



AMERICAN LEGION



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RON NELSON COMMANDER

Hello Everyone of 161

To quell any rumors, yes, I did inform the BOG and the post adjutant of my desire to resign as post commander. Reason; Long story short, it's something that needs to remain unsaid! Personnel issues and inner workings of our executive body need to remain private. Please, if you're a Legionnaire, attend your meeting on September 10 at 7pm here at the post. You may have noticed I haven't cut and ran. I'm committed to the Post and will stay (not forever) until someone steps up and is voted in within the guidelines of our post's constitution and by-laws. Just as a side note my personal life has recently hit some huge bumps, as most of us endure in our lives and I'm realizing this Legion Post can't run on 1 or 2 people. The bar, restaurant and hall rental is fine and doing well. What I am saying this American Legion Post needs Legionnaires to step up and fill positions and help.

I know that most of the time it sounds like a broken record but, monetary and physical support is needed. We still reside in a now 40-year-old building along with equipment that is old too. To those of you that have, Thank You. For those of you that have not we can certainly provide a nice receipt to satisfy the tax man.

The SAL's Golf tournament was a full house. Their charities did very well. I'm glad the American Legion could provide a nice venue to host all their guests.

Now for a BIG Thank You. We had a CPR class today on the 29th. 16 members attended. Josh Bobb, a Firefighter/EMT and a Safety Professional, volunteered 2+ hours on a Sunday to put this class on. As it turns out he chose not to accept payment. What a nice donation to the post.

September 2nd Japan Signs Surrender, 1946, **7th Labor Day** (potluck at the post) **11th Patriot Day** (Now 25 Years), **17th Citizenship Day & Constitution Day**, **18th POW-MIA Recognition Day & US AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY 1947** (no longer the baby in the branches) and on a cooler thought the **22nd** is the first day of Autumn.

There's a lot we can do together if we try. Make eye contact with a smile and say Hi. Scowls are for grumpy people!

Thank You



It was very nice to meet the last place team; they couldn't be any prouder!! No guys, I didn't get any phone numbers.

War on Terrorism (Afghanistan) - U.S. Army

ROBERT J MILLER

DETAILS

- RANK: STAFF SERGEANT
- CONFLICT/ERA: WAR ON TERRORISM (AFGHANISTAN)
- UNIT/COMMAND:
SPECIAL FORCES OPERATION DETACHMENT ALPHA3312, TASK FORCE 33, COMPANY A,
3D BATTALION, 3D SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE)
- MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. ARMY
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: JANUARY 25, 2008
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: KONAR PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

CITATION

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller distinguished himself by extraordinary acts of heroism while serving as the Weapons Sergeant in Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha 3312, Special Operations Task Force-33, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan during combat operations against an armed enemy in Konar Province, Afghanistan on January 25, 2008.

While conducting a combat reconnaissance patrol through the Gowardesh Valley, Staff Sergeant Miller and his small element of U.S. and Afghan National Army soldiers engaged a force of 15 to 20 insurgents occupying prepared fighting positions. Staff Sergeant Miller initiated the assault by engaging the enemy positions with his vehicle's turret-mounted Mark-19 40 millimeter automatic grenade launcher while simultaneously providing detailed descriptions of the enemy positions to his command, enabling effective, accurate close air support.

Following the engagement, Staff Sergeant Miller led a small squad forward to conduct a battle damage assessment. As the group neared the small, steep, narrow valley that the enemy had inhabited, a large, well-coordinated insurgent force initiated a near ambush, assaulting from elevated positions with ample cover. Exposed and with little available cover, the patrol was totally vulnerable to enemy rocket propelled grenades and automatic weapon fire. As point man, Staff Sergeant Miller was at the front of the patrol, cut off from supporting elements, and less than 20 meters from enemy forces. Nonetheless, with total disregard for his own safety, he called for his men to quickly move back to covered positions as he charged the enemy over exposed ground and under overwhelming enemy fire in order to provide protective fire for his team.

