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AMERICAN LEGION ADVOCATE

RON NELSON COMMANDER



Happy Holidays! - 7 December Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 20 Dec. U.S. Space Force Birthday (5 years old. Just Kids.) also 20 Dec. Panama Operation Just Cause 1989, 21 Dec. First day of Winter, 25th of course, CHRISTMAS and the 31st this year climbs over the wall of 2025!! HAPPY NEW YEARS!!

Breaking News: Butch Wilmore or Richter I'm not which one he is, but Butch has been around here so long he must be one of our namesakes or at least one of our founders. Butch has been our Bingo/Pickle/Queen manager for years and years has chosen to pass duties to Rick Cody. Although this isn't a surprise because he told us he was going a year ago he will certainly be missed!

Talk about dedication, **what Butch has done so many years was all volunteerism!** Thank You Very Very Much!! Rick has been working with Butch a long time and has already retained the required licensing. We will miss Butch, but we won't skip a beat in this transfer of leadership.

SOMEONE NEW! Welcome Bev! Beverly Hill is our new club manager. On your next trip to the post if you get chance say Hi and introduce yourself. Bev comes to our club with over 20 years' experience of managing a local Arvada bar/restaurant! I think you'll like her.

LET'S SAY GOODBYE! We'd like to take this time to say so long to Kathy T. and THANK YOU for filling the interim club manager position for as long as she did! We wish her the best in her new adventures, wherever they may take her!

Check this nice bit of news: I tried to copy and paste the complete article, but the web site would not allow me unlike the Medal of Honor site! Just google this and you'll be able to read "the rest of the story"! Task & Purpose Today today@taskandpurpose.com

Capt. Lacie Hester - For the first time, the Air Force has awarded the Silver Star to a female service member for her role in the shootdown of over 80 Iranian drones that were part of an attack on Israel. NOW THAT'S COOL!!

This will pull on your heart strings!

https://taskandpurpose.com/news/army-tanker-final-wish/?utm_term=&utm_campaign=&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email

Merry Christmas 2024



GARY MICHAEL ROSE

DETAILS

- RANK: SERGEANT (HIGHEST RANK: CAPTAIN)
- CONFLICT/ERA: VIETNAM WAR
- UNIT/COMMAND: COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRAL, SPECIAL OPERATIONS AUGMENTATION, COMMAND & CONTROL CENTER, 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP, 1ST SPECIAL FORCES
- MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. ARMY
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: SEPTEMBER 11 - 14, 1970
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: LAOS

CITATION

Sergeant Gary Michael Rose distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Special Forces Medic with a company sized exploitation force, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces.

Between 11 and 14 September 1970, Sergeant Rose's company was continuously engaged by a well-armed and numerically superior hostile force deep in enemy-controlled territory. Enemy B-40 rockets and mortar rounds rained down while the adversary sprayed the area with small arms and machine gun fire, wounding many and forcing everyone to seek cover. Sergeant Rose, braving the hail of bullets, sprinted fifty meters to a wounded soldier's side. He then used his own body to protect the casualty from further injury while treating his wounds.

After stabilizing the casualty, Sergeant Rose carried him through the bullet-ridden combat zone to protective cover. As the enemy accelerated the attack, Sergeant Rose continuously exposed himself to intense fire as he fearlessly moved from casualty to casualty, administering life-saving aid. A B-40 rocket impacted just meters from Sergeant Rose, knocking him from his feet and injuring his head, hand, and foot. Ignoring his wounds, Sergeant Rose struggled to his feet and continued to render aid to the other injured soldiers.

During an attempted medevac, Sergeant Rose again exposed himself to enemy fire as he attempted to hoist wounded personnel up to the hovering helicopter, which was unable to land due to unsuitable terrain. The medevac mission was aborted due to intense enemy fire and the helicopter crashed a few miles away due to the enemy fire sustained during the attempted extraction.

