



# AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

### RON NELSON COMMANDER



**Holy Cow does time fly!!** Where the H%#! did May go. Happy June 2024. June 4th mom's Birthday, June 6th. D-Day 1944, June 14th. Flag Day & U.S. Army's Birthday (249 years)! Happy Birthday Dogs, June 16th. Father's Day, June 20th, first day of summer, June 25th. Start of Korean war 1950 & June 28th. My dad would be 100 years old (WW2 Army Vet) I only wish I knew him better and longer.

Well Hell, I sit here at now my desk to get my part of the Posts newsletter out for print, and I hear of another loss to our Post. The sad news is Past Commander Bill Pollack passed on the 12th (Mother's Day). Another one off to Post Everlasting!

Tonight is our post elections, and we had planned to celebrate Post everlasting, how ironic!

This post is too big to be so short on positions sitting unfilled. Too many members who don't step up but chouse just sit back and enjoy our wonderful post. We have By-laws, governing boards, and executive boards. Do you know about half of these positions sit unfilled! Yes, I know these boards have the requirements of being a Service Veteran (we are a Veteran Organization). We have so many that fall into this category. As I said in the above paragraph, we lost another with so much experience and if we don't start replacing our losses we can't continue. Like in our battles, in our many wars we needed replacements, young or old. That thought carries on with this organization. We need new blood to learn from the old and tired before they are no longer here. May they get the rest they need, and the others Rest in Pesce!

Chair fund is going very well. Auxiliary, SAL, BOG, Betty Boop, Mickey & Minnie, and of course Goofy darn near everyone has kicked in. Many Thanks to them. Today is May 16th and we're now over 7000.00 and climbing. AND Guess what just appeared Friday night the 17th? \$5000.00!! Thank You Nanette & Richard Martinez for your efforts in securing this wonderful donation from SERVPRO of Greater Boulder! A much-appreciated large gift! Thank You. Look for the SERVPRO ad in our further newsletters. Please, if you can, we'll still accept any donation. We're still a little short on our chair goal and as you may know our building is a never-ending money pit. It's like owning a boat!! Trust me I was in that boat a time or too!!

### War on Terrorism (Afghanistan) - U.S. Marine Corps

#### DAKOTA LOUIS MEYER

#### DETAILS

- RANK: CORPORAL (HIGHEST RANK: SERGEANT)
- CONFLICT/ERA: WAR ON TERRORISM (AFGHANISTAN)
- UNIT/COMMAND: EMBEDDED TRAINING TEAM 2-8, REGIONAL CORPS ADVISORY COMMAND 3-7
- MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. MARINE CORPS
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2009
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: KUNAR PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN



## CITATION

Corporal Meyer maintained security at a patrol rally point while other members of his team moved on foot with two platoons of Afghan National Army and Border Police into the village of Ganjgal for a pre-dawn meeting with village elders. Moving into the village, the patrol was ambushed by more than 50 enemy fighters firing rocket propelled grenades, mortars, and machine guns from houses and fortified positions on the slopes above. Hearing over the radio that four U.S. team members were cut off, Corporal Meyer seized the initiative. With a fellow Marine driving, Corporal Meyer took the exposed gunner's position in a gun-truck as they drove down the steeply terraced terrain in a daring attempt to disrupt the enemy attack and locate the trapped U.S. team. Disregarding intense enemy fire now concentrated on their lone vehicle, Corporal Meyer killed a number of enemy fighters with the mounted machine guns and his rifle, some at near point blank range, as he and his driver made three solo trips into the ambush area. During the first two trips, he and his driver evacuated two dozen Afghan soldiers, many of whom were wounded. When one machine gun became inoperable, he directed a return to the rally point to switch to another gun-truck for a third trip into the ambush area where his accurate fire directly supported the remaining U.S. personnel and Afghan soldiers fighting their way out of the ambush. Despite a shrapnel wound to his arm, Corporal Meyer made two more trips into the ambush area in a third gun-truck accompanied by four other Afghan vehicles to recover more wounded Afghan soldiers and search for the missing U.S. team members. Still under heavy enemy fire, he dismounted the vehicle on the fifth trip and moved on foot to locate and recover the bodies of his team members. Corporal Meyer's daring initiative and bold fighting spirit throughout the 6-hour battle significantly disrupted the enemy's attack and inspired the members of the combined force to fight on. His unwavering courage and steadfast devotion to his U.S. and Afghan comrades in the face of almost certain death reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



**MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT  
DAKOTA L. MEYER**

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- ACCREDITED TO: LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY
- AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: NO
- PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 THE WHITE HOUSE  
PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA
- BORN: JUNE 28, 1988, COLUMBIA, ADAIR COUNTY, KY, UNITED STATES

Don't be afraid

A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

That's All

**Thanks to Richard and Nanette Martinez for securing the \$5,000 donation from SERVPRO of Greater Boulder. This donation will help purchase the new chairs for Post 161.**

# ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy June to all Post members from the S.A.L.

Our Mother's Day breakfast brought in 119 members and all went well for our Mothers of the Post. A special Thank You to the Vossenkemper, Boy Scouts and all S.A.L. members who volunteered to make the event a great success.

The S.A.L. has two new members to report from May.

The S.A.L. dues for 2025 are due now and can be paid at the Post. Dues for 2025 are only \$35. Please pay your 2025 dues before the end of the year so you will be able to watch the 136th Rose Bowl Parade with Joker at the Post.

The S.A.L. hopes all members have a great upcoming summer and enjoy your family and friends.

Our 20th annual Golf Tournament is coming up in September. Please look at our ad in this newsletter and see how you can help us and our kids charities. We want to break our 2023 record on helping our kids out. Troops stay safe and hurry home.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

District 5 is looking for two volunteers to help write the new Department of Colorado Constitution and By Laws. If anyone has experience with this task and is willing to help, please reach out to the Department Secretary Rick Reeser 303-452-2700 or cpareeser@outlook.com.

## DO YOU HAVE MEDICARE QUESTIONS?

If you have Medicare questions, Vern is at the Post on Thursday June 6. He can

answer all your questions about Medicare from 3-6pm.



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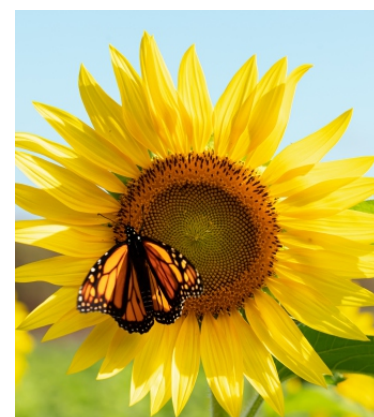
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**Post Everlasting**  
 Legion: 46 members  
 Auxiliary: 2 mebers  
 SAL: 2members

**Donations**

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

**Total Membership**

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



**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- Regina Montgomery  
 Vice President- Open  
 Treasurer- Jennette Scott  
 Secretary- Helen Muskopf  
 Chaplain- Robin Roposa  
 Historian- Mary August  
 Sgt-at-Arms- Charlene Orr

**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

**Post 161 Legion Riders**

President Fred Muskopf  
 Vice President Brian Messer  
 Secretary Helen Muskopf  
 Finance Officer Mike Bobb  
 Sgt at Arms Roger Divis  
 Chaplain Jan Bobb  
 Road Captain Al Muniz  
 Road Lt Michael Westen

