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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

RON NELSON COMMANDER



Independence! let's keep it that way!

July: 3rd. is the start of shirtless Tuesdays. Come in and beat the heat and show off your tattoos!! 4th. We celebrate our Independence and we free load off each other's potluck dishes. Your post will provide Burgers, Dogs and Polish sausage and maybe more. 27th. marks the end of the Korean War 1953.

Well heck we got whacked with bad luck in the kitchen again. It's my understanding that our cook Matt has a heart issue, so I'm told he needs a transplant. I believe this happened around 19 May when he was at home. We don't know much because we haven't heard from his wife. Keep Matt in your prayers. Yes, we are looking for a new cook or at least a volunteer or two!

The dollars for our lounge Chairs is still growing. Our Derrieres deserve them so if you can kick in a donation, do it. Thank you. Trust me we have a fine crop of Volunteers, but we certainly need more, lots more. If only there was pill to take for volunteerism I would slipping them in drinks whenever someone wasn't looking! Wink, Wink! Come with ideas for our summer picnic at the activities meeting. Next meeting is July 2nd at 6pm at the post! Picnic will be August 25th at the post.

DOUGLAS ALBERT MUNRO

DETAILS

RANK: SIGNALMAN FIRST CLASS

CONFLICT/ERA: WORLD WAR II

MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. COAST GUARD

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 1942

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: POINT CRUZ, GUADALCANAL, SOLOMON ISLANDS

CITATION

For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty as petty officer in charge of a group of 24 Higgins boats, engaged in the evacuation of a battalion of marines trapped by enemy Japanese forces at Point Cruz, Guadalcanal on 27 September 1942. After making preliminary plans for the evacuation of nearly 500 beleaguered marines, Munro, under constant strafing by enemy machine guns on the island, and at great risk of his life, daringly led five of his small craft toward the shore. As he closed the beach, he signaled the others to land, and then in order to draw the enemy's fire and protect the heavily loaded boats, he valiantly placed his craft with its two small guns as a shield between the



beachhead and the Japanese. When the perilous task of evacuation was nearly completed, Munro was instantly killed by enemy fire, but his crew, two of whom were wounded, carried on until the last boat had loaded and cleared the beach. By his outstanding leadership, expert planning, and dauntless devotion to duty, he and his courageous comrades undoubtedly saved the lives of many who otherwise would have perished. He gallantly gave his life for his country.



ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- **ACCREDITED TO: WASHINGTON**
- **AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: YES**
- **PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: MAY 24, 1943**
- **THE WHITE HOUSE (OVAL OFFICE), PRESENTED BY PRES. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT TO HIS MOTHER, EDITH ●MUNRO**
- **BORN: OCTOBER 11, 1919, VANCOUVER, CANADA**
- **DIED: SEPTEMBER 27, 1942, GUADALCANAL, SOLOMON ISLANDS**
- **BURIED: LAUREL HILL MEMORIAL PARK (MH), CLE ELUM, WA, UNITED STATES**
- **LOCATION OF MEDAL: U.S. COAST GUARD MUSEUM, NEW LONDON, CT ; DOUGLAS MUNRO BARRACKS, COAST GUARD TRAINING ACADEMY (DUPLICATE MEDAL), CAPE MAY, NJ**

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ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy July to all members of the Post. Hope everybody has a safe and fun 4th of July with friends and family.

Make sure you check the newsletter calendar for all the events in July.

The S.A.L. was able to raise some funds for the chairs in the Lounge. Joker's special hamburgers were a hit and thanks to Denise Froid for volunteering to cook for our Saturday night Queen of Hearts dinner. Watch for the S.A.L.'s next Queen of Hearts night and help us raise some funds for our upcoming Golf Tournament.

The S.A.L. is asking for donations for the Tournament so we can help our children's organizations we support. Call Robert at 720-810-4933 or Joker at 303-519-8968. Look for our ad in this newsletter to get all the information. Please join us or help us in this great event we do every year.

The S.A.L. would like to welcome one new member this past week. The S.A.L. dues are due for the 2025 year and the dues are only \$35. You can drop off your payment at the Post - Attn: S.A.L. Membership.

S.A.L. members don't forget to join our e-mail list to get up to date inf on the S.A.L.'s events.

One last comment: We would like to welcome Brian Froid as our new elected Commander of the S.A.L. for the 2024-2025 year. Pat Brian on the back or shake his hand for accepting this challenge. He will be very busy.

Troops hurry home and stay safe.

FROM THE EDITOR



Mark your calendars for one of the many fun activities Post 161 is planning for the summer. Our popular **S.A.L. Golf Tournament on September 14** at Lake Arbor Golf Course.

The S.A.L. has been hosting the annual golf tournament for 20 years, and through the proceeds of the tournament we have raised tens of thousands of dollars which is donated to our children's charities. Our charities for last year were the **American Legion Child Welfare Foundation** and **Ginny's Kids**.

The S.A.L. Golf Tournament raises money in numerous ways. First the tournament entry fee which includes green fee with cart plus a prize at the golf course and also lunch and two drinks at the Post after the tournament. There will be plenty of cash prizes at the tournament, including for the team winners (details to be announced,) plus competitions for longest drive, closest to the pin, a putting contest and other fun games. We also raise money with our raffle with lucky numbers being drawn at the luncheon. There will be plenty of great raffle prizes this year, along with our popular silent auction.

