



AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

RON NELSON COMMANDER



Aug. 4th. US Coast Guard Established 1790, Aug 7th. Purple Heart Medal Established 1782, also the 7th. Vietnam War began 1964, Aug. 14th. Japan surrendered ending WWII 1945.

August Picnic: Sunday the 17th, come and have fun, make new friends, see old friends, talk about those old friends you miss, interduce yourself to someone new who may have just joined the post, make them feel welcome. Potluck: taste it all and if you don't

like it just smile and say well now that was different. Smile, shake hands, hug, kiss if no one is looking (wink wink) Goes without saying but I'm going to say it anyway, the post will be putting out the best burgers, dogs (with all the goodies), crab legs, lobster tails, Beer, Pop and ice-cold water. Sounds Good to me!!

Our Auxiliary will have their raffles going on with Great prizes, I'm sure, may even be a car or a pony give away!

SAL Golf Tournament Sept 13th: they will be selling Golf 4-somes. I don't know Golf Lingo but what I understand is they may even try to sell you a hole. I hope you know I'm kidding. This ain't their first rodeo and we all know they do a fabulous job!

Like all else, I'm sure I'm leaving something out. If I did, let me know and I'll get it out in a weekly update!

Did you know this building is like a lot of us, it's getting old. Appliances: things we take for granted like, Ice maker, dish washer, walk in coolers / freezer. Things behind the scenes we don't see unless you work here. Things are wearing out and are requiring more maintenance to keep them running. The day-to-day cost of operating this building is going up faster than 100.00 of fireworks you snuck in from Wyoming! Example, Ice maker that can support a busy bar and full event in our hall was \$5500 to replace. I'm told the old one has been around as long as this 40+ year building. So, when we come out with our hands open it's going for the next thing on an ever-growing list! Things we raffle are in some cases given to us for that purpose. Try your luck and buy a couple. And if you're looking for a way to help your tax bill with a donation, do think of your American legion Post. Our bookkeeper will be happy to provide you with a receipt. Thank you to everyone who has donated in the past. This Post needs you. This is your post and everyone plays a part! Post (legionnaires), Auxiliary, SAL and Riders all have a vital role to play.

Thank you

Well on that thought these Patriots I'm going to speak of now had no idea what role they would play in history.

God Bless them all!



VIETNAM WAR

UNKNOWN SOLDIER OF UNITED STATES

DETAILS

- RANK:
- CONFLICT/ERA: VIETNAM WAR
- MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: UNKNOWN
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE:
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE:

CITATION

AN ACT TO authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to the unknown American who lost his life while serving overseas in the Armed Forces of the United States in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era and has been selected to be buried in the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President may award, and present in the name of Congress, the Medal of Honor to the unknown American who lost his life while serving in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has been selected to lie buried in the Memorial Amphitheater of the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, as authorized by Section 9 of the National Cemeteries Act of 1973, (Public Law 93-43).

Approved May 25, 1984, Public Law 98-301, Ninety-eighth Congress.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: YES
- BURIED: ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, ARLINGTON, VA



Let's be nice to everyone, get over things, history can't be changed and move on!

God Bless our Troops

Don't be Afraid

That's All

Pay Your Dues Today for 2026!



ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Wow, July went by so fast! We hope the summer has brought fun and family together.

S.A.L. dues are due now for the upcoming 2026 year. Dues are only \$35 for the year.

We need all updates on members if any changes have happened in the past year

The S.A.L.'s 21st annual Golf Tournament is Sep 13. We are looking for volunteers to help us in this fun event. Please call Brian at 303-710-3500 or Robert at 720-810-4933 if you can help in any way so we can help our **Kids and Veterans**. If a cash donation is easy for you, we are accepting cash, check, credit cards and even Venmo.

The S.A.L. thanks you in advance for helping us help others in need.

The S.A.L. would like to welcome three new members to our Post. Welcome new S.A.L. members.

The S.A.L. bought a brick to help the cause for the Post last week.

We at the S.A.L. hope you have a great summer. Troops stay safe and hurry home.