Over the next two days, Sergeant Rose continued to expose himself to enemy fire in order to treat the wounded, estimated to be half of the company's personnel. On September 14, during the company's eventual helicopter extraction, the enemy launched a full-scale offensive. Sergeant Rose, after loading wounded personnel on the first set of extraction helicopters, returned to the outer perimeter under enemy fire, carrying friendly casualties and moving wounded personnel to more secure positions until they could be evacuated. He then returned to the perimeter to help repel the enemy until the final extraction helicopter arrived. As the final helicopter was loaded, the enemy began to overrun the company's position, and the helicopter's



Marine door gunner was shot in the neck. Sergeant Rose instantly administered critical medical treatment onboard the helicopter, saving the Marine's life. The helicopter carrying Sergeant Rose crashed several hundred meters from the evacuation point, further injuring Sergeant Rose and the personnel on board. Despite his numerous wounds from the past three days, Sergeant Rose continued to pull and carry unconscious and wounded personnel out of the burning wreckage and continued to administer aid to the wounded until another extraction helicopter arrived. Sergeant Rose's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty were critical to saving numerous lives over that four day time period. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 1st Special Forces, and the United States Army.

● ACCREDITED TO: PANORAMA CITY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

● AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: NO

● PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: OCTOBER 23, 2017

AT THE WHITE HOUSE PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

● BORN: OCTOBER 17, 1947, WATERTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NY, UNITED STATES.

God Bless our Troops Do not be afraid! That's All

HELEN MUSKOPF - AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



The Auxiliary have so many things going on right now with Thanksgiving being over, Breakfast, and Queen of Hearts, Christmas party for the kids and Christmas. It seems like it just keeps adding up. Everyone has been so great to volunteer to help out. Thank you to all for doing what you can. Sometimes it just keeps going on and on. VOLUNTEER is the name of the game and I know it does get tiresome. The post has some more new bar stools , compliments of Denise Froid and Lutheran Medical Center. Thank you so much. Free is always nice whether you like them or not.

The Christmas holidays are around the corner and we will be collecting toys to be distributed to Toys For Tots. There is always a child that needs a toy and a smile. We will be decorating the post for Christmas on November 30. Please help if you can.

We would like to give a big thank you to Ranya at RCI for having Team Rubicon come over and remove some trees. Looks so much better. Also the Riders are selling dinner / show tickets for December 20. It should be fabulous.

God bless each and everyone of you along with the USA!!!



Departed

Donald Burchell
John Luna
Kenneth Graybill

New

Susan Johnson - Army - GWT
Dale Martin - Army - Gulf
Timothy Datillo - Army - Gulf

Transfers

Kimberly Torres - USAF - GWT

Donations

\$150 - VA
\$100 - Community Table
\$250 - RCI

Total Membership

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

Daily Drawing

| | | |
|-------|----------------------|----------|
| 10/22 | Greg Oliver | \$66.75 |
| 10/23 | Ronald Moerbe | \$72.75 |
| 10/24 | Stanley Andolsek | \$81.75 |
| 10/25 | Carl Woods | \$89.00 |
| 10/26 | Judy Butz | \$98.00 |
| 10/27 | Hailey Gardner | \$106.25 |
| 10/28 | Laura Feazell | \$116.25 |
| 10/29 | Duane Hart | \$124.50 |
| 10/30 | King Nelson | \$133.50 |
| 10/31 | Deanna Gardner | \$141.75 |
| 11/1 | Thomas Rodriquez | \$150.75 |
| 11/2 | Diane Halley | \$160.50 |
| 11/3 | Charlene Orr | \$168.50 |
| 11/4 | Michael Breeling | \$178.00 |
| 11/5 | Angeline Gardner | \$186.25 |
| 11/6 | Paul Brooks | \$192.00 |
| 11/7 | Monika Gilroy | \$200.25 |
| 11/8 | Sharon Booton | \$207.00 |
| 11/9 | Rebecca Jamieson | \$214.00 |
| 11/10 | Ralph Parsons | \$224.00 |
| 11/11 | James Brienza | \$233.75 |
| 11/12 | Bradley Blickenstaff | \$241.25 |
| 11/13 | Carol Napoletano | \$247.75 |
| 11/14 | William Graham III | \$258.75 |
| 11/15 | Dwight Scott | \$270.50 |
| 11/16 | Thomas Barton | \$277.75 |
| 11/17 | Connie Brienza | \$282.75 |
| 11/18 | James Adams | \$290.00 |
| 11/19 | John Cowan | \$296.50 |
| 11/20 | Kristy Boink | \$302.75 |
| 11/21 | John Walker Jr. | \$309.50 |
| 11/22 | Shawna Foster | \$318.50 |
| 11/23 | Joseph Hains | \$326.00 |
| 11/24 | Dennis Moe | \$334.25 |

