



# AMERICAN LEGION



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### RON NELSON COMMANDER

**Good morning Post 161** from my satellite office. Nice and quiet here. Don't blink because this month will be gone too.

Aug. 1st 1975 MCRD San Diego Graduated Platoon 2051, Aug. 1990 Invasion of Kuwait "Operation Desert Shield", also this day 1965 Gulf of Tonkin Vietnam (Aug 2nd thru the 4th), Aug 4th Happy Birthday Coast Guard 1790, Aug 7th Purple Heart Day, Aug 14th V-J Day 1945 and 30 Aug 2021

**If you don't know I use the American Legion calendar** and other like publications for references for my messages. It's been 5 years now since the pull out of American forces from Afghanistan (30 Aug. 2021) Yes 5 years since that ugly piece of history and still its not mentioned in the American Legion publication! Remember those couple days? Afghans hanging off transport planes. Absolute Chaos! It's sad that we need to go to Google for basic information. If you research this, you will see no mention of 13 American Service personnel killed until you get to the bottom. I have made it my next year's goal to see this info in print in American legion publications. I welcome anyone to join me in this endeavor. It's been said I need to do this through the resolution process. Folks that's a long, drawn-out process. Let's put our heads together and see if we here at Post 161 can't get this important historical day recognized sooner than later.

**During the Vietnam War, Marine Corps Veteran Carlos Hathcock** had 93 confirmed kills of North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong personnel.

At a young age, Carlos Norman Hathcock II would go into the woods with his dog and the Mauser his father brought back from World War II to pretend to be a soldier. Hathcock dreamed of being a Marine throughout his childhood, and on May 20, 1959, at the age of 17, he enlisted.

In 1966, Hathcock started his deployment in South Vietnam. He initially served as a military policeman and later, owing to his reputation as a skilled marksman, served as a sniper.

During the Vietnam War, Hathcock had 93 confirmed kills of North Vietnamese Army (NVA) and Viet Cong personnel. However, kills had to be confirmed by an acting third party, who had to be an officer, besides the sniper's spotter. Hathcock estimated that he actually killed between 300 and 400 enemy soldiers.

In one instance, Hathcock saw a glint reflecting off an enemy sniper's scope. He fired at it, sending a round through the enemy's own rifle scope, hitting him in the eye and killing him.

Hathcock's notoriety grew among the Viet Cong and NVA, who reportedly referred to him Du Kịch Long Trắng ("White Feather Sniper") because of the white feather he kept tucked in a band on his



bush hat. The enemy placed a bounty on his head. After a platoon of Vietnamese snipers tried to hunt him down, many Marines donned white feathers to deceive the enemy. Hathcock successfully fought off numerous enemy snipers during the remainder of his deployment.

Hathcock did once remove the white feather from his bush hat during a volunteer mission. The mission was so risky he was not informed of its details until he accepted it. Transported to a field by helicopter, Hathcock crawled over 1,500 yards in a span of four days and three nights, without sleep, to assassinate an NVA general. At times, Hathcock was only a few feet away from patrolling enemy soldiers. He was also nearly bitten by a snake. Once in position, Hathcock waited for the general to exit his encampment before shooting. After completing this mission, Hathcock came back to the United States in 1967. However, missing the service, he returned to Vietnam in 1969, taking command of a sniper platoon.

On September 16, 1969, an AMTRAC Hathcock was riding on struck an anti-tank mine. He pulled seven Marines from the vehicle, suffering severe burns in the process. Hathcock received the Purple Heart while he was recuperating. Nearly 30 years later, he received a Silver Star for this action.

After returning to active duty, Hathcock helped establish the Marine Corps Scout Sniper School at the Marine base in Quantico, Virginia. However, he was in near constant pain due to his injuries, and in 1975, his health began to deteriorate. After diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, he medically discharged in 1979. Feeling forced out of the Marines, Hathcock fell into a state of depression. But with the help of his wife, and his newfound hobby of shark fishing, Hathcock eventually overcame his depression. Despite being retired from the military, Hathcock continued providing sniper instruction to police departments and select military units, such as SEAL Team Six.

Hathcock passed away Feb. 22, 1999, in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

We honor his service.

VA News (.gov) <https://news.va.gov>

Thanks everyone

God Bless our Troops - Don't be Afraid

Commander Ron

**Departed**  
Charles Moll

**New Members**

Tilden Hollcroft Army Vietnam

Frank Pacheco Army Korea

**Transfers**

Joe Maestas Army Vietnam

**Donations**

Community Table \$100

VA \$100

SAL hole sponsor \$100





# 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Sons of the American Legion Post 161 will be holding the 22nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday August 29th 2026 at Lake Arbor Golf Course in Arvada, Co. The proceeds will go to four organizations this year.