FROM THE EDITOR



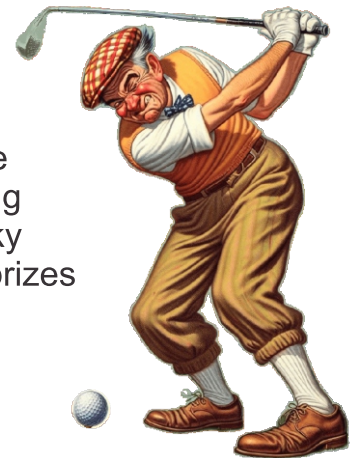
Mark your calendars for one of the many fun activities Post 161 is planning for the summer. Our popular **S.A.L. Golf Tournament on September 13** at Lake Arbor Golf Course.

The S.A.L. has been hosting the annual golf tournament for 20 years, and through the proceeds of the tournament we have raised tens of thousands of dollars which is donated to our children's charities. Our charities for last year were the **American Legion Child Welfare Foundation**, and **Ginny's Kids**.

The S.A.L. Golf Tournament raises money in numerous ways. First the tournament entry fee which includes green fee with cart plus a prize at the golf course and also lunch and two drinks at the Post after the tournament. There will be plenty of cash prizes at the tournament, including for the team winners (details to be announced,) plus competitions for longest drive, closest to the pin, a putting contest and other fun games. We also raise money with our raffle with lucky numbers being drawn at the luncheon. There will be plenty of great raffle prizes this year, along with our popular silent auction.

We also raise revenue with our hole sponsorships. When a business sponsors a hole on the course, not only does the money go to a good cause, it's good advertising for the business as well and includes a full-color sign which will be posted at the tee box for the sponsored hole. **If you own a business or know someone who does, please consider sponsoring a hole this year.**

Donations of cash and raffle prizes are welcomed. If you have anything you would like to donate, or would like to sponsor a hole, please contact Joker at info@nshannon.com or 303-519-8968. We are all looking forward to a great tournament! Look for details and updates throughout the summer.



Did you notice that this guy's hands are backwards on his club? A.I. is still learning.

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Commander - Ron Nelson
Sr. Vice - Fred Muskopf
Jr. Vice - Dale Crow
Chaplain - John Aitland
Finance Officer - Vacant
Adjutant - Rick Cody
Exec Com Member - Brian Messer
Sgt-At-Arms - Ray Rocho
Historian - Vacant
Service Officer - Cary Kern
Veteran Svc Officer - Vern Benjamin
Reserve Officer - Vern Benjamin
Past Commander - Ed Shreeve

Board of Governors

Bill Jackson
Brian Messer
Roger Divis
Mike Bobb
Phil Saba
Automatic BOG: Ron Nelson
Automatic BOG: Judy Maathuis

American Legion Auxiliary

President- Casey Rigerman
Sr Vice - Helen Muskopf
Treasurer- Jeannette Scott
Secretary- Lynn Cody
Chaplain- Jan Bobb
Historian- OPEN
Membership - Helen Muskopf
Sgt-at-Arms- Ray Maathuis
Members at Large:
Robin Reposa & Crystal Messer

Sons of the American Legion

Commander - Brian Froid
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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

Director - Fred Muskopf
Vice Director - Brian Messer
Secretary - Helen Muskopf
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Color Guard Cpt - Ray Maathuis
Sgt at Arms - Harold Richie
Chaplain - Jan Bobb
Road Captain - Al Muniz
Road Lt - Phil Rome
Historian - Regina Montgomery

