

Important message from the Commander:

Notice of May Meeting Change

First off,

May Pete Rest in Peace!

Due to a long time and well respected

Member (Peter Haggblom, USN) passing, and his family's need to have his celebration of life on our regular meeting day we are making this change!

This change pertains to May ONLY!!!

BOG meeting will be Tuesday May 14th 6:30pm.

Post meeting will be Thursday May 16th 7pm.

Auxiliary meeting will be Thursday May 16th 7pm.

Please contact the SAL for their meeting info!



AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

RON NELSON COMMANDER



Hello 161

I could not be happier with the way the chair funding is developing! We have so many moving parts that it is going to be hard to mention all of them. The baseball night \$\$\$\$.\$\$, Tips from dinners, donations coming in so fast sometimes I don't even know who handed me a 100.00 bill let alone a twenty! I was handed a \$1000.00 check at breakfast Sunday.

This confirms our butts want better and safer chairs. We have \$4738 in the bank. We have a corporate pledge of \$ 5000.00 (not in our hands yet but I'm pretty sure it's coming!!) This is about 2/3rd of what we need! Thank You.

May is full of special days. 2nd National Day of Prayer, 5th Cinco De Who?, 8th VE Day 1945, 10th Military Spouse appreciation day, 12th. Mother's Day, 15th Peace Officers Memorial Day, 18th Armed Forces Day, 22nd National Maritime Day, 24th National Poppy Day, & the 27th Memorial Day!

Memorial Day Parade: It's the VFW's turn to host after parade festivities. The V is asking for volunteers to help so please do so! It's up to us to start the day at the Arvada Cemetery flagpole (west end) at 9am. The Parade always starts at Post 161 at 11am. Join in or find a sweet spot along the way watch for your favorite clown.

Post Elections May 9th. Please come and do your part. We have folks stepping away leaving some open spots and we need to fill them!!!!

I'm sure I forgot to mention plenty, it's only from bumping my head too many times as a kid.

A hometown kid. (Colorado)

Vietnam War - U.S. Army

EDGAR LEE MCWETHY JR.

DETAILS

RANK: SPECIALIST FIFTH CLASS

CONFLICT/ERA: VIETNAM WAR

UNIT/COMMAND: COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION, 5TH CAVALRY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. ARMY

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: JUNE 21, 1967



MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: BINH DINH PROVINCE, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Serving as a medical aidman with Company B, Sp5c. McWethy accompanied his platoon to the site of a downed helicopter. Shortly after the platoon established a defensive perimeter around the aircraft, a large enemy force attacked the position from three sides with a heavy volume of automatic-weapons fire and grenades. The platoon leader and his radio operator were wounded almost immediately, and Sp5c. McWethy rushed across the fire-swept area to their assistance. Although he could not help the mortally wounded radio operator, Sp5c. McWethy's timely first aid enabled the platoon leader to retain command during this critical period. Hearing a call for aid, Sp5c. McWethy started across the open toward the injured men, but was wounded in the head and was knocked to the ground. He regained his feet and continued on but was hit again, this time in the leg. Struggling onward despite his wounds, he gained the side of his comrades and treated their injuries. Observing another fallen rifleman lying in an exposed position raked by enemy fire, Sp5c. McWethy moved toward him without hesitation. Although the enemy fire wounded him a third time, Sp5c. McWethy reached his fallen companion. Though weakened and in extreme pain, Sp5c. McWethy gave the wounded man artificial respiration but suffered a fourth and fatal wound. Through his indomitable courage, complete disregard for his safety, and demonstrated concern for his fellow soldiers, Sp5c. McWethy inspired the members of his platoon and contributed measure to their successful defense of the position and the ultimate rout of the enemy force. Sp5c. McWethy's profound sense of duty, bravery, and his willingness to accept extraordinary risks in order to help the men of his unit are characteristic of the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army.



MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT EDGAR L. MCWETHY JR.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

ACCREDITED TO: DENVER, DENVER COUNTY, COLORADO

AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: YES

PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: OCTOBER 16, 1969 THE WHITE HOUSE, PRESENTED BY PRES. RICHARD M. NIXON TO HIS FAMILY

BORN: NOVEMBER 22, 1944, LEADVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, CO, UNITED STATES

DIED: JUNE 21, 1967, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

BURIED: PENCE CEMETERY (MH) -, SPRINGS BAXTER, KS, UNITED STATES

Don't be afraid

That's All

BEST LUNCH IN TOWN!

