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RON NELSON COMMANDER

Happy Independence Day 2026

Hello Post 161. Can you imagine the pressure and excitement of the signers of such an incredible document. At the time, two hundred and fifty years ago these patriots had no idea that what they were signing would last one year let alone 250. Our declaration of independence still stands solid!

In Congress, July 4, 1776. A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress Assembled.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature & God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. —Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government.

The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws of Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power. He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy of the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free People.

Nor have We been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

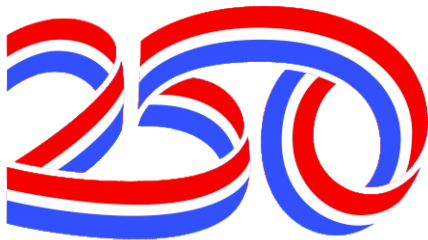
Have a Wonderful Holiday!

Be safe.

That's All

4th of July

AMERICA



POTLUCK!



Post will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. Please bring a dish to share.

JOIN US AT THE
AMERICAN LEGION POST 161

FOURTH OF JULY POT LUCK!



SATURDAY JULY 4TH 12:00-4:00

**WE WILL BE SERVING
HAMBURGERS, HOT
DOGS & BRATS TO OUR
MEMBERS!**

BRING A DISH AND COME CELEBRATE WITH US!



22nd 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



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Happy Summer to all Post members from The S.A.L.

We hope everybody stays cool and relaxed.

The S.A.L. had 7 YES 7 new members in June. WOW the S.A.L. is growing in membership. Welcome new members to our Post.

Don't forget Roger is doing a breakfast this month and the funds we raise are going to help us on our golf tournament. Call Roger @ 720 666 8333 if you can help us for 4 hours. What a great way to help the S.A.L. to raise some funds to help our veterans and kids that are in need. If you cant volunteer for the breakfast and would like to make a small donation PLEASE call Robert @ 720 810 4933 or Brian @ 303 710 3600. We thank you in advance !!

We are still looking for golfers and volunteers for the tournament. We always have fun and whoever helps us gets to have fun also.

The 2027 dues are coming up and dues for the S.A.L. is \$40.00. Its never too early to pay your dues.

The S.A.L. wishes everybody a Happy 4th and enjoy the holiday. Troops Stay Safe and Hurry Home !!

Departed

Don Marsh

New Members

Walters Napowsa AF Vietnam

Patricia Blot Navy Vietnam

Transfers

Robert Blot Navy Grenada

Philip Cusimano Navy Vietnam



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7pm

Queen
of Hearts



JULY 17

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JULY 2026

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1

Lunch served
every weekday

2
**RED WHITE
& WINGS!**
Rocky Flats
Breakfast 9am

3

Lunch served
every weekday

4
**Potluck
12-4**


5 **8-11am
BREAKFAST!**

BINGO!
1PM-POTLUCK

6

**REMEMBER
TO SIGN IN!**

7

BOG 6:00 pm

8

**VISIT
THE POST!**

9
Friendship Lunch
11:00 am
Membership
Meeting 7:00 pm

10
Bingo
Volunteers
Luncheon
11:30 a.m.

11

7pm
Queen
of Hearts
**KITCHEN
OPEN 4-7**

12 **8-11am
BREAKFAST!**

BINGO!
1PM-POTLUCK

13

Lunch served
every weekday

14

TACO TUESDAY!

15
Purple Heart
Vets 6:15

16
**RED WHITE
& WINGS!**
Coopers
Troopers 11 am

17

**PRIME RIB
SHRIMP
TEMPURA**

18

7pm
Queen
of Hearts
**KITCHEN
OPEN 4-7**

19

BINGO!
1PM-POTLUCK
BAR BINGO
POTLUCK 1PM

20

Lunch served
every weekday

21

TACO TUESDAY!
Marine Corps
League 6:30 pm

22

Lunch served
every weekday

23
**RED WHITE
& WINGS!**

24

**REMEMBER
TO SIGN IN!**

25
**GARAGE &
CRAFT
SALE 8AM**
**KITCHEN
OPEN 4-7**

26 **8-11am
BREAKFAST!**

BINGO!
1PM-POTLUCK

27

Lunch served
every weekday

28

TACO TUESDAY!
Legion
Riders 6pm

29
**ROLL
THE DICE!**


30
**RED WHITE
& WINGS!**

31

**KARAOKE
6:30**


**AMERICA
250**



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