



AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

RON NELSON COMMANDER



Members, I don't know about you, but time is flying by so fast that I can't keep my hair combed. Anyways October is here. Summer is fading away.

Labor Day was fun, we had a great turnout for burgers, dogs and potluck. Thanks to all that pitched in. The harvest fest went well again thanks to all the volunteers. (It's amazing how hard a few people work to make things work)

Hopefully we have got a lot of new members or at least some folks with a better perspective of what we do.

Had to back up I'm at the post working on this newsletter while enjoying the Jackson's Family pizza. (Sept-15) They Rock, and I hope they do it again soon! I'm sure the Golf tournament will go well, it always does.

MEDAL OF HONOR

- Rank: First Lieutenant (highest rank: Captain)
- Conflict/era: Vietnam War
- Unit/command: 1st squadron, 4th US Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division
- Military service branch: US Army
- Medal of Honor action date: June 18, 1968
- Medal of Honor action place: Near the village of Ap Go Cong, Bình Dương Province, Vietnam

CITATION

First Lieutenant Larry L. Taylor distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving with Troop D (Air), 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, on June 18, 1968, near the village of Ap Go Cong, Republic of Vietnam. On this date, First Lieutenant Taylor commanded a light fire team of two Cobra helicopter gunships scrambled on a nighttime mission in response to an urgent call for aerial fire support from a four-man long range patrol team.

Upon arrival, First Lieutenant Taylor found the patrol team surrounded and heavily engaged by a larger Viet Cong force. He immediately requested illumination rounds from supporting artillery to assist with identifying the enemy positions. Despite intense enemy ground fire, he flew at a perilously low altitude placing a devastating volume of aerial rocket and machine gun fire on the enemy forces encircling the friendly patrol.

For approximately 45 minutes, First Lieutenant Taylor and his wingman continued to make low-level danger-close attack runs on the surrounding enemy positions. When enemy fire increased from the village of Ap Go Cong, he requested artillery rounds with lower illumination altitudes be fired on that portion of the village so that the burning



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rounds ignited the enemy positions. With both Cobra gunships nearly out of ammunition and the enemy still closing in on the patrol team, First Lieutenant Taylor flew the patrol team's potential ground evacuation route, finding it unviable based on the heavy enemy fire encountered. Returning to the patrol team's location, he continued to circle it at a low level under intense enemy fire, employing his search light to make fake gun runs on the enemy positions to distract them from the patrol team.

Running low on fuel and with the patrol team nearly out of ammunition, First Lieutenant Taylor decided to extract the team with his two-man Cobra helicopter gunship, a feat never before accomplished. He directed his wingman to fire their remaining mini-gun rounds on the patrol team's east flank. First Lieutenant Taylor then fired his own last mini-gun rounds on the enemy positions, opening an avenue of movement to the east for the patrol team. He directed the patrol team to move 100 yards towards the extraction point where First Lieutenant Taylor, still under enemy fire, landed his helicopter and instructed the patrol team to climb aboard anywhere they could.

With the four-man long range patrol team seated on rocket-pods and skids, he evacuated them to the nearest friendly location, undoubtedly saving their lives.

First Lieutenant Taylor's conspicuous gallantry, his profound concern for his fellow soldiers, and his intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Medal Of Honor Recipient Larry L. Taylor

Additional Details

- **Accredited To: Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, US**
- **Awarded Posthumously: No**
- **Presentation Date & Details: September 5, 2023**
- **At the White House By President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.**
- **Born: February 12, 1942, Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tn, US**



October 7th, Start of Operation Enduring Freedom 2001, 9th, Columbus Day, 13th, U.S. Navy Birthday, 23rd, Beirut Bombing 1983, 25th, Grenada Invasion 1983, 28th, National First responders Day and BOO, it's Halloween!

AT OUR POST: Department of Colorado Fall Conference is Oct. 21. We will get a better feel of what's going on and meet the current leadership team turning things around. It's an honor they chose our post to host this event. Colorado's Departments convention is planned for 24-28 July 2024. I'm not sure of the location yet. Please don't shoot the messenger. Legion Dues are going up \$5.00 for 2024!

Fall Football and several TV events are being broadcast in our post. Please, I believe it should be important to all of us if our NATIONAL ANTHEM is being played for Gosh Sakes stand

hand over heart and show respect for the ones that can't. Just saying, It's respect! Dang It if you can walk in the Post then you can stand for our flag!! Thank You.

God bless our troops, Salute our flag, keep yourself safe and healthy & be sure to smile!!