JOKER'S A.I. FUNNIES



Daily Drawing

5/30	Alvin Ort	\$83.00
5/31	Park Louis	\$90.25
6/1	Richard Smidt	\$96.25
6/2	Timothy Dattilo	\$103.50
6/3	Gregory Asher	\$111.75
6/4	Gene Barnett	\$118.25
6/5	Roland Dike	\$127.25
6/6	Kathleen Alan	\$135.75
6/7	Christine Hixson	\$146.75
6/8	John Carroll	\$155.00
6/9	Perry King	\$161.50
6/10	Dorothy Selltman	\$170.65
6/11	Ritchie Coy	\$177.25
6/12	Joseph Sanriana	\$187.00
6/13	Kenneth Atkinson	\$197.00
6/14	John Altland	\$206.75
6/15	Robert Runge	\$215.75
6/16	Raymond Andrews	\$223.00
6/17	Robert Jones	\$229.50
6/18	Christi Billinger	\$235.50
6/19	Dennis Orr	\$243.75
6/20	Roland Dyke	\$249.75
6/21	Dale Martin	\$257.75
6/22	Tony Anderson	\$265.50
6/23	Nanette Martinez	\$272.75
6/24	Jeffrey Hatcliff	\$280.50
6/25	Monika Gilroy	\$286.50
6/26	Hal Swanson	\$293.00
6/27	Sheila Calkins	\$298.75
6/28	Kristin Deyarmond	\$308.75
6/29	Dale Tinkle	\$316.75
6/30	Francis Galmish	\$323.75
7/1	Justin Shreeve	\$332.50
7/2	Phillip Wilson	\$340.75
7/3	Marlene Lambert	\$346.00
7/4	Patrick Miller	\$357.75
7/5	Jerry Logan	\$357.75
7/6	Haily Gardner	\$365.00
7/7	Irene Close	\$370.25
7/8	Richard Martinez	\$378.50
7/9	Ruben Gomez	\$384.50
7/10	Susan Miller	\$394.75
7/11	Duryea Desmarteau	\$406.25
7/12	Reuben McWhirth	\$414.25
7/13	Jeannette Scott	\$421.00
7/14	Debbie Grinstead	\$429.00
7/15	Thomas Walls	\$436.00
7/16	James Apedale	\$442.00
7/17	Justin Shreeve	\$450.00

AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<div><div><div>1</div><div><div>USS Maine</div><div>Iowa Class Submarine</div></div></div></div>					<div>1</div> <div>ROLL THE DICE!</div> <div></div>	<div>2</div> <div>KITCHEN OPEN 4-8</div> <div></div> <div>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM</div>
<div>3</div> <div>8-11am BREAKFAST!</div> <div></div> <div>BINGO! 1 pm</div>	<div>4</div> <div>ACTIVITY MEETING 6pm</div> <div></div> <div>Lunch served every weekday</div>	<div>5</div> <div></div> <div>TACO TUESDAY!</div>	<div>6</div> <div></div> <div>REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.</div>	<div>9</div> <div>KITCHEN OPEN 4-8</div> <div></div> <div>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM</div>
<div>10</div> <div>8-11am BREAKFAST!</div> <div></div> <div>BINGO! 1 pm</div>	<div>11</div> <div></div> <div>HOT PIZZA SERVED ALL HOURS</div>	<div>12</div> <div></div> <div>TACO TUESDAY!</div> <div>BOG 6:00 pm</div>	<div>13</div> <div></div>	<div>14</div> <div>Friendship Lunch 11:00 am</div> <div>Membership Meeting 7:00 pm</div>	<div>15</div> <div></div> <div>FUN AT THE POST!</div>	<div>16</div> <div>KITCHEN OPEN 4-8</div> <div></div> <div>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM</div>
<div>17</div> <div>POST PICNIC</div> <div></div>	<div>18</div> <div>BLOOD DRIVE</div> <div>11 am - 3:30 pm</div>	<div>19</div> <div></div> <div>TACO TUESDAY!</div> <div>Marine Corps League 6:30 pm</div>	<div>20</div> <div></div> <div>Lunch served every weekday</div> <div>Purple Heart Vets 6:15</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Coopers Troopers 11 am</div>	<div>22</div> <div>HORSE COLLAR SATURDAYS AT 6PM</div> <div></div> <div>➔</div>	<div>23</div> <div>KITCHEN OPEN 4-8</div> <div>DISTRICT 5 TRAINING 9AM-4PM</div> <div>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM</div>
<div>24</div> <div>8-11am BREAKFAST!</div> <div></div> <div>BINGO! 1 pm</div>	<div>25</div> <div></div> <div>Lunch served every weekday</div>	<div>26</div> <div></div> <div>TACO TUESDAY!</div> <div>Legion Riders 6pm</div>	<div>27</div> <div></div> <div>Lunch served every weekday</div>	<div>28</div> <div></div> <div>75¢ WINGS EVERY THURSDAY!</div>	<div>29</div> <div></div> <div>Lunch served every weekday</div>	<div>30</div> <div>KITCHEN OPEN 4-8</div> <div></div> <div>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM</div>

31 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM



BINGO! 1 pm



POST PICNIC

Sunday, August 17, 11 am (?)

