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RON NELSON COMMANDER



Hello 161 BINGO begins on Monday Feb 3 at 11:00 am and repeats the next and the next Mondays to come. This is a Legion Family sponsored Bingo session that is meant to generate income for the Post which will in turn help us (The Post) get back to a better place financially to better serve our Veterans. Keep in mind that our true mission is the **Four Pillars of the American Legion, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.** With increasing our funds in mind, our home (our building) is aging along with our kitchen equipment, plumbing etc... You name it and I'm sure it has issues. So please

promote our BINGO to your family, friends and Neighbors.

A good handful of members have stepped up to help. Important to know: To help or work our Bingo, you must be a member!! To be a session manager you must be a legionnaire!

Names of folks that have stepped up! I'm not saying today because we need more. Please get involved. **Volunteers Corner:** (I'm doing this off the top of my head, so I'm sure I'll miss someone) At the post behind the bar, **Dione** at anytime is off the clock and **Kathy P** on Sunday mornings is volunteering her time. **Butch, Rick, Carol** and **Mike Bobb** in and out of the cage are volunteering their time.

Auxiliary 1st Sunday Breakfast Lots of members come together and get it done. **The 2nd Sunday, once upon a time, was called the BOG Breakfast but now it's called the Post Breakfast.** Ya for the most part it's worked by the same people but it's gradually changing. **NO 3rd SUNDAY!!** We have made a change on the **4th Sunday** that was shared by SAL and Riders. **A volunteering bunch** has stepped in to replace the SAL which we are calling a **Volunteer Breakfast.** I know this sounds redundant because we're all giving our time. At this time, I'm not sure how this 4th Sunday will be shared with our Riders! I'm sure a plan will be developed.

Now let's drop some names: **Ray, Judy, Mike B. Jan (the casserole queen), Dwight, Rick C, Brian, Robert S, Matt & Kim, Dione and Me** were braving the cold this past Sunday the 25 th . Yes, I will drop your names from your next event, Just get me a list.

I just remembered a couple of I think need highlighted. **Robert Tinsley** spends a lot of early mornings getting the donated food to your post. You know the breads, cakes, pies and all the other goodies on the table in our front lobby.

Now for **Robert Seitz**, along with him working almost all the breakfast, he's been doing some electrical maintenance around the post. He's certainly saved us a lot of money instead of calling an outside contractor. So, if you have a specialty, get with me and I'm sure I can find something for you.

How about the JOKER? I haven't forgotten him. Ya I know our newsletter has been inconsistent this past year that was brought on by his sick spell and injury. I hope we'll see better consistent and more timely newsletters in 2026. I certainly hope all his problems are in the past! He's also now a volunteer without a wage. Please give him a chance. He can only print what he receives from us in a timely manner. Now that we don't print and mail newsletters things will go better. That mailing thing was a nightmare. So, if you know someone that's not online and needs a copy we can get them a copy, all one must do is ask!

Information Board: Christine and Cheryl are doing a fabulous job keeping us informed!

Employees: Beverly has a bunch. It's got to be a tuff job to say the least. Thank You, to all employees that help Bev keep the wheels on the track!! I hate to do it but this has gotten quite wordy so I better skip Medal of Honor this go around.

Thanks to everyone that participates in and supports our post!! Ron

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy February to all members of post 161. Wow January flew by so fast again.

The S.A.L. in January was able to raise some funds to purchase baseball passes for any Colorado Rockies home game. See the details soon; it will be a good day to relax and enjoy a day of baseball.

The S.A.L. would like to remind everybody that **we have a fold up handicap ramp for a front porch entrance to a home.** If anyone is in need of the ramp please contact the S.A.L. for details. The S.A.L. always wants to help our veterans.

S.A.L. members please get your 2026 dues in ASAP we also need all updates on Cell numbers and emails.

The S.A.L. welcomes three new members to our post 161. Welcome new members and enjoy our post. Members please stay warm and safe. Troops stay safe and hurry home.

CASEY RIGERMAN - AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Happy Belated New Year, Hope you all had a good one.

I hope this article finds you well and doing everything that you want to do. The Auxiliary is working hard and keeping hours on what they do and what they donated to for the Auxiliary reports at the year-end in April. Yes, that means that we count every hour that you donated for a good cause and every amount you donated over this past year. Did you work at a kid's party (not your family) that counts, did you chaperone a school dance or other event (not your family). Did you make a meal for a neighbor who was sick (not your family) that counts, did you donate to ARC or any other place, that counts as well.