Post 161 Officers 2024 - 2025

Legionnaires

Commander - Ron Nelson
Sr. Vice - Fred Muskopf
Jr. Vice - Dale Crow
Chaplain - Fred Muskopf
Finance Officer - Judy Maathuis
Adjutant - Rick Cody
Exec Com Member - Brian Messer
Sgt-At-Arms - Ray Rocho
Historian - Vacant
Veteran Svc 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 - Crystal Messer
Sgt at Arms Roger Divis
Chaplain Jan Bobb
Road Captain Al Muniz
Road Lt - Phil Rome
Historian - Regina Montgomery

December 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm | 2  | 3 Retired Peace Officers 12 pm ACTIVITY MEETING 12PM | 4  | 5 Rocky Flats Breakfast 9am | 6 SHOW ME THE MONEY 6:30PM | 7 DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM  |
| 8 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 8 am | 9  Scouts 6:00pm | 10 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 DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY |
| 15 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 8 pm | 16 BLOOD DRIVE 11 am - 3:30 pm  Scouts 6:00pm | 17 Marine Corps League 6:30 pm | 18 Purple Heart Vets 6:15 | 19 Coopers Troopers 11 am | 20 CHRISTMAS DINNER AND SHOW | 21 DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM  |
| 22 8-11am BREAKFAST!  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 8 am | 23  Scouts 6:00pm | 24 Legion Riders 6pm | 25  CHRISTMAS | 26  REMEMBER TO SIGN IN! | 27  VISIT THE POST! | 28 DINNER 5-6:45 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7PM  |
| 29 POT LUCK SUNDAYS 1 PM  BINGO! 1 pm Lounge open 8 pm | 30  Scouts 6:00pm | 31  |  | | | |



DECEMBER 20
PRIME RIB
SODA BLUE
DETAILS SEE PG 7

CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW

ROBERT TINSLEY - SAL 1ST VICE COMMANDER



Happy December to all Post 161 members. The S.A.L. wishes everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope your Thanksgiving was a fun and enjoyable time for everybody.

The S.A.L. was able to raise some funds to donate to Hearts and Horses out of Loveland Colorado to help the veterans.

S.A.L. wants to thank all our members that updated their personal information. S.A.L. dues for 2025 are only \$35 and are due by Dec 31 2024.

The S.A.L. on Queen of Hearts night was very fun and we were able to raise \$141.50 and Rick Cody won our 50/50 raffle. The S.A.L. was able to donate/ help our kids in need. Watch for our next Queen of Hearts Joker's special hamburgers. If you can't make it or if you're out of town/ state, feel free to call Robert at 720-810-4933 to make a small donation to our kids' organizations.

The S.A.L. had two members from other Posts transfer to our Post 16. We had one new member join the S.A.L. this past month. We have some new faces overall at our Post so make sure you say hello and welcome aboard.

Troops hurry home and stay safe.



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Please sign up your kids for
presents from Santa!

DECEMBER 14-9AM

Christmas stories, snacks, presents,
and a visit from the REAL Santa!



CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW DECEMBER 20



PRIME RIB, ROASTED VEGETABLES, SALAD AND DESSERT.
PRICE IS \$50 PER COUPLE \$25 SINGLES. MUSIC BY SODA BLUE
PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS FROM ANY RIDER.
A RIDER WILL BE IN THE BAR EVERY DAY DURING THE WEEK.

QUEEN OF HEARTS MENU BY RON NELSON



**7 th: Kathy P & Carole -
Sausage or Meatball**

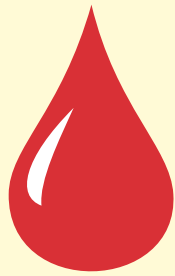
**Sandwiches, Pasta Salad or Chips and of course
Dessert! Sounds Yummy - \$10.00**

**14 th - SAL -Volcano Island Style Burgers
prepared to perfection with fries & dessert - \$10**

**21st: Auxiliary - Beef & Noodles, probably salad
(per Helen) and Dessert! I don't know about you
guys, but I have never heard of a "probably
salad" but knowing the Auxiliary I'm sure it will
be good. \$10**

**28 th: Commanders (Birthday Burgers) All the
fixings for \$10.00. Lighting the candles and
cooking for you by Bill & Ron (Ron May need a
ride home)**


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