



AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

EDDIE SHREEVE, COMMANDER



I hope everyone is doing well. I was unable to get an article into the newsletter last month due to some problems. I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped put the Legion picnic together and to make it the big success that it turned out to be.

Right now, we have some officer positions open for our American Legion Post. The positions open are Jr. (2nd) Vice Commander, Chaplain, Sgt-at-Arms and Assistant Sgt-at-Arms. If anyone is interested in taking one of the positions, please let us know. I want to let everyone know I will not be running for Commander next term. I would like to have everyone be thinking about running for one of the office positions that will be voted on at the May 2023 membership meeting.

It seems like we are getting used to, I guess, what is called the new normal. We continue to have our breakfast, lunch, and dinners. Breakfast is the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, 8 am to 11 am. Lunch is Monday through Friday, 11 am to 2:30 pm with a daily special. Dinner is the 3rd Friday of the month, 5 pm to 7 pm. Come in and have breakfast, lunch, or dinner some time and help keep the Post going.

We continue to have other activities at the Post, so please come in and help support these activities. Be sure to check the newsletter for all activities. Be sure to get your dues paid for 2023 for the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, and the American Legion Riders. The dues started July 1, 2022.

ARLENE YOUNG CLUB MANAGER



Welcome to October

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. As Summertime comes to an end, we hope that you had some fun with family and friends. The next season will be here before we know it.

We will be playing Bar Bingo Sunday starting at 1:00. It's a potluck, bring your favorite foods to share. We are having Friday Night Dinners from 5-7. We will be serving in the Lounge & Dining Room for your enjoyment. The third Friday of the month, please come enjoy some good food and friends at the Legion. If you are still concerned about Covid you can call us, place an order and we will make a Takeout



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container for you to pick up. To make this a success we need your support and that means coming to dinner or placing an order to Take Out. You can make a suggestion at any time, just let us know.

Your support of all the activities is greatly appreciated. WE are Planning a Costume Halloween Party will be posting plans.

See you at the Legion

REGINA MONTGOMERY - AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



I would like to invite everyone to come to our monthly meetings It's a great chance to see what's going on. Our next meeting is on October 13 at 7 pm. Hope to see more of you come.

Also just a reminder you dues are due. They are \$37 and you can put them in the mailbox right inside the front door.

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy October to everybody. Can you believe the summer is already over and the holidays are around the corner.

Wow, Thank you, thank you to all the golfers, volunteers, donors and Legionnaires who participated and joined in to make our 18th Annual Golf Tournament a record breaking event. They could not give us enough room to mention all the names and businesses that made this possible this year. The three children's organizations that we support are going to be surprised at how much we can help them this year.

The S.A.L. was able to raise some funds from our breakfast to purchase a portable ramp. The ramp can be used for entering a home for Legionnaires who are having a temporary issue with their health.

A shout out Thank You to the Legion Riders of our Post. They have helped in every area of Post 161. If you have an extra \$5.00 please donate it to our Legion Riders to help them to continue to help the organizations that they help daily.

S.A.L. members the dues for 2023 are due and the amount is \$30.00 Let's get 2023 paid up. We also need all updated e-mails, phone numbers and mailing addresses to get us updated.

Troops stay healthy and hurry home.

SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE!

Sign up is posted on the bulletin board near the shuffleboard table.

All teams of 2 or individuals are welcome to sign up.

We are hoping to have at least 8 teams and then we will determine when the league will begin and post a schedule. We usually start in mid October.

New Members

Jeffrey Wood - Army, Vietnam

Transfers

Raymond Ottesen - Army, Vietnam

Bill Jackson - USMC, Vietnam

Donations

Veterans Administration - \$150

Colorado Veterans Kids Fund - \$150

Community Table - \$100

RCI - \$150

District 5 Honor Guard - \$100

Total Membership

Quota: 674 - 2022: 648 - % of Goal: 96.14%

DAILY DRAWING

| | | |
|------|--------------------|-----------|
| 8/22 | Joel Creger | \$253.25 |
| 8/23 | Ernestine Paoli | \$265.25 |
| 8/24 | Martin Vigil | \$275.00 |
| 8/25 | Dennis Montgomery | \$284.00 |
| 8/26 | Charles Morgan III | \$292.75 |
| 8/27 | Jimmie Gill | \$303.50 |
| 8/28 | William Gregory | \$312.00 |
| 8/29 | Nancy Rhoades | \$323.00 |
| 8/30 | John Weigel | \$330.75 |
| 8/31 | Vera Gallagher | \$339.25* |
| 9/1 | Donald Dutcher | \$12.50. |
| 9/2 | Amberly Brown | \$22.50 |
| 9/3 | Gary Hanavan | \$34.50 |
| 9/4 | Randolph Nold | \$43.25 |
| 9/5 | Kent Wood | \$55.75 |
| 9/6 | Pauline Weigel | \$65.50 |
| 9/7 | Beverly Smith | \$75.75 |
| 9/8 | Ronald Russell | \$90.75 |
| 9/9 | Erin Wolf | \$101.75 |
| 9/10 | John Cowan | \$114.75 |
| 9/11 | James Bender | \$125.30 |
| 9/12 | William Hewett | \$136.00 |
| 9/13 | Frank Carman | \$146.25 |
| 9/14 | John Phillips | \$155.25 |
| 9/15 | Judith Butz | \$167.75 |
| 9/16 | Michael Monagle | \$181.75 |
| 9/17 | Emma Burbach | \$194.75 |
| 9/18 | Alfred Jennings | \$203.00 |

