



AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

God Bless Israel

RON NELSON COMMANDER



Hello 161! Veterans Day is again here! God Bless all Veterans, the Fallen and our Young Warriors of today; We Salute you! Dang it's Hunting season already. I heard the Broncos are moving to Oakland. Day light saving time ends November 5th. Snow is coming soon and it's time for you guys to update your wife's snow shovel. I have seen at Air/Space Force Base Buckley Exchange pink shovels if you need one. November is Marine Corps month! Let's get on with some history and the posts business.

MEDAL OF HONOR

HAROLD CHRIST AGERHOLM

DETAILS

- RANK: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
- CONFLICT/ERA: WORLD WAR II
- UNIT/COMMAND: 4TH BATTALION, 10TH MARINES, 2D MARINE DIVISION
- MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: JULY 7, 1944
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS

CITATION: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with the 4th Battalion, 10th Marines, 2d Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944.

When the enemy launched a fierce, determined counterattack against our positions and overran a neighboring artillery battalion, Pfc. Agerholm immediately volunteered to assist in the efforts to check the hostile attack and evacuate our wounded.

Locating and appropriating an abandoned ambulance jeep, he repeatedly made extremely perilous trips under heavy rifle and mortar fire and single-handedly loaded and evacuated approximately 45 casualties, working tirelessly and with utter disregard for his own safety during a grueling period of more than three hours. Despite intense, persistent enemy fire, he ran out to aid two men whom he believed to be wounded marines, but was himself mortally wounded by a



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Japanese sniper while carrying out his hazardous mission. Pfc. Agerholm's brilliant initiative, great personal valor, and self-sacrificing efforts in the face of almost certain death reflect the highest credit upon himself and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- ACCREDITED TO: WISCONSIN
- AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: YES
- BORN: JANUARY 29, 1925, RACINE, RACINE COUNTY, WI, UNITED STATES
- DIED: JULY 7, 1944, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS
- BURIED: MOUND CEMETERY (4-E-8-4), RACINE, WI, UNITED STATES
- LOCATION OF MEDAL: RACINE VETERANS LEGACY MUSEUM (DUPLICATE MEDAL) RACINE, WI.

November 7th Election Day. Do your part! The American Legion (1919) shares a Birthday with the United States Marine Corps (1775) on the 10th. Veterans Day WW1 Armistice 1918 on the 11th. Thanksgiving on the 23rd.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided by our post (volunteers still needed) for Veterans without a place to go. Folks can bring a dish or drop off a dish if they wish! Thank You. Check out our Calender and bulletin boards for many other activities. Knights of Columbus in Northglenn has a FREE breakfast on the 11th. I'm going!! See Flyer on bulletin board.

Happened at our post: Fall Conference 21 Oct. will have passed, and we will have learned all we need to learn about the Department of Colorado.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Your Commander Ron Nelson

That's All!!

Chili Cookoff

November 5 - 11 am - 2 pm

Red and green

Sign up sheet in the Lounge

Red and green categories No cost to enter. Entry forms available in the Lounge. Need a good count by 11/3 - Bring entries at post by 10:30 Crock pot size for entry - \$5 cost to taste. Official judges are Arvada Fire Dept. Each person tasting can cast a vote for the popular chili. Prizes for 1st place in each category

For more details contact Mike Bobb at 303-881-0189



ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy November to all Legion members. Wow, the holidays are just around the corner. Hope everybody had a great summer and fall.

The S.A.L. broke a record on our 2023 golf tournament this year. Our children's organizations were very happy with us this year (Wow!) I would like to thank once again everybody who was involved in our great yearly event! Thank you Thank yo! See you next year due to we want to break the 2023 record for 2024.S.A.L. members get your dues in. They are due and the dues are only \$30.

The S.A.L. was able to raise \$150 to help on the donation runs that the Legion benefits from overall.

Ron Nelson just keeps on moving forward and making a lot of positive changes to our Post 161. Again, if you see Ron make sure he gets a pat on the back.

S.A.L. members please call Rich at 303-42 6960 to put your name and email on our list for volunteering. We need at least 20 new names added on before the year end. We only need 1 hour to 4 hours a month to keep us going forward.

Happy Thanksgiving to everybody at the Post from the S.A.L. This year, look around and see if somebody needs a little help or needs a warm hello brought to them.

Troops stay safe and hurry home

REGINA MONTGOMERY - AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



We have a lot of new things coming but one big one is our dues have gone up. They are now \$42 and are now due. You can mail them to the Legion or put them in the box by the front door. If you want your card left at the Legion rather than mailed back please leave a note.

AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion

A group of 20 officers who served in the American Expeditionary Forces in WWI were asked to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer, Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., proposed an organization of veterans, which we know today as The American Legion.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to

mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities.

Hundreds of local American Legion programs and activities strengthen the nation one community at a time including, **American Legion Baseball**, one of the nation's most successful amateur athletic programs and **Operation Comfort Warriors**, a program supporting recovering wounded warriors and their families. Some other programs include **Boys State/Nation**, **Legion Riders**, **Homeless Veterans assistance** and **Yoiith Cadet Law Enforcement education**.

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation, and volunteerism.

