



AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

RON NELSON COMMANDER



Hello 161

I'm starting year 3 as commander. Thank You for trusting in me! (the election was rigged) I'm optimistic that we will have a great year! Let's get on with it! I believe we are ALL here for the same goal; The four pillars of The American Legion, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Let's do it!

Phrase of the Day: GET ALONG!

I want to welcome **Casey Rigerman** back from department and to take top position of our Auxiliary. I've had a few talks with her in the past weeks and I'm very optimistic about her outlook for our post. This Lady has Drive! I also welcome Dale Crow to the Top Dog in SAL. I enjoy working with Dale and he too brings optimism, I look forward to working with him, even though he was Army! (Smile everyone). I also want our great relationship with the Riders to continue with Fred at the handlebars as Director!

Don't forget, buy a Brick!!

July 2nd US Army Air Corps Established 1926; 4th Independence Day,; 27th Korean War Ended 1953; 28th World War I Began 1914

U.S. Civil War - U.S. Army

JOHN GREGORY BISHOP ADAMS

DETAILS

● RANK: SECOND LIEUTENANT (HIGHEST RANK: CAPTAIN)

● CONFLICT/ERA: U.S. CIVIL WAR

● UNIT/COMMAND:

COMPANY I,

19TH MASSACHUSETTS INFANTRY

● MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. ARMY

● MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: DECEMBER 13, 1862

● MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

CITATION

Seized the two colors from the hands of a corporal and a lieutenant as they fell mortally

wounded, and with a color in each hand advanced across the field to a point where the regiment was reformed on those colors.

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Medal of Honor Recipient John G. Adams

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- ACCREDITED TO: WEST NEWBURY, ESSEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
- AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: NO
- PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: DECEMBER 16, 1896
- BORN: OCTOBER 6, 1841, GROVELAND, ESSEX COUNTY, MA, UNITED STATES
- DIED: OCTOBER 19, 1900, LYNN, MA, UNITED STATES
- BURIED: PINE GROVE CEMETERY (MH), LYNN, MA, UNITED STATES

God Bless our troops

Don't be afraid

That's All



July 4th: More Than Just Fireworks

As the scent of barbecue fills the air and the sky ignites with dazzling displays, it's easy to get swept up in the festive spirit of Independence Day. But beyond the pyrotechnics and parades, July 4th marks a pivotal moment in human history – the birth of a nation founded on revolutionary ideals.

Two hundred and forty-nine years ago, in 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. This wasn't merely a document; it was a defiant roar against tyranny, proclaiming 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."



Imagine the courage it took for those fifty-six signatories to pledge their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor against the mightiest empire of their time.



Independence Day, then, is more than just a summer holiday. It's a powerful reminder of the enduring fight for freedom, the responsibilities that come with self-governance, and the

ongoing pursuit of a more perfect union. As we celebrate, let us reflect on the principles that sparked a revolution and continue to inspire hope for liberty around the globe.

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy Summr to all members of Post 161 from the S.A.L. Happy 4th of July and have fun with friends and family. Be safe and stay cool.

The S.A.L. donated \$300 that was made from our last breakfast to a S.A.L. member in need of some help. We at the S.A.L. always try to help our veterans, children and members.

Our golf tournament is approaching faster by the minute. We are asking for donations to help us in our event to help our kids in need. Any donation will help on our goal to break our record from last year. If anybody would want to help us at the event, please call Brian at 303-710-3500 or Robert at 720-810-4933. We have fun and we all love doing this to help our organizations.

Congratulations to our Joker (Neil) on his new adventure of his retirement life. Have fun Joker.

Terry Peterson says hi to everybody and she is going to come down to the Legion one day to play those pickles.

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.

Transfers

Gerald Rogers - Post 211

New Members

Matthew Henry - Navy GWT

Kimberli Tompkins - Navy GWT

Gerald Clark - Army, gulf

Donations

\$150 - VA

\$100 - Community Table

\$250 - RCI

\$200 Hearts and Horses

\$150 - Melana project

\$550 - SAL golf tournament

Total Membership

Quota: 600 - 2024: 620 - % of Goal 103%

Post 161 Officers 2024 - 2025

Legionnaires

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
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