It's a potluck, so bring your favorite salads, sides, snacks and desserts. The Post will provide barbecued cheeseburgers and hot dogs, as well as a horse trough full of icy cold beverages. Just as we do every year, we will need volunteers to set up the tents and the cold drinks.

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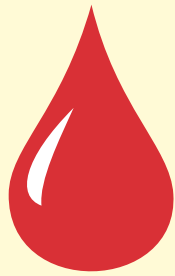
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Pro Athletes in the Military

There's something about the world of professional sports that can feel like a different universe. Athletes, with their immense talent and dedication, seem to live lives far removed from the rest of us. But for a surprising number of these elite competitors, their journey to the top of their game included a detour through the military. These stories offer a powerful reminder that before (and sometimes after) they were sports icons, they were soldiers, sailors, and airmen, facing a different kind of pressure and answering a higher call to duty.

One of the most well-known modern examples is **Pat Tillman**. An All-American at Arizona State, he was a hard-hitting safety for the Arizona Cardinals when the September 11th attacks happened. In the wake of that tragedy, Tillman made a life-altering decision: he turned down a multi-million dollar contract extension to enlist in the U.S. Army. He served as an Army Ranger and was tragically killed in Afghanistan in 2004. His story is a testament to sacrifice and an enduring symbol of a life lived with unwavering principles. But Tillman's story is just one of many.

Baseball legend **Jackie Robinson** is rightly celebrated for breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball, but before he took the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. While he never saw combat, his military service was not without its own battles. He

famously faced a court-martial for refusing to move to the back of a segregated bus, a defining moment that foreshadowed his later fight for equality in sports and society.

Another remarkable tale of perseverance comes from **Rocky Bleier**. A running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers, he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. While on patrol, he was seriously wounded by a grenade and rifle fire, with doctors telling him he would never play football again. Undeterred, Bleier worked tirelessly to rehabilitate and returned to the Steelers, not only playing but becoming a key contributor to four Super Bowl championships. His journey from the battlefield to the Super Bowl stage is nothing short of inspirational.

And then there's **Roger Staubach**, a man who won the Heisman Trophy at the Naval Academy in 1963. After graduation, he had a mandatory four-year active duty commitment to the Navy, including a tour of duty in

Vietnam. He put his football career on hold for a time, but it clearly didn't hurt his game. After his service, he joined the Dallas Cowboys and led them to two Super Bowl victories, earning the nickname "Captain America" for his on-field heroics and patriotic service. These are just a few of the many athletes whose stories intertwine with military service. They are a powerful reminder that the qualities we admire in them on the field—discipline, teamwork, courage, and a relentless work ethic—are often the very same qualities that are forged and tested in a different, more serious arena. They are heroes in more than one uniform.



Arizona State Wildcats & Arizona Cardinals safety. US Army Corporal, Silver Star & Purple Heart decorated Pat Tillman



Annapolis graduate, Heisman Trophy winner, Navy officer, Super Bowl champion and American Legion baseball player Roger Staubach.

VFW SWAP MEET

WHO: The VFW POST 4331 is inviting ALL who are interested in renting a parking space (or 2).

WHEN: Every 2nd Saturday of the month, May-October 2025 from 8am till 1pm.

WHERE: VFW POST 4331, 5340 MARSHALL ST, ARVADA, COLORADO 80002

WHY: This is to foster community and veteran support.

HOW: \$10 spaces each time. Please contact Robert Seitz for questions or to save your space at text/cell 720-231-5899. You will need to supply your own tables or tents. You may not leave any of your goods at the end of the sale. Only the space fee goes to the Post, you keep your \$\$! (Or you can donate some)

REMINDER



BOB'S TOILET CHALLENGE is coming in October. Date TBA, so save those toilet paper tubes all summer. I'll post more information as we get closer to Game Day. *No shredding, no soaking.*



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