**Daily Drawing**

4/24	Jolan Hatch	\$654.75
4/25	Ronald Jelniker	\$662.25
4/26	Josh Debraak	\$672.50
4/27	Robin Reposa	\$683.00*
4/28	Nathan Harvey	\$7.75
4/29	Richard Meyers	\$17.50
4/30	Marlene Liberato	\$24.25
5/1	Frank Raitz	\$31.75
5/2	Charles Moll	\$42.75
5/3	Darren Olson	\$53.00
5/4	Kenneth Giese	\$62.25
5/5	Ellen Dunlap	\$71.00
5/6	Steven Webster	\$78.25
5/7	Gerald Unrein	\$84.50
5/8	Ronald Price	\$93.75
5/9	Terri Ritenour	\$101.00
5/10	James Morton	\$110.25
5/11	Tom Henning	\$117.50
5/12	Fred Hatcher	\$128.00
5/13	Liz Macek	\$137.75
5/14	Kenneth Kirsch	\$145.25

\*WINNER

**BREAKFAST**

**June 9-BOG, 16-Auxiliary,  
 & 23-Legion Riders  
 8-11 am**



**B A R**  
**BINGO!**  
**Potluck Sundays 1pm**

# June 2024

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY


SATURDAY



**BEST LUNCH IN TOWN EVERY WEEKDAY!**

1   
**DINNER 5-6:45**  
**QUEEN OF**  
**HEARTS 7PM**

2 **POT LUCK**  
**SUNDAYS 1 PM**  
  
  
**BINGO! 1 pm**  
 Lounge open 12 pm

3   
 Scouts 6:00pm

4 **ACTIVITY**  
**MEETING 6PM**  
 Retired Peace  
 Officers 12 pm

5   
 Lunch served  
 every weekday

6 **Rocky Flats**  
**Breakfast 9am**

7

8   
**DINNER 5-6:45**  
**QUEEN OF**  
**HEARTS 7PM**

9 **8-11am**  
**BREAKFAST!**  
  
  
**BINGO! 1 pm**  
 Lounge open 8 am

10   
 Scouts 6:00pm

11 **BOG 6:00 pm**



12 **Sub Vets 7:00 pm**

13 **Friendship Lunch**  
 11:00 am  
**Membership**  
**Meeting 7:00 pm**

14 **Bingo**  
**Volunteers**  
**Luncheon**  
 11:30 a.m.  
**SODA BLUE 6:30**  
**ARMY BIRTHDAY**  
**FLAG DAY**

15   
**DINNER 5-6:45**  
**QUEEN OF**  
**HEARTS 7PM**

16 **Father's Day**  
**Breakfast**  
  
  
**BINGO! 1 pm**  
 Lounge open 12 pm

17 **BLOOD**  
**DRIVE**   
 11 am - 3:30 pm  
  
 Scouts 6:00pm

18 **Marine Corps**  
**League 6:30 pm**


19 **Purple Heart**  
**Vets 6:15**

20 **Coopers**  
**Troopers 11 am**

21 **DINNER 5-7pm**  


22   
**DINNER 5-6:45**  
**QUEEN OF**  
**HEARTS 7PM**

23 **8-11am**  
**BREAKFAST!**  
  
  
**BINGO! 1 pm**  
 Lounge open 9am

24   
 Scouts 6:00pm

25 **Legion**  
**Riders 6pm**

26   
 Lunch served  
 every weekday

27   
**VISIT**  
**THE POST!**

28   
**REMEMBER**  
**TO SIGN IN!**

29   
**DINNER 5-6:45**  
**QUEEN OF**  
**HEARTS 7PM**

30 **POT LUCK**  
**SUNDAYS 1 PM**  
  
  
**BINGO! 1 pm**  
 Lounge open 12 pm

**DINNER!**



**Friday, June 21**  
 SERVED FROM 5 P.M. TILL 7 P.M.

  
**BINGO!**  
**Potluck Sundays**  
**starting at 1pm**



# FATHERS DAY!

## Breakfast Sunday June 16

*Hosted by  
Auxiliary*

*8 am - 11 am*



**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](mailto:broncorobert@gmail.com)/ 720-810-4933 or **Joker** [info@nshannon.com](mailto:info@nshannon.com)/ 303-519-8968.