**Children's Welfare Foundation** - This foundation provides nonprofit organizations with grants to educate the public about the care and welfare of children nationally.

**Ginny's Kids** - An Arvada based non profit group which sends terminally ill children and their families to Disneyland or try to fulfill any other special wish they may have.

**The Travis Mills Foundation** - Provides an environment for post 9/11 recalibrated veterans and their families through various programs that help these heroic veterans overcome physical and emotional obsticals, strengthen their families and provide well- deserved rest and relaxation.

**Dave's Locker** - An Arvada based community medical equipment service which loans crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, knee scooters, shower stools, grab bars, canes, bathroom aids, and much more to anyone in need.

**The Sons of the American Legion** is a nonprofit organization who's main purpose is to raise money and donate it to worthy causes like the above mentioned children's organizations. We count on support from outside sources to help us generate these funds.

**We are asking businesses and individuals for donations** of any item we can raffle or use as a door prize for this event or cash or to sponsor a hole at the tournament. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Please contact one of the members listed below regarding your donations.

**Squadron 161 distributes our donations to national, state and local charitable organizations.** We would be most grateful for your donation for this event. It will mean a lot to these children's organizations, to our squadron, and to the American Legion post 161.

Many of you have helped us in previous years with donations and we would again like to thank you for your support.

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Travis Mills Foundation



# ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE



**Happy August to all members of Post 161 from the SAL of 161.** August is here and that means our 22nd Annual Golf Tournament is just four weeks away. We need all golfers by August 15th to sign up. Hurry before we sell out as we always sell out for this great event.

We are still accepting donations and any prizes for our event. Please call Robert at 720-810-4933 or Brian at 303-710-3500. Any donation or prize will help us a lot to break last year's amount we collected for our charities. Thanks to everybody who has volunteered and donated so far.

Our 2027 membership cards have been delayed in getting to us this year. Please don't call the post and growl at our fine office staff. If you have any questions or complaints that need to go to the SAL membership, call Robert at 720-810-4933, SAL dues for 2027 are only \$40 for the year. Get those dues paid and your 2027 membership cards will be arriving soon.

Wow, three new members joined in July. Welcome new members to Post 161.

Terry Peterson is doing great. The SAL's Mom says hello to everybody and enjoy your summer..

Take a look at the upcoming events that are going to happen in the next few months. Come down to have some fun.

The SAL wants to thank everybody who donated and showed up at our last month's breakfast. We were able to raise some funds to help organize our golf tournament for our charities we like to help. If you can this month, buy a brick, donate an hour of your time, or drop a \$10 bill in the SAL box to help on our golf tournament. Thank you in advance and happy summer to everybody.

Troops, hurry home and stay safe!