Your Commander Ron "That's All"

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy October everybody. The S.A.L. hopes everyone had a good summer overall. It went very fast for all of us.

Wow, the S.A.L. had a record-breaking golf tournament last week. We would like to thank all of the golfers, volunteers and donors. They won't let me print all the names because it would take up the whole newsletter. We are able to really help our children's organizations this October. After all the totals are in the S.A.L. will update in the next newsletter. Thank you to everybody on this event that we love to do. See you next year on the golf course.

The S.A.L. was also very busy raising funds to help on a cancer related event for one of our Auxiliary members. A positive report on this also in the next newsletter. If you would like to help us add on to our goal for this event, just pop a check in S.A.L. box.

It's that time of the year again the S.A.L. dues are due and the dues are \$30 for the 2024 year. Please turn in your dues along with any updates on cell numbers, addresses and of course email addresses.

Always drop in a note in our S.A.L. box if you can help us in helping veterans and our children in need.

Next time you visit the Post, look around and take note of the positive changes that are happening. If you see the Commander Ron Nelson, give the Commander on the back or a handshake. He has been working a lot of overtime for the Post.

Whether you're a Legion, Auxiliary or S.A.L. member and you want to help or donate to our fun events please call Rich at 303-426-6960 or Robert at 720-810-4933. Troops stay safe and hurry home.

WILMORE-RICHTER POST 161

American Legion Post 161, here in Arvada was named for two local heroes who gave their lives defending our great nation during WWI. Corporal William Wallace Wilmore Jr, an Arvada resident, died in battle on the French Front on September 13th, 1918. Private Benjamin A. Richter, a Wheat Ridge resident, was killed in action in France on September 15th, 1918. Both were laid to rest in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, France. The post was awarded a National Charter from National Headquarters on May 28', 1928. Since Post 161 was established, it has created and maintained a strong bond/association with the City of Arvada. Some of its key contributions to the city include:

- The purchase and presentation to the city of its first Ambulance.
- In the 1940s started a Well Baby Clinic.
- Relief Teas held to provide food.
- Opened a nursery for working mothers during WWII.
- Lay a Wreath every year at the Arvada cemetery on Memorial Day to honor veterans.
- In December the unit donates money to the 'National Wreath Across America' program.
- Donated stuffed animals to the police department.
- Worked together to have a Memorial Garden in front of the Post to honor members.
- Donated non-perishable food items to the Arvada Community Table.
- Supported the clients at Hope House and Shannon's Hope.
- Coat, mitten, and hat donations to the Arvada Rising Church.
- Countless donations to the Colorado State Veterans Home.

REGINA MONTGOMERY - AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



This year has gone very fast. Just remember your membership runs from July 1 to June 30 each year. If you have not paid for this year please get it in soon. You can mail it on or drop it off at the Legion.

With the holidays coming please watch your email and posts at the Legion for upcoming events.

When you come to the Legion be sure to introduce yourself to someone new. We have a lot of new people we want to make fell welcome. See you all soon.

THANK YOU!



THE SAL WOULD LIKE TO
THANK ALL OF OUR
VOLUNTEERS,
DONORS AND
GOLFERS FOR
SUPPORTING OUR
2023 GOLF TOURNAMENT!
THANK YOU THANK YOU!



WE'RE CLEANING HOUSE!



Volunteers are requested
on Oct 1 from 9 am until
1 pm to clean out the
closets in the dining
room and make some
much-needed space

Octoberfest

Dinner October 14

**Bratwurst, Sauerkraut
German Cole Slaw,
German Potato Salad
& Dessert**

\$10 5-6:45 pm

**Served by the Post
161 Legion Riders**



Departed

Dwight Solberg
Robert Lessar

New Members

Richard Armijo

Donations

\$150 - VA

\$150 - CO Veterans Kids Fund

\$100 - Community Rable

\$150 - 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
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