Departed
Nick Dodich
Transfers
John Harmes
William Korin
Donations

\$150 - VA
\$150 - CO Veterans Kids Fund
\$100 - Community Table
\$250 - RCI
Total Membership
Quota: 674 - 2023: 599 - % of Goal 88.9%

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
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 Historian - Vacant
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 Past Commander - Ed Shreeve

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

Board of Governors

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 Bill Jackson
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 Roger Divis
 Automatic BOG: Ron Nelson
 Automatic BOG: Dave Edwards

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 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

Thanksgiving Dinner

For the past 15-20 years we have been having Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post for the Veterans and Members who do not have family nearby to share it with. We don't want anyone to be alone on a holiday.



Members stop by the night before or early Thanksgiving morning and drop off items that they feel people might enjoy during their meal.

We plan on doing this again this Thanksgiving. **The Post is NOT open normal hours on Thanksgiving Day.** We open the doors from 11am-2pm only for our dinner service only. A volunteer works behind the bar to serve drinks during that time.

We will be posting a sign-up sheet on the lounge door for people who would like to drop an item off to be included. We would love side dishes, desserts or appetizers. Your items can be dropped off the night before, or before 11am on Thanksgiving morning before you go to your destinations.

We have plenty of Turkey already that has been donated by RCI through the Legion Riders **We would like to thank RCI for their generous food donations to our Post.** If you prefer to offer a monetary donation to help with condiments, paper products and other items, please give it to one of the Riders or any Post officer.

BREAKFAST
NOVEMBER 12 & 26
8-11 am



**PLEASE PAY
YOUR DUES
FOR 2024**



We Want Photos!

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



DINNER!

Friday, November 17
SERVED FROM 5 P.M. TILL 7 P.M.



**THANK YOU TO RCI
FROM AMERICAN
LEGION POST 161
FOR THE GENEROUS
FOOD DONATIONS
TO OUR POST!**

Now Hiring!

We are looking for a full time cook to make lunches every weekday and occasional dinners. If you are interested in this position, please email me at alp161-newsletter@outlook.com or call the Post at 303-424-0324.

**WHILE WE FIND A
NEW COOK WE WILL
CONTINUE TO SERVE
LUNCH EVERY DAY
WITH A LIMITED MENU.**



November 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Lunch served every weekday</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Queen of Hearts will return soon.</p>		
<p>5 CHILI COOKOFF</p>  <p>11 am</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Scouts 6:00pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Retired Peace Officers 12 pm</p> <p>BOG 6:00 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Sub Vets 7:00 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Membership Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>10 Marine Corps Birthday</p> <p>Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day (Lunch on Friday)</p> <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM</p>
<p>12 8-11am BREAKFAST!</p>  <p>BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 9am</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>Scouts 6:00pm</p>	<p>14 PLAY SHAKE- A-DAY!</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Purple Heart Vets</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Coopers Troopers 11 am</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>Dinner 5-7 pm</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM</p>
<p>19 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM</p>  <p>BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Scouts 6:00pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Marine Corps League 6:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>Lunch served every weekday</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> 	<p>24</p>  <p>VISIT THE POST!</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM</p>
<p>26 8-11am BREAKFAST!</p>  <p>BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 9am</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>Scouts 6:00pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Legion Riders 6pm</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!</p>	<p>30</p> 		



Volunteer to cook on a Saturday

We serve dinner every Saturday afternoon before Queen of Hearts, cooked and served by volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to cook on a Saturday from about 5 - 7 pm, please email me at alp161-newsletter@outlook.com

Thank You **VETERANS**

Veterans Day Lunch/ Dinner

Friday, November 10

11:30 until it's gone



Homemade meatloaf with mashed potatoes and gravy and vegetable. Free for veterans. One meal per veteran. Sorry, no carry out. Non-vet guests of veterans \$6.

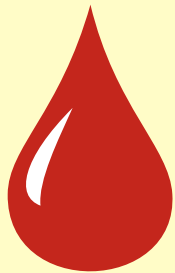
Please donate your medical equipment



The Riders will be collecting used or new medical equipment and supplies beginning in November. We collect these items at the

Post the last Saturday of the month from 1-5 pm beginning on November 25.





BLOOD DRIVE

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Board of Governors: In an effort to improve customer service during what is typically the busiest time of the day, 11 am – 1pm, lunch time, Monday – Friday: We are asking that all members refrain from asking the bartenders about any and all gaming activities during this timeframe. This includes all football, NASCAR and baseball pools, rolling of the dice, or collecting any potential winnings of such activities. Your bartender's number one task during this timeframe is to serve food and drinks in a timely manner and this cannot be accomplished when they are constantly being interrupted with gaming requests. IF the bartender has the time to make an exception to this policy, they may do so, but, only if it is not affecting service to other customers. This is an effort to improve our customer service during the lunch hours. Any comments or complaints to this policy should be directed to your Board of Governors.

Our Chili Cookoff will be on November 5 beginning at 11 am. There is a sign up sheet in the Lounge for both red and green categories. For more details please call Mike Bobb at 303-881-0189.

Our monthly Dinner will be on Friday November 17. Special will be announced.. Also ribeye steaks and crispy chicken salads. Served from 5 - 7 pm.

Veterans Day lunch will be free to veterans. November 10 beginning at 11:30

Breakfast will be on November 12th and 26nd from 8 till 11 am.