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

Daily Drawing

4/23	Alonzo Reyes	\$404.25
4/24	Andy Neal	\$410.25
4/25	Dennis Thompson	\$416.00
4/26	Tony Anderson	\$425.25
4/27	Toby Espinora	\$431.50
4/28	Christina Fresner	\$439.25
4/29	Richard Schmidt	\$446.00
4/30	Genevieve Rotella	\$453.00
5/1	Cynthia Routon	\$460.00
5/2	Mark Colyer	\$468.50
5/3	Dennis Haubert	\$476.25
5/4	Dale Tinkle	\$481.25
5/5	Catherine Espinosa	\$489.25
5/6	Lyle Damgaard	\$495.00
5/7	Alison Young	\$499.25
5/8	Lori Pekas	\$506.75
5/9	Betty Perea	\$514.25
5/10	Jerry Harris	\$521.50
5/11	Robert Burnham	\$528.75
5/12	John Hamm	\$536.00
5/13	Ralph Squire	\$542.50
5/14	Keith Sewolt	\$546.50
5/15	Derysa Desmarteau	\$552.75
5/16	Edith Gornor	\$559.25
5/17	Floyd Ulm	\$567.25
5/18	Don Baldwin	\$572.50*
5/19	Janice King	\$7.00
5/20	William Hewitt	\$12.25
5/21	James Culbreth	\$18.00
5/22	Kenneth Reinke	\$23.75
5/23	Andy Neal	\$33.75
5/24	Walter Anderson	\$40.75
5/25	Evelyn Tompkins	\$46.25
5/26	Lori Rekas	\$57.25
5/27	Warren Moore	\$65.50
5/28	Ronald Meyers	\$70.50
5/29	Janice Horle	\$76.00

*WINNER

JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  TACO TUESDAY!	2  REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!	3 	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 	5 GREEK GYROS!  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
6 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm	7  Lunch served every weekday	8  TACO TUESDAY! BOG 6:00 pm	9	10  Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	11  Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	12 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
13 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm	14  FUN AT THE POST!	15  TACO TUESDAY! Marine Corps League 6:30 pm	16  Purple Heart Vets 6:15	17  Coopers Troopers 11 am	18  REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!	19 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
20 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm	21  Lunch served every weekday	22  TACO TUESDAY! Legion Riders 6pm	23 ROLL THE DICE! 	24  Lunch served every weekday	25 HORSE COLLAR SATURDAYS 6PM 	26 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
27 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm	28  Lunch served every weekday	29  TACO TUESDAY!	30  Lunch served every weekday	31 Volunteer at the Post! 		

LUNCH SPECIALS

ARE BACK!



DIFFERENT SPECIAL

EVERY WEEKDAY

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

This is one of the commemorative bricks we will soon be placing around our Rose Garden. You can purchase a brick or two of your own to commemorate a family member or your favorite organization. Comes engraved with the wording and graphic of your choice.



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at the Post. For any questions, please contact Christine M at cmamarketingpr@gmail.com www.polarengraving.com/alp161



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN!

American Legion Post 161
21st Annual



SAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 13, Lake Arbor Golf Course - 4 person scramble



Cash Prizes



Prize Drawings



Delicious Lunch
Menu to be Announced

Now accepting teams, individual players, hole sponsors, and donations of items we can use for our raffle, silent auction and goody bags! Proceeds from the tournament will benefit

Ginnys Kids and Child Welfare Foundation. For details please contact **Robert**

broncorobert@gmail.com/ 720-810-4933 or **Joker** info@nshannon.com/ 303-519-8968.

HELEN MUSKOPF - AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Well we are heading into the new year for the American Legion Auxiliary which is from July 1 to June 30 of each year. The new officers will take over, so you might see some new faces.

I want to thank everyone for making this year an unforgettable year, it sure went by quick.

I had great help and really appreciate it all. Lets make the new year even better by starting out with smiles on our faces & happiness in our hearts. Life is too short not to.

The Auxiliary sent out 5 more care packages to our troops. God bless all of our troops.

Donations for the care packages are always welcome.

God Bless All

Helen Muskopf

Auxiliary President 2024-2025

MAY-OCTOBER 2025

VFW PARKING LOT 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 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)



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BLOOD DRIVE

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(EVEN NUMBERED MONTHS)**

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MEMORIAL DAY 2025

Our Memorial Day post-parade reception was held at American Legion Post 161 this year. Thank You to all the volunteers from Post 161 and VFW Post 4331 for participation in the parade planning, parade participation, food prep, serving and clean up, as well as everyone who visited the cemetery for our ceremony. Thanks to **you** our Memorial Day was fun and meaningful for everyone. I'm already looking forward to next year.