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

06/16	Chris Watson	\$252.75
06/17	Russell Hedden	\$265.25
06/18	Theodore Anderson	\$276.00
06/19	Larry Bangert	\$288.00
06/20	Michael Weston	\$297.00
06/21	Sharon Wharton	\$308.75
06/22	Clifford Frye	\$317.75
06/23	Terry Hoy	\$326.50
06/24	Roger Bachofer	\$344.50
06/25	Robert Schemof	\$354.00
06/26	Janice Adams	\$366.50
06/27	Paul Kozik	\$376.00
06/28	James Lutz	\$387.00
06/29	Sandra Trout	\$398.00
06/30	Helen Muskopf	406.00*
07/01	Larry Ackerman	\$12.50
07/02	Albert Drumright	\$20.00
07/03	Nancy Denny	\$30.00
07/04	Richard Welburn	\$40.75
07/05	Robert Runge	\$49.75
07/09	Richard Sabol	\$60.00
07/07	Daroll Piph	\$69.25
07/08	Alan Taylor Sr	\$82.00
07/09	Kenneth Clements	\$94.25
07/10	Tim Keefover	\$103.25
07/11	Richard Philbrick	\$113.25
07/12	James Warren	\$125.25
07/13	Richard King	\$142.50
07/14	Cynthia Reed	\$150.50
07/15	Bonnie Rork	\$159.75
07/16	Cliff Rivenes	\$169.75
07/17	Robert Ferguson	\$180.75

BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 8 & 22

8-11 am



Served from 11 a.m - 2:30 p.m. **OCTOBER LUNCH SPECIALS** Regular menu is available Friday Dinner: 4 pm - 7 pm in addition to Daily Specials

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 BAR BASKETS	3 GYROS	4 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK	5 MEATBALL SUB	6 BAKED FISH
9 CHICKEN CHEESE QUESADILLA	10 TACOS	11 ROAST BEEF POTATOES & VEGGIES	12 ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTERS	13 FISH
16 BBQ CHICKEN	17 TOSTADAS	18 ROAST TURKEY POTATOES & VEGGIES	19 CLUB SANDWICH	20 FISH
23 PHILLY SANDWICH	24 CHIMICHANGA	25 ROAST PORK W/ POTATOES & VEGETABLES	26 SHRIMP BASKET	27 FISH
30 BAR BASKETS	31 TACOS			

LUNCH SPECIALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - REGULAR MENU AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

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



LUNCH SPECIAL
Oct 3 **\$8.25**

GYROS!

DINNER!

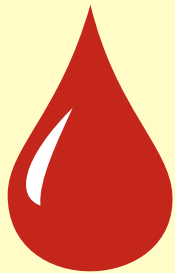
Friday, October 20
SERVED FROM 5 P.M. TILL 7 P.M.

October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  Lounge open 12 pm	2  REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!	3 Retired Peace Officers 12 pm	4  Lunch served every weekday	5 Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am	6  Lunch served every weekday	7  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
8 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 9am	9 Columbus Day   Scouts 6:00pm	10 BOG 6PM	11 Sub Vets 7:00 pm	12 Friendship Lunch 11:00 am Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	13 US NAVY BIRTHDAY Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	14 Octoberfest Dinner 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
15 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm	16 BLOOD DRIVE 11 am - 3:30 pm  Scouts 6:00pm	17 Marine Corps League 6:30 pm	18  Purple Heart Vets	19 Coopers Troopers 11 am	20 DINNER 5-7 PM	21 COLORADO FALL CONFERENCE QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
22 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 9am	23   Scouts 6:00pm	24  Lunch served every weekday	25	26  Lunch served every weekday	27  VISIT THE POST!	28  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
29 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 12 pm	30  Scouts 6:00pm	31  HALLOWEEN	North American P-51 Mustang 			

BEST FOOD IN TOWN!





BLOOD DRIVE

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

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Blood Drive - every other
month 3rd Monday
11 a.m - 3:30 p.m**

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SUNDAY FUN AT THE POST!

Fun Begins
at 1:00 pm!



POT LUCK!



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.

On October 1 from 9 am until 1 pm we are requesting volunteers to help clean out the dining room closets to make some much needed room.

On October 3 our lunch Special will be Greek style Gyros.

Our monthly Dinner will be on Friday October 20. Special will be announced.. Also ribeye steaks and crispy chicken salads. Served from 5 - 7 pm.

The Legion Riders will be serving an Octoberfest Dinner on October 14 from 5 pm until 6:45. Bratwurst with sauerkraut and German potato salad, cole slaw and dessert.

Breakfast will be on October 8th and 22nd from 8 till 11 am.

If any member of our post verbally arranged or verbally contracted before July 1, 2023, for the use of our hall it's important to talk with our new club manager! Please call Kathy Tierney 303-424-0324

Bob Runge is sponsoring a project to provide electric wheelchairs to veterans and first responders in need. For details call 303-345-5277.

There is a Swap Meet at the VFW - 2nd Saturday of the month, May-October. The hours are 8am-1pm.