## DAILY DRAWING



|      |                      |         |           |      |                    |           |          |
|------|----------------------|---------|-----------|------|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| 5/28 | Ignacio Fresquez     | \$8.50  | \$295.00  | 6/24 | James Rose         | \$7.75    | \$113.75 |
| 5/29 | Ervin Zimmer         | \$7.75  | \$302.75  | 6/25 | Anthony Acosta     | \$10.00   | \$123.75 |
| 5/30 | Arroy Lunning        | \$9.50  | \$312.25  | 6/26 | Tami Hassell       | \$9.00    | \$132.75 |
| 5/31 | Corrine Johnson      | \$5.75  | \$318.00  | 6/27 | Patrice Martin     | \$8.25    | \$146.00 |
| 6/1  | Jermiah Southerland  | \$8.50  | \$326.50  | 6/28 | Ernest Ortega      | \$12.50   | \$158.50 |
| 6/2  | Rochelle Haves       | \$9.50  | \$336.50  | 6/29 | James Apedaile     | \$9.75    | \$168.25 |
| 6/3  | Edward Tierney       | \$7.50  | \$343.50  | 6/30 | Michael Scanlan    | \$7.50    | \$170.75 |
| 6/4  | Greg Salazar         | \$13.00 | \$356.50  | 7/1  | Henery Hartman     | \$5.25    | \$176.00 |
| 6/5  | Terry Peterson       | \$6.50  | \$363.00  | 7/2  | Timothy Hunter     | \$10.00   | \$186.00 |
| 6/6  | Leonard Konechne     | \$9.25  | \$372.25  | 7/3  | Joseph Barbero     | \$4.00    | \$190.00 |
| 6/7  | Sandra Trout         | \$8.50  | \$380.75  | 7/4  | John Carroll       | \$15.00   | \$205.00 |
| 6/8  | Cynthia Myler        | \$8.75  | \$389.50  | 7/5  | Arden Reusink      | \$8.25    | \$213.25 |
| 6/9  | Gary Weese           | \$9.00  | \$398.50  | 7/6  | Denise Cec         | \$9.50    | \$222.75 |
| 6/10 | Jack Maes            | \$9.75  | \$405.25  | 7/7  | Henry Harman       | \$7.50    | \$230.25 |
| 6/11 | Cookie Nelson        | \$12.50 | \$417.25* | 7/8  | Richard Rosthauser | \$7.00    | \$237.25 |
| 6/12 | Melvin Mackey        | \$6.50  | \$6.50    | 7/9  | David Hanson       | \$14.50   | \$251.75 |
| 6/13 | James Masdin         | \$9.75  | \$16.25   | 7/10 | James Gates        | \$10.00\$ | 261.75   |
| 6/14 | Charles Varela       | \$10.50 | \$26.75   | 7/11 | Albert Heyer       | \$12.75   | \$274.50 |
| 6/15 | Kristina Christensen | \$10.75 | \$37.50   | 7/12 | Steven Andrews     | \$10.00   | \$284.50 |
| 6/16 | David Rea            | \$8.75  | \$46.25   | 7/13 | Brian Gillespie    | \$9.75    | \$294.25 |
| 6/17 | Jerry Bow            | \$6.00  | \$52.25   | 7/14 | Katie Zapp         | \$7.25    | \$301.50 |
| 6/18 | Pat Erickson         | \$9.50  | \$61.75   | 7/15 | Bob Sheets         | \$8.50    | \$310.00 |
| 6/19 | Sheena Pacheco       | \$8.25  | \$70.00   | 7/16 | Melvin Mackey      | \$9.25    | \$319.25 |
| 6/20 | Carol Riss-Arnold    | \$10.00 | \$80.00   | 7/17 | Nelly Grantham     | \$10.50   | \$329.75 |
| 6/21 | Richard Taylor       | \$9.00  | \$89.00   | 7/18 | Joseph Hains       | \$14.25   | \$344.00 |
| 6/22 | Donald Fox           | \$7.75  | \$96.75   | 7/19 | Ronald Sterle      | \$5.25    | \$349.25 |
| 6/23 | Richard Aragon       | \$9.25  | \$106.00  | 7/20 | Eunice Dortch      | \$8.25    | \$357.50 |

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# AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1

**KITCHEN  
OPEN 4-7**

**2 8-11am  
BREAKFAST!**



**1PM-POTLUCK**

**3**



**Lunch served  
every weekday**

**4**



**ACTIVITY  
MEETING  
6 pm**

**Retired Peace  
Officers 12 pm**

**5**

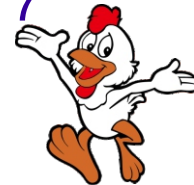


**6 RED WHITE  
& WINGS!**



**Rocky Flats  
Breakfast 9am**

**7**



**FUN AT  
THE POST!**

**8**

**KITCHEN  
OPEN 4-7**

**9 8-11am  
BREAKFAST!**

**Baumgard Bike  
Run 10 am**



**1PM-POTLUCK**

**10**



**BEER!**

**11**



**TACO TUESDAY!**

**BOG 6:00 pm**

**12**



**13 RED WHITE  
& WINGS!**

**Friendship Lunch  
11:00 am**

**Membership  
Meeting 7:00 pm**

**14**

**Bingo  
Volunteers  
Luncheon  
11:30 a.m.**

**15**



**BREAKFAST  
IN THE BAR  
8-11am**

**16**

**POST  
PICNIC**



**17**



**Lunch served  
every weekday**

**BLOOD  
DRIVE**

**11 am - 3:30 pm**

**18**



**TACO TUESDAY!**

**Marine Corps  
League 6:30 pm**

**19**



**20 RED WHITE  
& WINGS!**

**Coopers  
Troopers 11 am**

**Legion  
Riders 6pm**

**21**



**REMEMBER  
TO SIGN IN!**

**22**

**KITCHEN  
OPEN 4-7**

**23 8-11am  
BREAKFAST!**



**1PM-POTLUCK**

**24**



**Lunch served  
every weekday**

**25**



**TACO TUESDAY!**

**26**



**27 RED WHITE  
& WINGS!**



**28**

**ROLL  
THE DICE!**



**29**

**KITCHEN  
OPEN 4-7**

**30**



**CPR Training  
10 am**

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FIFTH SUNDAY**

**31**

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