# **FUN AT** **Kentucky Derby PARTY**



**THANK YOU! TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED  
AND ATTENDED THIS FUN ANNUAL EVENT!**

# MEMORIAL DAY

## Legion Post 161 - VFW 4331

Photos by John Evans (a few by Joker)



# KARAOKE!

**Sat. June 29 - 6:30-10:00**

Join us for an evening of singing and dancing



# Korean War June 25, 1950 - July 27, 1953

Korea had been a Japanese colony for over 40 years until the defeat of Japan by the Allies in 1945. It was important that both the United States and the Soviet Union maintain a temporary military presence in Korea after the war, and the two occupying forces were divided at the 38th parallel. Eventually the agreement was made to formally establish the two sovereign countries of North and South Korea, with South Korea adopting the democratic government model of the United States and North Korea embracing the communist model of the Soviet Union. The USSR withdrew their own troops from Korea in 1948 and the US did so in 1949.



**5th US Marine regiment Korea 1950**

On June 25, 1950, the Korean War began when 75,000 North Korean troops crossed the 38th Parallel into South Korea with the intention of reuniting Korea under the communism of the North. Earlier that year, China and the USSR, both former allies of the US, had formed an alliance with North Korea. The US sent combat troops to South Korea in July. The US did not want to go to war with either China or the USSR and spent the next several years attempting to negotiate a diplomatic armistice with the North. The fighting would continue for four years back and forth along the 38th parallel with neither side gaining and holding substantial territory.

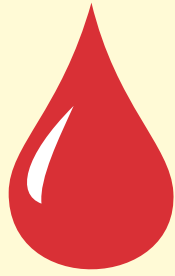
When the war came to an end in 1954, more than 2.5 million soldiers and civilians had lost their lives. The two countries remain divided along the 38th parallel to this day. During the Korean War, 40,000 UN forces were killed with 36,000 being American service members. In addition, 7,400 American troops are as yet missing or unaccounted for.

## Facts about the Korean War:

- First war with desegregated US combat units
- First war with air combat involving jet fighters. Also was the last war with piston engine prop driven fighters and bombers.
- Last war with no satellite aided communication or surveillance
- The armistice talks lasted for two years and 17 days while the fighting continued.
- Although 22 nations sent troops and supplies to benefit South Korea, 90% of troops sent were Americans.
- As of 2023, the per capita GDP of North Korea is \$1589, while that of South Korea is \$33,390.



**Korean War Veterans Memorial, NJ**



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# SATURDAY DINNERS

**JUNE 1 LEGION RIDERS**

**Beef Wellington Tidbits w/mashed potatoes \$8**

**JUNE 8 AUXILIARY**

**Cold cut sandwiches w/ chips, salad & dessert \$8**

**JUNE 15 SAL**

**Hamburgers w/ Fries or Tots \$8**

**JUNE 22 CINDY**

**Smothered Burrito with Spanish Rice \$8**

**JUNE 29 AMY'S BARBECUE**

**Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Slaw, Green chili corn bread \$12**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Breakfast will be on June 9 (BOG,) June 16 (Auxiliary Father's Day,) and June 23 (Riders.) from 8 till 11 am. June 30th is open if anyone would like to volunteer.

If you have Medicare questions, Vern is at the Post on Thursday June 6. He can answer all your questions about Medicare from 3-6pm. If you have Medicare questions, Vern is at the Post on Thursday June 6. He can answer all your questions about Medicare from 3-6pm

The S.A.L. Golf Tournament is coming up on September 14. We are gratefully accepting players, hole sponsors and contributions of prizes for our raffles, silent auctions and goody bags.

THANK YOU to all the Patrons and Volunteers who supported the Auxiliary Breakfast on May 5, 2024. You made this event enjoyable for everyone. Your hard work is noticed.

## 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.