Did you fly the United States flag? if you did inside or outside it counts.

There are so many things that you can put on the report and turn it in to us and will be counted. Did you help a veteran (not your family) in any way that counts. Bottom line, your hard work needs to be celebrated.

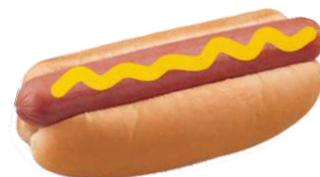
God Bless all the Veterans Past, Present and Future.

Take Care and Hope to See you at the Post. Casey Rigerman

On September 18, 1944, during the grueling battle for Peleliu, Pfc. Arthur Jackson earned his place in Marine Corps lore. Facing a relentless barrage from fortified Japanese positions, the 19-year-old launched a solo assault that defied the odds. Armed with his Browning Automatic Rifle and heavy satchel charges, Jackson sprinted across fire-swept terrain to neutralize thirteen pillboxes. He single-handedly eliminated fifty enemy soldiers, allowing his pinned-down platoon to advance. For his "conspicuous gallantry" and "indomitable" spirit, **Jackson was awarded the Medal of Honor.** His legendary actions remain a testament to the grit and sacrifice of the "Old Breed" in the Pacific.

New Members

Wayne Gordon Army Vietnam
Robert Thomas Air Force GWT



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Five Alarm Chili Cook-off



JOIN THE FUN FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

Project ML Gratitude Veteran Motorcycle Giveaway in conjunction with the Wilmore-Richter American Legion Post 161 invites you to join us for an afternoon filled with delicious chili, friendship and camaraderie. Open to all, your participation will help to further our mission of assisting veterans as they navigate life after service.



- Anyone may enter their prepared, prized recipe; featuring both Red and Green Chile categories.
- A local fire department will be on hand to crown two winners. Crowd favorites will also win a prize.
- Cornbread for the cook-off will be generously provided by Mission BBQ Avada.
- 50/50 and prize raffles!
- We'd love your support; just a \$15 donation lets you enjoy tastings of every chili available. For an additional \$5, you can get full bowl of your favorite.



- **What:** Five Alarm Chili Cook-off
- **When:** February 22, 2026 from 2 - 4 PM
- **Where:** Wilmore-Richter American Legion Post 161
6230 W 60th Ave
Arvada, CO 80004



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Our Story



FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1PM-POTLUCK	2 BINGO 11AM NE CORNER OF 64TH & WADS Activity Meeting	3  TACO TUESDAY! Retired Peace Officers 12 pm	4  spring is on the Way!	5 Rocky Flats Breakfast 9 am	6  BEER!	7 KITCHEN OPEN 4-8 
8 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1PM-POTLUCK	9 Action BINGO NE CORNER OF 64TH & WADS	10  TACO TUESDAY! BOG 6:00 pm	11  VISIT THE POST!	12  Drink Sampling Friendship Lunch 11:00 am Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	14 KITCHEN OPEN 4-8 
15  BINGO! 1PM-POTLUCK	16 Action BINGO  BLOOD DRIVE	17 Fat Tuesday  Marine Corps League 6:30 pm	18 Purple Heart Vets 6:15	19  Coopers Troopers 11 am	20  REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!	21 KITCHEN OPEN 4-8 
22 8-11am BREAKFAST!  2PM CHILE COOKOFF	23 Action BINGO NE CORNER OF 64TH & WADS	24  TACO TUESDAY! Legion Riders 6pm	25  Lunch served every weekday	26  CHICKEN WING THURSDAYS	27  HORSE COLLAR SATURDAYS AT 6:30PM	28 Midnight at the Maquerade DINNER SHOW 

Cupid's
FREE Valentine's drink sampling





Feb 12 - 5-6 pm

BLOOD DRIVE

EVERY OTHER MONTH (EVEN NUMBERED MONTHS)

Blood Drive for the Arvada Community Blood Drive - every other month 3rd Monday 11 a.m - 3:30 p.m

Fat Tuesday Cajun Potluck!

Join us for a Cajun-style pot luck celebrating
Mardi Gras! Bring your favorite Cajun dish to
share!

Get ready for some 'King Cake!' If you get
the piece with the baby, you buy the cake
next year!

So bring your appetite & a whole lotta spice!
The most flavorful potluck of the year is
about to happen!