We also raise revenue with our hole sponsorships. When a business sponsors a hole on the course, not only does the money go to a good cause, it's good advertising for the business as well and includes a full-color sign which will be posted at the tee box for the sponsored hole. **If you own a business or know someone who does, please consider sponsoring a hole this year.**

Donations of cash and raffle prizes are welcomed. If you have anything you would like to donate, or would like to sponsor a hole, please contact Joker at info@nshannon.com or 303-519-8968.

We are all looking forward to a great tournament! Look for details and updates throughout the summer.

New Members

Cary Kran - USMC
 Manny Carrasco - Navy
 Keith Landahl - USMC
 Dakota Sherry

Transfers

Thom Langley

Donations

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

Total Membership

Quota: 600 - 2024: 607 - % of Goal 101.17%

Daily Drawing

5/15	Ronald Moerbe	\$154.25
5/16	Lewis Hart	\$164.25
5/17	Ken Schneider	\$173.25
5/18	Karen Stiny	\$181.75
5/19	Frank Pohs	\$192.25
5/20	Cynthia Reed	\$200.75
5/21	Gene Pastor	\$206.25
5/22	Michael Marr	\$214.75
5/23	Kathleen Payne	\$221.75
5/24	Terry Ritinores	\$231.00
5/25	Karlyn Pulst	\$241.50
5/26	Christine Hixon	\$248.00
5/27	Darren Olson	\$257.25
5/28	Frank Morgan	\$265.25
5/29	Thomas Gates	\$273.00*
5/30	Grant Day	\$8.25
5/31	Dale Zinkle	\$16.50
6/1	Ray Rocho	\$27.75*
6/2	Albert Sack	\$5.25
6/3	William Sedustine	\$15.50
6/4	Steven Webster	\$33.00
6/5	Kerry Gerber	\$42.25
6/6	Eldon Abitz	\$50.50
6/7	Thomas Tallick	\$57.00
6/8	Martha Kerns	\$65.50
6/9	Claudette Mertens	\$72.75
6/10	Charles Owens	\$81.25
6/11	Kenneth Lemon	\$90.00
6/12	Eloyed Jiminez	\$98.75
6/13	Patti Schoeninger	\$108.75

*WINNER

Post 161 Officers 2023-2024

Legionnaires

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

American Legion Auxiliary

President- Helen Muskopf
 First Vice - Jan Bobb
 Treasurer- Jeannette Scott
 Secretary- Jeannette Scott
 Chaplain- Char Orr
 Historian- Regina Montgomery
 Membership - Christine Mayer
 Sgt-at-Arms- Char Orr
 Members at Large:
 Lynn Cody & Crystal Messer

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 - Brian Froid
 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

Post 161 Legion Riders

Director - Fred Muskopf	Sgt at Arms Roger Divis
Vice Director - Brian Messer	Chaplain Jan Bobb
Secretary Helen Muskopf	Road Captain Al Muniz
Treasurer Mike Bobb	Road Lt - Phil Rome
Color Guard Cpt - Crystal Messer	Historian - Regina Montgomery

BREAKFAST

JULY 7, 14 & 28

8-11 am



July 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  Scouts 6:00pm	2 ACTIVITY MEETING 6PM	3 BEST FOOD IN TOWN! 	4  4th of July Picnic 1pm	5 HOT DELICIOUS PIZZA EVERY DAY! 	6  DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
7 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm	8  Scouts 6:00pm	9 BOG 6:00 pm	10 Sub Vets 7:00 pm	11 Friendship Lunch 11:00 am Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	13  DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
14 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 8 am	15  Scouts 6:00pm	16 Marine Corps League 6:30 pm	17 Purple Heart Vets 6:15	18 Coopers Troopers 11 am	19 BEST FOOD IN TOWN! 	20  DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
21 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm	22  Scouts 6:00pm	23 Legion Riders 6pm	24 SUMMER FUN AT THE POST EVERY DAY! 	25 BEST FOOD IN TOWN! 	26  VISIT THE POST!	27  DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
28 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 9am	29  Scouts 6:00pm	30	31 BEST FOOD IN TOWN! 	 Row of Cannon Antietam Battlefield		



SATURDAY DINNERS

JULY 6 AMERICAN LEGION

Menu TBA - It will be something delicious \$8

JULY 13 AUXILIARY

Polish Sausage with sides and dessert \$8

JULY 20 ALP 161 LEGION RIDERS

Fish Fry with Fries, cole slaw and dessert \$10

JULY 27 COMMANDER

Commander Burgers & Bill's Fish Fish Patty sandwiches \$8



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN!

**American Legion Post 161
20th Annual**



SAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 14, Lake Arbor Golf Course - 4 person scramble



Cash Prizes



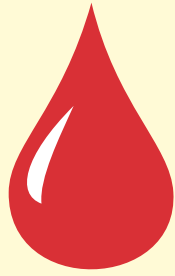
Prize Drawings



**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 and Child Welfare Foundation. For details please contact Robert broncorobert@gmail.com/ 720-810-4933 or Joker info@nshannon.com/ 303-519-8968.





BLOOD DRIVE

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4th of July Picnic

POT LUCK! PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH OR DESSERT. POST WILL PROVIDE HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS. THE FUN BEGINS AT 1PM.



Vintage 4th of July

