



AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

RON NELSON COMMANDER



Once this letter hits the newsstands our Parade will be history! A BIG Thank You VFW 4331, their Auxiliary, our Auxiliary, Riders our SAL and more. Right now (the night before) I do not know if I should build a last-minute float or an Ark. I am hoping for no rain. I would not know where to start with pairing up members to assure the next Legion Generations. Could be Freakey!! Anyway, Thank You to everyone who got involved and helped.

Just so you know it is not just show up with your party dress on and walk down to the V and have a fun day. It is best to start in January to get the logistics down and people organizing it to pull this off. The city of Arvada is easy to work with. The Police, the Fire dept. and the folks in the permitting department are great! On the other hand, the county is a different story. Lost a little sleep with these guys. Oh well!

Our next big shebang is Independence Day. We all know the date. It lands on a Friday. Have any ideas to help make this day go off with a bang come forward and make some noise! We also need ideas for the coming Post picnic coming in August. Can't start planning too soon!! We have a lot of new members so hopefully we'll see some new faces at our activity meetings. (check your calendar.)

June 6 D-Day 1944, June 14, 1775, THE US ARMY will be Two Hundred & Fifty Years Old!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY (now one would think there would be a big party) Also this is FLAG DAY! June 15 is Father's Day, our auxiliary will be providing Breakfast 8-11. & June 25th Korean war began 1950.

Medal of Honor

Emory Lawrence Bennett

Details

- Rank: Private First Class
- Conflict/Era: Korean War
- Unit/Command: Company B, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division
- Military Service Branch: U.S. Army
- Medal of Honor Action Date: June 24, 1951
- Medal of Honor Action Place: Sobangsan, Korea

Citation

Pfc. Bennett, a member of company B, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in

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action against an armed enemy of the United Nations. At approximately 0200 hours, two enemy battalions swarmed up the ridgeline in a ferocious banzai charge in an attempt to dislodge Pfc. Bennett's company from its defensive positions. Meeting the challenge, the gallant defenders delivered destructive retaliation, but the enemy pressed the assault with fanatical determination and the integrity of the perimeter was imperiled. Fully aware of the odds against him, Pfc. Bennett unhesitatingly left his foxhole, moved through withering fire, stood within full view of the enemy, and, employing his automatic rifle, poured crippling fire into the ranks of the onrushing assailants, inflicting numerous casualties. Although wounded, Pfc. Bennett gallantly maintained his one-man defense and the attack was momentarily halted. During this lull in battle, the company regrouped for counterattack, but the numerically superior foe soon infiltrated into withdrawing elements, and, defying the enemy, continued to sweep the charging foe with devastating fire until mortally wounded. His willing self-sacrifice and intrepid actions saved the position from being overrun and enabled the company to effect an orderly withdrawal. Pfc. Bennett's unflinching courage and consummate devotion to duty reflect lasting glory on himself and the military service.



Additional Details

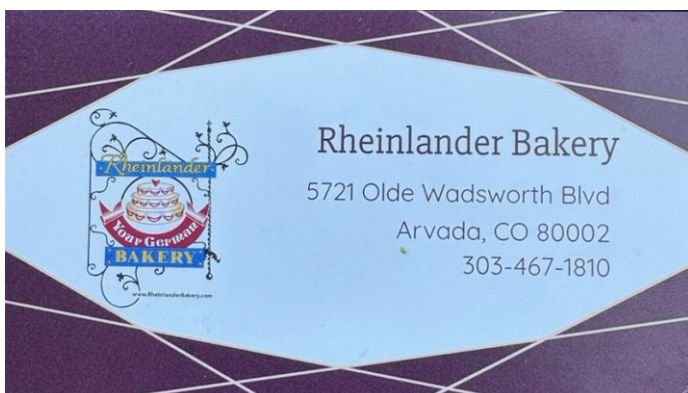
- **Accredited to: Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida**
- **Awarded Posthumously: Yes**
- **Presentation Date & Details: January 16, 1952**
- **The Pentagon, presented by the Sec. of Defense Robert Lovett to his Father**
- **Born: December 20, 1929, New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, FL, United States**
- **Died: June 24, 1951, Korea**
- **Buried: Pine Crest Cemetery (PM), Cocoa, FL, United States**

HAPPY ARMY # 250

God Bless our troops

Don't be afraid

That's All



Show Me the Money
June 20 - 6:30

Horse Collar
Saturdays at 6pm
Kitchen open 4-7
Saturdays

HELEN MUSKOPF - AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



We are heading into June and summer is hopefully right around the corner. The Post has lots of different events going on for just about anyone's taste, lots of food and all sorts of other events.

The Auxiliary will be having a Homecoming on the 29th for Casey Rigerman to welcome her back to her home unit. You must R.S.V.P. to 303-550-2135 and leave a message.

We got through our elections and the new officers will take over on July 1, 2025. There might be new changes and maybe not. We'll all have to wait and see. **The Auxiliary will be doing the Fathers Day breakfast** so come on out and see what will be served. Great food as usual I'm sure.

The Auxiliary sent out 3 more care packages to our troops. We will be doing some more in June, every couple of months. Donations for the care packages are always welcome.

God Bless All

Helen Muskopf

Auxiliary President 2024-2025

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy June to all the Post members. The parade was a hit and Thank You to all that worked hard to prepare and make it a successful day of fun.

The S.A.L. had over 100 members for our annual Mother's Day breakfast for our mothers. See you next year mothers and it was great to see all the Moms'

The S.A.L.s 22nd annual Golf Tournament is coming up soon. This

year we are in need of fun volunteers to help us on our great event. We also are accepting donations, prizes and gifts to benefit our games, drawings and raffles. We want to break another record on raising funds for our children's organizations that we have. Please call Brian at 303-710-3500 or Robert at 720-810-4933 if you or your business can help us out in any way.

