*WINNER

THANK YOU!

To Stork-Bullock Family Mortuary

For properly retiring
 all of our flags in June in
 honor of Flag Day.

July 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1



QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM

2

POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM



Lounge open 12 pm

3



Scouts 6:00pm

4



4th of July Picnic 1 pm

5




Lunch served every weekday

6

Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am

7



Lunch served every weekday

8



QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM

9

8-11am BREAKFAST!



BINGO! 1 pm

Lounge open 9am

10



Scouts 6:00pm

11



PLAY SHAKE-A-DAY!

BOG 6:30 pm

12



Lunch served every weekday

Sub Vets 7:00 pm

13

Membership Meeting 7:00 pm

Friendship Lunch 11:00 am

14

Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.

15



QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM

16


POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM



BINGO! 1 pm

Lounge open 12 pm

17



Scouts 6:00pm

18

Marine Corps League 6:30 pm

19



Lunch served every weekday

20

Coopers Troopers 11 am

21



DINNER! 5-7 PM

22



QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM

23


8-11am BREAKFAST!



BINGO! 1 pm

Lounge open 9am

24



Scouts 6:00pm

25

Legion Riders 6pm

26

Colorado E-9ers 11 am

27




REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!

28



Lunch served every weekday

29




PLAY SHAKE-A-DAY!

30



VISIT THE POST!

31



Scouts 6:00pm

4th of July Picnic

POT LUCK! PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH, SALAD OR DESSERT. POST WILL PROVIDE HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS.




JOIN THE FUN FROM 1- 5 PM

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

JULY LUNCH SPECIALS

Regular menu is available
in addition to Daily Specials

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 BAR BASKETS	4 KITCHEN CLOSED FOR PICNIC	5 TACOS	6 ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTERS	7 FISH
10 MEATBALL SUB	11 TOSTADAS	12 SHRIMP SALAD	13 ROAST BEEF POTATOES & VEGGIES	14 FISH
17 BBQ CHICKEN SANDWICH	18 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK	19 PULLED PORK SANDWICH	20 ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTERS	21 FISH
24 SHRIMP BASKET	25 CHIMICHANGA	26 PHILLY SANDWICH	27 LASAGNA	28 FISH
31 CLUB SANDWICH				

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



Post 161 Riders in the Legion/ VFW Memorial Day Parade.



Post 161 Riders won the Wiggle Rider trophy at Post 32 in Longmont on June 17. On June 25 other Riders Posts will be able to win it by drawing a card at 11:30 after Breakfast.

BEST FOOD IN TOWN!





BLOOD DRIVE

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Wilmore-Richter Post 161

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To reserve the Hall, please call Arlene at 303-424-0324 Mon-Fri

Play to Win Every Day!



SHAKE A DAY



DAILY DRAWING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our monthly Dinner will be on Friday July 21. Special will be announced.. Also ribeye steaks and crispy chicken salads. Served from 5 - 7 pm.

Breakfast will be on July 9 and July 23 from 8 till 11 am.

Fourth of July Picnic will be a potluck with the Post providing hamburgers and hot dogs. Join the fun from 1-5 pm.

THANK YOU to Stork-Bullock Family Mortuary for volunteering to properly retire our American flags in June

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

Post 161 Legion Riders are also serving breakfast on July 23.

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

Subscriptions for the mailed newsletter will expire with the June issue. Please pay your subscription to receive another year of the newsletter





Arlene's retirement party was on Jun 24. Thank you, Arlene, for 14 years of service to the Post as our Club Manager!



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN!

**American Legion Post 161
19th 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.



FUN AT THE POST! - Collage by Helen Muskopf



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.