**Served
every day**

11 am - 2:30 pm



Post 161 Member Clifford Frye

Story by Phil Saba

Clifford Frye was born in 1924 in Waterloo Iowa. At the start of WW2 he was drafted into the Navy in the middle of his senior year of high school, where he played football and was a track star. At this time, recruits from all the branches went to boot camp together. He was sent to Farragut, Idaho.

His first assignment was on a tanker where he was plagued with sea sickness. He served on several ships, including a troop transport that delivered troops to several pacific islands where they were cut down by enemy fire as soon as they beached. He also delivered planes to India from where they would be flown to China for General Chennault. Finally, he was assigned to an aircraft carrier, the second Yorktown, which was a large enough ship to quell his sea sickness. The carrier was new and named the Yorktown in an attempt to hide the fact that the first Yorktown had been fatally damaged at the Battle of Midway.

On the Yorktown, Cliff had two jobs; as a typist in the Captain's office and as a gunner during battles. The ship was a target for kamikaze attacks, which failed on the Yorktown but sadly succeeded on others.

The tour of duty was for the duration of the war plus 6 months. Cliff was discharged in Tacoma, Washington and returned to civilian life in Waterloo.

In November of this year, Cliff will be 100 years old.

DO YOU HAVE MEDICARE QUESTIONS?

Vern is at the Post every other Thursday until June. The next date will be May 2. He can

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




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OFFICER ELECTIONS IN MAY

Donations

\$200 Kids Fishing Arvada

\$150 - VA

\$100 - Community Table

\$250 - RCI

Total Membership

Quota: 600 - 2024: 578 - % of Goal 96.33%

DINNER!



Friday, May 17

SERVED FROM 5 P.M. TILL 7 P.M.

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

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
 Vice President Brian Messer
 Secretary Helen Muskopf
 Finance Officer Mike Bobb

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

DAILY DRAWING

2/21/2024	Erin Shreeve	\$95.75
2/22/2024	David Junck	\$103.50
2/23/2024	Edith Gomer	\$110.50
2/24/2024	Erin Wolf	\$125.00
2/25/2024	Eva Shreeve	\$135.00
2/26/2024	Veronica Cloutier	\$144.75
2/27/2024	Michael Thorson	\$154.75
2/28/2024	Janet Greeno	\$164.00
2/29/2024	Michael Mar	\$176.50
3/1/2024	Janet Greeno	\$185.75
3/2/2024	Lillian Rotella	\$193.75
3/3/2024	Diane Herrick	\$199.75
3/4/2024	Jennifer Jussel	\$210.00
3/5/2024	Raymond Maathius	\$218.00
3/6/2024	Cynthia Mafar	\$227.25
3/7/2024	Sandra Kellar	\$239.50
3/8/2024	David Powell	\$247.75
3/9/2024	Ronald Stacey	\$258.25
3/10/2024	Dennis Baus	\$267.75
3/11/2024	Charles Litzau	\$273.25
3/12/2024	David Casias	\$282.75
3/13/2024	James Warren	\$287.75
3/14/2024	Howard Arnotel	\$289.75
3/15/2024	Jerry Goto	\$299.75
3/16/2024	Joshua Froid	\$311.00
3/17/2024	Barbara Burcar	\$315.25
3/18/2024	Ronald Sanchez	\$325.50
3/19/2024	William Rome	\$333.00
3/20/2024	Ken Richardson	\$342.25
3/21/2024	Corrine Johnson	\$354.00
3/22/2024	Margaret Jones	\$361.50
3/23/2024	Gene Schulter	\$371.75
3/24/2024	Gilbert Fernandez	\$383.25
3/25/2024	Gregory Fuller	\$389.75
3/26/2024	Richard Lovas	\$398.50
3/27/2024	Christie Hixson	\$406.50
3/28/2024	Donald Fox	\$414.00
3/29/2024	Mark Colyer	\$422.00
3/30/2024	James Armstrong	\$434.00
3/31/2024	Leila Burno	\$439.00
4/1/2024	David Anderson	\$445.75
4/2/2024	Thomas Tremblay	\$450.00
4/3/2024	James Gates	\$461.00
4/4/2024	Kenneth Graybill	\$470.25
4/5/2024	Earl Quinnell	\$478.50
4/6/2024	Robert Rankin	\$485.75
4/7/2024	Ken Schneider	\$493.25
4/8/2024	Gail Dins	\$503.25
4/9/2024	Michelle Eddy	\$512.75
4/10/2024	Rosalie Hayes	\$524.00
4/11/2024	George Palaze	\$536.00
4/12/2024	Laurence Loy Jr	\$546.75
4/13/2024	Vickie Swanson	\$559.50
4/14/2024	Paul Kozik	\$568.75
4/15/2024	Sharon Stingerie	\$581.00
4/16/2024	Lisa Swann	\$587.50
4/17/2024	Mary Flail	\$594.50
4/18/2024	Barbara Anderson	\$603.25
4/19/2024	Barbara Saunders	\$618.25
4/20/2024	Lisa Feret	\$626.25
4/21/2024	Edward Schweers	\$632.00
4/22/2024	Gilbert Fernandez	\$641.50
4/23/2024	Ronald Carlson	\$647.50