While maneuvering to engage the enemy, Staff Sergeant Miller was shot in his upper torso. Ignoring the wound, he continued to push the fight, moving to draw fire from over one hundred enemy fighters upon himself. He then again charged forward through an open area in order to



Medal of Honor Recipient Robert J. Miller

allow his teammates to safely reach cover. After killing at least 10 insurgents, wounding dozens more, and repeatedly exposing himself to withering enemy fire while moving from position to position, Staff Sergeant Miller was mortally wounded by enemy fire. His extraordinary valor ultimately saved the lives of seven members of his own team and 15 Afghanistan National Army soldiers. Staff Sergeant Miller's heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty, and at the cost of his own life, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- ACCREDITED TO: OVIEDO, SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
- AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: YES
- PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: OCTOBER 6, 2010
- PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO HIS PARENTS
- BORN: OCTOBER 14, 1983, HARRISBURG, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, UNITED STATES
- DIED: JANUARY 25, 2008, KONAR PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN
- BURIED: ALL FAITHS MEMORIAL PARK, CASSELBERRY, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

God Bless our Troops - Don't be Afraid - That's All - *Ron*



**YEE-HAW! HORSE COLLAR RETURNS TO
SATURDAY NIGHTS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12!**

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE



Happy September to all members of Post 161. Wow summer is almost over and winter/fall is just around the corner.

Our 22nd Annual Golf Tournament was a great time for everybody! We broke our last year's record of funds raised for our four charities. We want to thank all golfers, donors, and volunteers who helped us this year to make it a fun time for everybody. Watch for next month's newsletter for the total results for our charities we worked hard for. Once again, thank you to all that made this event another hit.

The SAL welcomes four new members for the month of August. Welcome new members, and don't forget to try to volunteer two hours a month at least so the post can keep the doors open. We all have to work together so we all have a safe and fun place to go.

Terry Peterson (Our Mom) says hello to everybody. She misses her spot. She plays her pickles though, thanks to the SAL's arrangement for her.

A thank-you goes out to Richard, one of our new SAL members. He loaned us the large canopy that was used at the picnic outside. When you see Richard, pat him on the back for us. Members of the SAL, please turn in your updated cell numbers, email address, and your mailing address. One stamp is 82¢ and we lose that 82¢ when we are not updated.

Dues for the SAL for 2027 are due now. Get those dues paid as soon as you can. Dues for the SAL are only \$40 a year. Where else can you go for one year to be safe and have fun for \$40? The SAL donated the (heavy) barbecue grill to the Legion's picnic. The winner said, "Boy, this thing is heavy." The grill was not a \$99 grill you once got at Kmart or Wards. Enjoy the grill.

A shout out to all volunteers that helped the post overall. We want to thank you so much for helping our great Post 161 of Arvada. Troops, stay safe and hurry home.



