



AMERICAN LEGION



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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

RON NELSON COMMANDER



Happy Birthday Marines, Celebrating 250 years of Pride & Commitment! So what, I'm Biased!

Hope everybody is ready for winter and the Holidays! Like in hide and seek, ready or not here it comes.

We need to put a big thanks out to Team Rubicon for their hard work around our property. They had around 16 people and we COULD ONLY ROUND UP 6. Not a good turn out! Enough said!

Home Depot gave us a wood chipper at no charge. That was heaven sent. We do have some members doing things around this place that are really helping.

If you have a trade specialty you could bring to us, please grab me and lay it on me. I know I sometimes walk around here like a crabby old man but I'm not. Just a lot of long days. We do have a lot that are involved and I've been trying to recognize them in my monthly message.

Anybody good with outdoor lighting? We need to brighten up the parking lot and perimeter of the building.

You know, **we all need to give recognition to our management, office, bar & kitchen staff! My opinion Beverly is doing a job not a lot of folks want, but she is doing it well!!**

Notice: Free mulch and firewood at the west end of our parking lot, no need to ask, just take some or all of it!!

Nov. 2nd Turn your clocks back 2 hours then add 1 and cross your fingers to see if you'll be on time Monday!

Nov. 10th. United States Marine Corps 250th Birthday, American legions Auxiliary 106th Birthday 1919.

Nov. 11th Veterans Day (WW1 Armistice 1918). And finally; Turkey Day on the 27th.

World War I - Unknown

UNKNOWN SOLDIER OF UNITED STATES

DETAILS

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



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CITATION

By virtue of an act of Congress approved 24 August 1921, the Medal of Honor, emblem of highest ideals and virtues, is bestowed in the name of the Congress of the United States upon the unknown American, typifying the gallantry and intrepidity, at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty, of our beloved heroes who made the supreme sacrifice in the World War. They died in order that others might live. (War Department General Orders, No. 59, 13 Dec. 1921, sec. 1)

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: YES
- PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: NOVEMBER 11, 1921

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA - ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT HARDING

- BORN:
- DIED:
- BURIED: ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA



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You know this WW1 stuff brings me back to my childhood stomping grounds. Argo Park in Denver's Globeville neighborhood. This is near where my mom's family settled in Denver. Anyways there's a WW1 memorial there. (I hope it's still there) A bench and a head stone type wall with a few dozen names on it. I'll make it a point to get a pitcher of it soon and post it. Sad but true, a lot of American Heros that are sometimes forgotten. Dang that brings back some crazy little Ronnie thoughts! You all know little Johnny; I taught him everything Gramma told us not to do!! Just saying!

God Bless our troops

Don't be afraid That's All

VETERAN'S DAY

Veterans Day, observed on November 11th, began as Armistice Day, marking the moment World War I hostilities ceased at the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" in 1918. President Woodrow Wilson established the first commemoration in 1919, dedicating the holiday primarily to WWI veterans and the pursuit of peace. It officially became a federal holiday in 1938. The holiday's scope widened significantly after World War II and the Korean War, which created millions of new veterans. To honor all Americans who had served across all conflicts and eras, Congress passed an amendment. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. This action transformed the holiday from a commemoration of one war's end into a powerful national tribute to all living and deceased veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, recognizing their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the nation.

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy November to all members of Post 161.

The S.A.L. would like to welcome 3 new S.A.L. members this past October. Make sure you say hello to all the new members you see at the Post.

Real short again, a very caring Thank You for the involvement of our 2025 Golf Tournament in September. We did break our 2024 record.

The outside of our Post was cleaned up last week. Take a look closely and let the volunteers know they did a great job.

We are still looking for 4 new volunteers for our breakfasts. Please call Rich at 303-426-6960 and join us to raise funds for our kids and veterans

This Christmas we want to provide a few turkeys for veterans in need. If you have a spare \$10 this year, pop a \$10 donation in the S.A.L. box to help us help a veteran this Christmas. Thank you in advance.

S.A.L. dues are due and dues are only \$35 a year. Get those dues in before the end of the year. The S.A.L. needs all updated cell numbers, e-mails and addresses from the S.A.L. members to update our records.

Hope your Thanksgiving is very eventful with family and friends this year. Troops stay safe and hurry home.

THANK YOU!

A HUGE Thank You to all the volunteers who helped with the Funeral Receptions held Oct 3rd and 4th. Your generosity is appreciated because it means so much to the families we serve.

From setting up the room, donating dishes of food, placing all the food out to be enjoyed, to the clean up after. With all the big and small things that it takes to do these special events, the Funeral

Committee appreciates everything that you did. **Sincerely Jeannette Scott and Lynn Cody**

LUNCH SPECIALS



Post 161 Officers 2025 - 2026

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 - Ray Maathuis
Chaplain - Jan Bobb
Road Captain - Harry Ritchie
Road Lt- Keven Fredrich
Historian - Regina Montgomery

Departed Members

Frank Pols

New Members

Steven Phillips - Air Force, Vietnam

Transfer

Raymond Sedillo - Army GWT

Donations

\$150 - VA

\$100 - Community Table

\$250 - RCI

Total Membership

Quota: 640 - 2025: 350 - % of Goal 54.69%



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NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1
**KITCHEN
OPEN 4-8**



**QUEEN OF
HEARTS 7PM**

2 **8-11am
BREAKFAST!**



**1PM-KITCHEN
OPEN**

3

**MARINE
CORPS
BIRTHDAY**

4



**Retired Peace
Officers 12 pm**

**ACTIVITY
MEETING
6 pm**

5



**VISIT
THE POST!**

6

**Rocky Flats
Breakfast 9am**

7

8



**KITCHEN
OPEN 4-8**

**QUEEN OF
HEARTS 7PM**

9 **8-11am
BREAKFAST!**



**1PM-KITCHEN
OPEN**

10



**Lunch served
every weekday**

11



**VETERAN'S DAY
BOG 6:00 pm**

12



**Lunch served
every weekday**

13

**Friendship Lunch
11:00 am**

**Membership
Meeting 7:00 pm**

14

**Bingo
Volunteers
Luncheon
11:30 a.m.**

15
**KITCHEN
OPEN 4-8**



**QUEEN OF
HEARTS 7PM**

16



**1PM-KITCHEN
OPEN**

17

18



TACO TUESDAY!

**Marine Corps
League 6:30 pm**

19



**Lunch served
every weekday**

**Purple Heart
Vets 6:15**

20

**Coopers
Troopers 11 am**

21 **HORSE
COLLAR
SATURDAYS
AT 6PM**



22
**KITCHEN
OPEN 4-8**



**QUEEN OF
HEARTS 7PM**

23 **8-11am
BREAKFAST!**



**1PM-KITCHEN
OPEN**

24



**Lunch served
every weekday**

25



TACO TUESDAY!

**Legion
Riders 6pm**

26



**Lunch served
every weekday**

27



THANKSGIVING

28

29
**KITCHEN
OPEN 4-8**



**QUEEN OF
HEARTS 7PM**

30



**1PM-KITCHEN
OPEN**

**ROLL
THE DICE!**



THANKSGIVING



**VETERAN'S DAY
NOV. 11**

CRAFT & BAKE

Post 161 Auxiliary **SALE**



NOVEMBER 22 9AM TO 3PM



THANKSGIVING

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be served by many generous volunteers for all Members with no family in town and nowhere to go. If anybody would like to provide a side dish, the Post would be grateful but it is not a requirement.



BLOOD DRIVE

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(EVEN NUMBERED MONTHS)**

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