*WINNER

Post 161 Officers 2022-2023

Legionnaires

Commander - Ed Shreeve
 Sr. Vice - Greg Fuller
 Finance Officer - Dave Edwards
 Adjutant - Rick Cody
 Exec Com Member - Bill Pollack
 Chaplain - Steve Shellenberger
 Sgt-At-Arms - Frank Adams
 Asst. Sgt-At-Arms - Vacant
 Historian - Vacant
 Veteran Svc Officer - Vacant
 Past Commander - Bill Pollack

American Legion Auxiliary

President- Regina Montgomery
 Vice President- Char Orr
 Treasurer- Janice Marie King
 Secretary- Leandra Pfluger
 Chaplain- Robin Ayers
 Historian- Mary August
 Sgt-at-Arms- Robin Reposa

Board of Governors

Bill Schoeninger
 Tom Moermond
 Don Smith
 Roger Divis
 Phil Saba
 Automatic BOG: Ed Shreeve
 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



*Please pay
 your
 2023 Dues!
 You will need
 a new key card
 for 2023*

FROM THE EDITOR



After a 2-year Covid hiatus, the **S.A.L. Golf Tournament** returned on September 17. Mother Nature cooperated and the weather was clear, warm and absolutely perfect for a fun day of golf.

Everyone enjoyed a round of golf complete with fun games such as our Lemon Putt and our Pot O' Gold challenge. We also had a Long Drive contest for men and women and a Closest to the Pin competition, also for men and women.

The S.A.L. would like to thank everyone who played in the Tournament and attended the reception afterward at the Post. Without players we can't have a Tournament and we appreciate your participation.

We also want to thank our **Hole Sponsors** for their generosity. Hole sponsorship represents a significant portion of the money we are able to raise.

Thank you to the **American Legion Post 161 Riders** for donating the beef for our Taco Lunch which everyone enjoyed. The Legion Riders also sponsored a hole at the Tournament. The S.A.L. appreciates your support.

Thanks also to everyone who generously donated (and re-donated) prizes for our **Raffle and Silent Auction**. These two events are huge money makers toward our cause.

Last but certainly not least we want to thank our **Volunteers** who gave up their Saturday morning to help make our tournament a success. The volunteers included **Gina** and **Linda** who cooked our delicious taco lunch at a fraction of the cost of a caterer, **Carol** for helping out in the kitchen, **Kathy** who tended bar for the reception, **Jimmy Ray** and **Steve W.** for supervising our Pot O' Gold contest, **Regina** for taking the team pictures, **Denise** for selling raffle tickets for two different games, **Dione** and **Ray** for running our Lemon Putt competition, and **Bonnie** for organizing all of our raffle prizes and our prize money.

Because of everyone's hard work, generosity and participation, were able to raise a lot of money for our three children's charities **Ginnys Kids**, **Colorado Veterans Kids Fund**, and **Child Welfare Foundation**. Thank you once again to everyone! We look forward to next year.



DINNER!

Friday, October 21

5 pm - 7 pm

Special: Baby Back Ribs. Also Ribeye Steaks and Crispy Chicken Salads.



HALLOWEEN

POT LUCK & COSTUME CONTEST

Oct 29 - 6 pm



October 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

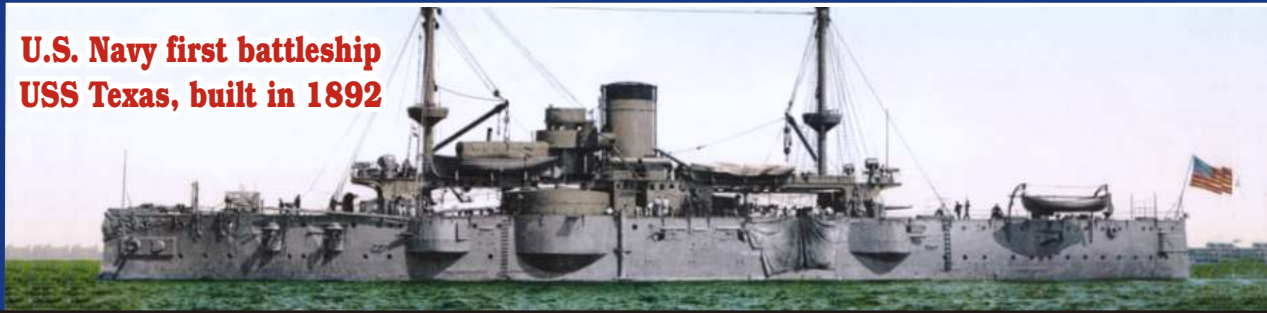
WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**U.S. Navy first battleship
USS Texas, built in 1892**