Beads, masks, and Mardi Gras spirit
encouraged!

Laissez les bons temps rouler!
Let the good times roll!

Tuesday, Feb. 17th At 6 pm

Post 161 Auxiliary Presents:

Midnight At The Masquerade!



Join us for an evening of masks, mystery, and mayhem. Enjoy a delicious dinner while uncovering clues, interrogating suspects, and discovering the truth behind a shocking crime.

February 28th

Dinner 5:00-7:00/ Show Starts @ 7:10

TICKETS FOR DINNER & SHOW

◆ \$35 EACH ◆

Dress to impress —Masquerade attire encouraged

DAILY DRAWING

11/15	Ralph Parsons	\$8.00	\$150.00	12/15	Paul Greene	\$8.75	\$127.75
11/16	Jerry Adams	\$6.25	\$156.25	12/16	Robert Patterson	\$9.75	\$137.50
11/17	Douglas Fessenden	\$8.00	\$164.25	12/17	William Hatch	\$7.50	\$145.00
11/18	Kathy Tierney	\$10.00	\$174.25	12/18	Brett Watson	\$8.75	\$143.75
11/19	Steven Grell	\$6.50	\$180.75	12/19	Dennis Weddingfeld	\$8.00	\$161.75
11/20	Donald Fox	\$9.25	\$190.00	12/20	Ted Moore	\$10.25	\$172.00
11/21	Jesse Hammer	\$8.00	\$198.00	12/21	John Killiam	\$4.75	\$176.75
11/22	Robert Burnham	\$14.00	\$212.00	12/22	Tom Bross	\$7.75	\$184.50
11/23	Larry Vogt	\$7.50	\$219.50	12/23	Betty Wonder	\$10.75	\$195.25
11/24	Marcee Madina	\$9.00	\$228.50	12/24	Anthony Acosta	\$5.25	\$200.50
11/25	Brian Aubin	\$9.25	\$237.75	12/25	Leonard Ito	\$5.25	\$205.75
11/26	Thomas Mattevi	\$6.25	\$244.00	12/26	Keith Sewolt	\$5.25	\$211.00
11/27	Jeffrey Wood	\$5.25	\$249.25	12/27	Gail Dins	\$6.50	\$217.50
11/28	Andy Neal	\$7.25	\$256.50	12/28	Allana Montez	\$4.75	\$222.25
11/29	Billy MCarthy	\$5.75	\$262.25	12/29	Bernice Veil	\$8.50	\$230.75
11/30	Donald Wing	\$5.75	\$268.00	12/30	Aldin Gilings	\$8.75	\$239.50
12/1	Elvin Kile	\$9.25	\$277.25*	12/31	Kenneth Graybill	\$8.75	\$248.25
12/2	Shelly Burke	\$9.25	\$9.25	1/1	Maxine Jojola	\$8.25	\$256.50
12/3	Leonard Konechne	\$6.00	\$15.25	1/2	Jack White	\$10.00	\$266.50
12/4	Roberta Thorpe	\$7.50	\$22.75	1/3	Paul Basquez	\$8.75	\$275.25
12/5	Robert Monzingo	\$6.75	\$29.50	1/4	Robert Jones	\$7.75	\$283.00
12/6	Gary Hanavan	\$11.50	\$41.00	1/5	Dale Kaupp	\$7.50	\$290.50
12/7	Thomas Grosz	\$8.25	\$49.25	1/6	Charles Beach	\$9.25	\$299.75
12/8	Frank Passabelli	\$12.00	\$61.25	1/7	Douglas Geerdes	\$5.50	\$305.25
12/9	Rosemary Tichy	\$9.00	\$70.25	1/8	Kenneth Graybill	\$9.00	\$314.25
12/10	Neil Walker	\$9.25	\$79.50	1/9	Michelle Burdis	\$5.75	\$320.00
12/11	Melvin Gibbs	\$9.00	\$88.50	1/10	Dale Tinkle	\$6.75	\$326.75
12/12	Penelope Renzelman	\$13.25	\$101.75	1/11	Renae Aspen	\$7.25	\$334.00
12/13	Lewis Hart	\$8.50	\$110.25	1/12	Jack Maes	\$8.00	\$342.00
12/14	Lisa Swann	\$8.75	\$119.00	1/13	Greg Salazar	\$5.75	\$347.75
				1/14	Duryea Desmarteau	\$9.00	\$356.75

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