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy May to all Members from the S.A.L. Time to plant so get with it.

The S.A.L. was able to make 2 donations to one veteran and one family of a S.A.L. member that we lost last month. Thank you everybody who helped in these two matter.

The S.A.L. still needs help on the Mother's Day breakfast. Please call Rich at 303-426-6960 and volunteer 4 hours to help us on Sunday, May 12. Please call Rich today.

Voting for 2024 officers for the S.A.L. is on May 9th at the S.A.L. meeting.

S.A.L. dues are coming up next month and dues are \$35. If you sent \$12 for your 2024 dues, we still have your membership car. Please send the balance of \$18 and we will send out your 2024 membership card.

The S.A.L. had 2 new Members in April. Welcome new members.

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. We are currently accepting golfers, hole sponsors, donations of items we can use for our auctions and raffles, and of course, cash donations are always welcome.

Hope everybody has a great May and go out and have fun. Troops hurry home and stay safe.

Mother's Day BREAKFAST!

MAY 12 8 TILL 11 AM



Member Moms and Moms
of members eat for free!

May 2024

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		1  REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!	2 Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am	3	4  DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM	
5 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm	6  Scouts 6:00pm	7 SAL MEETING 6PM Retired Peace Officers 12 pm	8 Sub Vets 7:00 pm	9 Friendship Lunch 11:00 am	10 Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	11  DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
12 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 8 am	13  Scouts 6:00pm	14 BOG 6:30 pm	15 Purple Heart Vets 6:15	16 Coopers Troopers 11 am Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	17 DINNER 5-7 PM	18  DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
19 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm	20  Scouts 6:00pm	21 Marine Corps League 6:30 pm	22	23	24  VISIT THE POST!	25  DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
26 8-11am BREAKFAST!  ACTIVITY MEETING 12PM BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 9am	27  Memorial Day	28 Legion Riders 6pm	29  Lunch served every weekday	30	31	

SUNDAY FUN AT THE POST!

FUN BEGINS AT 1:00 PM!

POT LUCK!

B A R BINGO!

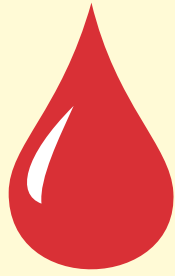


Soda Blue Band MAY 10 6:30

**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.



BLOOD DRIVE

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

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AUXILIARY CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE - MAY 12



PLEASE BRING NEW CRAFT ITEMS AND BAKED GOODS ON SATURDAY AFTER 3PM. ANY UNSOLD ITEMS CAN BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE CRAFTS AND BAKED GOODS WILL BE DONATED TO OUR CHAIR FUND.

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27

- ★ Service at Arvada Cemetery at 9 am.
- ★ Parade at 11 am from Post 161 to VFW 4331
- ★ Reception to follow at VFW 4331





JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN!

**American Legion Post 161
21st 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.

Kentucky Derby

Watch Party



**Saturday May 4 starting at 1:30 - Pot Luck!
Come watch the races and play your favorite Derby games!**