We at the S.A.L. would like to thank **Tow Truck Dale** for all the volunteering that he does for our Post 161 family. Next time you see Dale, tell him thank you and give him a pat of the back.

Members don't forget to try to volunteer a few hours a month to help our Post 161. The S.A.L. wishes all members to have a fun summer that is coming up. Troops stay safe and hurry home.

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Transfers

Robert Wolney - Post 178
Joseph Gonzalez - Post 17

New Members

Michael Haas - Army, Gulf
Gerald Clark - Army, gulf

Donations

\$150 - VA

\$100 - Community Table

\$250 - RCI

\$150 - Arvada Kids Fishing Derby

\$250 - Jay Bowen for Nat'l Director

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- Helen Muskopf
 First Vice - Jan Bobb
 Treasurer- Jeannette Scott
 Secretary- Jeannette Scott
 Chaplain- Char Orr
 Historian- Regina Montgomery
 Membership - Christine Mayer
 Sgt-at-Arms- Char Orr
 Members at Large:
 Lynn Cody & 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**

JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM   BINGO! 1 pm	2  FUN AT THE POST!	3  TACO TUESDAY! Retired Peace Officers 12 pm	4  REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!	5 Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am	6 ROLL THE DICE! 	7 SPAGHETTI 4-7 PM!   QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
8 8-11am BREAKFAST!   BINGO! 1 pm	9  Lunch served every weekday	10  TACO TUESDAY! BOG 6:00 pm	11 Sub Vets 7:00 pm	12 Friendship Lunch 11:00 am Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Bingo Volunteers Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	14 ARMY BIRTHDAY FLAG DAY  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
15  FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST! 	16 BLOOD DRIVE 11 am - 3:30 pm	17  TACO TUESDAY! Marine Corps League 6:30 pm	18  Purple Heart Vets 6:15	19 Coopers Troopers 11 am	20 SHOW ME THE MONEY! 	21 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7  QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
22 8-11am BREAKFAST!   BINGO! 1 pm	23 Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday 	24  TACO TUESDAY! Legion Riders 6pm	25 VETERANS BURIAL BENEFITS SEMINAR 4:15	26  Lunch served every weekday	27 HORSE COLLAR SATURDAYS AT 6PM  	28 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7 KARAOKE 6:30 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM
29 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM   BINGO! 1 pm	30  Lunch served every weekday	 F-86 Sabre				

WEEKENDS AT THE POST!



POST 161 MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

We will soon begin placing commemorative bricks around our Memorial Rose Garden - The bricks can be purchased by our

members to commemorate loved ones,

friends, organizations, even pets. Bricks

will be professionally engraved with the wording of your choice and your choice of graphics. You can view our flyer which

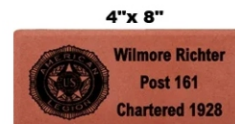
shows a photo of how the bricks will look at <http://www.alp161arvada.org/Flyer.jpg> - For

more details and to order your bricks, please visit

www.polarengraving.com/alp161 - For any

questions, please email Christine at cmamarketingpr@gmail.com

Brick/Tile Size	Price Text Only	Price with text & Clip Art
4" x 8" Red/Tan	\$100	\$110
8" x 8" Red/Tan	\$200	\$210
4" x 4" Replica Tile \$25, same text as your larger brick. This keepsake is available for purchase only in conjunction with your engraved brick.		



**SCAN CODE WITH
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YOUR BRICK!**

Call Joker - 303-519-8968

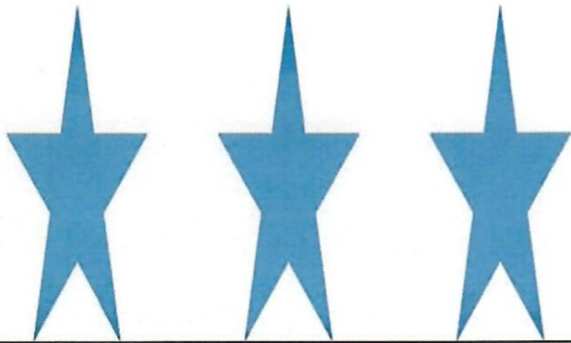


**Sept
13**

**21st Annual
SAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

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FREE SEMINAR
VETERAN BURIAL BENEFITS
WEDNESDAY 6/25/2025
TIME 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM
American Legion Post 161
FREE DINNER AFTER SEMINAR

VETERANS

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 YOUR VA BURIAL BENEFITS
 ARE?**

RSVP BY 6/23/2025

CALL: Jeff 303-304-1995

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Presenter: Jeff Hunter (Pre-need Specialist)

KARAOKE!



SAT, JUNE 28 - 6:30

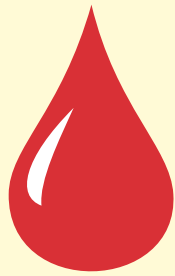
Flag Day

Flag Day, observed annually on June 14th, commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States by the



Second Continental Congress in 1777. More than just a date on the calendar, it's a moment for reflection on the profound symbolism

embedded in its design. The thirteen stripes represent the original colonies, while the fifty stars signify our current union of states. This day encourages us to consider the flag's journey alongside the nation's history—from battlefields to moon landings, from protests to parades. It stands as a vibrant testament to the ideals of liberty, justice, and the enduring spirit of the American people.



BLOOD DRIVE

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(EVEN NUMBERED MONTHS)**

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FATHERS DAY!

Breakfast Sunday June 15

*Hosted by
Auxiliary*

8 am - 11 am



TACO TUESDAY!



*Every
Tuesday
4-7 pm*



\$2 TACOS
\$5 MARGARITAS