1

QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM

**2 POT LUCK
SUNDAYS 1 PM**

BINGO! 1 pm
Lounge open 12 pm

3


Scouts 6:00pm

4
Retired Peace
Officers 12 pm

5

Lunch served
every weekday

6
Rocky Flats
Breakfast 9am

7

**VISIT
THE POST!**

8


QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM

**9 8-11am
BREAKFAST!**

BINGO! 1 pm
Lounge open 9am

10

Scouts 6:00pm

11
BOG 6:30 pm
Columbus Day


12
Sub Vets 7:00 pm

Lunch served
every weekday

**13 US NAVY
BIRTHDAY**
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 BLOOD
DRIVE**
11 am - 3:30 pm

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

**24 8-11am
BREAKFAST!**

BINGO! 1 pm
Lounge open 9am

24

Scouts 6:00pm

25
Legion
Riders 6pm

**26 National Day
of the
Deployed**
Colorado
E-9ers 11 am

27

**REMEMBER
TO SIGN IN!**

28

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**HALLOWEEN
POT LUCK &
COSTUME CONTEST**

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**TRICK OR
TREAT!**

SUNDAYS AT THE POST!
Bar Bingo & Potluck 1pm



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Bonnie Tinsley

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. We will be having our "Thanksgiving for those without family" for our members that would like to attend.

We will be putting a sign up sheet on the lounge door in early October for food donations for this event. Just leave your name, and the item you will be bringing.

Please bring out your most wonderful recipes so we can make this a great day for everyone who comes down. We decorate, have dinner and watch football.

We have plenty of volunteers to work the event but we are in need of food donations.

We also have plenty of turkey, thanks to the Riders group. We are in need of sides, potatoes, desserts and anything you think would be enjoyed. It can be dropped off the day before, or thanksgiving morning.

The dinner is from 11-2pm on Thanksgiving day.



Fun at the S.A.L. 18th Annual Golf Tournament

BEST LUNCH IN TOWN!

Every Weekday 11am -2 pm



The Battle of Bunker Hill

Early in the American Revolution there was considerable doubt as to whether the Continental Militia would be able to stand against the large and well-organized British army and navy. At the time, the British considered the American troops to be little more than a mob which was at best loosely organized.

American spies learned of a planned assault on American rebels in Boston in June 1775, and



British troops attacking the fort

Major General Israel Putnam and Colonel William Prescott devised a plan to move the assault away from Boston and force the British troops to fight them on ground of their choosing. On June 16, 1775, 1,000 American militia moved to Charlestown Peninsula, across the river from Boston and built a fort on Breed's Hill, part of the larger Bunker Hill. Just prior to the British attack, reinforcements arrived bringing the total of Americans at the fort to 2,400.

Upon learning of the location of the fort, British Major General

William Howe crossed the Charles River from Boston with 2,500 men. The British plan was to flank the fort and attack from the rear, but this was anticipated by the Americans who launched a massive counterattack, resulting in extremely heavy British casualties and forcing them to reposition and attack from the front.

The fighting lasted approximately one hour until the Americans ran out of ammunition and were forced to evacuate the fort which was then captured by British troops.

Although the battle was won by the British that day, it was at the expense of 1054 casualties compared to 450 for the Americans. For the first time, England realized that this was a real war to be taken seriously, and Americans began to believe that they could be victorious.

After the battle, British General Thomas Gage wrote, "The loss we have sustained is greater than we can bear," while American patriot Nathanael Greene said, "I wish we could sell them another hill at the same price."

Had the Battle of Bunker Hill gone differently and British troops had routed the Americans, or had the British been allowed to proceed with their planned attack on American troops in Boston, they could have proceeded to destroy the rest of the Continental Army and the American Revolution would have been lost.



American counterattack to repel the flank attempt



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The **Distinguished Service Cross** is awarded to members of members of the US Army. Prior to 1960, it could also be awarded to Army Air Corps and Air Force personnel.

The **Navy Cross** is awarded to members of the US Navy, US Marine Corps, and US Coast Guard.

The **Air Force Cross** is awarded to members of the US Air Force.

The **Distinguished Flying Cross** may be awarded to a member of any branch of the US armed forces who distinguishes himself or herself by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight.



Distinguished Service Cross



Air Force Cross



Navy Cross



Distinguished Flying Cross

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our monthly Dinner will be on October 21 and our special this month will be Baby Back Ribs. We will also be serving ribeye steaks and crispy chicken salad. Dinner will be served from 5 - 7 p.m.

Shuffleboard League will begin in mid October once enough teams are signed up. There is a sign up sheet posted at the end of the table and all teams of 2 people are encouraged to sign up. We are hoping to have at least 8 teams.

On October 29 (Saturday) we are having a **Halloween potluck dinner and a costume contest** beginning at 6 pm. Details will be announced.

Blood Drive will be on Monday, October 17 from 11am until 3:30 pm.

Thanksgiving is coming up next month and we will be having Thanksgiving Dinner from 11 am until 2 pm. It will be a potluck so please bring your delicious Thanksgiving recipes. We already have plenty of turkey. **Thank you to the Legion Riders for donating it.**