DAILY DRAWING



07/21	Crystal Messer	\$6.50	\$364.00	08/10	Robert Norris	\$10.50	\$104.25
07/22	Paul Catobius	\$6.50	\$370.50	08/11	Gerald Archuleta	\$8.00	\$112.25
07/23	Alden Gillinss	\$8.00	\$378.80	08/12	Ronald Cargie	\$6.50	\$118.75
07/24	Wayne Gordon	\$6.50	\$385.00	08/13	John Flanigan	\$7.50	\$126.25
07/25	Diana Frank	\$9.25	\$394.25	08/14	Jim Prichard	\$7.25	\$133.50
07/26	Lavonne Weigel	\$7.00	\$401.25	08/15	Lenora Clements	\$10.00	\$143.50
07/27	Erin Wolf	\$9.00	\$410.25	08/16	Davis Raymond	\$9.50	\$153.00
07/28	Martin Garcia	\$10.00	\$420.25	08/17	Richard Liberato	\$9.50	\$162.5*
07/29	Robert Seitz	\$9.25	\$429.5*	08/18	Nancy Gordon	\$7.75	\$7.75
07/30	Amy Flynn	\$6.25	\$6.25	08/19	David Pohlman	\$8.50	\$16.25
07/31	Barbara LaBuda	\$8.25	\$14.50	08/20	Daniel Hrouda	\$10.75	\$27.00
08/01	Dione Segelke	\$8.50	\$23.00	08/21	Wendy Myers	\$11.50	\$38.50
08/02	Ruben Rodriguez	\$9.50	\$32.50	08/22	Kenneth Walz	\$10.50	\$49.00
08/03	Sandra Sokol	\$9.25	\$41.25	08/23	Leonard Ito	\$8.75	\$57.75
08/04	Bonnie Tinsley	\$10.00	\$51.75	08/24	Sandra Sokol	\$8.25	\$66.50
08/05	Darren Olson	\$6.00	\$57.75	08/25	Brian Brass	\$8.25	\$74.25
08/06	Richard Engelhardt	\$10.00	\$67.75	08/26	Charles Anema	\$6.75	\$81.00
08/07	Dennise Baus	\$8.50	\$76.25	08/27	Dwight Scott	\$9.50	\$90.50
08/08	Jeffery Addington	\$7.00	\$83.25	08/28	Pamela Heren	\$9.00	\$99.50
08/09	Marvin Kuhlman	\$10.50	\$93.75	08/29	Jimmie Gill	\$8.00	\$107.50

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1
TACO TUESDAY!
ACTIVITY MEETING
6 pm
Retired Peace Officers 12 pm

2
TECH SUPPORT NIGHT WEDNESDAYS
4-6

3 **RED WHITE & WINGS!**

Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am

4

Lunch served every weekday

5
Weekend Special & Kitchen 4-8
Queen of ♥ 7pm

6 **8-11am BREAKFAST!**

BINGO!
1PM-POTLUCK

7
LABOR DAY POTLUCK

8

TACO TUESDAY!
BOG 6:00 pm

9
TECH SUPPORT NIGHT WEDNESDAYS
4-6

10 **RED WHITE & WINGS!**
Friendship Lunch 11:00 am
Membership Meeting 7:00 pm

11
Bingo Volunteers Luncheon
11:30 a.m.

12
Weekend Special & Kitchen 4-8
Horse Collar 6:30
Queen of ♥ 7pm

13 **8-11am BREAKFAST!**

BINGO!
1PM-POTLUCK

14

REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!

15

TACO TUESDAY!
Marine Corps League 6:30 pm

16
TECH SUPPORT NIGHT WEDNESDAYS
4-6

17 **RED WHITE & WINGS!**
Legion Riders 6pm
Coopers Troopers 11 am

18

VISIT THE POST!

19 **Oktoberfest**
5-7 pm
Horse Collar 6:30
Queen of ♥ 7pm

20 **HOT PIZZA ALWAYS AVAILABLE!**

BAR BINGO POTLUCK 1PM

21

Lunch served every weekday

22

TACO TUESDAY!

23
TECH SUPPORT NIGHT WEDNESDAYS
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Dinner Specials
SATURDAYS AT THE POST!



AMERICAN LEGION

★ POST 161 ★

LABOR DAY!

CELEBRATE • RELAX • ENJOY

★ MONDAY ★

SEPTEMBER

7TH

12:00 - 4:00 PM

Potluck!

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH
TO SHARE AND ENJOY
★ GOOD FOOD, ★
GOOD FRIENDS &
GREAT COMPANY!

*Let's
celebrate
the hard
work of
America!*

THE KITCHEN WILL BE

★ CLOSED ★

THIS DAY

The American Legion
Post 161

Oktoberfest

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19TH
5:00 - 7:00 PM

STEIN HOISTING COMPETITION!

Hold out a quart glass stein
for as long as possible.

WINNER GETS THE
STEIN AND A PRIZE!



FOOD & DRINK
SPECIALS
ALL NIGHT!

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4-6pm**



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